Educational Opportunity Programs

The Office of Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP) provides opportunities for students who are historically underrepresented in higher education. Through EOP’s programs and services students are aided in their holistic development to maximize their potential for academic and professional success. EOP has two programs: Student Support Services and America Reads/America Counts.

The Student Support Services Program (SSS) is a federally funded TRIO program through the U.S. Department of Education and is administered by Georgia Southern University’s Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. At its core, SSS is a retention program for students who are first-generation college students, come from low-income backgrounds, or are living with a physical or learning disability. The program annually assists 144 students in the navigation of their collegiate experience at Georgia Southern University. SSS is ultimately purposed and designed to increase the retention, graduation, and good academic standing rates of its target population. This is achieved by providing the following services to program participants:

- Mentoring
- Academic Advice
- Individual Tutoring
- Financial Aid Assistance
- Money Management Assistance
- FAFSA Guidance
- Graduate School Preparation

The America Reads/America Counts Program is a Federal Work-Study Program designed to provide outreach services to grade school students that promote academic success and post-secondary educational opportunities. More specifically, America Reads promotes literacy for elementary school age children and America Counts is an effort to improve student achievement in mathematics and aims to help students succeed in the foundations of algebra and geometry by the completion of 9th grade. The America Reads/America Counts Program works with surrounding elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as community organizations to ensure that students are prepared for the challenges of higher level courses. Georgia Southern students who are eligible for the Federal Work-Study Program may use their award by tutoring up to 10 hours per week at a participating school or organization.

For further information about Student Support Services or America Reads/America Counts, visit the Office of Educational Opportunity Programs in Suite 1051 in the Rosenwald Building, call (912) 478-2387, or email EOP@GeorgiaSouthern.edu.