

QUOTABLE

"I think it would be very difficult for anyone, either here or throughout the nation, to know how much Georgia Southwestern has meant to both me and Rosalynn."

—Alumnus Jimmy Carter, 39th U.S. President & Nobel Laureate

"What I like most about GSW is that the professors are always willing to help and the campus is beautiful. In addition, I have had the opportunity to make friendships that will last a lifetime."

—Beverly Carroll, MBA student, Byromville, Ga.

"As a non-traditional student, I have received immeasurable support from students, school and community, which makes me feel as if this place is another hometown for me."

—Shiro Nakabayashi, Special Education major, Fukui, Japan

"GSW is a diverse campus where groups of people from all nationalities can come together to learn different cultural lifestyles and personalities. I also like the small class sizes and learning environment."

—Courtney Ross, Biology (pre-medicine) major, Americus, Ga.

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A LEGACY OF

Leadership

OUR VISION

Georgia Southwestern State University will be recognized in the Southeast as serving the educational needs of students through academically challenging programs that foster critical thinking, creativity, leadership development, and global awareness. The GSW learning community will create an environment conducive to scholarship, leadership, and citizenship that serves as a model for public higher education.



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By the Numbers

- Growing, diverse enrollment of more than 2,400 students from 81% of the counties in Georgia, 22 states, and 29 countries
- \$30.6 million budget, 39% of which is state allocated
- 254 full-time employees (92 faculty and 162 staff)
- 16:1 student/faculty ratio
- \$67.4 million economic impact on the surrounding area
- Small Business Development Center serves more than 110 clients annually, assisting in the acquisition of over \$1.5 million in funding for new and expanding businesses
- 21,072 living alumni worldwide
- Continuing Education programs served more than 6,000 last year
- More than 70 academic clubs and student organizations
- "Voices...Celebrating Our Past, Shaping Our Future" capital campaign has raised nearly \$12 million to help fund student scholarships, faculty development, and other priority projects

History

- 1906:** Founded as Third District Agricultural and Mechanical School
- 1926:** Became teacher's college, renamed Americus Normal College
- 1932:** Changed named to Georgia Southwestern College
- 1964:** Four-year status granted
- 1968:** First bachelor's degrees awarded...granted membership in Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as a senior college
- 1980:** Third World Studies Association established
- 1987:** Rosalynn Carter Institute founded
- 1996:** Renamed Georgia Southwestern State University
- 1997:** Acquired nearly 70 acres of land for campus expansion
- 2000:** Sanford Hall renovation dedication
- 2001:** Dedication of renovated original President's home as the Newman Alumni Center
- 2003:** Rededication of renovated Crawford Wheatley Hall
- 2004:** Rededication of renovated Jackson Hall
- 2005:** \$22 million Student Success Center completed
- 2006:** Centennial Celebration

Did you know?

- A \$30 million construction project is creating modern suite and apartment style residence halls for students.
- A \$450,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through the Board of Regents is supporting Georgia Southwestern Early College for at-risk teens, in partnership with five area school districts.
- GSW is home to the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving, an emerging national resource center for research, technical assistance and training.
- A nearly \$1.6 million gift from the NCR Corporation has helped create a software development center at GSW with contracts with leading national and international corporations including Whole Foods Markets and Motorola.
- The University System of Georgia's Center for Asian Studies is headquartered on campus, serving a diverse group of students, including an English Language Institute.
- The internationally-known Third World Studies Association was founded at GSW.
- Distinguished alumni include 39th U.S. President and Nobel Laureate Jimmy Carter, Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, and Former U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell.
- GSW provides one of the largest and most diverse Elderhostel Studies programs in the nation, receiving national honors as the best of the best.

