STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Government Association
The Student Government Association (SGA) consists of four elected officers (President, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Secretary/Treasurer), 11 elected senators and two appointed senators. As stipulated in the Constitution of the Student Government, to be eligible to hold an executive office a student must: 1) have earned 30 hours of credit at GSW; 2) have earned an overall graduating grade point average of at least 2.75; 3) be enrolled in at least 12 academic hours; 4) not be placed on any type of disciplinary, social, or academic probation; 4) anticipate being enrolled for one full academic year for which elected or appointed. To be eligible to hold a Senator position, a student must: 1) have earned twelve (12) hours of credit at GSW; 2) have earned an overall graduating grade point average of at least 2.50; 3) be enrolled in at least twelve (12) academic hours; 4) not be placed on any type of disciplinary, social, or academic probation; and 4) anticipate being enrolled for one full academic year for which elected or appointed.

The Student Government Association Office is located on the third floor of the Student Success Center in room 3467 (229-931-2363). The executive committee, senators, and advisors welcome everyone to join their weekly meetings on Thursdays at 4:45pm in the Student Government Conference Room 3447, which is located on the third floor of the Student Success Center.

Campus Activities Board
The Campus Activities Board (CAB) provides students with quality entertainment and activities throughout the regular academic year. CAB's executive board consist of one elected officer (President) and five selected officers (Public Relations Director and four Program Directors). CAB is always recruiting volunteers and sponsoring events that you, the student, want to bring to campus. From concerts to comedians, to movies and game nights, CAB is always entertaining! All weekly meeting times are posted at the CAB office or on the Semester Activities Calendar. For more information about upcoming student activities and campus events, please check our online activities calendar at www.gsw.edu/events.

Leadership Opportunities

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Ihelp - Students who encourage their peers to make healthy, positive lifestyle choices through educational programming and personal contact.

M.O.D.E.L.S - Mentors Offering Direction, Encouragement, and Leadership Skills (M.O.D.E.L.S.) is a mentoring program designed to assist freshmen students with the transition to college life.

Peer Educators - Students who encourage their peers to make healthy, positive lifestyle choices through educational programming and personal contact.
**Orientation Team** – The O’Team serves the University by assisting new students and their families in their transition to GSW. Sessions are held each summer as well as before each semester. The O’Team leaders are selected by an intensive tryout process in early October.

**Resident Assistants** - This group of upperclassmen serve as peer mentors in the residence halls. These students assist in student programming and activities, as well as many responsibilities related to the maintenance and administration of the residence halls.

**Sigma Alpha Pi Leadership Society**- The Society is an organization that helps people discover and achieve their goals. The Society offers life-changing lectures from the nation’s leading presenters and a community where likeminded success oriented individuals come together and help one another succeed. The Society also serves as a powerful force of good in the greater community by encouraging and organizing action to better the world. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.9 and letter of recommendation to be invited into the organization.

**Zephyr Recruitment Team** – This group serves the Admissions Office by hosting potential students as they visit the campus for tours and Preview Days. The Zephyrs are selected through an interview process during Fall semester.

**Service Organizations**

B.O.L.D – stands for “beautiful, outstanding ladies of distinction”. A women’s organization established to promote community service.

**Gamma Beta Mu Leadership Society** - fosters leadership, character, and unity among a diverse group of student leaders

**Millard Fuller Center** – Associated with the old Habitat for Humanity International, this organization assists the national headquarters with builds, food drives, and hosts build trips for Spring Break.

**Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB)** – This organization provides a forum for young men to interact socially and present and learn from educational programming.

**SUAVE** – This organization provides a forum for young ladies to interact socially and present and learn from educational programming.

**Religious Groups**
Various religious organizations assume responsibility for directing religious activities on campus, encouraging attendance at the house of worship of one’s choice, endeavoring to instill in students a deeper understanding of their faith and engaging in programs of religious emphasis. Some groups at GSW are the Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Holy Young
People Evangelism, Cornerstone Campus Ministry, Presbyterian Student Center, Wesleyan Foundation, and Union Tabernacle Baptist Church Ministry and the Interdenominational Council

Student Media & Publications

Sirocco – This is a literary magazine published each spring semester. It contains poetry, prose, art, and photography. Material should be submitted to the Sirocco through the university English Department.

GSW-TV16/Hurricane Watch – Located in Morgan Hall. The station provides educational, informative, and entertaining programming. GSW-TV16 provides hands-on experience for students in television broadcasting and production. Hurricane Watch is located in the Student Success Center Room 3461.

The Sou’Wester – A student-edited and managed campus newspaper that is distributed free around campus and town. The publication deals with issues on campus, the community, the state and the nation. Students are welcome to be student journalists - in photography, news, sports or layout for the newspaper. The opinions expressed are of the staff, not necessarily those of the university or the student body.

Greek Letter Organizations

As in many other American colleges and universities, fraternities and sororities play a distinctive role at Georgia Southwestern State University. They offer opportunities for students to succeed academically, develop lasting friendships, contribute to the broader community through service and participate in social, cultural, and athletic activities. Ten Greek letter social organizations are represented at the University.

Three councils govern Greek letter organizations: National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Inter-fraternity Council (IFC), and Panhellenic Association. Amongst other responsibilities, these councils coordinate membership selection and recruitment process standards and plan various activities throughout the year.

Panhellenic and Inter-fraternity Recruitment are held near the beginning of each Fall Semester. During the summer, Greek information is provided online for all undergraduate and graduate students. There is a minimal charge for participation in recruitment activities to cover costs associated with the week. The intake process for NPHC groups is held throughout the year. Information can be obtained from posted advertisements, individual sorority and fraternity members or in the Office of Campus Life. GSW Greek social organizations are listed below:

**National Pan-hellenic Council (NPHC)**

**Office Location: Student Success Center Room 3469**

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Panhellenic Association  
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Kappa Delta  
Zeta Tau Alpha

Inter-fraternity Council  
*Office Location: Student Success Center Room 3463*

Chi Phi  
Kappa Sigma  
Pi Kappa Phi  
Sigma Chi

**Departmental Organizations**

This is a listing of departmental organizations related to particular academic areas. However, members do not necessarily have to major in the related subject in order to be a member of the organization. For more information, contact the respective departments:

- American Medical Students Association  
- Artists Association  
- Student Georgia Association of Educators  
- Biology Club  
- Chunnel Club (English and Foreign Languages)  
- GSWANS (Georgia Southwestern Association of Nursing Students)  
- Geology Club  
- Student Council for Exceptional Children  
- Math Club  
- Students of Business  
- Psychology/Sociology Club  
- Students in Free Enterprise  
- History & Political Science Club  
- CMENC (Music Educators)  
- Georgia Association of Nursing Students  
- Chemistry Club  
- Health and Human Performance Club  
- Spanish Club

**Honor Societies & Campus Honors Awards**

**Alpha Chi** – Recognizes academic achievement of the top 5% of the junior and senior class.

**Alpha Lambda Delta** – Encourages superior scholastic excellence among female and male students in their first year. This group is open to those who have competed 30 semester hours with a GPA of 3.5 or better.
Alpha Psi Omega Drama Society – Recognizes outstanding work in the field of theatre.

Blue Key – Recognizes outstanding leadership contributions in a broad range of co-curricular activities and academic achievement among juniors and seniors.

Gamma Beta Phi – Recognizes academic achievement of top 20% of each class.

National Residence Hall Honorary – Honors the top 1% of Residence Hall leaders.

Order of Omega- Recognizes outstanding Greeks who have excelled in both academics, but also leadership.

Pi Sigma Alpha – Recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of Political Science.

Sigma Beta Delta – Recognizes superior achievement in the field of business.

Sigma Tau Delta – Recognizes superior achievement in English and literature.

Sigma Theta Tau – Recognizes superior achievement in nursing education and practice.

Tau Beta Sigma – Recognizes outstanding achievement by a woman who is a member of a GSW band program.

Upsilon Pi Epsilon - Recognizes superior achievement in the field of computer and information sciences.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities – One of the highest honors a student at Georgia Southwestern can achieve is that of being named to Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities. Selection on campus is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in co-curricular activities and potential for future achievement.

Residence Hall Leadership Opportunities

Residence Hall Association – The governing body for residence hall students, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) remains active in all residence hall decisions.

Special Interest Groups
Forensics Team - Students compete in local and regional competitions in areas including Poetry/Prose Interpretation, After Dinner Speech, and Impromptu Speaking. For more information contact the Fine Arts Department at 229-931-2204.

International Student Association - Offers all GSW students an opportunity to learn more about other countries and cultures. Activities include movie nights, presentations about foreign cities and countries, and an annual international food festival.

Dance Team - Tryouts are held every Fall semester. For more information contact the Division of Student Affairs at 229-928-1387.

University Republicans and Young Democrats – Students involved with these organizations serve the national platform on a local level.

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.GSW.EDU AND CLICK ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, AND THEN ON STUDENT ACTIVITIES.

STUDENT CONDUCT BOARD
The Assistant Dean of Students coordinates the student conduct process. Students interested in serving on the Student Conduct Board which operates in conjunction with The Student Government should apply through the Student Government Association. (Phone 229-931-2363).

GEORGIA INTERN PROGRAM
Georgia Southwestern State University is a participant in the Georgia Intern Program. Students may receive a maximum of 15 hours toward their degree for work as interns in public and nonprofit agencies in the State of Georgia. Students from all academic areas are eligible for the program. Courses for which academic credit is to be awarded must be approved in advance by the Chairman of the Division or Department offering the courses and the campus coordinator of the program. Course numbers 492-494 in each discipline are reserved for Georgia Intern Program credit. Interested students should contact the campus coordinator of the Georgia Intern Program for additional information (Phone 229-931-2079).

THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
Georgia Southwestern offers many cultural opportunities for students. Music concerts and recitals, and Forensics speech tournaments, theatre and video productions, as well as art exhibitions are scheduled throughout the year.

Theater, Communication, and Media Arts
Performance and production opportunities are available to all students through stage plays, performance events through the Rylander Theater Partnership and narrative video projects produced each semester. Course credit is available for participation in these activities.

Music
The Concert Choir is a non-auditioned group which performs several times a year on campus, and occasionally off-campus. The Concert Choir provides music for events on campus, including graduation.

The Chamber Singers is a small, auditioned choral group noted for exceptional performances. Each year the Chamber Singers perform often on and off campus. Every Fall, the group produces and performs a Madrigal Dinner at the Windsor Hotel in downtown Americus, complete with Renaissance costumes and music.

The Concert Band and Jazz Band, both auditioned groups, perform on and off campus in concert and for special events. All ensembles offer academic credit for participants.

**Visual Arts**
The Visual Arts program offers students the opportunity to express themselves creatively through painting and drawing, glassblowing, ceramics, sculpture, photography, print making, computer graphics and digital media.

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS AND RECREATION**
The purpose of Intramural Sports and Recreation at Georgia Southwestern is to offer a wide variety of activities either organized or self-directed activities so that all members of the University community have an opportunity to participate. University Recreational Services provide the University community the outlet to physical well being through physical activity. Intramural team sports offerings include Flag Football, Soccer, Indoor Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Basketball, Kickball, Racquetball, and Volleyball. Numerous individual and dual sports such as Tennis, Golf, Disc Golf, Rock-Climbing wall and Billiards are also made available throughout the year. There are also employment opportunities available through our office.

Aerobics and outdoor trips are new and integral facets of recreational sports at GSW. Each semester group exercise classes and a variety of trips are offered to the students at minimal or no cost. Recreational facilities available include the Old Gym, athletic field, swimming pool, tennis courts, fitness center, and fitness trail and Student Success Center.

All Intramural Sports, Aerobics and Outdoor Recreation information is available on the first day of classes in the Recreational Sports Office in the Student Success Center Room 3438 or call 931-2365.

**INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**
GSW is an NCAA Division II institution and a member of the Peach Belt Conference. Athletics play a very important role in the campus and community life at Georgia Southwestern State University. The athletic teams have been a catalyst in creating enthusiasm, school spirit, and student unity on the GSW campus and in the community. The offices for athletics and physical education classes are located in the Student Success Center (STORM Dome).

**Women's Basketball**
For more information, please contact Coach Kelly Britsky at 229-931-2231.
Men's Basketball
Please contact Coach Mike Leeder in the athletic department at 229-931-2230.

Baseball
For more information, please contact Coach Bryan McLain at 229-931-2843.

Women’s Cross Country
For more information, please contact the Athletic Department at 229-931-2222

Men’s Soccer
Please contact Coach Warren Russ at 229-931-7006.

Women’s Soccer
Please contact Coach Samantha Snow at 229-931-2936.

Softball
Contact Coach Eddie Ward at 229-931-2174 for more information.

Men’s/Women’s Tennis
Please contact Coach Brennon Sewell at 229-931-2284 for more details.

Men’s Golf
For more information, please contact Coach Andrew Danna at 229-931-2609.

CAMPUS TRADITIONS

Campus Pride Day
Twice a year, faculty, staff, and students work together on a campus beautification project.

Hello Walk
The wide paved walkway from the library to the Student Success Center is called “hello walk”. It is tradition to say “hello” to those you pass on this walkway.

Move-In Day
A special day is set aside prior to the beginning to Fall semester when faculty and staff volunteers help the new freshmen class move into their residence hall rooms.

Welcome Week
The first full week of Fall semester is packed with fun and informative programs and events to help the new and returning students meet one another, get reacquainted, and start the academic year off right!

Significance of the Winds
GSW’s mascot is the Hurricane. Several references to the winds/weather can be found around
campus such as: street names, R.A.I.N, Aeolian (alumni newsletter), The Sou’wester (student newspaper), Zephyrs (recruitment team), Sirocco (Student Literary Magazine) etc.

**Student Appreciation Day**
Held on the last day of class during Spring semester, the faculty and staff host an outdoor picnic with games, door prizes, and giveaways to show their appreciation to the student body.

**Fall Festival**
During the Fall semester, usually in October, the ATOD task force (Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs) puts on a special day for all students, faculty and staff to come and celebrate the new season by providing a weekend activity that doesn’t involve drugs or alcohol and still allows students to have a good time.

**Homecoming Week**
Homecoming occurs during the month of February while Men’s & Women’s Basketball season is still in session. Many activities are scheduled for this spirit-filled week. The highlight of Homecoming is typically the recognition of the Homecoming Court and the crowning of the King and Queen.

**Taste of the World**
---This is an annual international festival held at GSW every April. Students, faculty, and staff have the opportunity to enjoy food, music, and the cultures of many countries.