Georgia Southwestern State University
Student Organization Guidebook
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Office of Campus Life
Welcome to Georgia Southwestern State University! We are so glad you are here! Your experience here is truly what you make of it. By being involved in various organizations you can pursue your interests and connect with students. Let this serve as a guide to getting involved on our campus! Don’t see something you’re interested in? Create your own organization. Make the most of your time here and leave your footprint on this campus! If you have any questions or want to request more information do not hesitate to contact our office. GO CANES!

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Alpha Lambda Delta
Honor Society for First-Year Students

Organization Information
Year Founded: November 18, 1976
Colors: Red, gold, & white
Symbols: The insignia represents a lighted candle. The golden base of our candle signifies honesty and integrity, which are the foundation on which we build; the shaft of our candle signifies strength and courage; and the light of our candle signifies truth and wisdom.

Purpose: To encourage superior academic achievement among students in their first year, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their roles in society.

How to join: Invitation only; The student must have maintained a 3.5 or higher GPA and are in the top 20% of their class during their first semester as a full time student.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Humane Society, Public School Library, Reorganization Project, Annual Breast Cancer Walks, GSW Ambassadors, and many more!

Contact Information: Advisor—Linda Randall (Linda.Randall@GSW.Edu)
Alpha Psi Omega
National Theatre Honor Society

Organization Information
Year Founded: August 12, 1925 (locally in May 1967)
Colors: Blue & Gold
Symbols: African Violet
Purpose: “Seek a Life Useful”
How to join: Invitation only; The student must have maintained a 2.5 GPA and achieve 75 or more points from the suggested point system found in the organization’s National Constitution.
Community Involvement/Annual Events: Transvest Night, & Art in the Park
Contact Information: President—Sara Thompson (SThomps9@radar.gsw.edu)
GSW Student Chapter of American Institute of Professional Geologists

Organization Information
Year Founded: 2013
Colors: n/a
Symbols: n/a
Purpose: To promote professional growth in the field of geology.
How to join: Students are recruited on campus and in the classroom. All interested students, staff, and faculty are welcome.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Participation in regional and local field trips and events.

Contact Information: Advisor—Thomas Weiland (Thomas.Weiland@GSW.edu)
Automotive Interest Association

Year Founded: 2012
Color: n/a
Symbol: n/a
Purpose: To educate on all things automotive which interests students at GSW.

How to join: Students can sign up for membership at meetings. After 4 meetings in one semester, the student is considered a member.

Community Involvement/Annual Events:

Contact Information: gsw.carclub@live.com
GSW Cheerleading

Organization Information
Year Founded: 2010
Colors: Blue & gold
Symbols: n/a
Purpose: Cheer at home basketball games
How to join: Contact the advisor for information on joining.

Community Involvement/Annual Events:
Cheering at every home basketball game

Contact Information: Advisor—Gaynor Cheokas (Gaynor.Cheokas@gsw.edu)
**Organization Information**

**Year Founded:** n/a  
**Colors:** Blue & gold  
**Symbols:** “Cabbie”

**Purpose:** To plan events for students, by students  
**How to join:** CAB Program Directors are selected annually. Be on the lookout for information regarding interviews. PIT Crew Members (event volunteers) are recruited continuously, email Katie Brock for more information.

**Community Involvement/Annual Events:** Homecoming, Welcome Week, weekly events

**Contact Information:** Advisors—Josh Curtin (Josh.Curtin@GSW.Edu), Angie Christmas, (Angie.Christmas@GSW.Edu), Katie Brock (Katie.Brock@GSW.Edu)
Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM)

Organization Information

Year Founded: 1976

Colors: Navy Blue

Symbols: “BCM” and Star logo

Purpose: Christian Fellowship

How to join: All interested are encouraged to attend
Supper Mondays @ 6:30pm and Worship Wednesdays
@ 8:30pm both located in the BCM Building—202 Tanner Street

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Summer mission
trips and spring break mission trips

Contact Information: President—James Tubbs
(JTubbs@radar.gsw.edu)
Organization Information

Year Founded: n/a
Colors: n/a
Symbols: DNA Helix

Purpose: The biology club provides opportunities for personal growth with an emphasis on community service, leadership, and social diversions.

How to join: All are welcome, contact the organization for more information.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: The Biology Club commits to at least one weekend initiative, social gathering, fundraiser, and community service project per semester. Examples of their community service include the Sumter Humane Society and The Fuller Center for Housing.

Contact Information: Email—Bioclub@GSW.edu, Facebook—Facebook.Com/bioclub.gsw.edu
Exercise Science & Wellness Club

Organization Information

Year Founded: 2013
Colors: Blue & Gold
Symbols: “ESW”

Purpose: To promote health and wellness on campus and educate students, faculty, & staff about health and wellness.

How to join: All interested students are welcome, dues of $20 are required and include a t-shirt with membership.

Community Involvement/Annual Events:

Contact Information: Email—GSWexsw@gmail.com,
Facebook— GSW Exercise Science and Wellness Club
Organization Information
Year Founded: Around 1970
Colors: n/a
Symbols: n/a
Purpose: To further students understanding of Earth’s geologic processes
How to join: Open to all students interest, contact the President or Advisor for information.
Community Involvement/Annual Events: The Rock and Mineral Sale, field trips to see geologic wonders
Contact Information: Advisor—Dr. Peavy (SPeavy@GSW.edu), President—Sarah Welter (Swelter@Radar.GSW.edu)
Organization Information

Year Founded: 1978

Colors: n/a

Symbols: Cross with music notes surrounding

Purpose: Minister through music

How to join: Interest meetings are held every year, contact the organization to find out when and where!

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Fall and Spring Concert

Contact Information: Facebook—GSW Choir, Instagram—GSW_GospelChoir
GSW Habitat for Humanity

Organization Information
Year Founded: 1976
Colors: Blue & green
Symbol: Habitat for Humanity logo
Purpose: Helping to build homes for low income families
How to join: We take volunteers and anyone interested in changing lives through community service.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Semester builds

Contact Information: Advisor—Jamie Maclennan (Jamie.Maclennan@gsw.edu) & Elizabeth Uhl (Elizabeth.uhl@gsw.edu), President—Jessica Collins (Jcolli16@radar.gsw.edu)
Hurricane Watch

Organization Information
Year Founded: n/a
Colors: Blue & Gold
Symbols: GSW Logo
Purpose: Student Media

How to join: Hurricane Watch is free and open to all students who are interested in participating. Ideas must be submitted to the director before work is presented.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Campus events and community events

Contact Information: Twitter—— @GSWCanesWatch, Youtube.com/HurricaneWatch
Orientation Team

Organization Information
Year Founded: n/a
Colors: Blue & Gold
Symbols: n/a
Purpose: To help new students transition into their college career.
How to join: Interviews are completed annually, be on the lookout for information!
Community Involvement/Annual Events: Summer STORM Days, Retreats, Regional conferences
Contact Information: Captain—Nandi Collins (Nandi.Collins@Hotmail.com), Advisors—Josh Curtin (Josh.Curtin@gsw.edu), Katie Brock (Katie.Brock@gsw.edu)
Organization Information
Year Founded: 1995
Colors: Blue, Red, & Black
Symbols: n/a

Purpose: The mission of the iHelp Peer Educators is to encourage GSW students to make healthy, low risk lifestyle choices through the use of various education programs on campus. iHelp is also affiliated with the BACCHUSS Network and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety.

How to join: Complete a membership application and $15 annual dues, members must maintain a 2.0 GPA.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Safe Spring Break Week, BiMonthly Seat Belt Checks, HipHopera, General Assembly, and Area 9 Conference

Contact Information: Facebook—iHelp PeerEducators, Instagram—@gswihelp
International Student Association

Organization Information

Year Founded: 1989
Colors: n/a
Symbols: Globe

Purpose: A place for American & International Students to come together and share cultural experiences.

How to join: Everyone is welcome, contact the President for more information.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Taste of the World International Food Festival

Contact Information: Facebook—ISA @ GSW, President—ISAPresident@Yahoo.com
Organization Information

Year Founded: n/a
Colors: Blue & White
Symbols: Legal scales

Purpose: The Pre-Law Society of GSW is committed to preparing its members for the LSAT and law school admission process, as well as advancing strong ethics and community involvement.

How to join: Everyone is welcome, contact the organization for more information.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Meetings with law school admissions counselors from various schools around the state, local internship opportunities

Contact Information: Facebook—Facebook.com/gswprelawsoociety, Email—gswwprelaw@gmail.com

Pre-Law Society
Psychology/Sociology Club

Organization Information
Year Founded: n/a
Colors: n/a
Symbols: n/a

Purpose: To provide information and recreational activities for students interested in psychology and/or sociology.

How to join: Open to all students regardless of major, contact the group’s advisor for more information.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Field trip to Georgia Undergraduate Research in Psychology Conference, guest speakers, presentations on internships and graduate school, and movie nights.

Contact Information: Advisor—Ellen Cotter (Ellen.Cotter@GSW.Edu)
Presbyterian Student Center
(Pres House)

Organization Information
Year Founded: n/a
Colors: n/a
Symbols: n/a

Purpose: We are a group of university students of various religious backgrounds and beliefs. We enjoy making new friends, eating meals together, exploring how faith connects to our lives, and helping our community by being involved in service to those in need.

How to join: Open to all, see their Facebook page for meeting days, times, and locations.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Fall Beach Trip, Fall Retreat, College Conference at Montreat, NC, monthly social events, service projects and mission trips.

Contact Information: Email—GSWPreshouse@gmail.com, Website—www.gswpreshouse.org, Facebook—www.facebook.com/pres.house.7
QuAKE
Queens and Kings of Equality

Organization Information
Year Founded: January 2013
Colors: Purple, gold, & green
Symbols: crown
Purpose: Feminist and humanitarian group
How to join: Everyone is welcome, contact the President for more information.
Community Involvement/Annual Events: Take Back the Night, Slut Walk: A Parade for Health
Contact Information: President—Jessica Collins (JColli16@radar.gsw.edu), Facebook—www.facebook.com/gswquake
Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB)

Organization Information
Year Founded: October 17, 1990
Colors: Orange & black
Symbols: map of Africa

Purpose: “In order to empower ourselves and promote brotherhood, we, the Brothers of Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) embrace the principles of ACCOUNTABILITY, PROACTIVE LEADERSHIP, SELF-DISCIPLINE, and INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT. Through our faith in God we uphold this mission at all times. I am my Brother’s keeper, and together we will rise.”

How to join: Everyone is welcome, contact the Advisors for more information.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Breast Cancer Awareness, Freshman vs Upperclassmen basketball game, flag football all-star game, mentoring in the public school, SAAB Week, SAAB Summit

Contact Information: Twitter—@gsw_SAAB90, Advisors—Alma Keita (Alma.Keita@GSW.Edu) & Mark Roberts (Mark.Roberts@GSW.Edu)
Organization Information
Year Founded: 1974
Colors: Green, red, & black
Symbols: map of Africa
Purpose: Unite alumni and promote community involvement and volunteer services.
How to join: Everyone is welcome, contact the Advisor for more information.
Community Involvement/Annual Events: Magnolia Manor, Sumter Humane Society, Breast Cancer Walk, Walk 4 Water, Homecoming, Fashion show
Contact Information: Advisor—Pam Leverett (Pam.Leverett@GSW.Edu)
Student Government Association (SGA)

Organization Information
Year Founded: n/a
Colors: n/a
Symbols: Student Government seal
Purpose: To govern the student body at GSW.
How to join: Attend weekly meetings for more information—every Thursday at 5:00pm
Community Involvement/Annual Events:
Homecoming, Student Appreciation Day, Sept. 11 Memorial, Staff Recognition
Contact Information: Website—www.gsw.edu/Campus-Life/StudentActivities/SGA/AboutUs/Index
Sigma Alpha Pi

Organization Information
Year Founded: 2001
Colors: Red, black, & white
Symbols: Sigma Alpha Pi seal
Purpose: Helps members discover and achieve their goals and to create lasting positive change.
How to join: Eligible students are notified of their nomination for membership.
Community Involvement/Annual Events: They are actively engaged in various projects across campus.
Contact Information: President—Alanna Johnson (Ajohns38@radar.gsw.edu), Advisor—Darcy Bragg (Darcy.Bragg@GSW.Edu)
Sigma Theta Tau
(Mu Pi Chapter)

Organization Information
Year Founded: 1990
Colors: Purple
Symbols: Lamp—wisdom, service, knowledge, scholarship
Purpose: As an international honor society for nursing students, it recognizes academic excellence and nursing leadership and scholarship.
How to join: Eligible students are notified of their nomination for membership. They are inducted annually.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Annual business meeting and Annual Induction Ceremony. United Nation Top 10 World Health Goals

Contact Information: Advisor—Joy Humphrey
(Joy.Humphrey@gsw.edu)
Organization Information

Year Founded: 1965
Colors: n/a
Symbols: n/a

Purpose: To provide a venue for the creative arts at GSW. Our goal is to encourage new voices, reinforce the creative process, and create opportunities for the winds of creativity to sweep through our community.

How to join: All are welcome

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Various Open Mic Nights and Publication party for the release of the annual spring edition.

Contact Information: Submissions—gswsirocco@gmail.com, Facebook—www.facebook.com/GSW.Sirocco
SUAVE
Strong, United, Assertive, Virtuous, Educated

Organization Information
Year Founded: 1994
Colors: Purple, silver, black, & white
Symbols: Swan
Purpose: To promote sisterhood among all minority women.
How to join: All are welcome, contact the President for more information.
Community Involvement/Annual Events: Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser, SUAVE Week, Mr. and Mrs. SUAVE Pageant
Contact Information: SUAVE1994@gmail.com
Queer Straight Alliance (QSA)

Organization Information
Year Founded: 2011
Colors: n/a
Symbols: logo pictured

Purpose: Our purpose is to promote awareness and educate our campus and community about the lesbian, gay, bisexual and alternative sex and gender cultures. We encourage acceptance, tolerance, and self-pride within our community through involvement.

How to join: All are welcome, contact the president for more information.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Toiletry Drive for Liberty House, Spirit Day

Contact Information: Email—Alliance@gsw.edu,
President—Caitlin McMillan (cmvictory@gmail.com),
Advisor—Dr. McDonald (Courtney.McDonald@gsw.edu)
United Latinos

Organization Information
Year Founded: 2012
Colors: blue & gold
Symbols: UL
Purpose: To provide the student body information about different cultures and promote diversity.
How to join: $20 dues (includes t-shirt) contact the organization for more information.
Community Involvement/Annual Events: Fiesta En El Parque
Contact Information: Facebook—www.facebook.com/GSWUnitedLatinos
Warriors for Christ

Organization Information
Year Founded: 2012
Colors: Royal blue
Symbols: n/a
Purpose: Bring and Be Christ to the students of GSW.
How to join: Contact organization for more information.
Community Involvement/Annual Events: Walk 4 Water, World Vision Christmas Gifts, Canned food drives
Contact Information: Facebook—www.facebook.com/Warriors4C
Wesley Foundation

Organization Information
Year Founded: 1965
Colors: Blue, red, & white
Symbols: Cross and Flame of the United Methodist Church
Purpose: “Where Friends Become Family”
How to join: All are welcome, contact advisor for more information.
Community Involvement/Annual Events: Work closely with summer camps in Americus, lead middle & high school retreats for churches.
Contact Information: Facebook—www.facebook.com/Weshouse.americus, Advisor—Charles McLendon (229-924-3169 ext 14)
Zephyr Recruitment Team

Organization Information

Year Founded: n/a
Colors: blue & gold
Symbols: n/a

Purpose: The Zephyr Recruitment Team is a volunteer student organization designed to assist the Admissions Office in recruitment of prospective students. This may involve campus tours, visiting high schools, and attending special on or off-campus events. Our ultimate goal is to assist the university by increasing the number of students in attendance.

How to join: New Zephyrs are recruited each Fall semester.

Community Involvement/Annual Events: Hosts 3 Preview Days for prospective students each year.

Contact Information: Office of Admissions—229-928-1273
Visit our website for a complete list of active student organizations at:

http://gsw.edu/Campus-Life/StudentActivities/StudentOrgs/index