Educating, Empowering, Serving ..... ....Bridging Theory with Practice

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Strengthening Rural Communities since 1906

• Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering & IT
• College of Business Administration
• College of Education
• College of Health & Human Sciences
• College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
• College of Science & Mathematics
• Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health
• Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies
University Facts 2016-2017

- 20,674 Student Enrollment
  - 92.4% are Georgia residents
  - 4124 (~20%) are rural Georgia residents

- Upon consolidation with Armstrong
  - Enrollment will exceed 27,000
  - Campuses located in Bulloch, Chatham, Liberty
Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

Evaluation, assessment & technical assistance across the continuum of care

- Public Health Accreditation, Assessments & Evaluations
- Hospital ACA mandated Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA)
- Rural Hospital Engagement & Needs Assessment
- LEAN Training and Certification
Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

• Emergency Medical Services (EMS) programmatic & financial assessment

• Technical assistance, testing & monitoring in rural communities with environmental challenges/issues such as lead, bacteria, mosquitos and other negative health causatives

• Student practicums, research projects & dissertations
School of Nursing

• Ranked 10th in most affordable online nursing programs according to OnlineU

• Registered Nurse (RN) thru Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)

• Partnership with the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth for training in the use of telehealth

• $1.6M HRSA APRN Program to develop APRNs for rural communities
School of Nursing

$1.6M HRSA funded academic-practice partnership between the School of Nursing Graduate Program and five health centers to increase the number and readiness of Family and Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioners to care for rural and underserved populations.

- East Georgia Healthcare Center to include its 10 satellite clinics throughout southeast Georgia
- Christ Community Health Services in Augusta, GA
- J.C. Lewis Primary Healthcare Center in Savannah, GA
- Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care in Savannah, GA
- Appling Healthcare System/Southern Peaches in Baxley, GA
Center for Gerontology

Senior Companion Program pairs low income older adults with frail elders and people with disabilities.

- Serves 9 rural counties, Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Emanuel, Effingham, Evans, Jenkins, Screven, and Tattnall counties
- 37 low income adult volunteers serving 129 older adults and people with disabilities
- Annual budget of $238,903 funding provided by local and federal grant support
Georgia Southern Writing Project

• Working with schools in Tattnall, Evans & Bulloch Counties
• Supporting rural teachers at all grade levels to improve the writing skills of our grade school students
• Raising the quality of writing increases the success of students for higher education, employment & career pathway
Psychology

• Produces Master’s level counselors and psychologists

• As part of training, students provide low cost mental health services to for nominal fees under supervision of licensed providers.
  – Patients served throughout southeast Georgia

• 14 PsyD graduates; 4 practicing in Bulloch & Effingham Counties
Aquaculture:

- Film production on McIntosh County’s shrimping industry; Robert Todd, Communications Department
- Marketing to expand opportunities for Georgia’s seafood and coastal commodities; Jennifer Sweeney Tookes, Ph.D., Sociology & Anthropology
Broad-based Community Strengthening

Essential Assets for Economic Viability:

• Education
• Health & health care access
• Workforce
• Industry & business
• Tax base to insure local infrastructure
Laying the Foundation

• Triage the region, county, community
• Rank & organize based on community assets
• Rank & organize based on community needs
• Identify assets and unique resources
• Identify critical deficiencies/opportunities
• Establish priorities for development
Critical Steps for Building Stronger Economies Collaboratively

• Local & university single points of contact (coaches)
• Consistent investment in a region/community
  – Technical assistance, mentoring, training & education
• Long & short-term strategic planning
• Coordinated, staged, planned approach based on local capacity
• Community & regional planning with individual community ownership for outcomes
• Long-term commitments & relationships
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