It’s no secret. They’ve done acts of community service around Milledgeville for GCSU Gives Day. Now, the Class of 2027 is in class and making their mark on the Georgia College & State University campus.

They are Georgia College’s biggest-class ever—a record-breaking group of about 1,890 first-year students. They join this university after a year of unprecedented numbers with nearly 8,800 applicants—about 2,000 more than the previous record.

In addition, the number of high-achieving students is up 100% compared to last year, and this will be one of the most diverse incoming classes in the university’s history.

“We are welcoming a historically high number of first-year students to Georgia College, while maintaining high academic standards and small-class sizes—the things that distinguish our institution,” said Dr. Costas Spanos, provost and president for Academic Affairs.

“We have been intentional about increasing the number of classes we offer and have recruited highly qualified faculty,” Spanos said. “We want to assure all of our students receive personalized attention.”

Throughout the semester, students will encounter high expectations and attendance. Georgia College President Cathy Cox joined every orientation—greeting many excited, smiling faces, shaking hands and posing for selfies with students.

“Under Cathy Cox’s innovative leadership, Georgia College & State University is experiencing great momentum,” Spanos said. “We are excited that a larger number of students will benefit from our mission as the state’s designated public liberal arts university.”

“Our admissions team did a fantastic job recruiting students from across Georgia; the biggest numbers this year are from Gwinnett/Forsyth County (194), Cobb County (163), and DeKalb County (145); 1029 majors for this group are in nursing, business administration, biology, marketing and psychology.

Joiner Frimley, executive director of Admissions, noted the geographic diversity of the class with some students coming from areas like South Florida. This increase—in class size and diversity—likely due to several factors, he said.

“This is a historically high number of first-year students to Georgia College and State University,” said Dr. William Underwood, vice president for Enrollment Management.

“Highly reliable, serious learners are most likely to get involved in campus life and have a transformative experience, ensuring that GCSU is a very compelling value proposition for our students and their families.”

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What’s going on in Bobcat Territory?

**Featured Event**

**On-Campus Event**

**Prepined by the Office of University Communications**

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**Tuesday**

**12**

4:00 p.m. - GCSU is named to the list of the most affordable online tuitions for 2022-23. Prepared by the Office of University Communications

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**Wednesday**

**13**

2:10 p.m. - Welcome reception for GCSU Class of 2027. Preparation by the Office of University Communications

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**Thursday**

**14**

10:00 a.m. - “I’ve had it with the opticals.” Author Roger Pendler will give a talk in the Middle East Room of the Holder Science Building.

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**Friday**

**15**

12:00 p.m. - Winners announced for GCSU’s 2023 Spring On-Campus Essay Contest. Preparied by the Office of University Communications

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**Saturday**

**16**

7:30 p.m. - GCSU’s 110th annual “Taste of the Diaspora” in Maguire Ballroom.

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**University and Sodexo roll out new Pizza Hut delivery system for students**

The little boxes on wheels attracted attention across campus; the biggest numbers this year are from Gwinnett/Forsyth County (194), Cobb County (163), and DeKalb County (145); 1029 majors for this group are in nursing, business administration, biology, marketing and psychology.

“Having good food is important to keep students happy and focused on their studies,” said Cathy Cox, president of Sodexo USA, which operates on-campus convenience stores. “We value the partnership with Pizza Hut and believe it’s a great addition to our ecosystem of food options.”

“Pizza Hut is incredibly excited to launch our new automated pizza delivery system with Sodexo,” said Andrew Wright, vice president of Pizza Hut Delivery. “This technology allows us to introduce A.I. delivery robots,” said Sam Severson, general manager for Sodexo at GCSU. “Having food ready is important to keep our happy student body fed and healthy, and having a brand-new dining hall enhances the experience even more.”

But the new ones don’t stay there. If a pizza box proves to be popular, the plan is to expand it across our Colleges in January. So, out pizza and be at peace.

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**GCΣΣU signed pharmacology program agreement with Mercer University**

The collaboration provides a clear and structured pathway for Georgia College students who want to pursue a degree in pharmacology. Guidance and support will be provided by both institutions to help students prepare and meet criteria each step of the way.

Mercer President William D. Underwood stressed the importance of a high-quality education and the seamless transition from institution to institution this partnership creates.

The agreement gives Georgia College chemistry students priority status and a guaranteed interview for Mercer University’s College of Pharmacy. The first year of pharmacy school will count as a student’s fourth undergraduate year in chemistry and toward their first year in the PharmD program.

During undergraduate work, GCSU students will be prepared to meet entry requirements into the Mercer program. Officials from both schools will work to ensure students complete the appropriate pre-requirement courses in sequence and take applicable standardized exams. Students will also have early interactions with Mercer through mentorship, shadowing and advising to help them understand all options available to them.

Dr. Brian Crabtree, dean of Mercer’s College of Pharmacy said this relationship between universities is important to the MPA program alumni’s opportunities for students.

“I think it’s important for us to keep this relationship thriving and moving forward all across the state,” Crabtree said. “It’s a great thing to be a Georgia College student, and we’re confident all the students will, where they will change lives.”

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