Dear Colleagues,

It is my privilege to present to you the annual report for the Division of Student Affairs for the 2015-16 year. During the past year, the Division of Student Affairs provided numerous quality programs, services and environments for Georgia State University students. These initiatives helped to facilitate student learning, success, citizenship and involvement with the community. I invite you to take a few minutes to discover the many outstanding co-curricular activities and experiences that were offered in the Division of Student Affairs.

Each page of this annual report is devoted to a specific department or program within Student Affairs, highlighting just a few achievements of each area and demonstrating the way we have contributed to the success of the Georgia State University student. I hope you enjoy reading about the exciting and innovative activities, learning opportunities, research and hard work that has gone into the 2015-16 year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Douglass F. Covey, Sr.  
Vice President of Student Affairs and  
Clinical Assistant Professor  
Georgia State University

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**Student Affairs Focus Areas**

- **Student Progression**
  - Supports the ability of students to advance academically, socially, personally and professionally through the university.

- **Student Development**
  - Increases the practical competence of students through their engagement and participation in an array of programs, services and activities.

- **Diversity**
  - Represents an inclusive and broad range of programs, services and activities.

- **Cultural Competence**
  - Prepares students to actively engage in their communities to identify, understand and navigate differences and similarities between themselves and others on campus and beyond.

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**Funding Sources**

- 31% State Funds
- 54% Student Activity Fee Funds
- 14% Departmental Sales & Services Funds
- 1% Auxiliary Funds
Black Student Achievement (BSA) provides university-wide services and support programming in many areas, such as cultural enrichment, racial awareness, ethnicity, diversity, leadership training, and organizational development. BSA promotes quality services and programs related to the retention, progression and graduation of African Americans attending Georgia State University. Black Student Achievement’s goals are to provide access, integrity and inclusion in all services.

Black Student Achievement offers free academic support to all students through tutorial services and the GRE PREP workshops. The GRE provides schools with a common measure for comparing candidates’ qualifications. Admissions or fellowship panels use GRE scores to supplement undergraduate records, recommendation letters, and other qualifications for graduate study. Students who participate in the GRE workshops at Black Student Achievement show significant improvement in their scores.

Student Affairs Focus Areas
- Student Development
- Student Progression

University Strategic Plan Goals
1. Become a national model for undergraduate education by demonstrating that students from all backgrounds can achieve academic and career success at high rates.
2. Significantly strengthen and grow the base of distinctive graduate and professional programs to assure development of the next generation of researchers and societal leaders.

| May 4-20 | Avg. Participant Combined (Math & Verbal) GRE Pre-Test Scores 135 | Avg. Participant Combined (Math & Verbal) GRE Post-Test Scores 150 | Avg. Participant Combined Analytical Writing GRE Pre-Test Score 3.4 | Avg. Participant Combined Analytical Writing GRE Post-Test Score 4.7 |
| June 8-24 | 136 | 149.5 | 3.1 | 4.6 |
| July 6-22 | 133.6 | 149.4 | 3.2 | 4.2 |
| Sept. 9-23 | 136.9 | 144.9 | 4.1 | 4.8 |
| Oct. 5-21 | 144.1 | 142.8 | 3.8 | 5 |

Academic Year 2015-2016
Civic Engagement provides assistance for students, student groups, staff and faculty regarding volunteerism, community service and service learning. Civic Engagement also serves as a clearinghouse and think tank for outreach programs in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Civic Engagement promotes and encourages opportunities for community service and service-learning that enhance student learning and advance community development while responding to societal issues and concerns.

Blood Drive

- 351 Blood Drive Participants in 2015-2016
- 876 Lives Saved

78 Students participated in Panther Breakaway trips in 2015-2016.
- 62% of Breakaway participants were new to service projects with the OCE prior to the trip.
- 79% of participants were female
- 21% of participants were male

University Strategic Plan Goals

4. Be a leader in understanding the complex challenges of cities and developing effective solutions.

Student Affairs Focus Areas

- Cultural Competence
- Student Development
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Student Conduct

- Supports Panther values
- Helps students build collaborative relationships
- Models self advocacy and involvement
- Helps students navigate university settings

Student Advocacy

- Student advocacy assists students in navigating the university and accessing critical on-campus services.

428 GENERAL CONDUCT incidents were reported in fiscal year 2016, a decrease of 30.4% from 2015.

87 ALCOHOL INCIDENTS were reported, also a significant decrease.

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2. Increase the number of students completing their degrees within the expected timeframe.

3. Be a leader in understanding the complex challenges of cities and developing effective solutions.

New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation is the official Georgia State University undergraduate student orientation program and is designed to introduce new students to the unique world of Georgia State. The goal of orientation is to deliver innovative student programs that promote learning and success. Several orientation options are provided to meet students’ needs and schedules including one day and two day orientation programs for incoming freshman students and one day and one half day orientation programs for transfer students. A special parent and guest orientation program runs concurrently with all student programs.

5,509 PARTICIPANTS attended orientation in 2015-16.

Embark

The Embark program provides direct support for students experiencing homelessness and in foster care. It seeks to contribute to the university’s goal of increased progression towards graduation. Embark addresses students’ need for stable housing, a basic necessity that is crucial for student success, and partners with student food pantry to serve students dealing with food insecurities.

EMBARK has served 40% more students than projected.

Parents Association

The Parents Association provides parents and families of Georgia State students with a special connection to the university, giving them an opportunity to remain actively involved with their students as they journey through the college experience together. It strengthens connections by providing publications, programming and a variety of opportunities for members to become involved with university life.

156 NEW MEMBERS joined in fiscal year 2016.

Student Affairs Focus Areas

- Diversity
- Student Development
- Cultural Competence
- Student Progression
Disability Services

Disability Services provides resources for students with permanent disabilities and strives to create an accessible community where people are assessed on their ability, not their disability; provides individuals with the tools by which they can accomplish their educational and career goals; and provides equal access to students with disabilities. Disability Services collaborates with administrators, faculty and staff to ensure that reasonable and appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities are provided and assists in achieving access to its programs, services and facilities.

Scholarships

$30,600 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

- Margaret A. Staton Scholarship totaling $22,900 awarded to 7 recipients
- Bennet A. Brown Scholarship totaling $7,700 awarded to 3 recipients

Registered Disabilities

- Attention-Deficit: 27%
- Psychological Disorders: 25%
- Learning Disabilities: 14%
- Chronic Medical Conditions: 20%
- Mobility Disorders: 5%
- Autism Spectrum: 3%
- Blind & Visually Impaired: 2%
- Acquired Brain Injury: <1%
- Deaf & Hard of Hearing: 4%
- Using Sign Language Interpreter: 1%

Accommodation Requests

- 756 students are REGISTERED with Disability Services
- 233 students sought Disability Services in Summer 2015 - Spring 2016
- 87% of students who sought Disability Services COMPLETED the intake appointment to finalize accommodations

2.5% INCREASE since the 2015 academic year.

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Student Affairs Focus Areas

- Diversity
- Student Progression
- Cultural Competence
Leadership Development encourages students to connect, engage and lead within diverse communities, while providing them with an environment where they can develop their leadership style. Collaborative opportunities help students practice and hone their leadership skills and teach them to articulate the transferable skills gained through their collegiate experiences.

Student Organizations

More than 400 chartered student organizations offer Georgia State University students a wide variety of involvement opportunities. From community service and cultural groups to political and recreational groups, these student organizations reflect a vast array of interests. In addition to providing students with a connection to others with like interests, active involvement in student organizations also offers opportunities for students to gain valuable leadership skills by serving as an officer or planning events and programs.

New Organizations Chartered in 2016

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Program & Events Attendance

- **Student Leadership Series**: 142, 1,098
- **Custom Training Presentations**: 528
- **Coffee Talks**: 177
- **Lead Team Events**: 23
- **Coaching Sessions**: 240
- **Emerging Leader Sessions**: 575
- **Classroom Presentations**: 1,424
- **Free Hug Project**: 269
- **Leadership in the City**: 33
- **National Leader Programs**: 488
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Student Affairs Focus Areas

- Student Progression
- Student Development
- Diversity
- Cultural Competence
Involvement in Greek Life at Georgia State University gives students the opportunity to experience leadership development, serve in the local Atlanta and campus community, network with alumni to form career opportunities and make lifelong friendships. Greek Life organizations support academic endeavors through such activities as tutoring, study sessions and incentive programs, including scholarships and awards for academic success and academic improvement.

Greek Life supports the success of students in social fraternities and sororities chartered at Georgia State University within four councils: Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). The department also provides advisement to the Greek Council and collaborates closely with University Housing in the management of Greek Housing. The Greek community consisted of 31 chapters with a total membership of 1,038 students during the Fall 2015 semester and 1,015 students during the Spring 2016 semester.

Greek Life facilitated and co-sponsored over 50 programs and activities which were attended by approximately 8,807 total participants. All councils combined recruited 630 new members (2.7% of the undergraduate full-time student population).

Involvement in Greek Life:
- Increases students’ chances of graduating
- Enhances their overall academic achievement
- Raises satisfaction with the college experience

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Student Affairs Focus Areas
- Student Progression
- Student Development
- Diversity
- Cultural Competence
The Multicultural Center supports Georgia State University’s mission of educating students to participate in a global economy with individuals different from themselves. To assist students in successfully engaging in this global process, the Multicultural Center provides opportunities for intentional, meaningful programming and dialogue to assist students to learn more about themselves and others. The Multicultural Center is a place where every member of Georgia State University’s diverse community can come and share in the promotion of cross-cultural interaction, awareness, communication, dialogue and mutual learning.

2,487** PEOPLE** used the Multicultural Center in this fiscal year, a **61.65% INCREASE** over the previous year.

1,243** STUDENTS** combined attended Multicultural Center Events

200% **INCREASE** in attendance for Multicultural Programming Council events

74 **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS** sponsored activities in the center

### Did You Know?

The Multicultural Center premiered its new library checkout system, enabling members of the Georgia State University community to borrow resources from the center’s library using their Panther ID card.

### Multicultural Program Attendance

(by number of students in attendance)

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5. Achieving distinction in globalizing the university.

### Student Affairs Focus Areas

- Cultural Competence
- Diversity
- Student Progression
- Student Development
The Counseling and Testing Center, accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services (I.A.C.S), provides a wide range of counseling, testing, psychiatric and holistic health services to support students as they work to reach their educational goals. The primary goal of the Counseling and Testing Center is to support Georgia State University students in achieving their personal and educational goals by enhancing their mental and emotional health, interpersonal relationships and academic performance through accessible, professional, culturally competent and empirically supported services. The Counseling and Testing Center is committed to promoting inclusion, with services designed to provide respectful treatment to students of every background.

The total number of Counseling and Testing appointments in 2015-2016 was more than the 2013-14 academic year.

10,386

Student Health Promotion

Student Health Promotion provides services, events, programs and partnerships that increase health literacy, healthy communication and healthy choices for Georgia State University students. This is accomplished by campus-wide outreach events and small group workshops targeting alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, health and safety, nutrition, healthy sexuality and violence prevention.

Student Victim Assistance

Student Victim Assistance provides advocacy, resources and support to students who have been victimized by crime. Specific services include, but are not limited to: crisis intervention, exploration of options, safety planning, hospital and court accompaniment, assistance in obtaining protective orders, support through criminal justice and university judicial processes, referrals, assistance and support in providing accommodations, providing resources and information and 24-hour advocacy and support.

One of the primary contributions of the Student Health Clinic to the institutional mission is the facilitation of students meeting the immunization requirement of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The clinic staff correctly input over 8,000 immunization records to facilitate the smooth enrollment of students at Georgia State University, and next year this will be completed through the electronic medical records data base which will interface with Banner, saving students time and the need to travel to campus.

13,042

PATIENTS SERVED

in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
Recreational Services is a leader in recreational programs among urban universities serving a diverse student body. Recreational Services promotes healthy lifestyles through exceptional recreational programs, services and facilities. Unique activities and programs offered at the Atlanta campus, the Indian Creek Recreation area and Lodge and Perimeter College include: aquatics and safety; instructional clinics and fitness classes; sports clubs; special events such as an annual golf tournament; and Touch the Earth.

Recreational Services continued sustainability practices throughout the Student Recreation Center which strengthened and supported students' engagement with sustainability. Water bottle filling stations minimized plastic bottle waste by projected 236,618 sixteen ounce water bottles.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- **Number of entries:** 461,134
- **Daily average:** 1,473
- **Days open:** 313

**Program Participation**

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- Student Development
- Diversity

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Student Center

The Student Center is the hub of student activity at Georgia State University and a focal point for the social, recreational and cultural life of the diverse campus community. Comprised of two buildings, Student Center East and Student Center West, the center is home to many student services and opportunities for involvement and entertainment on campus. The Student Center houses a wide range of student resources that promote student growth and development, enhances academic success, assists with university services and fosters involvement in the university community.

Spotlight Programs Board

Spotlight Programs Board is a university sponsored, student driven organization that coordinates activities to enhance and enrich the quality of student life at Georgia State. Spotlight provides social, cultural, educational and entertainment events on campus.

The Spotlight Programs Board merger with Campus Events resulted in the creation of 11 committees and 2 officer positions. New areas of programming for Spotlight included an Arts and Culture committee which planned various events such as the International Food Truck Festivals and Graffiti Jam, an expressive spray painting event and the Panthers at Woodruff program. The new Panther Nation highlighted support for athletic programs by having football tailgates, rivalry week and pre-game entertainment.

Lastly, Spotlight continued programming across the Atlanta area with the creation of a Pounce Around Atlanta committee that produced events like Blue at the Zoo, Botanical Gardens and Six Flags.

In the past year, Spotlight planned and executed 103 events in which 20 events generated revenue from ticket sales. Contributing an additional $250,000 worth of more programs for Georgia State students.

Student Media

Six Organizations:
- Album 88
- Digital Media Group
- GSTV
- New South
- The Signal
- Underground

These groups provide students with opportunities in audio, video, print journalism and literature.

Student Engagement

- Spotlight
- Student Media
- Student Government
- Student Employment
- Student Leaders

Services

- Discount Tickets
- Locker Rentals
- Banking, Vending
- Dining
- Reservations

College Union Survey

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Student Affairs Focus Areas

- Diversity
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University Housing

University Housing provides quality on-campus housing to enhance students' personal growth and development. This goal is accomplished by offering modern, safe and secure facilities, opportunities for intellectual and social engagement and purposeful interactions between residents and staff.

Housing focuses on five main areas:
- Residence Life
- Housing Operations
- Conference Services
- Facilities
- IT Services

University Housing employs over 200 students across all of the residence halls. Students in these positions serve as resident assistants, programming assistants, FYRE mentors and student assistants. Students develop valuable life skills such as leadership, time management and cultural competence. Students who serve in these positions often demonstrate higher academic success and have a higher retention rate.

98.0% indicated LEADERSHIP development improvement

90.2% indicated COLLABORATE better with others

96.9% indicated engaged with COMMUNITY

96.9% indicated understand the values and perspectives of the SOCIAL CHANGE MODEL

1,152 beds indicate an increase for the growing population of students who reside on campus.

The continuing development of on-campus housing allows Georgia State University to keep up with its significant growth while building a cohesive and unified community on campus.

Living-Learning

Living-learning communities (LLCs) offer dedicated and distinctive themed living options to University Housing residents. All the LLCs are carefully planned and supported by University Housing staff and members of the community. They offer a sense of community through programs, conversations and faculty interaction centered on the member's interest. Since all of the members share interest in their community's theme, members can expect to build genuine relationships and lifelong friends.

Participants in LLCs in the last academic year:
- Exploring Leadership: 51
- Exploring Life in the Big City: 35
- Global Living: 24
- Honors: 177
- Language: 27
- Outdoor Adventure: 50
- Pre-Nursing: 25
- Sophomores Achieving in Life (SAIL): 50
- Social Issues: 16
- STEM: 26

Student Employment

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104 Resident Assistants
10 Programming Specialists
20 FYRE Mentors
6 Residence Hall Association Leaders
94 Student Assistants

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