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## THE VISION AND MISSION OF SOUTH GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE



### VISION

South Georgia State College will be a student-centered institution that produces life-long learners well equipped to succeed in a diverse global society.

### MISSION

South Georgia State College, a state college of the University System of Georgia, is a multi-campus, student-centered institution offering high-quality associate and select baccalaureate degree programs. The institution provides innovative teaching and learning experiences, a rich array of student activities and athletic programs, access to unique ecological sites, and residential options to create a diverse, globally-focused, and supportive learning environment.

*Current Mission was approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia May 8, 2012.*

## **HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE**

Agricultural and Mechanical (A&M) schools were forerunners of many of Georgia's University System schools. Founded in 1906 as the Eleventh District A&M School, South Georgia College is recognized as the oldest publicly supported two-year college in Georgia and has a long and distinguished history, rich in the tradition of serving the people of the Southeast.

For two decades, the Eleventh District A&M School set the pace for the growing number of high schools in the area. In 1927, the Georgia legislature passed a bill elevating the A&M school to junior college status.

In 1932, by legislative enactment, this College and other state-supported institutions of higher learning in Georgia were organized into the University System of Georgia and placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents. As a unit of the University System, South Georgia College (the College's original name) continued its two-year curriculum and adopted its original name in 1937. In 2011 the Board of Regents approved a mission and sector change for the institution, making SGC a State College authorized to offer a limited number of bachelor's degrees.

The original SGC campus, including three buildings constructed in 1907-08, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2010. Now a thriving center for learning, the 190-acre Douglas campus has grown to include approximately twenty academic buildings and numerous athletic facilities.

The Clower Student Center, housed in SGC's 1930s gymnasium, has won numerous awards from the state for historic preservation. The Wellness Center boasts a junior Olympic-sized indoor swimming pool, a basketball gym, and weight-lifting room. Renovation created a new Dining Hall with space for a collegiate store, a coffee shop, and convenience store. One of the few two-year institutions with campus housing, SGC constructed two contemporary residence halls, known as Tiger Village I and Tiger Village II. Outdoor facilities include a baseball stadium, a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, and fields for softball and soccer.

On January 10, 2012, the Board of Regents approved the consolidation of South Georgia College and Waycross College, an associate degree granting institution within the city limits of Waycross that first offered classes in September 1976. The Waycross campus, located on a tract of approximately 150 acres abundant with flora native to southeast Georgia, includes five main buildings: an Administrative Building with classrooms, laboratories, conference rooms, a library, a student commons area, and faculty offices; an Educational Building with classrooms, computer labs, an auditorium, and faculty offices; the James M. Dye Student Services building with offices for admissions, student records, financial aid, and student life, as well as an Academic Support Center, a STEM Center, a commons area, a conference room, and a bookstore; a Physical Education Building with a gymnasium, classrooms, athletic offices, locker facilities, and a fitness/wellness room; and a Physical Plant that facilitates maintenance of the campus.

The Board of Regents approved the name South Georgia State College for the consolidated institution on August 7, 2012. On January 8, 2013, the Board of Regents adopted the resolution authorizing the newly consolidated baccalaureate institution, SGSC.

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## LOCATION

South Georgia State College is located on two campuses. The Douglas campus is home to a warm and friendly southeastern Georgia community with a growing population of some 11,000 citizens. The center of the city is within walking distance from the campus, and many shops and restaurants border the campus. The Waycross campus, established in 1976, is on the western edge of Waycross, a progressive, business-friendly community with a population exceeding 14,000 citizens and a major transportation hub in the state's southeastern quadrant. The climate in Douglas and Waycross is moderate year-round.

Geographically, South Georgia State College is situated near the Georgia coast. The Douglas campus is no more than 90 miles west of Brunswick and the Golden Isles, 150 miles northeast of the Gulf of Mexico, 120 miles northwest of Jacksonville, Florida, and 200 miles south of Atlanta; the Waycross campus is no more than 60 miles west of Brunswick and the Golden Isles, 140 miles northeast of the Gulf of Mexico, 75 miles northwest of Jacksonville, Florida, and 250 miles southeast of Atlanta.

The Douglas campus of South Georgia State College is easily accessible via U.S. Highways 221 and 441 and Georgia Highways 32, 135, and 158. The Waycross campus is located on U.S. Highway 82, near U.S. Highway 1 and U.S. Highway 84. Interstates I-16, I-75, and I-95 service southeast Georgia.

South Georgia State College also offers courses on the campuses of Georgia Southwestern State University and Valdosta State University through entry programs that prepare students for sophomore-level courses at the respective senior institution. High school students may take courses for dual enrollment credit through the Move On When Ready program in partnership with area high schools.

A unique feature of South Georgia State College is its location in the heart of South Georgia's outdoor recreation area. Within a 30-mile radius, one can experience the finest in fishing, hunting, camping, canoeing, and waterskiing. Each campus is also in close proximity to four major rivers, the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, and four wildlife management reservations. In addition, the Atlantic Ocean with its beautiful beaches is only 50 to 90 minutes away.