



A UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

PRESIDENT

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Presidential Search and Screen Committee invite nominations and applications for the position of President of Gordon State College.

Gordon State College, a residential state college in the University System of Georgia, is located in Barnesville, approximately 55 miles south of Atlanta and 35 miles north of Macon. Barnesville is a vibrant small town in middle Georgia with a population of approximately 6800. The College has a rich history of education that began in 1832 and has since grown to its current vital role in regional higher education. Gordon State College had a distinguished history as a military college and joined the University System of Georgia in 1972, with a new name: Gordon Junior College. Since Gordon joined the university system, it has undergone tremendous growth and change. Designated a state college in 2006, its current enrollment is approximately 4,000 students, with 1,000 students residing on campus. The college offers 12 bachelor degree programs and 16 associate program degrees.

The college offers small classes, personalized learning, and focuses on student success. Gordon has a dedicated staff and mainly Ph.D. credentialed faculty, and together they provide a superior education for our students at an affordable price. Gordon State College was recently reaccredited by SACSCOC. The College's nursing program is rated as one of the top programs in the state based on first-time success in state licensing examinations. The Associate of Science in Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. The School of Education holds developmental accreditation from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and has national accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The college's beautiful campus encompasses approximately 235 acres with a state-of-the-art Nursing and Allied Health Sciences building, Smith Hall dedicated to training future educators, Student Center and dining hall, residence halls, and Alumni Affairs house. In 2015, the 56,000 square foot Student Recreation and Activity Center opened and in 2016 the campus celebrated the newly renovated Dorothy Hightower Collaborative Learning Center and Library. Gordon State College students compete in intercollegiate sports and are offered student life activities. The College's Foundation endowment exceeds \$9.8 million.

Despite its many changes from past to present, Gordon has held onto its roots. Though it is a larger school today, it maintains a small-college feel. Gordon State College is as committed to fulfilling the community's educational needs today as it was when it opened its doors more than 180 years ago.

The College's mission statement: To provide an exceptional education through innovative teaching and engaged learning for the benefit of the world in which we live.

The College's core values: Gordon State College LEARNS: Life-long scholarship, Engagement, Accessibility, Respect, Nurture, and Service

The successful candidate will offer these preferred characteristics:

- Variety of experiences within academia
- Demonstrates collaborative and transparent leadership
- Ability to build and foster teams
- Commitment to quality teaching and preserving Gordon State's unique personality
- Ability to develop a close relationship with college's stakeholders
- Commitment to shared governance with students, staff, and faculty
- Has a management style that is focused, supportive, and responsive
- Good communication skills
- Notable record of fund-raising and sound fiscal management
- Commitment to promoting diversity

Letters of nomination, applications (letter of interest, resume/CV, and contact information of at least five references), or expressions of interest to be submitted to the firm assisting Gordon State in the search, Parker Executive Search. Confidential review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made. Please direct all inquiries and correspondence to:

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