



Student Affairs

Annual Report 2025-2026

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Highlight: Late Knights@MGA hosted the largest event of the year, welcoming **324** students and engaging **1,301** students total for the year.

Impact: Through innovative programs centered on the 8 Dimensions of Wellness, Student Affairs creates meaningful opportunities for students to build connections, foster belonging, and thrive.

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Highlight: More than **530** students completed over **4,684** hours of community service, strengthening communities while developing a lifelong commitment to civic engagement.

Impact: By serving others, students discover the power of leadership, civic responsibility, and making a meaningful difference in the community

Our Mission: In the Division of Student Affairs, our mission is to enhance the educational experience through engaging co-curricular opportunities and services that support the personal development and professional preparation of students. We pride ourselves on being the hub for student engagement, development and services.

Our Goals: Promote diverse opportunities for involvement and development; provide opportunities for developing leadership skills; promote opportunities for civic engagement and service; and develop collaborative partnerships on and off campus.

MGA Mission: Middle Georgia State University educates and graduates inspired, lifelong learners whose scholarship and careers enhance the region through professional leadership, innovative partnerships, and community engagement.

Institutional Vision: We transform individuals and their communities through extraordinary higher learning.

Our Values: Stewardship, Engagement, Adaptability, Learning

STUDENT AFFAIRS

BY THE NUMBERS

2025-2026 IMPACT

Student Affairs creates meaningful experiences that support belonging, promote well-being, and prepare students for lifelong success.



44,413

TOTAL STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Across programs, services, and events institutionally

85,314

TOTAL WELLNESS CENTER VISITS

Promoting physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing

838

CAREER FAIR STUDENT CONNECTIONS CREATED

With employers and graduate programs

\$165K

COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPACT VALUE

Strengthening communities & building a culture of service



OUR IMPACT ACROSS THE DIVISION



ENGAGEMENT

Building Connections
Creating Belonging

4,492

UNIQUE EVENT ATTENDEES

8% increase over last year

65

CLUBS & GREEK ORGS

Hosted 243 events

2,727

STUDENT LIFE ATTENDEES

14% increase over last year

5,316

INTRAMURAL PARTICIPANTS

25% increase over last year

WELLBEING

Supporting Health
Enhancing Lives

1,829

TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES VISITS

29% increase over last year

2,355

COUNSELING & ACCOMMODATIONS

Appointments, services, & events

1,512

TESTS ADMINISTERED

Through Testing Services

1,061

SERVED THROUGH KNIGHTS TABLE

Requests & visits up 41%

SUCCESS

Preparing Today
Achieving Tomorrow

83%

CCLD RETENTION RATE

For students engaged in career services

3.25

STUDENT-ATHLETE GPA

Up from 3.16 last year

357

STUDENT LEADERS DEVELOPED

Through the Student Leadership Programs & the Annual Conference

2.86

RESIDENTIAL STUDENT GPA

Up from 2.76 last year

ATHLETICS



THE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS IS COMMITTED TO THE ENRICHMENT OF OUR INSTITUTION, OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE. WE FURTHER THE MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY BY PROVIDING A COMPETITIVE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAM AND SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENT-ATHLETES WHILE PREPARING THEM FOR LIFE AFTER ATHLETICS.



23
CSC
ALL-DISTRICT
SELECTIONS



111
PBC
HONOR ROLL
RECIPIENTS



28
PBC
ALL-ACADEMIC
AWARDS



7 TEAMS
COMPETED IN
PBC
CHAMPIONSHIPS



3.25
STUDENT
ATHLETE
GPA



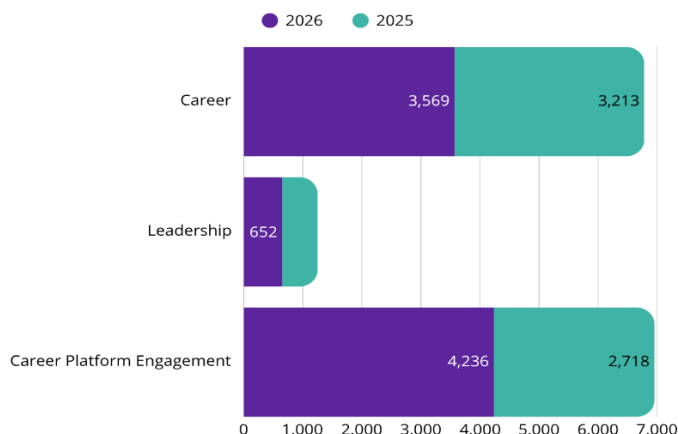
Center for Career & Leadership Development

2025 -2026 Annual Report

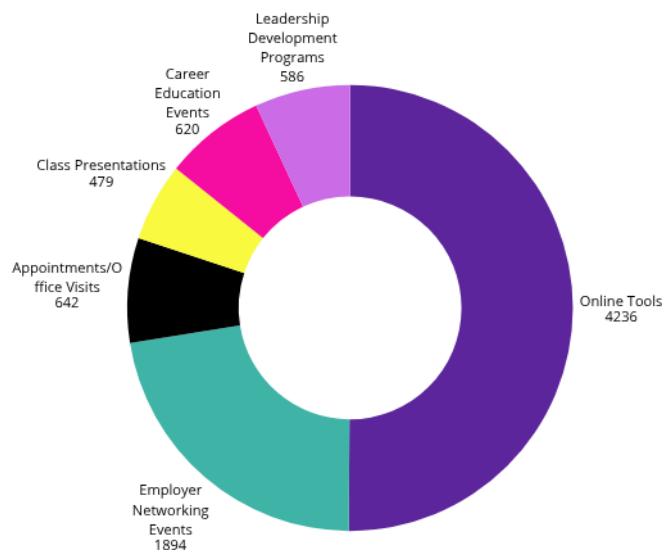
Unit Purpose: Our mission is to provide innovative, student-centered services, programs, and connection opportunities that prepare and empower students to identify, build, and articulate career and leadership competencies needed to enhance their local and global communities as professionals, leaders, and lifelong learners.

Total Participations in 2026

Compared to 2025, student participation in all CCLD programs, events, and office advising and service visits increased by 10% and online platform engagement usage increased by 55%.



How Students Engage with the CCLD



Career & Leadership Engagement and Student Retention

83% of students who used the CCLD in Fall 2024, returned for Fall 2025 or graduated (appointments and events/programs only)



INTERNSHIPS

171 Internships Reported to CCLD

146: Academic Internships Reported by Students & Faculty
19: Knights@Work Non-Credit Program with CCLD
6: Non-Academic but did not participate in Knights@Work

31 Knights@Work Employer Partners

106 Academic & Non-Academic Credit Interns Completed the Reflection Survey

100% felt more prepared for the workforce after their internship

100% said they got a realistic preview of their field of interest

59% were offered a position by their internship site

Top Employers for 2025/2026

Hiring 7+ graduates

1. Middle Georgia State University
2. Atrium Health Navicent
3. Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex/RAFB/DoD/Various Units
4. Emory Healthcare
5. Piedmont Healthcare
6. Bibb County Board of Education
7. Bleckley County Schools
8. Delta Airlines, Inc.
9. HCA Healthcare/Fairview Park Hospital
10. Houston County Board of Education

MGA First Destination Survey 2025/2026;
44% response rate (as of 6.26.2026)

I learned a lot more about things I've been working on, like how to consider making decisions that get me out of my comfort zone, how to do things at my own pace with baby steps, and how to conduct myself in interviews, as well as how to properly define my resume to achieve maximum results.

— Career Advising Survey Response

Student Leadership Programs 2025/2026

Emerging Leaders

28 students completed full year

“Emerging Leaders showed me how important it is to collaborate effectively with a group of people to make decisions. Being a leader is not always simple and you must be prepared to make hard decisions under a time crunch but the sessions taught us how to think critically in serious situations.”

Emerging Leaders Upper-Level Program
Student Learning Outcome Response

Knights LEAD

18 students completed full year

“Knights LEAD impacted my mindset about how to be a leader who is inclusive, encouraging and resource-sharing. I learned the importance of humility and initiative during my time in Knights LEAD.”

Knights LEAD First Year Program
Student Learning Outcome Response

Student Leadership Program Highlights

Data Compared to AY2025



6%

Students participating in Knights LEAD & Emerging Leaders



9%

Total student participations for all Student Leadership Programs



2%

Student Leadership Challenge Participation



132

Student Leadership Conference Participation



225

Unique student participants across all Student Leadership Programs

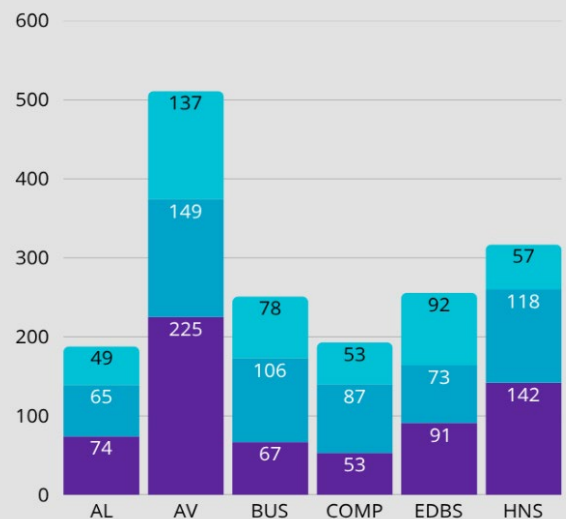
Student Leadership Program Participation

Data Compared to AY 2025

Student Leadership Program Participation

Aviation and Health & Natural Sciences participated the most in 2026 (students may be represented multiple times)

2026 2025 2024



Students who actively participated in all Fall 2025 sessions of Knights LEAD and Emerging Leaders were invited to participate in the Corporate Tour to Warner Brothers in the spring.



In the fall, iLEAD partnered with Student Life and led the first-ever leadership training for RSO Executive Board Members.

COUNSELING AND ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES



"My counselor listened and didn't judge. They helped me find better ways to handle everything that was going on and still stay on top of my classes."



What We've Accomplished 2025-2026

Unique Counseling Clients: 228

Number of Counseling Appointments: 1202

Served through Accommodations: 183

Participated in Outreach Events: 970

Housing & Residence Life

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

289: Total number of attended events

60: Average number of attendees

PROGRAMMING BREAKDOWN

Social

129

Educational/ Life Skills

60

Academic Support

45

Knight Talk

55

Knightly Connections

330

MOVE-IN EXPERIENCE

- Over 1100 students moved in during move-in weekend
- 85% overall satisfaction with move-in

STUDENT SUCCESS

- The percentage of residential freshmen in good academic standing increased by 5.3% compared to Spring 2025.
- The percentage of residential freshmen who were suspended decreased by 4.6%.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION/HIGHLIGHTS

- Festival of Noble Knights recognized with Georgia Gee Whiz award at 2025 Georgia Housing Officers conference
- HRL represented at Georgia Housing Officers, Georgia College Personnel Association, GRASS, and NASPA-GA conferences.
- Offered first HRL Family Day event in October 2025

Mission: Housing & Residence Life is committed to providing a respectful environment that is caring, positive, and safe. We build a supportive community that welcomes all students. We provide lasting connections that encourage leadership, personal growth, and academic success.



RECREATION & WELLNESS



OUR MISSION

The Office of Recreation and Wellness supports the educational mission of the University through student learning and development by providing quality and comprehensive programs and services that enhance the well-being of members of our campus and surrounding communities.



Intramural Flag Football



Intramural Basketball



85,314

VISITS TO THE
Wellness Center
IN FY 2025-2026



INTRAMURALS

FY25 → FY26

4,264

FY25

5,316

FY26



25%

INCREASE!

PROGRAMMING PARTICIPANTS



2,436

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
IN FY 2025-2026



**STRONGER
TOGETHER.**

Thank you to our
students, staff, and
community for making
wellness a priority!

HIGHLIGHTS



Hosted the first annual MGA Day on the Cochran campus featuring swimming, kickball/sand volleyball, and Zumba.



Hosted Macon vs Cochran championship games for basketball and football.



Collaborated with several MGA departments for successful events!

STUDENT CARE

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT & CARE

UNIT PURPOSE

To provide focused care and support to individual students and their needs by providing guidance, resources, and referrals both on and off campus to promote student well-being and campus safety.

STUDENTS ASSISTED

Total Cases:

307

Year-over-Year Growth:



+58%

Breakdown of Cases

161

Care

61% increase

28

Embark

15% decrease

46

SEAL Cases

77% increase

72

Single Stop

18% increase



**KNIGHTS
TABLE**

**Food Bag
Requests**

205

23% increase

**In Person
Visits**

856

47% increase

CARE METRICS

SEAL Funds Awarded:

\$20,816.63

Single Stop Avg. Eligibility:

\$21,155

Knights' Table Food Insecurity Risk Level

Mild

29%

Moderate

45%

Elevated

26%

Presenting Issues:

Financial Insecurity
Housing Insecurity
Academic Stress
Welfare Check
Medical Concerns
Food Insecurity

**% of
Cases**

37%
19%
16%
14%
12%
12%

HIGHLIGHTS

- Received \$36,663 in grant funding from Embark GA, Swipe Out Hunger, & Wal-Mart.
- Raised \$5,500 in donations to the Knights' Table on Giving Tuesday.
- Expanded the Knights' Table by moving to a bigger space, adding refrigerators & freezers, and winning a refrigerated locker.
- Started Pantry Talk a video series designed to promote awareness and engagement surrounding student needs.

Student Feedback on Care Services

"The SEAL Fund gave me the peace of mind and stability I needed to stay focused on my goals. It reminded me that there are people who genuinely care about students' success and want to see us achieve our dreams. This experience has made me more grateful, motivated, and determined to finish strong."

ASSESSMENT & CARE TEAM (ACT)

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT & CARE

UNIT PURPOSE

ACT is an interdisciplinary team that focuses on identification, assessment, management, reduction and prevention of behavioral concerns that may impact the safety and well-being of Middle Georgia State University's community. ACT follows standards put forth by the National Association for Behavioral Intervention and Threat Assessment (NaBITA). This report aligns with NaBITA's requirements for annual reporting of behavioral intervention teams.

STUDENTS ASSISTED

Total Cases:

74

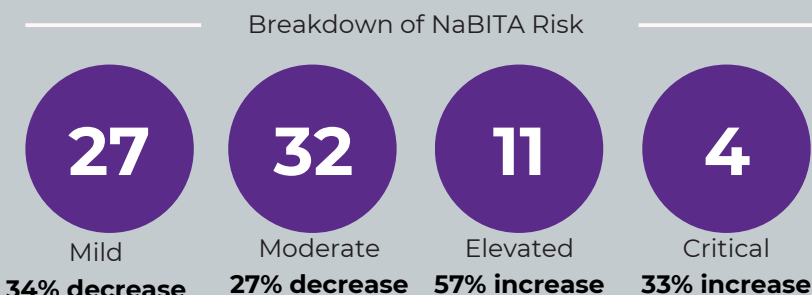
Year-over-Year Change:



-26%

Trainings Conducted:

ACT Back Up Training



Structured Interview of Violence Risk Assessment (SIVRA)

5

Violence Risk Assessment of the Written Word (VRAWW)

2

ACT METRICS



Male

34%



Female

66%

Classification

Freshman

56%

SO

18%

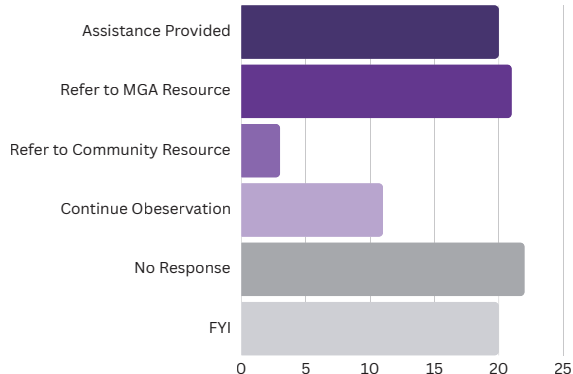
JR

16%

SR

10%

Case Outcomes



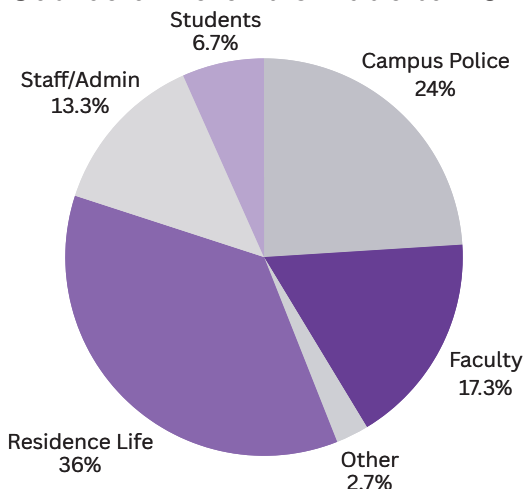
*One case may have multiple outcomes and be included in more than one category

Presenting Issues:

% of Cases

Medical Calls	33%
Diff Managing	16%
Emotions Academic	16%
Stress Welfare Check	15%
Suicidal Ideation	12%
Conflict	11%

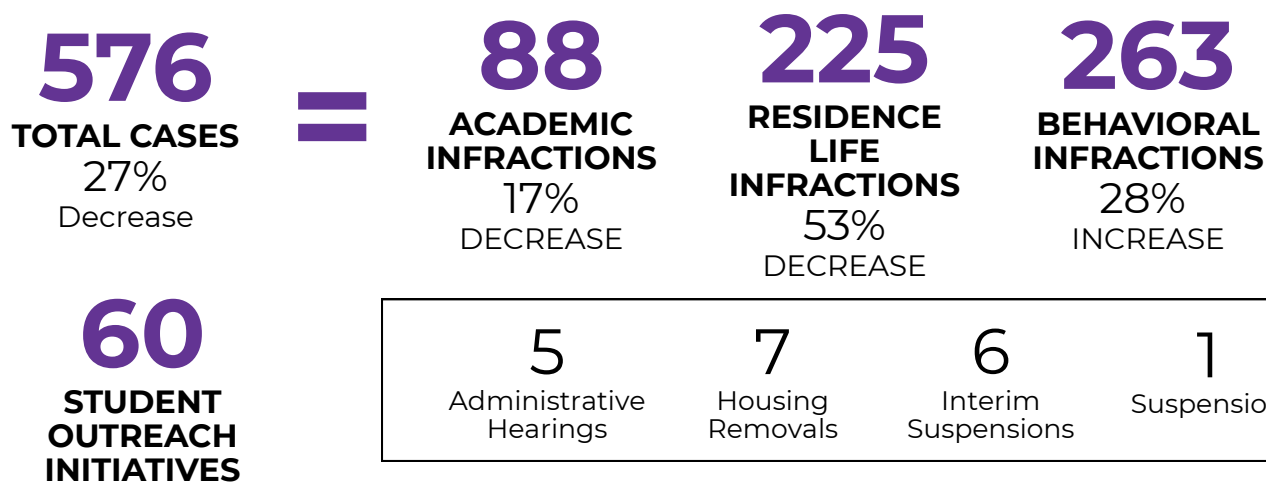
Source of Referrals Made to ACT



Student Conduct

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT & CARE

Our purpose is to challenge students' development by teaching responsibility, accountability, civility, and integrity through a holistic and educational student approach, balancing the rights and safety of individual students and the collective MGA community.



Most cases are resolved through education, accountability, and support that helps students learn and grow. Balancing accountability with supports to promote a safe, respectful, and inclusive community for all Knights.

INVESTING IN OUR PROFESSION



Dr. Michael Stewart was awarded the University System of Georgia Student Affairs Champion Award for his exceptional leadership and commitment to student success.



Trevion Burks presented at the 2025 GCPA Conference, received the Paul K. Jahr Award of Excellence, co-presented at the 2026 ASCA Conference, and facilitated professional development for campus partners.



Jeffrey Jackson earned the Hazing Investigator Certification, presented "Life After Housing" to MGA Housing & Residence Life staff.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Healthy Knights. Stronger Futures.

We provide preventative health care and consultations that minimize the impact of illness so students can stay well and succeed.



BY THE NUMBERS

1,823

Record
Number of
Patient
Encounters

277

Individual New
Patients
Receiving Care on
Campus for the
First Time

520 +

Attendees
Reached Through
Campus Health
Outreach
Opportunities

19

Nursing Students
Supervised While
Obtaining Clinical
Hours During Health
Fairs

10

Health Events Hosted
and Participated in
Through Several
Campus
Collaborations

*What Our Patients Are
Saying ...*

"I really appreciate your help and support really meant a lot... I really appreciate all the words of encouragement throughout the process."

"They were very quick to get me an appointment, and the NP was very kind and helpful."

"My health is key to my academic and leadership success here at MGA."

CARE



PREVENT



SUPPORT



OUR IMPACT

The Health Clinic is more than a place to get care – it's a partner in student success. By keeping students healthy, informed, and supported, we help them stay in class, meet their goals, and thrive at MGA.

STUDENT LIFE

at Middle Georgia State University

The Office of Student Life at Middle Georgia State University enriches the student experience by creating opportunities for involvement, leadership, service, and connection beyond the classroom. Through campus traditions, student organizations, volunteer initiatives, and engaging programs, we foster a welcoming community where students develop meaningful relationships, discover their strengths, and cultivate a lasting sense of belonging. By empowering students to lead, serve, and grow, we help prepare them to make a positive impact on campus and in the communities they will serve.



Registered Student Organizations

- ✓ 42 RSO's Renewed Status Fall 2025
- ✓ 13 New RSOs Registered Fall 2025
- ✓ 7 New RSOs Registered Spring 2026

We offered the 1st ever RSO Leadership Training Workshop in partnership with CCLD's iLead Peer Mentors on October 3, 2025

"I have truly enjoyed my time being involved with Student Life. Helping plan and host events has pushed me outside of my comfort zone and allowed me to meet so many new people. Through these experiences, I've built meaningful friendships and felt a stronger connection to campus.

One of my favorite experiences was the Homecoming kickoff at Rigby's. Getting to play a few holes of mini golf with Duke was a blast, and spending time playing laser tag and arcade games with my friends made it even more memorable.

-Ashlynn Lippens



"Student Life has shaped my college experience by encouraging me to say 'yes' to opportunities I never imagined myself having. Alternative Spring Break was one of the most meaningful experiences because it allowed me to serve families at Give Kids the World Village while also documenting the trip through the Student Life Instagram takeover. I loved highlighting not only the service we were doing, but also the unique perspectives of my fellow students. I've built lasting friendships, connected with incredible mentors, and gained the confidence to step into leadership roles across campus. Some of my favorite MGA memories happened because Student Life taught me that the greatest impact often comes from simply showing up, serving others, and building community together.

-Kanaiya Cornelius



A YEAR OF CONNECTION, GROWTH & IMPACT



WELCOME
New Student Convocation
+ Week of Welcome



ENGAGE
Programs, Trips
+ Events



SERVE
Alternative Breaks
+ Service Fridays



LEAD
Clubs + Organizations
+ Greek Life



BELONG
Community + Traditions





TESTING SERVICES

Creating Access. Removing Barriers

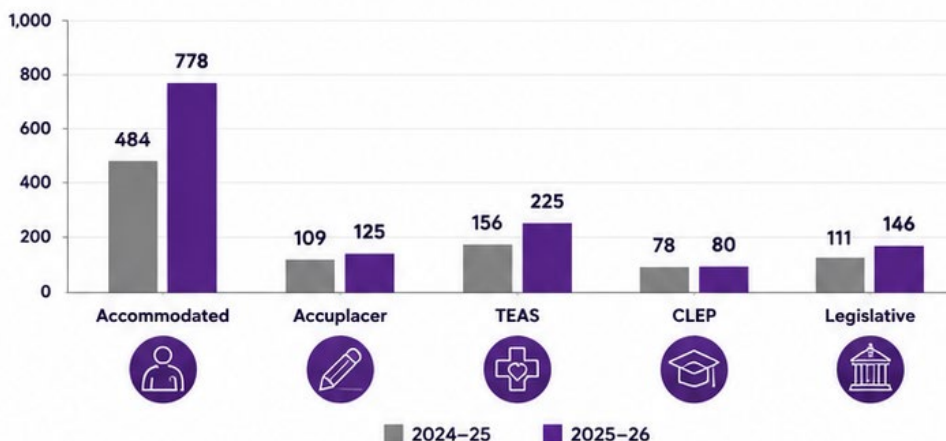
Supporting Student Success



Testing Services is dedicated to enhancing student learning by providing accessible, confidential and comprehensive services to meet the increasing needs of students, faculty, administrators and community members while maintaining integrity.

EXPANDING ACCESS TO TESTING SERVICES

Exams and testing services administered increased across every category from 2024–25 to 2025–26.



YEAR-OVER-YEAR GROWTH

+61%
Accommodated Testing

+44%
TEAS Testing

+32%
Legislative Testing

+15%
Accuplacer Testing

+3%
CLEP Testing



778
students received
accommodated
testing services

61% increase
from 2024–25

THE NUMBERS TELL OUR STORY

Testing Services expanded access to essential testing opportunities for students across the university with growth in every testing category.

From providing accommodations that support equitable access to helping students meet admission, placement, and graduation requirements, Testing Services plays a critical role in removing barriers and helping students move forward.

OUR IMPACT



ACCESS

Providing equitable testing opportunities and accommodations that support student success.



PROGRESS

Helping students complete the testing requirements needed to enter programs, advance academically, and graduate.



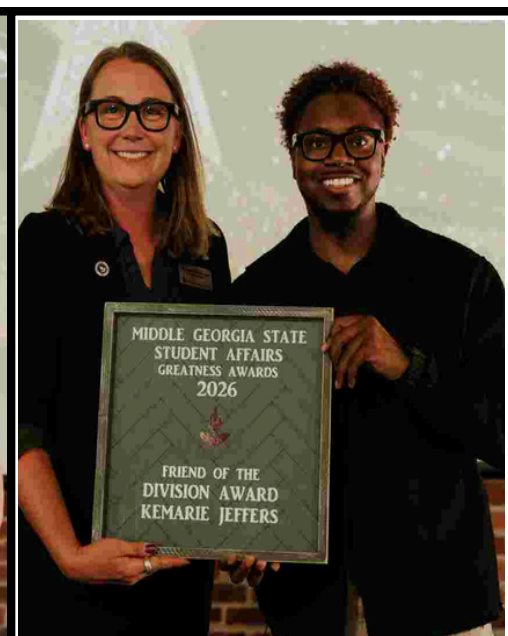
INTEGRITY

Delivering secure, confidential, and reliable testing services for students, faculty, and community members.



12th Annual Greatness Awards

Honoring the great work of our Student Affairs professionals.





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