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Greetings:



Savannah State University welcomes you to the 22nd Annual American Society for Public Administration Georgia Chapter Annual Academic Conference. As your host university, we have carefully planned an engaging experience as you hear from a distinguished lineup of speakers and presenters.

A year ago, the COVID-19 pandemic changed the world, and we all learned how important it is to have individuals in place who are ready and equipped to lead. Public Administration consistently deals with critical issues and how they affect the ever-changing needs of the general population. Analyzing and implementing policy, managing budgets, overseeing expenditures, and effectively communicating to lead the masses are the critical skills that are always needed – now and well into the future.

For over 130 years, we have executed those skills at Savannah State University, and we continue to create strong leaders throughout the world. Our nationally accredited Master of Public

Administration program prepares our students to work and lead in public and nonprofit sectors in Coastal Georgia and beyond. At Savannah State, our faculty engage our diverse student body in community service and research, helping them develop the essential skills for successful public service careers.

This year's theme, "A salute to Public Service: People, Policies, and Programs Making a Difference," is apropos. You and your profession are to be saluted. The work you do now and will continue to do is invaluable.

Thank you for your virtual participation. This conference is vital for your growth and continued learning. Enjoy this experience, and we look forward to welcoming you in person to Savannah and our beautiful campus by the sea.

Best wishes for a successful conference.

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