

2026 University System of Georgia Ethics Awareness Week Kickoff Video

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Welcome to the University System of Georgia's (USG) 2026 Ethics Awareness Week.

As you may know, the purpose of this week is to remind employees of the importance of an ethical culture and of our year-round commitment to compliance with USG policies, as well as state and federal laws.

Central to this awareness campaign are our shared core values of Integrity, Excellence, Accountability and Respect. While we set aside a specific week for this awareness campaign, it is our expectation that USG employees will understand the USG Ethics Policy and incorporate our core values and code of conduct into daily decision-making year-round.

As part of this awareness campaign, each USG institution and the System Office will be taking part in activities to bring awareness to the importance of an ethical culture.

There will also be opportunities for you to engage in system-wide Ethics Awareness Week activities.

These activities include a system-wide Chancellor's event which will be held on Monday, Nov. 2nd, where at 10a.m. Chancellor Sonny Perdue will welcome The Honorable Harold Melton, former Chief Justice for the Supreme Court of Georgia to share with us his insights around When Judgment Matters: Ethics & Leadership in the Real World. We hope you can join us for this event, it will be held at Georgia State University's College of Law in the Ceremonial Courtroom and streamed live through Teams to all USG institutions and other USO locations. There will also be a Panel discussion around Ethics and Compliance best practices titled The Next Chapter: Ethical Leadership in an Innovation Era. That panel will be conducted virtually Friday, November 6th 10 – 11 a.m. Participant certificates will be available for this training.

Being good stewards of the resources entrusted to the USG is a non-negotiable requirement of maintaining the public's trust. To fulfill this requirement, we must incorporate ethical decision-making in all that we do.

Thanks to each of you for all that you do to support an ethical culture and for your work in accomplishing the mission of the USG.