



AUGUSTA
UNIVERSITY

Dean, Hull College of Business



LOOP



THE POSITION

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Augusta University is seeking a Dean of the James M. Hull College of Business. This is a pivotal leadership opportunity for a visionary, entrepreneurial, and collaborative executive to guide the College's continued growth, innovation, and regional impact.

The Dean serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the College and reports directly to the Provost. The role is central to advancing academic excellence, strengthening industry and community partnerships, expanding enrollment, and supporting the University's broader strategic priorities.

Established in 1971 and accredited by AACSB, the Hull College of Business prepares students for successful careers through distinctive academic programs and experiential learning opportunities that provide a competitive advantage in today's marketplace.

The next Dean will steward significant growth in enrollment, curriculum innovation, scholarship, and external engagement while serving as the chief advocate for the College within the University and across the region and state.





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Responsibilities

Strategic Leadership

- Develop and execute a bold, forward-looking vision aligned with university priorities.
- Lead strategic planning and resource allocation to support growth and innovation.
- Advance the College's role in regional economic development and entrepreneurship.

Growth & External Engagement

- Drive enrollment growth and program expansion.
- Attract external resources and philanthropic support.
- Strengthen corporate, industry, and community partnerships.

Academic Excellence

- Promote excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, and service.
- Support faculty success, development, and recruitment.
- Ensure continued strength of AACSB accreditation.

Administrative Oversight

- Oversee operations, policies, and financial management of the College.
- Ensure alignment with the University's strategic plan.
- Serve as chief representative and advocate for the College.



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Qualifications & Skills

The ideal candidate brings the credibility of a respected scholar or seasoned business leader, along with the energy and vision to move the College forward.

They will have:

- An earned doctoral degree in a related field.
- Academic credentials that support appointment as a tenured Professor
- Meaningful leadership experience, whether as a dean, associate dean, chair, or senior executive within the industry.

Beyond the resume

We are seeking a leader who thinks strategically, acts decisively, and understands growth as both an opportunity and a responsibility. This individual understands how to balance academic excellence with market relevance, builds trust naturally, and leads through collaboration rather than hierarchy. They are comfortable fundraising, cultivating partnerships, and representing the College externally, while confidently managing the complexity of budgets, people, and competing priorities without losing sight of the bigger picture. Most importantly, the next Dean will inspire faculty, connect authentically with students, engage alumni and industry leaders, and position the Hull College of Business for a bold and successful next chapter.



About Augusta University

Augusta University was founded on December 10, 1828, as the Medical Academy of Georgia and renamed the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) five years later. As the city of Augusta grew and expanded over the centuries to meet the needs of the community, other institutions were born, each creating its own legacy. In 1996, Augusta College became Augusta State University. In 2011, MCG became Georgia Health Sciences University to reflect its broad mission across the health sciences. In 2013, building on their respective legacies, Georgia Health Sciences University and Augusta State University became one.

In December 2015, that institution became Augusta University. Augusta University is a public research university and medical center dedicated to training the next generation of innovators, leaders and health care providers. It is one of only four public research universities in the state of Georgia and the only one with a nationally recognized academic health center.





CAMPUSES

Health Sciences Campus – is located in downtown Augusta. This campus is home to the Medical College of Georgia; the College of Nursing; the comprehensive College of Allied Health Sciences; The Graduate School; the Dental College of Georgia; the College of Science and Mathematics; the Georgia Cancer Center, and the state's only public academic medical center – Wellstar MCG Health, inclusive of the Children's Hospital of Georgia.

Summerville Campus – built in and around a former United States arsenal, is home to the Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the nationally-ranked Hull College of Business, the College of Education and Human Development, and the School of Public Health.

Riverfront Campus – is located in Augusta's growing cybersecurity corridor, providing close proximity to industry professionals and innovative startups. The campus is home to the Georgia Cyber Center, which includes the university's School of Computer and Cyber Sciences as well as a cutting-edge cyber range, 340-seat auditorium, secure briefing space and incubator for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Forest Hills Campus – houses the College of Education and Human Development's Department of Kinesiology and the university's Department of Athletics. The Christenberry Fieldhouse is located on the Forest Hills Campus along with baseball, softball and soccer fields and a full-size golf course that serves as the home of the nationally recognized NCAA Division I Jaguars golf team.



AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY BY THE NUMBERS

A top-ranked value

In 2020, *Washington Monthly* ranked Augusta University among the “**Best Bang for Your Buck**” colleges in the Southeast.

[rankings based on how effectively colleges help students earn marketable degrees at affordable prices]



12,337

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

6,405
UNDERGRADS



10 COLLEGES & SCHOOL
150+ ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
300+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

94% from GA • 14% first-generation students • 1153 average SAT • 23 average ACT • 3.5 average GPA

HULL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS FACTS

Rankings: The MBA program is ranked as a Best Business School by The Princeton Review and a Best Part-Time MBA Program by U.S. News & World Report.

Size & Enrollment: The Hull College of Business serves approximately 654 undergraduate and graduate students across its programs.

Academic Programs: The Hull College of Business offers undergraduate and MBA degrees, including concentrations such as accounting, digital marketing, financial services, and healthcare management, along with minors and certificates.





LEADERSHIP

Georgia native Russell T. Keen, EdD, assumed the presidency of Augusta University (AU), effective July 1, 2024. Keen previously served as executive vice president for administration and chief of staff to the president at AU, where he held an executive leadership role since July 2015. In this position, Keen managed and allocated the university's more than \$1 billion budget, managed and coordinated its executive vice presidents and served as head administrator in the president's absence. He has worked within the university system for more than 22 years. Previously, he also held leadership roles at Georgia Southern University and in fundraising at the University of Georgia.

From 2001 to 2015, he worked at Georgia Southern University, advancing from director of annual giving to vice president for external affairs, securing significant funding and fostering relationships with officials. His roles included vice president of governmental relations and community engagement where he developed relationships with local, state and federal officials to enhance the success of the university and its advocacy efforts. He previously worked as the major gifts officer at the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Georgia.

Keen holds a bachelor's in business administration and a master's in higher education administration from Georgia Southern, and an EdD in higher education management from UGA (2019).

He serves on several boards, including the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Augusta, and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of various leadership programs and has been involved with the American Heart Association and United Way of the CSRA.





MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

The mission of Augusta University is to provide leadership and excellence in teaching, discovery, clinical care, and service as a student-centered comprehensive research university and academic health center with a wide range of programs from learning assistance through postdoctoral studies.



The vision of Augusta University is to be a top-tier university that is a destination of choice for education, health care, discovery, creativity, and innovation.

The values of Augusta University include:

- / Collegiality
- / Compassion
- / Excellence
- / Integrity
- / Leadership



AUGUSTA'S ECONOMIC & BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Augusta is a dynamic and growing regional economy with strength across healthcare, government and military, manufacturing, education, tourism, and technology. Its strategic location between Atlanta, Charlotte, and coastal Georgia positions the region as an important commercial and logistics hub within the Southeast.

The metro area continues to attract business investment and add jobs, supported by competitive operating costs, a growing workforce, and strong collaboration between public and private sector leaders.

Primary Employment Sectors:

- Healthcare and Social Assistance
- Manufacturing and Logistics
- Retail and Consumer Services
- Hospitality and Tourism

Tourism plays a meaningful role in the local economy, generating significant annual visitor spending through major events, hospitality, dining, arts, and outdoor recreation along the Savannah River.

With pro-business climate, expanding talent pipeline, and entrepreneurial momentum, Augusta offers an environment where organizations, and their leaders, can grow strategically while making a measurable regional impact.





HEALTHCARE, CYBERSECURITY & REGIONAL IMPACT

Augusta's economy is anchored by a nationally significant healthcare and defense ecosystem that drives employment, innovation, and long-term regional growth.

At the center is Wellstar, the clinical enterprise of Augusta University's Medical College of Georgia. As a leading provider of advanced clinical care, medical education, and biomedical research, Wellstar serves patients across Georgia and beyond while supporting thousands of jobs in the region. The medical district fuels growth in biotechnology, clinical research, and health sciences workforce development, reinforcing Augusta's reputation as a healthcare hub for the state.

Just miles away, Fort Gordon serves as a cornerstone of national security and technology innovation. The installation is home to the U.S. Army Cyber Command and the Signal Corps, positioning Augusta as a critical communications and cybersecurity center for the Southeast and the nation.

Together healthcare, cybersecurity, and defense form a uniquely integrated economic foundation. Creating opportunity for cross-sector collaboration, workforce development, and sustained regional impact.



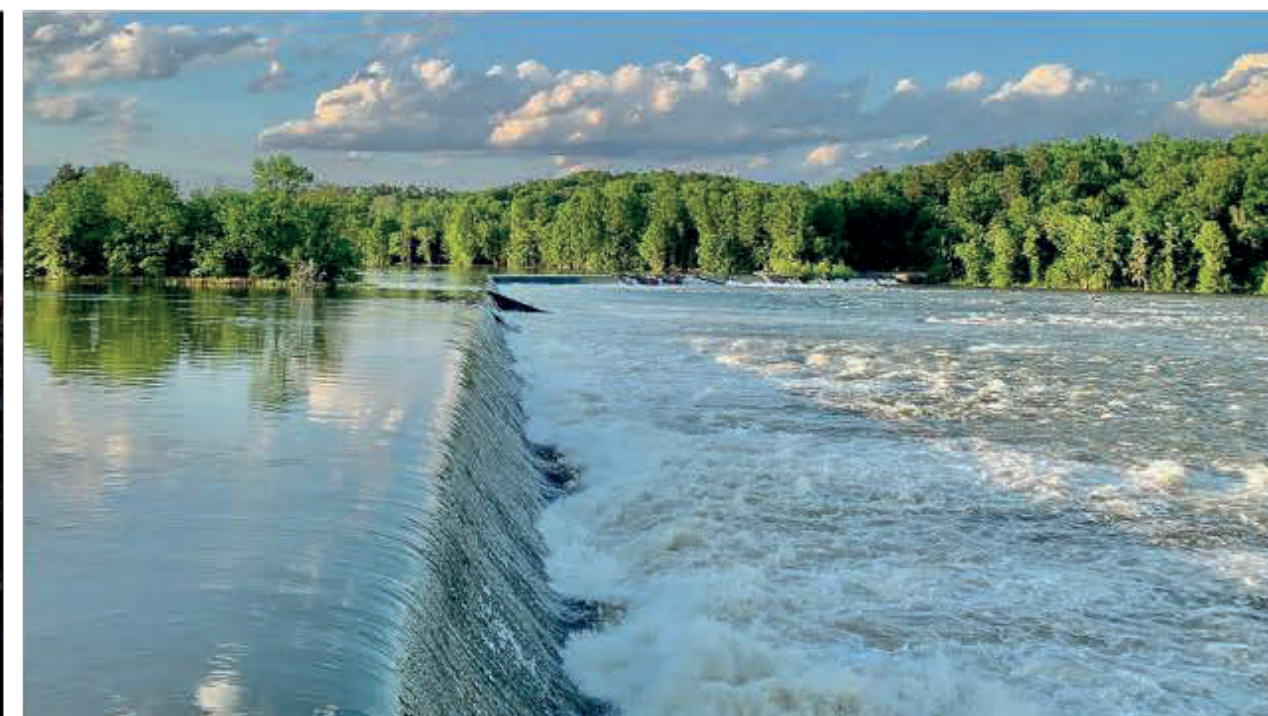
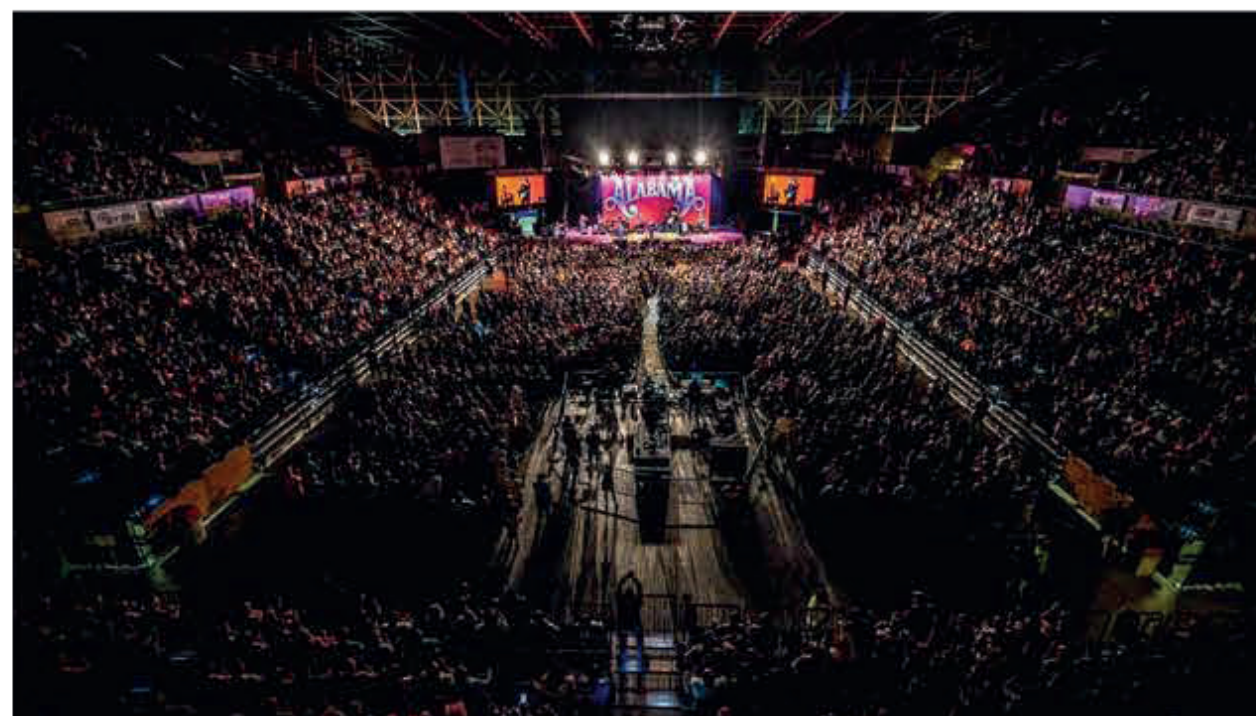


LIVING IN AUGUSTA

Georgia's second oldest and second–largest city, Augusta, is home of the The Masters Golf Tournament and Augusta National Golf Club. Located on the state line with South Carolina and the Savannah River, Augusta provides many amenities to its residents. Augusta is a thriving community built on a solid foundation of local pride and artistic eccentricity.

Richmond County, where Augusta is located, is the site of Fort Gordon, the recently designated National Cyber Security Headquarters. Several private cyber companies have located in the region providing employment. Augusta University, a merger of the former Augusta State University and the Medical College of Georgia, is a major institution and employer. Business and industry is diversified with education, medicine, biotechnnnology, and cybersecurity being among the larges sectors.

Climate in Augusta is mild in the winter and warm in the summer. Downtown Augusta has several performance venues including the Bell Auditorium and James Brown Arena, an homage to the late Augusta native and soul singer. A minor league baseball affiliate of the Atlanta Braves makes its home downtown. The Augusta Regional Airport provides easy access to numerous hubs.





HOW TO APPLY

Nominations and applications should be submitted to Dr. Corey M. Dortch at AUDeanHCoB@looprecruiting.com and must include:

- Curriculum vitae/resume
- A letter of interest describing relevant experience and interest in the position.



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