Northeast Georgia Health System becomes official healthcare partner of UNG Athletics

Dahlonega, Georgia. – Two of the largest organizations in the region are working closer together as the University of North Georgia (UNG) announced today that Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS) is the new official healthcare partner of UNG Athletics. The agreement is one of few in the nation for an NCAA Division II athletics program.

"This partnership reflects the strength of our athletic program and is indicative of our vision to grow the program in the years to come," said Lindsay Reeves, athletics director at UNG. "We are excited to have the opportunity to work alongside NGHS whose commitment to community mirrors our own."

In addition to the athletic partnership agreement, NGHS and UNG will collaborate on UNG health initiatives and Wellness Expos, as well as with Student Counseling and Health Services in Gainesville. Both organizations are also exploring ways that NGHS can support programs within UNG’s College of Health Sciences and Professions.

"We are honored to support UNG," said Carol Burrell, president and CEO of NGHS. "Both of our organizations have deep roots in north Georgia and have grown tremendously over the past few years. Our shared commitment to the community makes this partnership a natural fit."

As the official healthcare partner of UNG Athletics, NGHS will be recognized during all events across UNG’s 13 sports, including men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball. In addition, NGHS will serve as the title sponsor for the UNG Golden Nighthawks Gala and presenting sponsor for the Starlight Celebration and the Regional Education and Economic Development Summit, all of which are held annually.

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ABOUT NORTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM
Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS) is a non-profit on a mission of improving the health of our community in all we do. Our team cares for more than 1 million people across the region through four hospitals and a variety of outpatient locations. Northeast Georgia Medical Center (NGMC) has campuses in Gainesville, Braselton, Winder and Dahlonega – with a total of more than 700 beds and more than 1,100 medical staff members representing more than 50 specialties. Learn more at www.nghs.com.

ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA
The University of North Georgia (UNG) is one of the largest public universities in the state with almost 20,000 students across its five campuses — Blue Ridge, Cumming, Dahlonega, Gainesville and Oconee County. It offers more than 100 programs of study including certificates, associate, bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as professional doctoral programs.
UNG was ranked 16th among public regional universities in the South in U.S. News & World Report's 2020 edition of Best Colleges. For 2019, UNG also was included on Forbes' list of Best Colleges for the fourth-straight year and was one of five public universities in Georgia on Kiplinger's list of Best College Values.

UNG is one of six senior military colleges in the United States and is designated as a University System of Georgia leadership institution and as The Military College of Georgia.