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Dennis Gillan to Speak at Upcoming Dimensions on Oct. 3

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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—A man who is familiar with both perseverance and suicide will be speaking at Gardner-Webb's

photo of Dennis Gillan

Dimensions program on Tuesday, Oct. 3. This event will be held at 9:25 a.m. in Stewart Hall of Tucker Student Center on GWU's main campus and is free and open to the public.

Dennis Gillan lost two brothers to suicide and handled each one differently. After these experiences, he became an advocate for mental health and professional counseling. He has also worked for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. He now travels across the country and has spoken on this topic at many different universities.

"Dennis Gillan speaks to combat the stigma surrounding mental health," shares Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University. "I scheduled him in partnership with Counseling Services, who will be sponsoring the National Depression Screening Day for GWU students on Thursday, Oct. 5."

Gardner-Webb's Dimensions program seeks to enhance the spiritual, intellectual and cultural life at the University and to promote a sense of community. More information is available by calling the GWU Office of Christian Life & Service at 704-406-4277 or visiting gardner-webb.edu.

For more information about Dennis Gillan, visit dennisgillan.com.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 10 days prior to the event. Please call 704-406-2155 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu.

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