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KENDRICK LAMAR AND ELLE VARNER TO PERFORM AT GEORGIA STATE'S 2nd ANNUAL PANTHERPALOOZA

Atlanta, GA - Georgia State University's (GSU) Campus Events and Spotlight Programs Board will host the 2nd Annual Pantherpalooza, on April 6, 2013 at 8 p.m. in the GSU Sports Arena. The headliner is Hip-Hop artist Kendrick Lamar, and R&B singer and songwriter, Elle Varner will open the show.

In 2011, Lamar created buzz in the Hip-Hop community with the release of his first independent album, *Section 8.0*. The rapper, who hails from Compton, California, received praise for the compilation, ultimately leading him to sign a record deal with Aftermath/Interscope Records. In October 2012, Lamar released his first major label album titled *good kid, M.A.A.D city*. Since its release, the album was certified Gold by the Recording Industry Association of America and has generated major hits, such as "Swimming Pools (Drank)," and "Poetic Justice." In addition, Lamar performed on *Saturday Night Live* in early 2013 and is currently on a world tour.

Varner has also recently taken the music industry by storm with her R&B chart topping hits, "Only Wanna Give It To You" featuring J. Cole, and "Refill." Since signing with RCA Records, Varner released her debut album, *Perfectly Imperfect*, in August 2012. The songstress recently performed at The Soul Train Awards and finished a tour with fellow R&B stars Trey Songz and Miguel.

Tickets for this event are sold out. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and students need to show their Panther ID upon entry. This event is open to GSU students, faculty, staff, and visitors. For more information about Pantherpalooza, please visit www.gsu.edu/studentevents or www.gsu.edu/spotlight, or contact the Campus Events Music Director Sha-Mara Reeves at campusmusic.gsu@gmail.com or the Spotlight Programs Board Concerts Director, Karon Franklin at spotlightconcerts1@gmail.com.

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