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Honors Living Learning Community Kicks off its First Year



Freshmen Honors students build friendships during a day of fun activities

One of the Honors Program's missions is to provide bright and motivated students with an interactive, academically-enriching community, and this year's

educational environment to broaden their college experience. On August 13, freshmen settled into their new home away from home in Centennial Place Building 2, which exclusively houses Honors students. Their transition to dorm living was made easier by Honors volunteers, including Community Leaders and upperclassmen residents of the Honors LLC, who helped unload cars and transport students' belongings to their new dorm rooms.

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Out of the Classroom and Into the Real Thing



Zack Davidson grabs a Coke after a long day of work at Coca-Cola

What began as a regular luncheon turned into a career-defining moment for Zack Davidson, a senior computer science major. Last year, Davidson attended a lunch event hosted by the College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEIT), where he met and exchanged contact information with Jim Scholefield,

former CTO of Coca-Cola and current CIO of Nike, Inc. This meeting ultimately led to a oca-Cola summer internship for Davidson, a coveted position not usually awarded to college students. Davidson spent three months at Coca-Cola's Technology Plaza in Atlanta as a data analytics platform developer/ administrator, where he worked primarily with a program called Splunk. His job was to develop and deploy an enhanced monitoring and reporting solution for the IT operations activity of job scheduling, such as running the payroll system.

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Alumni Update: Kelsey Keane Returns from Kosovo



Honors alumna Kelsey Keane experiences winter in Kosovo

After completing her English degree at Georgia Southern a little over a year ago, Honors alumna Kelsey Keane packed her bags for Kosovo, a small country located in Southeastern Europe. Keane settled into Mitrovicë, Kosovo in September 2014, where she worked as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant for nine months.

“I was a cultural ambassador to high school and university students in Kosovo,” said Keane. “While abroad, my greatest responsibility was to implement Western classroom models with the city’s public high school: encouraging engaged learning through student participation, extracurricular activities, and innovative curriculum development.”

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The Honors Welcome Reception was held on August 25, where students and professors celebrated the beginning of the new school year. Among the event's guests was Dr. Jean Bartels, Georgia Southern's interim president.

More pictures from the reception can be viewed [here](#).

To learn more about Honors at Georgia Southern, how to support honors activities, or become involved in honors alumni events, contact Honors Director Steven Engel at sengel@georgiasouthern.edu



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