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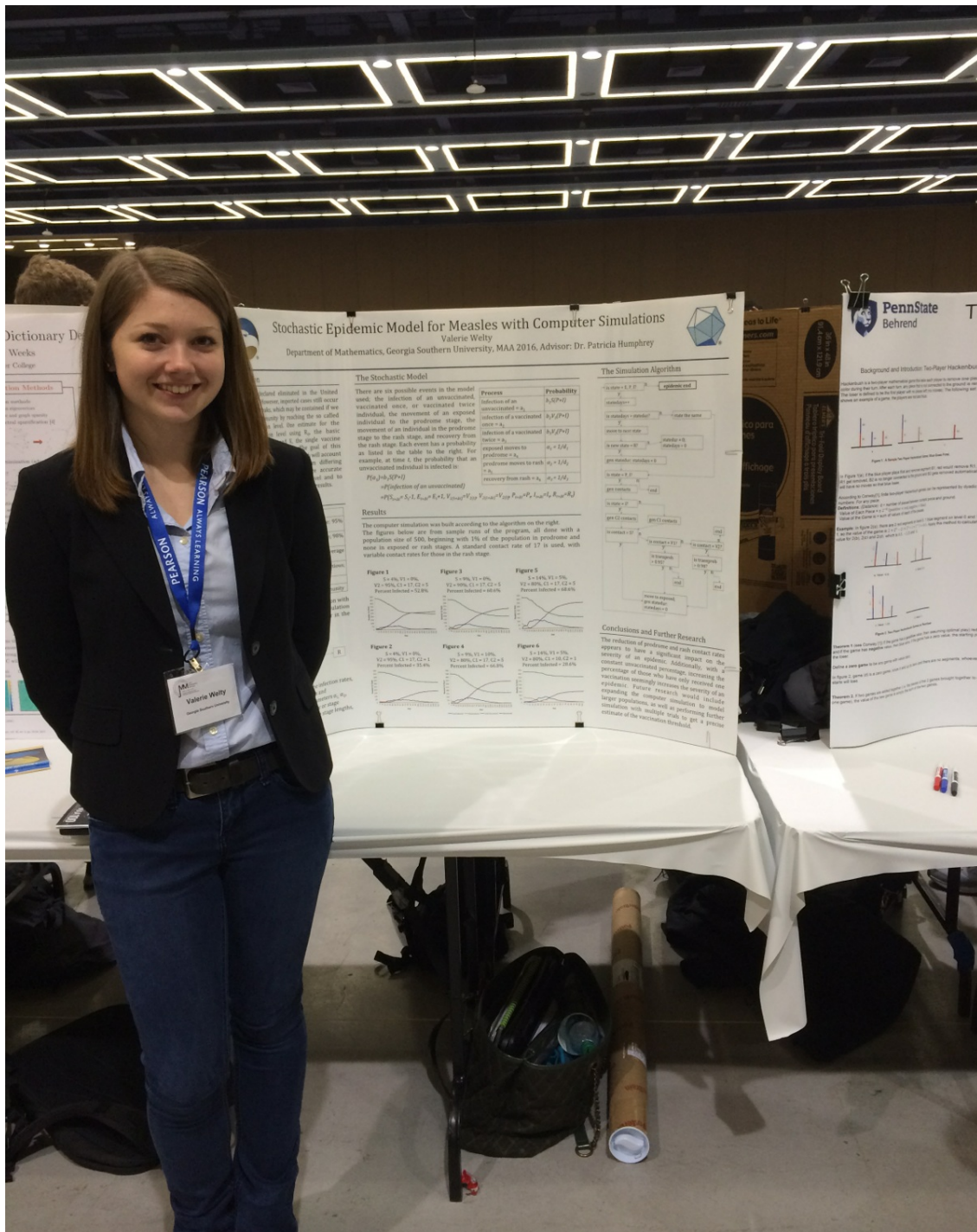
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Math, Measles, and a Computer Simulation



Welty presenting her findings at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Seattle, Washington

Many students have opportunities to present research to their classes and peers in local settings, but Valerie Welty (math '16) took her work to the other side of the country. Welty, a College of Science and Math Council of Undergraduate Research Scholar, presented thesis research at the Joint Mathematics Meetings that took place in Seattle, WA this past January.

Of the 6,000 professionals attending this year's conference, Welty was one of only

300 undergraduates to attend. She presented a poster on her research entitled “Mathematical Models for Infectious Disease Epidemics, With an Emphasis on Measles and Computer Simulation.”

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Winning an Award, Earning a Job



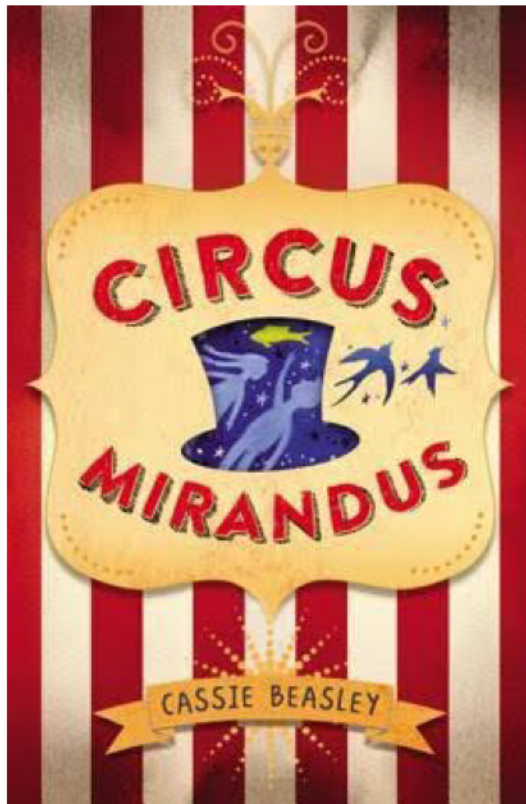
Taylor Yancey (second from right) shares a moment with international designer Tory Burch.

Marketing and logistics and intermodal transportation double major Taylor Yancey ('17) was recently awarded the National Retail Foundation's (NRF) Rising Star Scholarship, winning an all-expense paid trip to New York City, where she attended the NRF's Gala, an exclusive party kicking off the BIG Show event for its corporate members.

“It was pretty intimidating being in a room full of important people; everyone in that room was a CEO. I even got to meet famous designer Tory Burch!”

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Cassie Beasley returns to Georgia Southern to read from her book, *Circus Mirandus*



Cassie Beasley ('10), an Honors Program alumna who graduated from Georgia Southern with a degree in Writing and Linguistics, has now become a bestselling author. Cassie's first book, *Circus Mirandus*, published in 2015 to critical acclaim, is intended for middle-schoolers, but it is enjoyable for readers in high school, college, and beyond. *Circus Mirandus* made an appearance on the New York Times Middle Grade Hardcover book list this winter, was named a New York Times Editor's Choice and a New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Book of 2015, and also has received starred reviews from Kirkus Books and School Library Journal.

Cassie's reading is scheduled for:

Wednesday, March 2

7:00 p.m.

IT Building 1005

This event is free and open to the public.

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Alumni Update: Andres Montes



In Statesboro, hundreds of poverty-stricken individuals receive free and life-saving healthcare at the Hearts and Hands Clinic, a place that would not exist were it not for an idea that struck Honors Alumnus Andres Montes ('10) when he was only a college junior. He recently returned to campus to speak to Honors students not only about this project, but also about the positive impact studying humanities can have on pre-med students. Montes himself majored in philosophy while at Georgia

Southern, a course of study he did not choose until later in his college career.

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We always like seeing alumni when they visit campus and welcome having them meet with current students. If you are interested in meeting with a group of honors students next time you visit Georgia Southern, please contact Dr. Steve Engel at sengel@georgiasouthern.edu.



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Focused on the Target



Cassy Pelton shows off her archery skills

Cassy Pelton (biology/pre-med '18) knows that she needs to keep her eye on the target whether she is working on research for her Honors Thesis, training at the Shooting Sports Education Center at Georgia Southern, presiding over Georgia Southern's Archery Club, or preparing for the World Indoor Archery Championship this month in Ankara, Turkey.

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Adventures in Independent Journal Publishing



(L-R) Aleyna Rentz, Kristen Flippo, and Devan Pride compose a new issue of *Moonglasses Magazine*

With hundreds of literary magazines in circulation and thousands of writers peddling their prose and poetry, sometimes writing can feel like shouting into an echo chamber. Short stories languish in obscure magazines; journals go under a month after their conception. While breaking into the literary scene can be a daunting expedition, four Writing and Linguistic majors, three of them Honors students, joined creative forces to found a publication with potential staying power. Over Christmas break, Ben Baker ('18), Devan Pride ('17), Kristen Flippo ('16), and Aleyna Rentz ('17) created *Moonglasses Magazine*, a bimonthly online journal devoted to humorous, experimental writing.

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