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Congratulations Spring Graduates!

The Honors Program is pleased to announce that there were over 60 graduates this spring. We know the hard work they all completed during their time in the Honors Program has prepared them for whatever challenges they will face. Please join us in wishing them all the best as they move on to the next steps in their lives.

Samanatha Akins  
Nutrition and Food Science

James "Ronney" Miller III  
Mechanical Engineering

Austin Bennett  
Madison Monk
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English

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Exercise Science

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Recreation

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Construction Management

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Justice Studies

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History

McKinley May
English

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Recreation

View pictures from Honors Graduation here!
The Georgia Southern University Honors Program is designed to foster the development of a critical sense of inquiry, a spirit of creativity, a global perspective and an ethic of civic responsibility. With your investment, the University Honors Program will continue to enrich the lives of students at Georgia Southern University.

A Clear Path on Cumberland Island

Honors Alternative Break campers gearing up for a kayaking adventure

The slam of a machete against the trunk of a tree. The sharp clip of a lopper. The soft hum of a saw. These sounds provided the soundtrack for this May’s Honors alternative break trip. Under the leadership of faculty mentor Dr. John Peden and Cumberland Island volunteer coordinator Laura Buckmaster, seventeen Honors
students spent five days camping on Cumberland Island while helping to make it a more accessible place for visitors.

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A Coney Island of the Mind

Coney Island's iconic Wonder Wheel, photographed by Delisle.

Poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti's “A Coney Island of the Mind” wistfully looks back at a September day spent wandering Coney Island's boardwalk amidst jellybeans and licorice sticks, a time of youthful innocence now lost, retrievable only by memory. Since the publication of this poem in 1958, Coney Island has also moved past its prime, its original splendor existing only in the minds of those who had the privilege
of witnessing the park firsthand. Senior writing and linguistics major Maggie Delisle, however, plans to transpose Coney Island’s golden years from memory to the page, bringing them to life once again through her Honors Capstone Project. Her creative work will consist of a seventy-page novella focusing on Luna Park, one of the original iconic parks built on the famous boardwalk, seen through the lens of a Jewish girl growing up on the island in the 1940s. One of the fiction writer’s main concerns is authenticity, so Delisle spent a few days both in Brooklyn and on Coney Island participating in primary research for her novella. This research involved indulging in authentic Nathan’s hot dogs, riding the Wonder Wheel, and doing everything just short of travelling back in time to see Luna Park as it must have existed for Lawrence Ferlinghetti so many years ago.

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As an athlete, Lacey Dennis (athletic training ’17) is used to competition, but she recently brought her competitive skills off the field and into the classroom. The Georgia Athletic Trainers’ Association awarded her the Lori Mobley Groover Leadership Award, which recognizes students with strong leadership potential and passion for the athletic training profession. Dennis had the distinction of being one of only three winners in the state, as well as being the only undergraduate winner of the award.

The director of Georgia Southern’s athletic training program, Dr. Steve Patterson, spoke highly of Dennis and her accomplishments. “She has been a tremendous student in our program and it has been a pleasure to see her grow. Her receiving the Lori Mobley award this year by the Georgia Athletic Trainers Association is a reflection on her drive to be a student leader at the same time showing the character and example of the namesake of the award.”

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