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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

Austin Bennett

James "Ronney" Miller III
Mechanical Engineering

Madison Monk
Accounting
Lydia Biggs
English
Megan Bright
International Studies
Kirsten Brodmann
Early Childhood Education
Kaitlyn Carmichael
Exercise Science
Brianna Carter
Health Education and Promotion
Michael Conner
Writing & Linguistics
Markus Cotton
History
Collin Daly
Electrical Engineering
Kelly Daniel
Psychology
Zachary Davidson
Computer Science
Jessica Davis
Early Childhood Education
Alexis Davidson
History
Giselle Devot
Communication Studies
Don Faulk
Marketing

Recreation
Allison Mueller
Art
Yolande Neil
Information Systems
Connor Ondriezek
Psychology
Scott Oswald
Biology
Kelsey Pierson
Psychology and Spanish
Morgan Podczervinski
Political Science
Ashleigh Rasheed
Political Science
Sarah Roessler
Chemistry
Kimberly Rudolph
International Studies
Shelby Scherer
Chemistry
Audrey Scholz
Chemistry
Joel Shafer
Sociology
Jessica Shanken
International Studies
Mikaela Shupp
Business Management and Spanish
Maximilian Fey  
Psychology  

Andrew Smallwood  
Political Science  

Kristen Flippo  
Writing & Linguistics  

Brittany Smith  
Biology  

Austin Glover  
Accounting  

Jasmine Smith  
Information Systems  

Carmen Gray  
English  

Asha Stegall  
Exercise Science  

Nathan Hayenga  
Finance and Economics  

Julie Swantek  
Recreation & Tourism Management  

Nickolas Holcomb  
Electrical Engineering  

Mallory Tafoya  
Music Education/Choral  

Sarah Holmes  
Psychology  

Erica Teilhaber  
Recreation  

Xavieria Jeffers  
Political Science and History  

Danielle Turner  
Biology  

David Dylan John  
Construction Management  

Valerie Welty  
Mathematics  

Justin Kemple  
Psychology and Justice Studies  

Seroyah Williams  
Justice Studies  

Robin Lane  
Psychology and Art  

Stone Williford  
Mechanical Engineering  

Ashley Lawrence  
Public Relations  

Elizabeth Willimon  
Accounting  

Luke Shauntell  
Biology  

William Wilson  
History  

McKinley May  
English  

Justin Yun  
Recreation  

View pictures from Honors Graduation [here](http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=159aa790a6743d03082e1961a&id=6774e3cfa)!
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.

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**A Clear Path on Cumberland Island**

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 Alternative Break campers gearing up for a kayaking adventure...
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**

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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.”

Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!
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