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## Honors Takes the Stage at TEDx Event



Loveless and Shaffer smile after giving successful talks

Finding creative solutions to the world's problems is a goal shared among students in the Honors Program, and all of our students at some point present their ideas in a public forum. Two students recently engaged that public forum on a global scale as they discussed their research and experiences on the TEDx stage. Jenny Shaffer (German/mechanical engineering '17) and Reid Loveless (biology '18) gave talks at the event, and they were joined by a number of other speakers from across campus

and the community, including Dr. Steven Engel, the director of the Honors Program.

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## Honors FYE Class Hosts Third Party Forum



Jarvis Steele and Bryce Colvin serving as moderators at the forum (photo by Mick Miller)

In an election whose unofficial slogan might be “vote your conscience,” third parties have experienced a sudden surge in popularity. Voters troubled by Trump’s behavior and Clinton’s political history have looked to the Libertarian and Green parties in particular for recourse, but several issues stand between these parties’ presidential nominees and the White House. Is it pragmatic, or even ethical, to vote for a third party candidate this year? Why have third parties at all if the Electoral College system virtually blocks them from a legitimate chance at the presidency? Are this year’s candidates even worth voting for?

These are just a few of the many questions students in Dr. Christopher Caplinger’s Honors FYE course, Modern Political Debate, have considered in the past several weeks, leading them to host a Third Party Forum that took place on October 18th in the Nessmith-Lane ballroom.

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## A Haunting in Statesboro



Dressed in their best creepy attire and ghoulish makeup, students in Dr. Francis Desiderio's Honors FYE class The Meaning of Place volunteered with the Averitt Center for the Arts to put on the Ghost Tours by Lantern Light on Friday, October 28th.

Check our [Facebook page](#) for more photos!

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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](mailto:sengel@georgiasouthern.edu)



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