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## Honors Art Receives a Standing Ovation



At the Dick Blick Gallery, Savannah residents browse art at their own pace, taking in every detail, feeling, and color. For the month of September, Blick Gallery hosted art from the recipients of the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art Scholarship at Georgia Southern University. The artists submitted personal projects that they created while on scholarship to form this year's collection titled *Ovation*.

Two Georgia Southern University Honors Students, Elise Rustine (graphic design '18) and Marian Trainor (2D and 3D studio art '19) received this scholarship. They had the opportunity to present their pieces of art at a public gallery. This professional setting outside of the university gave the students experience beyond what the classroom setting can provide. A career within the field of art requires relentless drive and belief in oneself. The *Ovation* Exhibition provided a setting for both students to create personal projects outside of the typical course assignments. They were able to challenge themselves to push the limit while making creative works of art.

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## Competition in the Community



“Ten points to Gryffindor” brings memories of Harry Potter, Hogwarts, and Voldemort. However, Community Leaders (CL) within the Honors Living Learning Community (LLC) use similar phrases as the competition heats up in Centennial Place. Each CL has a different animal mascot designated to represent their floor within the building: otters, foxes, and turtles. Members can gain points for their floor when they attend Honors events such as trivia nights, floor meetings or information sessions on Honors Research. This is one of the many activities Honors Community Leaders have crafted to create a sense of community for Honors Students.

The purpose of a Community Leader is to act as a role model for their residents as they find their way in the new academic setting of college. This community is mostly compiled of incoming freshmen, so CLs focus on creating activities that will help the students adjust to college, such as scavenger hunts to learn the layout of campus or attending group fitness classes together at the RAC. For this school year, the Honors LLC has six Community Leaders: Taylor Close (French '20), Sophie Fleri (mechanical engineering, '19), Hugo Flores (electrical engineering '20), Morgan Gallahue (biology '18), Bailey Kirk (mathematics '18) and Abby Slattery (education

'18). Gallahue and Slattery are returning to the Honors CL position for the second year.

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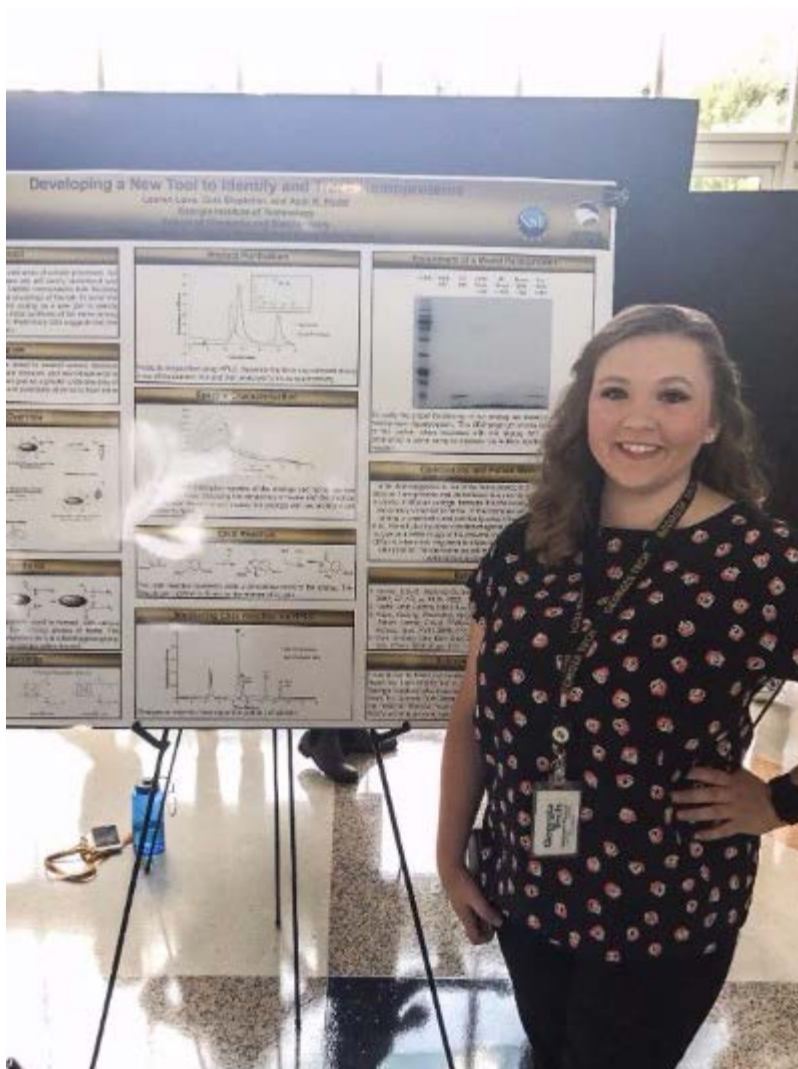
The Georgia Southern University Honors Program is designed to foster the development of a critical sense of inquiry, a spirit of creativity, a global perspective and an ethic of civic responsibility. With your investment, the University Honors Program will continue to enrich the lives of students at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

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Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!

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**Honors in Action: Summer Research**



Lauren Love (chemistry '19) spent her summer in Atlanta, Georgia researching Heme and Hemoproteins, in the lab of Dr. Amit Reddi at Georgia Institute of Technology. The research focused on finding “proteins that bind heme, an essential iron containing nutrients required for much of life on Earth,” said Dr. Reddi. Love conducted daily experiments with graduate students in order to discover the essential proteins.

“Heme is an important cofactor in a vast array of cellular processes. However, heme is actually toxic to cells, so its concentration must be carefully controlled. Several diseases are associated with malfunctions in heme trafficking such as certain cancers, cardiovascular diseases and age-related neurodegenerative diseases,” Love said.

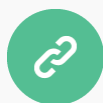
Her work was a part of the National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU), and Love’s time at Georgia Tech allowed her to challenge herself in a hands-on setting. Dr. Reddi appreciated her love for learning: “Lauren impressed the entire lab with her intelligence, confidence and work ethic. For someone so young to be producing data, raising intriguing questions and proposing new ideas on par with more senior graduate students was a real pleasure to watch

and demonstrates the outstanding scientist she is and the high quality of education she is receiving at Georgia Southern University.”

Click [here](#) to learn about other REU participants!

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