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## Alumni Update: Kelsey Keane Returns from Kosovo

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After completing her English degree at Georgia Southern a little over a year ago, Honors alumna Kelsey Keane packed her bags for Kosovo, a small country located in Southeastern Europe. Keane settled into Mitrovicë, Kosovo in September 2014, where she worked as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant for nine months.

"I was a cultural ambassador to high school and university students in Kosovo," said Keane. "While abroad, my greatest responsibility was to implement Western classroom models with the city's public high school: encouraging engaged learning through student participation, extracurricular activities, and innovative curriculum development."

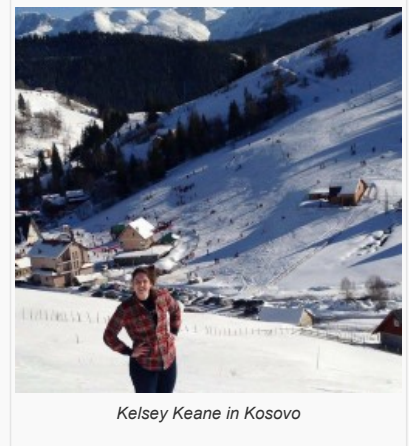
Her positive impact on Mitrovicë was not limited to the classroom: Keane also served as a guest lecturer at local nonprofits and universities concerning American culture and its higher education system. She also participated in teacher training programs, summer camp development, and community service projects throughout the city.

Keane's recent return to her hometown of Savannah has provided her with the opportunity to fight economic inequality at home. She currently works as a loaned associate for the United Way of the Coastal Empire annual giving campaign, a local organization whose mission is to combat poverty in certain counties of Southeast Georgia.

While Keane is not currently planning to work abroad in the near future, she is preparing for her next big adventure: law school.

"Nine months living in Kosovo provided the context to establish my ideas on communal transitions from negative to positive peace," said Keane. "My observations also led me to commit fully to the study of law as my research interests expanded to exploring legal codes' impact on post-conflict societal progress.

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## Honors Living-Learning Community Kicks off its First Year

August 31, 2015



Students at the Honors Welcome Events – August 2015

One of the Honors Program's missions is to provide bright and motivated students with an interactive, academically-enriching community, and this year's inaugural Honors Living Learning Community (LLC) aims to take that experience to the next level. The Honors LLC will provide Honors students with an enhanced educational environment to broaden their college experience. On August 13, freshmen settled into their new home away from home in Centennial Place Building 2, which exclusively houses Honors students. Their transition to dorm living was made easier by Honors volunteers, including Community Leaders and upperclassmen residents of the Honors LLC, who helped unload cars and transport students' belongings to their new dorm rooms.

"The volunteers at move-in day were extremely helpful," said Lilly Donnell (English & writing and linguistics '19). "I appreciated having people there to help me get my stuff moved upstairs. It made me feel very welcome here."

Following move-in day, members of the Honors LLC participated in a day of activities designed to get new students acquainted with one another and the Honors Program. The morning kicked off with Campus as Text, which required students to explore campus to formulate an understanding of how individual locations create one unified campus. Students shared their insightful findings with their peers and gained new perspectives on Georgia Southern.

The day's events also featured a discussion of the common read for Honors freshmen, *The World Beyond Your Head: On Becoming an Individual in an Age of Distraction* by Michael Crawford. The conversation was led by Dr. Engel, who discoursed with students on topics inspired by the book, ranging from distraction in the digital age to writer David Foster Wallace to what it means to be an honors student. The activity session ended with several ice-breaker games meant to help students get in touch with both each other and their silly sides. These games also helped students learn each other's names and develop team building skills.

"It was a good time to interact with my peers in a fun way we might not be able to in class," said Connor Rentz (film and production '19). "It was a great way to get to know my classmates."

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## Out of the Classroom and into the Real Thing

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What began as a regular luncheon turned into a career-defining moment for Zack Davidson, a senior computer science major. Last year, Davidson attended a lunch event hosted by the College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEIT), where he met and exchanged contact information with Jim Scholefield, former CTO of Coca-Cola and current CIO of Nike, Inc. This meeting ultimately led to a Coca-Cola summer internship for Davidson, a coveted position not usually awarded to college students. Davidson spent three months at Coca-Cola's Technology Plaza in Atlanta as a data analytics platform developer/ administrator, where he worked primarily with a program called Splunk. His job was to develop and deploy an enhanced monitoring and reporting solution for the IT operations activity of job scheduling, such as running the payroll system.

Davidson's task not only required him to build search scripts and dashboards for monitoring and reporting to update an outdated system, but he also had to learn how to use Splunk, a program with which he had little experience.

"I was at Coca-Cola for three months," said Davidson, "and in that time, I went from knowing nothing about Splunk to teaching other interns and KO employees how to use it. People were actually coming to my meetings just to hear me talk about it."

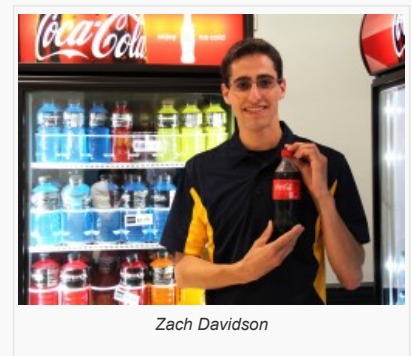
After learning how to navigate Splunk, Davidson was able to create and deploy an enterprise-production ready application in only four weeks. Not only that, but he also gained valuable insight into working in the IT field.

"Computer science and IT are actually becoming integrated into a field called development and operations, or devops, so this internship helped me gain necessary experience in IT," said Davidson.

Following graduation, Davidson plans to possibly continue his career at Coca-Cola or branch out to other corporations that use Splunk such as Nike Inc. Regardless of where he goes, Davidson is optimistic about the opportunities that his internship has opened up for him.

"I completed this internship because I wanted to learn as much as possible," said Davidson. "I don't want to just be a guy with a degree. I like to go to new environments and blow people away."

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