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Congratulations Fall 2017 Graduates!



Ashlyn Avera
Sociology

Cassidy Keim
Psychology

Isabella Axelsson
Exercise Science

Christian Kerrigan
Marketing

Amanda Boyd
Exercise Science

Caroline Lathi
Health Education and Promotion

Kiana Carn

Fashion Merchandising and Apparel
Design

Michael Elmore

History

Clare Fox

Accounting

Lauren Gagnon

Writing and Linguistics

Melina Gunby

Psychology

Derrick Herrin

Mechanical Engineering

Brandon Lee

Management/Entrepreneurship

Marina Michaud

Chemistry

Timothy Miller

Management

Justin Morales

Anthropology

Devan Pride

Writing and Linguistics

Nicholas Shuber

Chemistry and Spanish

Bastian Wieck

Computer Science

The Fall 2017 Research Symposium provided these graduating honors students with a venue to showcase their theses. See pictures of the event [here!](#)

Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information [here!](#)



As we head into the holiday season, please consider putting the Georgia Southern University Honors Program on your gift list. A donation provides transformative learning opportunities for the students. 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.

Happy Holidays from the University Honors Program!

30 Years in Honors: Dr. Tom Case Retires



Finding Thoreau, Plato and Aristotle on an economics class reading list is rather uncommon. Most professors do not stray from the textbook; however, Dr. Thomas Case prefers works of literature and philosophy as an avenue into the subject. “Many students believe that economics exists only in the textbook. I wanted them to realize that economics exists outside its field and spills into cultural aspects of our society, like the novels we read,” Dr. Case said. This innovative approach to economics is but one example of the ways he has shaped honors education at Georgia Southern.

Dr. Case was hired in the fall of 1981 by the College of Business, one year before the Bell Honors Program (BHP) was founded in 1982. It was not until 1987,

however, that he was asked by Bell Honors Director Dr. Hew Joiner to take on teaching honors courses, and in that year the two of them created the Honors section of the Freshman Orientation course, a precursor to the First Year Experience (FYE) course currently taught.

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Honors Research in Political Science and International Studies



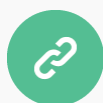
Four students, whose research focuses on political science, international studies, human rights and community values, presented their thesis work at the International Studies Association South Region annual conference in Orlando, Florida and at the Georgia Political Science Association annual conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Ashley Archer (political science '18), Bernadette O'Donnell (international studies and Spanish '18), Elizabeth Stovall (political science '18) and Emily Elizabeth Shannon (political science, psychology and Spanish '18) each explored the link between politics and human rights, the effects of globalization through the lens of indigenous tribes and terrorism and student involvement in college towns.

Archer's thesis, "Does Difference Make a Difference? Exploring the Relationship Between Gender, Political Ideology, and Human Rights," examines the correlation between political identity of female executives and their work for better human rights. Archer discovered that women that identified with far left politics were more likely to support projects and laws for increasing human rights.

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To learn more about Honors at Georgia Southern, support honors activities or become involved in honors alumni events, contact Honors Director Steven Engel at sengel@georgiasouthern.edu



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