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Alumni Update: Paola Robelo Advances in Graphic Design



While Paola Robelo visited her alma mater during homecoming, she took the time to stop by the Eidson House and to reminisce on her past experiences in the Honors Program at Georgia Southern University. She is currently a resident graphic designer for a high-end retail company, Ben Silver. The company is known for their well-tailored suits, silk ties, cufflinks and many more clothing essentials. Paola Robelo, is currently living in Charleston, South Carolina, where she assists in an assortment of fields within the design aspects of online and print publications for Ben Silver.

“I design layouts and assist in the photography of catalogs, as well as prepare interactive online versions. I conduct sales analysis and square inch analysis of catalogs using the company’s operating system (*QOP*). I execute and update web imagery, creative content, and merchandise web photography through *Net Store Manager (NSM)*, the company’s web software,” Robelo said.

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Congratulations Bob Mikell



The University Honors Program congratulates Bell Honors Program alumnus Bob Mikell (history '07) being named to [Georgia Trend's 2017 40 Under 40](#).



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.

Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!

Honors Students 'Fight Dirty'



Tybee Island is home to beautiful beaches along the Atlantic Ocean. However, it is

also riddled with cigarette butts, plastic bags and glass bottles. Tybee Beach Cleanup is a volunteer-based organization who *fights dirty*. They work to keep beaches clean and free from any man-made materials. The Armstrong State University Honors Program and the Georgia Southern University Honors Program joined forces to help this organization remove litter from the beach. On October 21, the students spent their Saturday morning engaging with one another while serving their local community.

The students focused on the north side of the island looking for any material, unnatural to the surrounding environment. This included cigarette butts, soda cans, water bottles, pieces of foam, shards of plastic and glass. The local community organization, Tybee Beach Cleanup, made the event possible. They provided the buckets and trash grabbers. Afterwards, Kathryn Propst, the representative for the club, helped the students organize the trash into recyclables and waste.

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Talk About ... Pop Culture



No one has ever said “What happens in the first year stays in the first year,” and this is abundantly clear for the students who have taken Dra. Leticia McGrath’s honors section of the first-year seminar, *Hispanic Culture through Film*, these past few

years. Not only has she stayed in contact with her former students, but she has continued to encourage them in their professional development.

Last spring, she organized several students to propose presentations at the Popular Culture Association of the South/American Culture Association of the South 2017 Conference (PCAS/ACAS), and four of her students, Caleb Beatty (electrical engineering '20), Emily Pressler (Spanish and French '19), Amanda Kate Wood (writing and linguistics '20) and Maygen Martinez (human resource management '20) participated in the conference in October. Dra. McGrath's help throughout the entire process of applying for the conference, and creating their projects helped each student gain an invaluable experience.

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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



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