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### **Digging into the Collection**



Archaeological repositories have a constant flow of incoming collections containing a range of different artifacts, and typically a collection's common connection is the location in which the artifacts were found. The repository at Georgia Southern University accepts collections primarily from sites in Georgia, and cataloguing the University's collections is a daunting task on its own. However, Amanda Sexton (anthropology '18) has taken on the larger challenge of cataloguing collections from approximately twenty repositories in the southeast.

Sexton's research focuses on the repositories' means of choosing collections based on price. "I want to see the state of these repositories, which were surveyed in an archeological report in 2002, and their collections now that they've had more time to work with their budget and determine whether these prices will be sufficient. I also hope that another effect of this project will be that archaeologists will have an easier time finding a place to house the collections since this project will produce an updated list of the currently active facilities," she said.

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# Alumni Update: Alex Allmond Joins Ronald McDonald House Charities



Alex Allmond (child and family development '18) has already completed her honors thesis, and all that stands between her and graduation is completing a required internship. Her final semester, however, had much more in store for her, as she received a scholarship from the Trinity Hospital of Augusta Auxiliary Committee and an internship from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Augusta (RMHC), which began this January.

The competitive scholarships are open to all students studying a field related to healthcare. "I applied last summer and was accepted after submitting my transcripts and information on my Child Life practicum. They awarded me \$3,000 which I can use in any way I want to further my education," she said.

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Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!

## **Balancing Student and Parent Life**



From left to right: Jenna Vaisvil and Paige Peterson

Parenthood is a feat like no other, but balancing academic life and parenthood may seem impossible to some. However, Paige Peterson (writing and linguistics '19) decided to create a resource for herself and other student-parents at Georgia Southern University. Peterson, a first time mother, started an organization reaching out to other parents on campus. She formed a Student-Parent organization designed to provide support to other fathers and mothers balancing parenting and school. "When I was pregnant with my daughter, I was shocked by the lack of resources and support for student-parents on campus. Being a parent and a student is isolating, and I thought that there should be an easier way to find other students in similar positions. I wanted to start a group to make more friends as well as create a safe support system for other student-parents in a place free of judgment," she said.

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