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Honors Travels to Washington, D.C.



This April, the Georgia Southern University Honors Program attended the Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC) annual conference in Washington, D.C. Students in the program from both the Armstrong and Statesboro campuses traveled together as a united program for the first time, with thirty-eight students delivering panel presentations and displaying research posters. The conference took place over three days, allowing the students to attend sessions as well as explore the nation's capital.

The honors programs on both campuses have historically participated in the SRHC annual meetings, including jointly hosting the conference in Savannah in 2014.

However, this year marked the first time the honors students on the Armstrong and Statesboro campuses attended as a unified program. Both programs have always emphasized the importance of undergraduate research, and so it seems fitting that one of the first unified activities was to present research at a conference for honors programs and colleges.

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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.

Mary Carpenter Receives Prestigious Gold 'A' Award and Bhatia Foundation Award



At the Awards Convocation for the Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus on Thursday, April 19, senior Honors Program student Mary Carpenter (rehabilitation sciences '18) received two of the campus's most prestigious awards: the Gold 'A' and the Bhatia Foundation Award.

The Gold 'A' Award is given only occasionally, when a student wins both the Silver 'A' for Academics and the Silver 'A' for Service, which represents outstanding achievement in academics or service to the university, respectively.

The Bhatia Foundation Award was created in spring 2012 as an opportunity to recognize students who embody the ideals their foundation seeks to promote. The Bhatia Foundation Award is given to a graduate who is focused on the betterment of humankind and the promotion of friendship and goodwill for all cultures. The recipient must also hold the university's Gold or Silver 'A' for Academics or Service.

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Kristi St. Clair Receives Highest Honors



Every year, Georgia Southern University hosts the Honors Day Convocation, which recognizes the achievements of students' work throughout the year, new members of honors societies, and graduating seniors. Kristi St. Clair (chemistry '18) was one of the many graduating seniors this year, but in one particular way she stood out.

President Dr. Jaimie Hebert awarded St. Clair the highest honor at the convocation, the University System of Georgia Academic Recognition Award.

This award recognizes the student that exemplifies the most outstanding academic achievement as well as their dedication to the campus community. “I was very happy when I walked on the stage to receive my award. I was so proud that my hard work has been recognized.”

Her time with the University Honors Program has given her countless opportunities. However, her favorite memory with the program was when she gave back to the local community. During her freshman year, she was in Dr. Francis Desiderio’s Honors section of the First Year Experience course (FYE), *Meaning of Place*. In the University Honors Program, students are required to complete experiential learning and in their first year, they complete the requirement with their FYE class.

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Jordan Salvador Wins Best Paper Award



Jordan Salvador (marketing '18) received the Best Student Paper award for a presentation based on her honors thesis research at the recent meeting of the Association of Marketing Theory and Practice (AMTP). Georgia Southern University business faculty regularly attend and present their research at AMTP, and Dr. Lindsay Larson recommended attending this conference to Salvador and to her other students as well. However, Salvador was the only one among the students to present work.

Salvador's research, "Beyond Higher Ed Marketing: Unsanctioned User Generated

Content,” analyzes the purity of brand marketing content formed when students create accounts affiliated with certain universities. “This may be done through students creating various Twitter and Instagram accounts that affiliate themselves with the school but are not regulated or filtered by the university. I looked at whether students actually identified with the accounts, asking the question, ‘Are these accounts an accurate representation of student experience at Georgia Southern University?’ We also looked at whether students see these accounts negatively affecting the brand of the University,” she said.

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Hannah Dorough's Summer in Atlanta

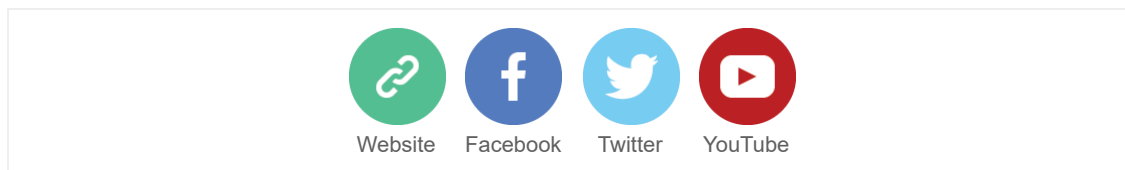


HD Supply, a Fortune 500 company, offers a highly competitive internship program with the Human Resources department (HR). This summer, Hannah Dorough (psychology '18) accepted an offer to spend twelve weeks working with HR executives at their corporate headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

"I will be working in the Human Resources department getting hands-on experience in the field that I want a career in! I will be working on compliance and organizational development projects alongside the HR Director and other executives and employees. The tasks that I execute will aid in the overall business initiatives of the company," Dorough said.

This internship will allow Dorough to use her skills from the classroom and implement them in a professional setting. She said, "Because HR is a broad field, I hope to find my niche. I know that this internship will do wonders to grow both my professional network and my passion for Human Resources!"

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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