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Set Flight to Morocco



One of the best opportunities available to college students is the chance to study abroad. Unfortunately, many students are unable to take advantage of these trips because the expense of travel is too great. To encourage all students to go abroad, the Gilman International Study Abroad Scholarship funds students from across the country in their travels. Honors Program student Nathan Carpenter (international studies, economics, and Arabic '20) recently received a Gilman scholarship to support his upcoming trip to Morocco to work on his Arabic language skills.

“Thanks to this scholarship, I will be able to travel to Morocco and practice what I have learned in my Arabic classes first hand. The Arabic curriculum has also included a strong focus on the socio-cultural background of the language, and the

practices of the Middle East and North Africa region,” he said.

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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.

Honors in Action: Linnea Ryan Wins Conference Poster Competition



Congratulations to Linnea Ryan (history '19) for winning the poster competition at last year's meeting of the SouthEastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG)! Ryan also has a minor in geography, and under the guidance of Dr. Amy Potter and Dr. Meimei Lin, professors of geography on the Armstrong Campus, she conducted research on historical markers in downtown Savannah.

Savannah is a popular destination in the southeastern United States, with its historic districts and a particular draw. In her presentation for the SEDAAG conference, Ryan focused on the historic markers around downtown Savannah and their underrepresentation of women. When asked about what she would like to see come from her research, Ryan noted the importance of shining a light on this finding. "Bringing recognition to this lack of representation is the first step in forging a path to a landscape in which the accomplishments of all people are celebrated, no matter their gender, race, or sexual orientation," Ryan said.

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Honors in Action: Students Present at Harvard University



Two Honors students, Kalie Todd (exercise science '19) and Regan Thomas (exercise science '19), traveled to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to attend and to present their research at Harvard University's National Collegiate Research Conference. Both of the students were accompanied by Dr. Daniel Czech, whom they worked with throughout the stages of their research.

Todd's research, "The Relationship Between Perceived Level of Social Support on the Fear of Falling Among the Elderly," focused on the belief that societal support and falling are correlated. Todd examined whether increased support decreases the fear of falling with the elderly. Thomas presented "Rehabilitation Protocols for Total Hip Replacement Patients: A comparison of Physicians and Physician Assistants versus Physical Therapists." She replicated a German study, analyzing the differing beliefs between physicians and physical therapist concerning the rehabilitation of patients after surgery.

Both students were able to take advantage of the opportunities presented at the conference such as feedback from scholars in their field and specialized workshops.

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Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!

Another Year at Camp Blue Skies



This Spring Break, a group of Honors students will participate in the Alternative Break Trip at Camp Blue Skies and Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge, Georgia. This year will mark the University Honors Program's eighth spring working with these camps. The program focuses on creating a welcoming environment and engaging activities for camp participants.

The Eidson House Welcomes New Student Assistants



The University Honors Program welcomes three new student assistants, Caroline Usry, Ashley Callahan, and Noelle Anderson (from left to right). Usry and Callahan work in Publications, focusing on the graphic design and photography of the *Honors @ Georgia Southern* annual magazine. Anderson analyzes the University Honors Program data, dealing with Honors students and courses.

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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