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Congratulations Spring Graduates!



The Honors Program is pleased to announce that there were over 90 graduates this spring. We know the hard work students on both campuses completed during their time in the Honors Program has prepared them for whatever challenges they will face. Please join us in wishing them all the best as they move on to the next steps in their lives.

Statesboro Campus

Kayla Allen
Civil Engineering

Ashleigh Marion
Early Childhood Education

Haley Allmond
Child & Family Development

Nicholas Matthews
Political Science

Ashley Archer
Political Science

Mitchell Mayes
Logistics & Intermodal Transportation

Tanner Avery
Geology

Trey Miller
Construction Management

Victoria Barrett
History

Micah Mills
Mechanical Engineering

Kasi Bitter
Writing & Linguistics

David Moore
Electrical Engineering

Alexis Bivens
Biology

Kendra Moore
Biology

Kiana Carn
Fashion Merchandising & Apparel
Design

Carlie Novak
Chemistry

Garrett Chapman
Logistics & Intermodal Transportation
and Marketing

Bernadette O'Donnell
International Studies and Spanish

Madeline Conner
Logistics & Intermodal Transportation
and Marketing

Uzoma Okoye
Economics

Kevin Crosby
International Studies and Political
Science

Meagan Partridge
Nursing

Michelle Daly
Writing & Linguistics

Cassandra Pelton
Biology

Emily Deyton
Music Education/Choral Sequence

Jaclyn Robelo
Accounting

Jefferson Doehling
Mechanical Engineering

Xxavier Robertson
Multimedia Film & Production and
Management/Hospitality

Chelsea Rodriguez
Exercise Science

Caroline Duffy

Kelvin Rosado-Ayala

Nursing

Megan Fromme
Special Education

Darrell Fullmer
Multimedia Film & Production

Margaret Geddy
English and French

Shelby Georges
History

Jonathon Hall
Psychology

Brandi Hawkins
Nursing

Vernon Herrington
Civil Engineering

Madison Heydinger
Nutrition & Food Science

Caitlyn Hicks
Biology

Kadien Hill
History

Kaitlyn Hodges
English

David Jackson
Theatre

Abigail Johnson
Exercise Science

Kathryn Keith
Anthropology

Computer Science

Elise Rustine
Graphic Design

Laurel Sabadosh
Criminal Justice & Criminology

Jordan Salvador
Marketing

Kaley Scanlon
Nursing

Amanda Sexton
Anthropology

Emily Elizabeth Shannon
Political Science and Psychology

Alea Simmons
Management

Janice Simon
Criminal Justice & Criminology

Jenae Smith
Chemistry

Danielle Souza
Biology

Kristi St. Clair
Chemistry

Richard Steele
Physics and Mathematics

Elizabeth Stovall
Political Science

Quinton Taylor
Biology

Madison Kelly
Biology

Bailey Kirk
Mathematics

George Lavallin
Economics

Kyle Leep
Computer Science

Reid Loveless
Biology

Amber Ugbo
Nutrition & Food Science and
Exercise Science

Ashley Williams
Biology and Psychology

Sydney Wright
Biology

Claire Zecha
Nursing

View pictures from the Statesboro Campus Honors Graduation Recognition
Ceremony [here!](#)

Armstrong Campus

Sara Baker
Rehabilitation Sciences

Cameron Bowles
Nursing

Mary Carpenter
Rehabilitation Sciences

Cicely Curtis
Nursing

Laura D'Alessio
Biology/Biochemistry

Sierra Diemer
English

Teresa Durham
English

Emily Flingos
Biology

Ha Huynh
Biology

Lydia McKee
Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Abigail Meert
History

Stephanie Owens
Fine Arts

Mukti Patel
Biology

Lydia Peavy
Cell & Molecular Biology

Courtney Sanderlin
Nursing

Randi Schroedel
Cell & Molecular Biology

Elias Frazier
Psychology

Stacie Sims
Nursing

Micheal Freeman
Liberal Studies

Michael Swanson
Liberal Studies

Assata Griffin
Child & Family Studies

Michael Underwood
Computer Science

Jonathan Hatala
Psychology

Tessa Wilkins
Health Science Informatics

Lily-Ann Huerd
Nursing

Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!

Opportunities Adding Up



As her final semester at Georgia Southern University ended, things began to add up for Bailey Kirk (mathematics '18). Kirk has participated in the University Honors Program since her first-year in 2014. Throughout her time, she has taken advantage of opportunities such as peer leading, participating as an alternative break trip leader, and presenting her research at conferences. Each of these individual experiences inspired her decision to continue her education and pursue a master's degree in teaching.

This June, she will begin graduate studies at Georgia State University. She was awarded the fully-funded Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. Her focus in graduate school will be on teaching in low-income schools.

Click [here](#) to read more!

First-Year Experience Awards Honors



Every year, the Office of First-Year Experience recognizes a student, a faculty member, and a staff member whose work with first-year students is exceptional. This spring, two of these three winners were from the same honors section of a First-Year Experience class. Peer Leader Morgan Gallahue (biology '18) was recognized as the 2018 Peer Leader of the Year, and Dr. Francis Desiderio, the Associate Director of the University Honors Program, was recognized as the 2018 Outstanding Advocate for First-Year Students.

During her freshman year, Gallahue was a student in Dr. Desiderio's Honors

FYE, *The Meaning of Place*. That course explored the built environment from an interdisciplinary perspective with a particular focus on how people attach meaning to place. This year, the course theme is *Soccer Cultures around the World*. While Gallahue was not well-versed in the sport, she agreed to work with Desiderio in the year-long course that covered the fall seminar and the connected spring Global Citizens course.

Click [here](#) to read more!



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.

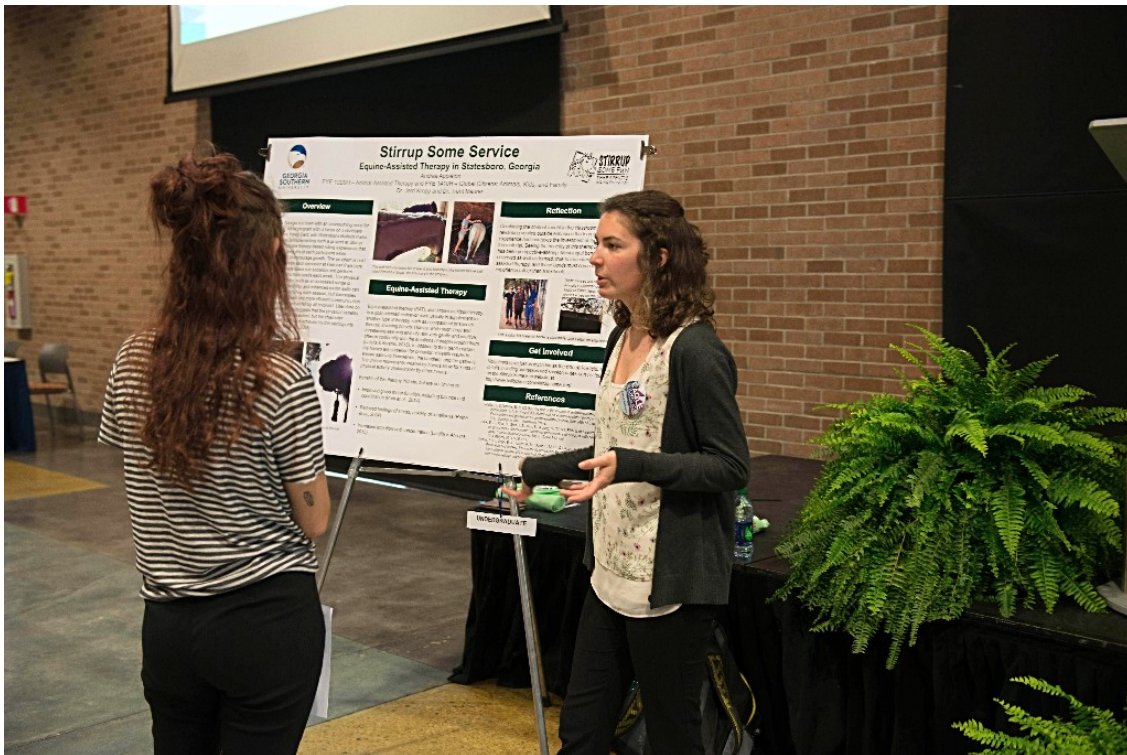
Leader of the Year



Senior honors student Reid Loveless (biology '18) was recently awarded the 2018 Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Leader of the Year Award in Athletics. During Loveless' career at Georgia Southern University, he focused on academics, club sports, and community service. The recent honors graduate was involved with the wrestling and climbing team as well as leading the wetland clean-up initiative.

Click [here](#) to read more about Loveless' achievements!

Honors Students Win Awards at Eagle Showcase



Georgia Southern University annually hosts the Eagle Showcase: Excellence in Service-Learning. The Office of Leadership and Community Engagement works with The Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi to make this event possible for undergraduate and graduate students to present posters on service-learning projects. Two honors students were recognized, at this event, Vernon Herrington and Andrea Appleton. Herrington received first place in the undergraduate poster category, and Appleton received the People's Choice Award.

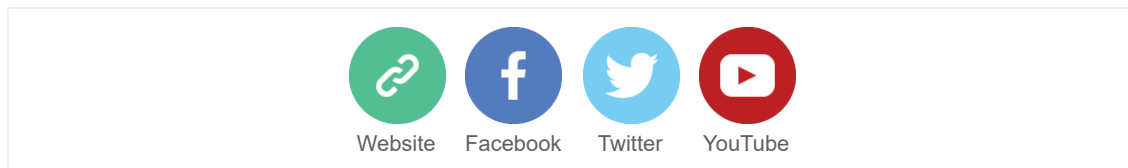
Herrington worked with a group of students, developing a 3D model of local intersections. Herrington specifically made a model of the Brampton Avenue and Bermuda Run intersection to make recommendations on improving traffic flow. After their research, the group donated the model to the City of Statesboro engineers to help the redesign process.

Appleton worked with Dr. Jerri Kropp and Dr. Trent Maurer during her First-Year Experience course, *Animal-Assisted Therapy*. The class worked with the Statesboro Parks and Recreation Department's program, *Stirrup Some Fun*. The program provides therapeutic horse-riding for children with disabilities. Appleton explained the benefits such as increased self-esteem and confidence while reflecting on her own journey volunteering with the program.

Herrington and Appleton are active students both on and off campus. Their projects exemplified the importance of civic engagement, and both of them are using their time and resources to help the Statesboro community.

Click [here](#) to see the award-winning posters!

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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