A New Year in Honors

On August 21, the University Honors Program hosted their annual welcome reception. New and returning students attended and conversed with their peers about summer adventures and future endeavors. Georgia Southern University Interim President Shelley C. Nickel spoke to the students about the importance of recognizing their place at college as both an individual and an Honors Student. Honors Program Director Steven Engel gave students advice for the academic challenges in the year ahead.
More photos from the reception can be viewed on our Facebook page.

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.

Congratulations Caroline Bevillard and Anthony Setari

The University Honors Program congratulates honors alumni Caroline Bevillard (sport management ’11) and Anthony Setari (writing & linguistics ’09) being named to Georgia Southern University Alumni 40 under 40.

Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!
This past summer, Hannah Dorough (psychology ’18) found career inspiration on her internship with the Human Resources Operations team at HD Supply in Atlanta. To call it a summer internship is to stop too soon, however, as she continues to work for the company as a remote human resources coordinator while finishing up her final semester at Georgia Southern University.

During the summer Dorough worked primarily with Community Affairs. “I was responsible for complete management of the initiatives and strategic relationships of the Community Affairs department,” she said. “I worked on project committees to implement compliance strategy.” This semester she is able to work remotely from Statesboro, occasionally traveling to Atlanta, to participate in and lead corporate events.

HD Supply is an industrial distributor across North America. The company provides a range of services and products for a variety of business needs, such as the newly constructed Mercedes-Benz Stadium in downtown Atlanta.

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Finding rigor not just in the classroom but also in the gym, Michael Cohen (health science '20) placed seventh overall in the world at the 20 & Under World Championships for weightlifting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. This Olympic style event included both the snatch and the clean and jerk.

Competing in weightlifting since he was four years old, Cohen has traveled all over the world for competitions, including Japan, Peru, Mexico, Poland, and Russia. His favorite perks from all of this international travel are being able to explore different countries, try food from other cultures, and learn phrases from the languages spoken in each new country. He also enjoys swapping USA team gear for other nations’ team gear as souvenirs.

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Finding the perfect summer research experience sometimes requires asking the right questions of the right people. Catie Shipp (psychology ’19) did just that and participated in a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. She was one of 129 students selected from a pool of almost 1400 applicants, and in her time there, she gained valuable hands-on research experience. She found herself working at a high level on various research projects and has been asked to return next year as the clinical research coordinator within the Department of Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Pediatrics.

The program paired each fellow with a mentor, and Shipp worked with Dr. Anna Esbensen. With her mentor’s guidance, Shipp worked on four of her ongoing research projects. “These projects aimed to improve sleep and behavior, and also to test cognitive measures for school-aged children with Down syndrome. I took on a variety of roles throughout the summer which included creating data sets, entering data, scoring psychological assessments, creating and prepping research folders,
organizing protocol, creating visual schedules, creating stimuli for research visits, and preparing recruitment for future and ongoing studies,” Shipp said.

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