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The Honors Program is pleased to announce that there were 30 graduates this fall. 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

Sara Alemar Barrientos
Biology

Matthew Keane
Marketing and Logistics & Intermodal Transportation

Stafford Baum
Accounting

Logan McDonald
English and Spanish

Rachel Brady
Nursing

Christina Morris
Psychology

Rachel Doggett
Writing & Linguistics and English

Tierra Myrick
Nursing

Hannah Dorough
Psychology
Cadence Dwyer
Economics
Morgan Gallahue
Biology
Ashton Glenn
Accounting
Elizabeth Hawkins
Mathematics
Bethany Johnson
Psychology
Bria Jones
Writing & Linguistics
Emilie Jones
Marketing

Chidera Obinali
Information Technology
Samantha Penta
Nursing
Amy Rustine
Early Childhood Education
Charissa Simpson
Biology
Abigail Slattery
Early Childhood Education
Marian Trainor
Art
Cassie Williams
Nursing

View pictures from the Statesboro Campus Honors Graduation Recognition Ceremony here!

Armstrong Campus

Carly Mathis
Communication Sciences & Disorders
Ashley McCormac
English
Moriah Newton
Chemistry
Kaley Powers
Biology

Ansley Rush
Rehabilitation Sciences
Catherine Simmons
Psychology
Nikki Vatistas
Biology

Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!

Carolyn Nixon is Named a Rangel Fellow
Carolynn Nixon (political science) graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2017, but she still keeps in contact with her peers and mentors. This fall, those networks helped in her successful pursuit of a Charles B. Rangel Fellowship, which will provide funding for a master’s degree program in international affairs and placement in internships with the United States Department of State. Upon completion of the two-year degree, Rangel Fellows work for the government for five years.

Honors Program alumnus Tony Hudson (international studies, ‘17), one of Nixon’s peers, received this award in 2017. Hudson inspired Nixon to look into the program and eventually apply. Nixon’s support from her peers as well as her professors gave her the push she needed to pursue this opportunity.

Dr. Jamie Scalera, a professor with the Department of Political Science and International Studies, was an important figure for Nixon during the application process. “She notified me when the application was open, read drafts of my purpose
statement, wrote me a letter of recommendation, and made sure I was in contact with other students who had applied. All of my professors in the department have always been supportive and encouraging. They continued to look out for my best interests even after I graduated,” she said.

Coffee, Beignets, and Conference Conversations

New Orleans, Louisiana is an eccentric, vibrant city that is as unique as its people, and a few University Honors Program students experienced that city’s unique culture and history while they presented research at the Popular Culture Association of the South (PCAS).
Dra. Leticia McGrath led the students on this trip, and as a member of PCAS, she tries to attend this conference each year and to take students with her. “I take students because it allows them the opportunity to present their research in a professional setting where they can receive feedback and participate in discussions that will help them in future research,” she said.

Emily Pressler (Spanish and French ‘19), who has gone to several conferences with Dra. McGrath, agrees. “This was a great opportunity to present my preliminary thesis research findings,” she said.

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Kaley Powers
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