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Georgia Southern University honors student and Statesboro, Ga. native Kendra Mosley has been awarded a prestigious National Security Education Program David L. Boren Scholarship for study in Moscow, Russia.

Boren Scholarships are awarded to students who wish to study in countries and regions of critical importance to U.S. interests. Language learning is a key component of study for many undergraduate recipients as is developing a cultural understanding of the country. Boren scholars also must commit to a year-long service requirement in a government agency with national security responsibilities.

Mosley, who is a history and international studies major in Georgia Southern University's Honors Program, will spend the 2010-2011 academic year in Russia where she plans to immerse herself in the Russian culture and advance her Russian language skills. Mosley plans to travel around the country, visit the cities near Moscow, and make a trip to explore St. Petersburg. "Most importantly," she says of her goals, "I plan to earn my minor in Russian, which means I will reach the high intermediate level in my language training. I also plan to complete my honors thesis research which will focus on Russia."

Mosley is an ROTC cadet and upon her return to the United States she will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Her plans following graduation are to become either a military intelligence officer or air defense artillery officer. Still, she also has plans for more studies. "I want to attend graduate school for Russian studies and history. My goal is to become a military advisor to the U.S. Army on Eastern European and Russian affairs. I also want to be a Russian history professor at some point," she says.

The University Honors Program at Georgia Southern University provides a small college atmosphere in the context of a large comprehensive university. The 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. The program also advises students from across the University in their pursuit of national and international competitive scholarships.

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