

Students Present at GCHC

The Honors College was well represented at the 30th annual Georgia Collegiate

Honors Conference held on February 8-9.

Georgia Southern University hosted the conference in Statesboro. Ten students presented research in either a panel presentation or a poster presentation.

Topics ranged from political television ads to effects of caffeine and music on scholastic ability.

Michael Holman, graduate assistant for the Honors College, drove the van and those students who did not transport themselves. Many thanks to him!

The students arrived at the conference around 5:30 Friday night.

Once there, they received a lanyard with their names on it, a bag filled with goodies,

and a program. On the back of their name cards was a number that corresponded to their dinner tables.



Shannon Clark and Kimberly Edwards pose in front of their poster.

No two students from VSU sat at the same dinner table. This required the students to step out of their comfort zones and initiate relationship with other Honors students from across Georgia. A trivia contest was held after dinner.

The first session of paper presentations began at 8:30 Saturday morning and the last poster session ended at 4:00 pm. The students had a busy but rewarding day.

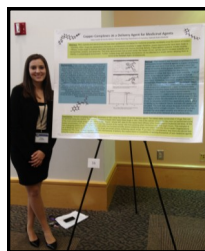


Andrew Tatler-Burgess, Michael Holman, Chase Kelly, Adrienne Fry, Lisa Wiltsee, Jennifer Dandron and Danielle Jordan

GCHC held a "Best Poster/Paper" competition in Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Professional Studies and Fine Arts.

Chase Kelly, junior history major, won second place in the Social Science category.

The Honors College is very proud of all the students who presented! Thanks to all those who participated and helped make the event possible!



Haley Franklin with her poster.

GCHC PARTICIPANTS:

Shannon Clark, Kimberly Edwards:
"Hydrogen Powered Underwater Vehicles: Using Calcium Reactions as an Alternative Fuel Source for Deep Sea Mining"

Jennifer Dandron:
"The Relationship between the Media and School Shootings in the Past Fifteen Years, with Special Regards to the Columbine, Virginia Tech and Newtown Massacres"

Haley Franklin:
"Copper Complexes as a Delivery Agent for Medicinal Agents"

Adrienne Fry:
"Examining Cartesian Paradigms in Beckett's *Molloy*"

Danielle Jordan:
"Shot Clocks, Screens, and the Self"

Chase Kelly:
"Franklin D. Roosevelt: Popular Support and Pearl Harbor"

Andrew Tatler-Burgess:
"Albrecht Dürer: Renaissance Man and Genius"

Elizabeth Tuttle:
"Televised Negative Political Advertisements and Societal Effects"

Lisa Wiltsee:
"Effects of Caffeine and Music Genre on Scholastic Ability"

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Bartram Award Deadline is March 1st

Do you demonstrate intellectual exploration, adventure and achievement? Have you considered applying for the William Bartram Award for Intellectual Exploration?

The deadline for the Bartram Award is March 1.

To receive the award, students must meet the following requirements:

- have a grade point average of 3.30 or higher
- be classified as a sophomore or junior
- be currently enrolled in Honors classes or else have completed all Honors College requirements
- demonstrate exceptional research, scholarly or creative activity in a course of study

In order to apply, students must turn in a completed packet, which includes

- A nomination packet (found on the Honors website)
- A letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- A printed or electronic copy of your project (research or creative)
- An essay of 500 words or less detailing the project

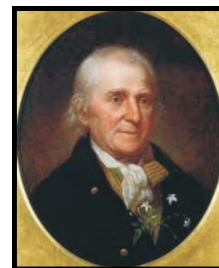
Nomination forms may be picked up at the Honors House or online at www.valdosta.edu/honors.

Each spring it is awarded to an exceptional Honors College student.

The winner will receive an invitation to the President's award dinner because it is a university wide accolade!

Recipients of the award, as well as their projects, are listed on the Honors College website.

The Bartram Award is named for famed explorer and naturalist William Bartram and recognized exceptional achievement.



William Bartram

Hugh C. Bailey Scholarship Application Due Soon!

Don't forget to apply for the Hugh C. Bailey Scholarship! March 1 is the deadline, and it is quickly approaching!

The scholarships are available on the Honors College's website: www.valdosta.edu/honors.

Students applying for the scholarship must meet these requirements:

- be a full-time student who has been admitted to the Honors College and who has completed between 45 and 75 semester hours, including at least 10 semester hours in the VSU

Honors Program

- have a grade point average of at least 3.6 for all courses completed, including Honors courses taken at VSU
- must exemplify the spirit of inquiry and service that characterizes the Honors College

The scholarships are awarded for one academic year.

The scholarship amount varies with the earnings of the endowment fund.

The Hugh C. Bailey Scholarship was created by the late Dr. Bailey to encourage academic excellence in

every discipline in the Honors College. Dr. Bailey was President of VSU from 1978-2001. The Honors House was once Dr. Bailey's, but he bestowed it as a gift to the Honors College in the spring of 2007.



Dr. Bailey

The first scholarship was awarded in 2006. Past recipients are listed on the website.

Kelly Wins, Takes Home Prize from GCHC

Chase Kelly, a junior history major, was one of only eight students, out of a total of 150, to receive an award at the 30th annual Georgia Collegiate Honors Conference held February 8-9 at Georgia Southern University.

Kelly placed second in the social science category for the "Best Poster/Paper" competition.

"It was a great surprise that I won an award for my paper," Kelly said.

First place winners received \$300 and second place received \$100.

The winning paper, "Franklin D. Roosevelt: Popular Support and Pearl Harbor," was judged on mechanics, approach/methodology, and analysis & argument. The judg-

es combined this score with his presentation score.

The presentations were evaluated based on the following criteria: presentation of content, presentation style and handling of questions.

The papers and posters were not judged separately. Therefore, a poster could have beaten a paper.

Although Kelly is proud of his award, he says the most rewarding aspect was being able to be a part of the conference.

"I think it was even more exciting to be able to see all the great things students from across the state are doing...I believe that was the best part of it: to be able to be a part of

the students that love what they do and loving sharing it with others. It is an awesome feeling," Kelly said.

Kelly was one of ten students from VSU to present his research at the conference.



Chase Kelly (second on left) and the rest of the winners from GCHC

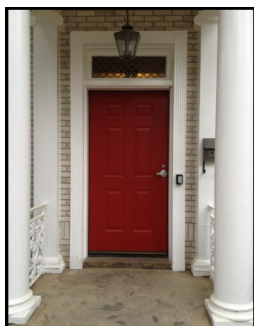


Chase Kelly receiving his award.

The Honors House Has Been Renovated!

The smell of fresh paint still lingers in the foyer of the Honors House. Over the winter break, the Honors House received a makeover!

The walls have been painted, the door has been changed, and a key card swipe has even been added!



The new door

The renovations has helped make the Honors House even more of a home.

For example, the copy room is now a library with shelves of books and movies lining the walls.

The computer lab had little change, except for one thing. It now has new chairs!

Mrs. Jane's office has been re-arranged. The couch is sitting where her desk used to, and her desk where the couch once was.

Upstairs even welcomed a few changes. Dean Savoie switched his office to Dr. Bogyo and Dr. Johnson's old one. Dr. Bogyo and Dr. Johnson are now in Dean Savoie's old office.



The library

Perhaps the biggest change is the restroom! It has been completely renovated. It is now handicap accessible and more modern looking.

The house looks beautiful, and the students are really enjoying it! Thanks to everyone who helped make the renovations possible!



The restroom

HSA Helps Habitat for Humanity

Members of HSA braved the cold, rainy weather on Saturday, Feb 16 to help Habitat for Humanity.

Seven students along with other members of Habitat for Humanity painted the inside of a repossessed Habitat House on Jimmy Carter St. Students painted bedrooms, bathrooms, closets and the kitchen.

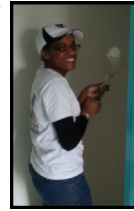


Students are having fun helping out!

Leaving the Honors House around 7:45, the students helped paint and clean the Habitat House until noon.

Although the conditions for the job were not ideal, the students were excited to make a difference in a life.

Students split into three groups. One group took the bathroom, and the other took two separate bedrooms. They all came together in the end to paint the living room and kitchen. Clean up was a breeze with the team work.



Antoinette Williams

Habitat members were grateful HSA could lend a supporting hand. They invited the students back for future projects. In March, Habitat for Humanity will be building a house and will need all the assistance it can get.

Participants:

- Cortney Cooper
- Jennifer Dandron
- Terrance Jenkins
- Chase Kelly
- Chelsie Norton
- Gene Rowell
- Antoinette Williams

The Honors College Teams Up with ELI for a Cookout



Students pose for a picture.

The Honors College and English Language Institute (ELI) came together on Saturday, February 16 at the Honors House for a cookout in an effort to build relationships between the Honors students and International students.

Students enjoyed grilled hamburgers and pulled pork as the main dishes. Desert consisted of remnants of Chocolate Day.

Students bonded over games of badminton, horseshoes, and throwing the football around with each other.

The Honors College was packed with students.



The dogs were a big hit at the cookout!

Over forty people attended the event. Dr. Johnson and Lauren Braun from the Center for International Programs brought their dogs to the cookout. Everyone enjoyed this little treat!

ELI has invited the Honors students to some upcoming events, such as a cookout and baseball game.



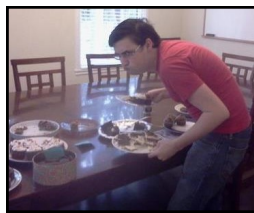
Students made friendships that will last a lifetime.

Students exchanged information and had fun getting to know each other.

Everyone Enjoys Annual Chocolate Day

The Honors College annual Chocolate Day went off without a hitch this year! The annual celebration was hosted on Thursday, February 14.

Dean Savoie, Mrs. Robinson, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Bogyo and a few of the students



Michael Holman fills up his plate before the goodies are gone.

provided sweet treats for everyone to enjoy! Chocolate bark, Reese Puff muffins, cupcakes and chocolate truffles were just of the few decadent pieces offered to the students, faculty and anyone else who stopped by the



A sample of some of the chocolate provided.

The First Lady of VSU, Dr. Dacia Charlesworth, even offered to help out with next year's Chocolate Day. Thank you to everyone who came together to make Chocolate Day such a success! We hope everyone enjoyed everything!

HSA CORNER

Benefits of joining HSA include numerous opportunities to be involved in community service and social events. For more information look for VSU's Honor Student Association on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Wordpress.

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=2200950440>

2012-2013 HSA Officers:

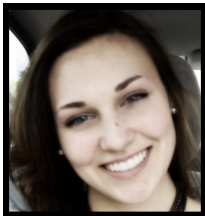
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New Leadership Takes Office for Spring 2013

The Honors Student Association welcomed new leadership for the Spring semester!

Chelsie Norton took over as President of HSA in January following Jennifer Stakich's, the former President, graduation in December.



Chelsie Norton

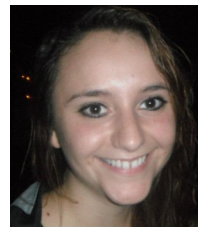
According to the HSA constitution, at the departure of the President the current vice president should take her place.

With Norton tak-

ing over as President, a vacant spot was left for the vice president position.

Over the winter break, the HSA executive board nominated and selected Jennifer Dandron as the interim vice president.

Norton is a senior mathematics and middle grades education major. She has previously served as the secretary and vice president for HSA. She was the recipient



Jennifer Dandron

of the 2011 Bailey Scholarship. Presently, Norton is co-authoring an elementary school math textbook.

Dandron is a junior mass media and political science major. She was previously the class representative for the freshman and sophomore classes. She is the current Honors College student assistant.

The change in leadership has been a smooth transition for the organization. Great things are being planned for this semester!

HSA is Raising Money for Cancer Research

HSA is participating in the annual Relay for Life, which is being held April 19. Amber Blocker and Chase Kelly are this year's HSA co-captains.

This year's theme is decades. The team had trouble deciding which decade they wanted to do, so they have turned it into a competition of its own.

The team is split into sub teams, one being the fifties and one being the nineties.

The team is aiming to raise at least \$2,000 for the cause.

"This is a fantastic way to get community service hours because it is super fun and a really good cause," Co-Captain Blocker said.

If you're interested in participating contact either Amber or Chase via Facebook or email at anblocker@valdosta.edu or kckelly@valdosta.edu, respectively.

Relay for Life is an event to raise money for cancer research.