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## Honors Students Present at GCHC!

The VSU Honors College took 14 presenters to the annual conference of the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council on February 17-18.

This year, North Georgia College & State University hosted the event in Dahlonega and provided many fun activities for the visiting students. The VSU team enjoyed a nature hike in the beautiful Amicalola Falls area. After the hike, students explored Dahlonega's consolidated gold mine, travelling over 200 feet below the surface in the gold mine. At the gold mine, students also panned for gold. Late on Friday night, NGCSU held a trivia night with coffee and desserts. The students had a great time participating and eating the delicious cake!

VSU brought one of the largest presentation teams even though they travelled the greatest distance!

VSU students presented on a variety of topics,

from anthropological

studies to Israeli/Palestinian tension to the works of Marie de France. Chelsie Norton and

Michael Holman discussed the Honors Haunted House as a fundraising activity, and Fear-tatious Hogan and Jennifer Stakich presented a panel discus-

sion about individuality and stereotypes. Ashley Dailey also read an original short story, adding to the variety of VSU's group!

VSU sent two poster presenters to the conference.

Chase Kelly's poster focused on the idea of China as the next potential superpower. Haley Franklin's poster was entitled "Effectiveness of Organically Acceptable Seed Treatments

in the Control of Two

Common Seed Pathogens." Haley's poster was awarded third place in the poster competition!

Congratulations to all

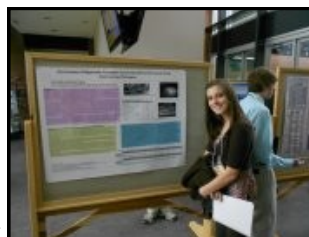
who participated and represented the VSU Honors College at the conference!



Students before the hike



Panning for gold!



Haley Franklin and her prize-winning poster



Angeliq Witmer

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### Student Presenters

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Audrey Dowis

Haley Franklin

Erica Garcia

Laura Hanna

Fear-tatious Hogan

Michael Holman

Danielle Jordan

Chase Kelly

Chelsie Norton

Jennifer Stakich

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## The Honors College's New Graduate Assistant

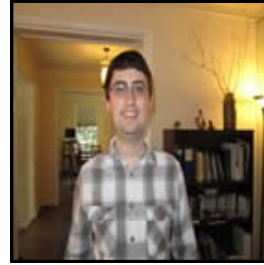
Michael Holman is a familiar face around the Honors House—as an undergraduate student, he organized the wildly popular Honors Haunted House. Now you might see him in his new role as Honors Graduate Assistant.

Michael is the first student to have actually completed the Honors Program and then serve as graduate assistant. Michael began his Honors experience in 2006 as an entering freshman, sitting in Dr. Nikolova's very first HONS 1990 class. He graduated in Fall 2010 with a B.S. in Psychology. During his undergraduate career, Michael was very

involved with HSA and organized the Haunted House.

As a graduate student, Michael is studying Clinical-Counseling Psychology. He will study abroad for the first time this summer, travelling to London with the European Council program.

Michael began working as the Honors Graduate Assistant in Spring 2012. He loves Honors and is glad to be back in the Honors House!



Michael Holman

Michael reveals that he wanted to be a voice actor when he was a senior in high school; he also declares, "I love Halloween more than any other holiday, including my own birthday."

As part of his position, Michael will be driving a van full of Honors students to conferences this spring. He is the designated driver for the GCHC trip to Dahlonega, Georgia and also to SRHC in Tampa, Florida.

Welcome, Michael!

## Honors Chocolate Day!

On February 9th, Honors students gathered to enjoy sweet treats at the Honors House for the annual Honors Chocolate Day.

Mrs. Robinson outdid herself this year with the amount of tasty chocolate delicacies that were available. Students enjoyed a variety of cookies, brownies, fudge squares, and chocolate cake throughout the

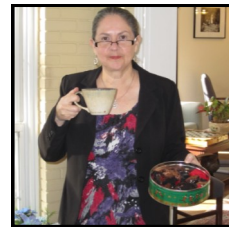


Chocolate table

day.

Mrs. Robinson staged the event, and several faculty and students contributed baked goods to the celebration. Special thanks also go

to Dr. Nikolova, Dr. Bogyo, Michael Holman, Jennifer Stakich, and Chelsie Norton.



Mrs. Robinson enjoys the treats!

Chocolate Day is a great Honors tradition that the students all love. Free food, especially dessert, is always a hit with the students!

Many thanks to Mrs. Robinson for all her hard work in organizing this special day!

## Connect with the Honors College!

Looking for more information about the Honors College? Interested in film trivia or unusual facts? Time for you to check out the VSU Honors College on Facebook and twitter!



You can "like" the Honors College on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/VSUHonorsCollege>

You can also follow us on twitter: [https://twitter.com/#!/VSU\\_Honors](https://twitter.com/#!/VSU_Honors)



We encourage any high school students to follow us and get more information on the VSU Honors College!

As part of our new social media campaign, we're thinking of more and more ways to make Honors accessible to your life.

## Honors Reveals Bartram Award Winners

This year, the Honors Awards Committee bestowed the prestigious William Bartram Award for Intellectual Exploration on two students: Christian Carter and Jennifer Stakich.

Christian, a sophomore art major, submitted a project entitled "The Sights and Sounds of Arthuriana." Christian started her research in Dr. Ellen Friedrich's Honors 1990 class, presenting her paper at SRHC last year. This year, Christian staged and created



Christian Carter

original photographs to augment the project, and she will be displaying those at SRHC 2012. These photographs now hang in the Honors House, too!

Jennifer, a junior English major, submitted an Honors Option paper from Dr. Carol Glen's political science class. The paper is called "Will the World Be Able to Feed Itself in the Foreseeable Future?" Dr. Glen challenged her to conduct detailed, in-depth research, resulting in an almost twenty-page paper! Jennifer presented the paper at GCHC 2012 and will also present it at this year's SRHC.



Jennifer Stakich

Both students worked extensively with their faculty advisors to produce these projects. The Bartram Award winners will also be honored at the University Honors Dinner with Interim President Dr. Louis Levy presiding. Congratulations to both Christian and Jennifer for their hard work!

## Where are Those Honors Professors?

Honors faculty Dr. Dennis Bogyo and Dr. Charles Johnson love to travel and experience new things (in the spirit of Honors academic inquiry, of course). So they're starting a little game and want YOU to guess what global location or who they represent in this picture.

Email your best guess to [honors@valdosta.edu](mailto:honors@valdosta.edu) and you will be

recognized in the next edition of *The Honora*!



## Don't Miss the Bailey Scholarship Deadline!

Are you an Honors sophomore or junior? If so, you may be eligible for the Honors College Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarship!

**Hugh C. Bailey  
Family Scholarship**

The Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarship was established in 2005 by a gift from Dr. Hugh C. Bailey, President of Valdosta State University from

1978 to 2001. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year, and they are non-renewable. The number offered each year will vary with the earnings of the endowment fund.

To qualify, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be active members of the University Honors College who are enrolled on a full-time basis
- have completed between 45 and 75 semester hours

- have completed at least 10 hours of coursework in the VSU Honors College
- have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.6 in all courses, including Honors courses taken at VSU
- exemplify the spirit of inquiry and service that characterizes the Honors College.

Applications are available online or in the Honors House and will be due in the office at noon on Friday, March 23, 2012.

## 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 and check out their website.



- 2011-2012 HSA Officers:
- President: Jennifer Stakich
  - Vice President: Chelsie Norton
  - Secretary: Shakeria Bonaparte
  - Treasurer: Adam Uelmen
  - Community Service Coordinator: Terrance Jenkins
  - Freshman Board Advisor: Kiana Lively
  - Undergraduate Research Coordinator: Erica Garcia
  - Public Relations Officer: Jessica Bartek



The Exec Board at the 2011 Christmas party!

Not pictured: Kiana Lively

## Focus On...Community Service Coordinator Terrance Jenkins

Terrance Jenkins took over the role of community service coordinator in December, and he's already loving it. In just a few short weeks, Terrance has planned out HSA's community service schedule! Terrance is a biology/pre-med major in his junior year at VSU. He is also involved in Alpha Epsilon Delta, Up 'til Dawn, Relay for Life, and the VSU Ballroom Dance Club.

He is passionate about community service, and several of the other student organizations he's involved in have a focus on volunteering. If



you would like to suggest a service activity for HSA, please let him know!

## HSA Runs Successful Fundraiser for Harvest of Hope!

From January 19 to February 2, HSA members staged a fundraiser to benefit Harvest of Hope.

Members sold candy bundles for \$1; when someone purchased a bundle, they received a raffle ticket to enter them into a drawing for a \$30 gas card.

In the two weeks, members raised \$200 for Harvest of Hope, HSA's chosen charity for this academic year. The money will be given as a scholarship to a college-bound stu-

dent.

During the February 16th HSA Executive Board meeting, the officers presented the scholarship money to Mr. Phil Kellerman, President of Harvest of Hope.

Last semester, HSA raised \$500 at the Haunted House to donate to Harvest of Hope. Additionally, HSA members have donated textbooks and shoes to the organization.



HSA officers donate fundraising money!