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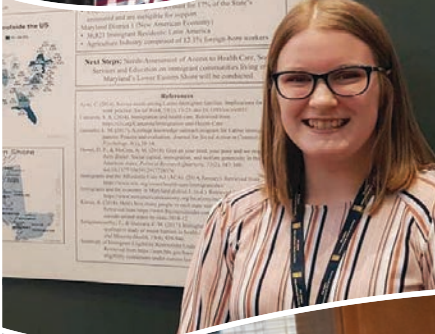


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record our sauntering here,  
remembering that "if one advances  
confidently in the direction of his  
dreams, and endeavors to live the life  
which he has imagined, he will meet  
with a success unexpected in  
common hours.*



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# Honors Student Association Executive Board 2018-2019

The Honors Student Association (HSA) provides students with cultural, intellectual and social activities outside of the classroom setting and promotes community service. This year, *The Saunterer* is featuring the executive board for the 2018-19 school year to show the diversity of majors and interests that HSA attracts. If you are interested in contacting HSA, please email secretary Emily Ball at [eball1@gulls.salisbury.edu](mailto:eball1@gulls.salisbury.edu). You can also visit their Instagram page @su\_hsa.

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# © Student Spotlight: Kateria Rodriguez

By Samantha Steltzer

Each year, *The Saunterer* showcases an outstanding student in the Honors College. This year, Kateria Rodriguez is featured for her outstanding work as a Fulbright Student Awards semifinalist.



Kateria Rodriguez, a senior and Honors College student, was one of 13 semifinalists of the prestigious Fulbright Student Awards for the 2019-2020.

Fulbright Awards are earned by graduating seniors and graduate students who propose a clear study project to be carried out in another country or to teach English in a foreign country for one academic year.

A history major from Centreville, MD, Rodriguez is one of six seniors who was being considered for English Teaching Assistantships. She sought to teach in Macau, which is a region on the south coast of China and wants to “delve into the culture of the region.” Rodriguez endeavors to become an East Asian historian and believes that those who receive the Fulbright Award “show prospective Fulbright students that they are capable of achieving such feats, and that SU has truly amazing students and mentors who are recognized the world over.”

Because of her experience with Fulbright, Kateria also encourages students to apply to study abroad. It “is a cultural experience that not many undergraduate and graduate students believe is in their grasp. Most think that they must be focused in a liberal arts major to go abroad, when in reality, there are so many opportunities and majors that the Fulbright can accompany.”

Students in the Honors College can choose to substitute one of their required courses by studying abroad to fulfill their Honors 311 course. The Honors College offers over 10 unique opportunities in 10 countries.

Rodriguez believes that any student can benefit from experiencing the world. “No matter what major you are, you should have the chance to explore another culture and to experience research and education through a new perspective,” Rodriguez stated.

Having accepted a place at Ohio State University for her master’s in East Asian history, Rodriguez received full funding for her degree.

In the meantime, Rodriguez plans to continue with her courses and finish her Honors thesis; she also is learning Mandarin in order to prepare for future cultural exchanges.

*Samantha Steltzer is a freshman communications arts and history double major.*

# HARRISON LEON'S TUNISIA POLICY BRIEF

By Natalia Graf

Harrison Leon, a junior majoring in conflict analysis and dispute resolution, is currently working with a Tunisian student to complete a policy brief for the Maghreb Economic Forum, a think tank founded to support economic and social development in the Maghreb region of Africa. Leon provided *The Saunterer* with an inside look at his policy brief, called "Acceptance of Returnees from a Social Point of View."

Leon's road to the policy brief began when he was awarded the UNESCO-Bosserman Fellowship in early 2018 and was stationed in Paris, France. While in France, Leon met Aslam Souli, who invited Leon to visit his home country of Tunisia in July 2018. During his visit, Leon became acquainted with Nizar Ben-Salah, who is the leader of the Maghreb Economic Forum.

According to Leon, the idea for the project was put forward by the research team at the Maghreb Economic Forum. Ben-Salah reached out to Leon in November and asked him to put together a policy brief for the Forum, while Tunisian student Hamida Jridi also was asked to be a part of the project. The policy brief will address Tunisian political policy regarding extremism in three sections: Historical Backdrop, Analysis and Recommendations.

"I began by reading a ton," said Leon on the process of creating the policy brief. "I pulled nearly 50 sources, including journal articles, reports, news articles and government documents." With Jridi's practical understanding of Tunisian culture and Leon's theoretical knowledge of violent extremism in Tunisia, they worked together to draft a policy brief they hope will have a great impact on the Tunisian government.

Leon greatly appreciates the help of the Honors College in creating his policy brief. "If it was not for

the support from Honors College, then I would have never had the opportunity to visit Tunisia," he explained. According to Leon, the Honors College encouraged him to apply for the UNESCO-Bosserman Fellowship, which was the catalyst for his visit to Tunisia and the subsequent idea for a policy brief.

On the desired impact of the policy brief, Leon said, "I hope the policy brief will aid the efforts of Tunisian decision-makers in the context of developing a national strategy for Addressing Violent Extremism (AVE), supporting Tunisia's vibrant civil society and eliminating chances of returnee recidivism."

Harrison Leon recently has worked with a Tunisian student to complete a policy brief for the Maghreb Economic Forum.

*Natalia Graf is a senior accounting and information systems double major.*





## CRAFT CIRCLE: A TIME TO RELAX AND CREATE!

By Lindsey Behrman

Salisbury University's Honors College staff are invested in providing their students with unique and exciting opportunities. Originating in 2015, Dr. Leanne Wood, past director of the Bellavance Honors Program, created the Craft Circle. It is well-known by Honors students as one of the many activities the Honors College sponsors.

This event is held once a month on Fridays and is currently led and organized by Dr. Kristen Lycett of the Biological Sciences Department. Food and drinks are always provided, with the events usually themed around seasons and holidays. Past themes have included pumpkin painting for Halloween and ornament decorating for Christmas.

Lycett explained that Craft Circle provides students with exciting hands on activities and a creative outlet to relieve stress in a non academic atmosphere. Kicking off the fall 2018 semester, students were able to plant flowers in flower pots they painted themselves. "It was a great activity that gave students an opportunity to add life to their dorm rooms," Lycett said.

Sarah Kopycinski, a freshman pre nursing major, stated her favorite activity was painting for the October Craft Circle: "It was so fun to see everyone's creations and make festive decorations for our dorm. Craft Circle is the perfect place to take a fun break from school and get creative with friends!"

Beginning next fall, students will be able to submit their own ideas for themes they would like to see implemented in Craft Circle, giving them the opportunity to help decide what creative activity they'd like to do next.

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Above: Students enjoy painting pumpkins, the Halloween-themed activity for Craft Circle.

Lindsey Behrman is a freshman double majoring in accounting and information systems with a music minor.

## FELLOWSHIP SUCCESSES CONTINUE

By Kyla Taylor



Abiodun Adeoye is attending the Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute at the Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota.



Nathaniel Sansom is currently an intern at UNESCO working to prevent youth violence.

Junior Abiodun Adeoye and sophomore Nathaniel Sansom, two students in the Salisbury University Honors College, recently were awarded competitive fellowships with national organizations.

This summer, Adeoye attends the Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute at the Humphrey School at the University of Minnesota. This program is aimed at providing underrepresented groups with the skills and tools needed to advance into leadership positions in public policy.

Adeoye has already attended three weekend programs through the PPIA Program, and he has subsequently been contacted by Harvard, with hopes that he will choose the Ivy League school to complete his public policy graduate degree.

Sansom currently finds himself in Paris, France, where he works 40 hours a week as the only undergraduate intern at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) doing research in the Youth and Sport

Section of the Social and Human Sciences Sector. He is working primarily on the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) in youth. "Essentially, that's the bureaucratic way of explaining that I work on initiatives to facilitate peacebuilding and help prevent youth from becoming influenced by violent/extremist ideologies," Sansom said.

Back in Maryland, he worked as an intern with the Mayor's Office of Salisbury and helped create a partnership with the city of Salinas, Ecuador. He is also involved in local politics and has served in election campaigns, specifically for the local Republican party.

Adeoye and Sansom's successes reflect the importance of the Honors College, which is seen not in statistics, but in the experiences and opportunities that the Honors College promotes for Honors students during and beyond their time at Salisbury University.

Kyla Taylor is a freshman English and communication arts double major and business and professional writing minor.

# FALL GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP

By Natalia Graf

Honors students show exemplary talent at Salisbury University and continually excel in their studies, and their success doesn't just end after their graduation. To find about the exceptional experiences Honors students get outside of Salisbury, *The Saunterer* caught up with some of the college's December 2018 graduates and talked to them about life after college.

Soon after graduating with a degree in marketing and management, Madison Myles began working as a media and event planner for Chaney Enterprises, where she currently manages 18 social media accounts across four brands, including Chaney Enterprises and BuilderUp. Myles had previously interned with Chaney Enterprises, so when she received a full-time offer to work there after she graduated, she gladly accepted. Her favorite part about post-grad life? The weekends. "It's so nice to be able to completely relax!" she exclaimed.

Another business school graduate, Philip Maher, began working as a management trainee with Shore United Bank as part of a nine-month rotational program. Maher got this position by networking and participating in MASMI, a Perdue School sales club. Although Maher is happy to be involved in his community outside of college, he fondly remembers Honors for providing him with "the opportunity to meet students and professors from all over our college community."

Elizabeth Sousa, hailing from the Seidel School, began her career in education as a substitute teacher at a Wicomico County elementary school. When she's not at the school, however, Sousa can be found working at a childcare center and planning her future as an elementary school educator. Sousa enjoys being able to spend her time with children and is grateful for the friends she made in Honors.

Finally, Jacob Shilling, who earned a degree in biology at Salisbury, is about to earn his doctorate in physical therapy. "This August I am moving to Arlington, VA, to attend Marymount University," he explained. In the meantime, Shilling is working at a physical therapy clinic called Aquacare. Shilling is glad that he wrote an Honors thesis at SU and his best advice for younger students "is to get as involved as possible," especially in the Honors College.



Top: Madison Myles is a media and event planner for Chaney Enterprises.  
Bottom: Jacob Shilling works at the physical therapy clinic Aquacare.

*Natalia Graf is a senior accounting and information systems double major.*

Abby Mulhern after just completing her internship with the Department of Justice.



## HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT INTERNS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

By Allison Guy

Many college students have been told that interning is an experience they shouldn't miss. But what is it about internships that make them so valuable? Honors College student and political science major Abby Mulhern, who interned at the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General in the Management and Planning Division, has the answer. Mulhern's internship, which ran from summer to fall 2018, included numerous duties such as human resources onboarding work and keeping track of supplies and mail. Additionally, Mulhern was the chair of marketing for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's Combined Federal Campaign, a government charity event. Her responsibilities included marketing work as well as leading meetings.

Mulhern found interning to be an enlightening experience, one in which she learned more about herself. Mulhern recalled learning that "I am good at thinking on my feet and just figuring out things ... And I also figured out that I do really, really well in a work environment." She also emphasized that being treated as an equal in a work environment by coworkers of different ages was "a really cool thing to experience at such a young age."

Skills learned in Honors College courses helped Mulhern find success in her internship. According to Mulhern, her Honors critical thinking and writing course taught her "how to write properly," which came in handy when her internship required her to do data analytics and written reports.

Mulhern's final words on internships? "Just definitely do internships, because they're super worth it, and they really give you a great view on life, and a good start in college ... It's just a really good thing to start looking into."

*Allison Guy is a sophomore English and music double major.*



# A Winter Abroad In London And Paris

By Devon Bristow

As an Honors College student, I am always seeking ways to make the most out of my overall college experience. In return, the Honors College has increased my confidence to step outside of my comfort zone. This past winter, I participated in the Digital Photography study abroad held in London and Paris.

After a red-eye flight from BWI to Heathrow, we spent our first day exploring the city and adapting to transportation, including trying to not be hit by cars driving on the other side of the road. We quickly fell into a routine of waking early, attending class, going on group outings and exploring London on our own time. Between the two cities, I got to ride the London Eye; take a trip to the Avebury Stones and Lacock Village; see a Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace; climb Saint Paul's Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower; go

to the Louvre; visit Sainte Chapelle, Sacre Coeur and Château de

Versailles; and have

macarons with a true melted hot chocolate at

Ladurée. While abroad, I learned to maneuver

public transportation on my own in a country where I

did not speak the language, how to eat pizza like a

European and how to trust myself in everyday situations,

like ordering a latte from an Anglo-Italian cafe in Russell

Square. I am very thankful for the experience I gained from

spending a month in countries different than my own and

taking on every challenge I faced.

While this particular adventure was not hosted by the

Honors College, my experience within the college certainly influenced

my decision to go abroad. I joined the

Honors College because of my desire to push myself and my thirst for adventure, which I can achieve through the diverse

classes the Honors College offers. Still, the Honors College does indeed host other journeys abroad, such as the next

one I will be going on in May 2019 to Iceland. I will be going there for an extension of my Norse Literature in Translation

class that is taught by Dr. Ross Leasure. Because this next trip will be hosted by the Honors College itself, I know I will be

able to get even more from my adventure than ever before.

A Parisian guard snapped by Devon Bristow on her study abroad.

*Devon Bristow is a junior English major.*



# Calling All Prospective Honors Student-Athletes!

By Alyssa Chesney, Ally Goetz and Regan Benton



Left: Regan Benton serves as goalie for the women's soccer team.

Top: Alyssa Chesney prepares a kick for the women's soccer team.

The phrase "Honors Student-Athlete" is a mouthful, probably because the role is quite a handful. Before you get scared away, however, let us explain why it is one of the greatest decisions we have ever made.

Being a college student is no easy feat, let alone being a student-athlete. Given these facts, you may be doubting your ability to additionally manage being a student in the Honors College. You surely have looming concerns of being constantly overwhelmed and stressed out. What you might not realize is that you can handle it. What we found throughout our first semester and a half at Salisbury University is that being in the Honors College and playing a sport actually helps us to stay organized and master time management skills. You might be wondering how this could be. The short explanation is simple: You have no other choice. Being a student in the Honors College and being on the women's soccer team are both major time commitments and require your utmost effort; however, they leave you with invaluable life lessons. One of the best ways we have found to manage our time is to utilize a weekly planner. Taking a few minutes each day to check off items on your to-do list and write in each week's due dates is truly worth it.

The professors in the Honors College are especially invested in our individual and group successes in the classroom and on the field. During the competitive season, conflicts do occasionally arise, which is a situation that can easily create excess stress for a student. We are glad and relieved to report that conflicts such as these have not hindered our academic advancements in any way thus far. Our professors in the Honors College are more than willing to work with us in order to proactively prepare for having to miss class. Not only do they address our concerns with a smile, but they are always sure to wish us luck in the upcoming game.

Freshman year is a time of many transitions. Thankfully, we stepped on to campus for our first semester already having two groups to which we felt we belonged – the Honors College and our soccer team. Having these two groups and support bases allowed us to feel confident in the fact that if we needed help, we would have many outlets. We never once felt we were tackling such immense responsibilities on our own.

As freshmen, we each already had the opportunity to present at a research conference. We have attended exclusive events with people in extremely powerful positions, have been invited to accompany our peers on trips to New York City, and have even applied and been accepted to present at a the Northeast Regional Honors Conference in April 2019. We believe being in the Honors College has given us opportunities that are not available anywhere else.

If you are a current or future student-athlete, know that the Honors College is not only happy to accommodate you, but its members are excited to cheer you on as well.

*Alyssa Chesney is a freshman finance and business economics dual major with an information systems minor. Ally Goetz is a freshman finance major with an actuarial science minor. Regan Benton is a freshman psychology major with a cognitive science minor. All are members of the SU women's soccer team.*

# WHY JOIN THE HONORS STUDENT ASSOCIATION?

By Tara Johnson

The Honors Student Association (HSA) is a group in the Honors College that facilitates community involvement between the Honors College and the Salisbury community. HSA provides opportunities for Honors students to have their voices heard and to possibly gain leadership positions. In recent years, HSA has worked with Habitat for Humanity to provide community service opportunities. Also, HSA was able to organize the City of Salisbury Easter Egg Hunt that had a great amount of support and enthusiasm from the community.

As Miranda Skelley, vice president of HSA, stated: "If members come to us with ideas, we try as hard as we can to put on the events of their choosing and have fun with it." HSA is also attentive to its members wishes. HSA allows for its members to be able to create their ideas for events and then work together with the other HSA members to try and ensure that it happens. Participating in activities and community outreach are not the only benefits of joining HSA; there is also an incentive system that allows members to work toward a trip to New York City. To be able to go on the NYC trip, students have to complete the incentive system where you have to attend a certain amount of meetings and participate in some events. On some occasions, the NYC trip included both a free ride to NYC and the opportunity to purchase a ticket to a Broadway show at a discounted price.

Joining HSA can be an excellent opportunity to participate in events, community outreach and meet other Honors students. Emily Ball, secretary of HSA, said that new student should join because "your voice and involvement are so important! This club is designed to make fun events and volunteer activities for your benefit! You feel so fulfilled knowing that you're giving back to the community." Joining HSA is a fantastic opportunity to get the most out of your Honors College experience.



Tara Johnson is a junior biology major.



1. Honors Student Association hosts their annual Christmas party in the Honors House. All Honors students are invited to attend and wear their ugliest holiday sweater!
2. HSA takes frequent trips to volunteer at the Humane Society of Wicomico County.
3. HSA sells coffee at their Relay For Life booth in spring 2018.

# Student Creative Projects

By Katlynn Tatterson

The hallmark of the Honors College is the completion of a creative project or thesis. Honors students are at liberty to choose which they want to complete; a thesis is a final paper culminating a student's undergraduate research with a faculty member, while a creative project can be completed through an additional assignment or the creation of a project that extends the ideas learned in any class.

Two Honors students who are completing their creative projects this semester are Jaclyn Laman and Mackenzie Hicks. Jaclyn, a junior elementary education major, has created the first student-curated exhibit of Salisbury University's Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Jaclyn's exhibit opened February 7, 2019, and is titled *If Objects Could Talk: The History Behind Eastern Shore Artifacts*. The exhibit is an eclectic assortment of objects outlining little-known local history. Jaclyn said: "The previous exhibits and artifacts curator, Janie Kreines, came to me with the idea for this exhibit at the beginning of this current school year and wanted me to curate it, and I immediately said yes because I loved the challenge of curating an exhibit." Jaclyn has even been able to create a lesson plan involving her exhibit and implement it as an elementary education major.

Mackenzie Hicks is creating a magazine that will include information on seven health science programs within the College of Health sciences to serve as a recruitment tool for prospective students. She stated that when she

first arrived at Salisbury University she thought that nursing was the only major available that would allow her to directly enter the healthcare field. Hicks is now a respiratory therapy major, and she is hopeful that her magazine will help orient new students to all of the remarkable programs available at Salisbury University to those who wish to pursue a career in the healthcare field.

Both Hicks and Laman praise the Honors College system and all it has provided to them during their creative processes. Jaclyn said that her interest in history blossomed after taking an Honors history course her freshman year and she soon after accepted a position as curatorial assistant in the Nabb Center. She told us: "Without the Honors College, I would not have my position in the Nabb Center and without my position in the Nabb Center, I would not have had the opportunity or ability to do this exhibit." Mackenzie believes that the rigor of the Honors College is what has pushed her to work so diligently: "It has taught me that hard work is the best way to get where you need to be, and it feels very rewarding once you're there because you had to fight so hard in the first place."

Katlynn Tatterson is a junior biology major with a chemistry minor.



Jaclyn Laman with part of her art exhibit *If Objects Could Talk: The History Behind Eastern Shore Artifacts*, which served as her Honors creative project.

# COURSE HIGHLIGHT: PSYCHOLOGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

By Katlynn Tatterson

Honors courses that fulfill General Education requirements always take learning above and beyond expectations. The Honors College integrates current events and modern theories to elevate the undergraduate experience, and the college has been known to create opportunities for Honors students to apply their knowledge outside of Salisbury University. A course titled Psychology and Climate Change has been offered at Salisbury for multiple semesters, but in fall 2018, Honors teamed up with this class.

Students participate in field trips to Smith Island to see real-life effects of climate change, a monthly Cross Talk discussion to engage the campus community in discussions about climate change and a final poster presentation to share their newly developed knowledge of climate change on campus.

While traveling to Smith Island, students observed the physical effects of erosion from rising sea levels on the island, talked to a local citizen about his perspective on climate change, and participated in Smith Island traditions like eating fresh crab cakes and Smith Island cake. Students were expected to investigate the link between psychology and climate change and the differences in how we choose to cope with it and how politics, religion and socioeconomic may impact coping mechanisms.

For their Cross Talk discussions, the class had discussions over lunch in the Commons dining area about climate change where all students and faculty on Salisbury's campus were invited, and sometimes guest speakers too, including an Assateague park ranger.

Honors nursing student Lyla Lough found inspiration for her Honors creative project through this course. "I am working on the resilience topic and how to implement more ways of being resilient in today's changing climate," Lough said. "I focused on how a nurse would teach an individual how to be resilient in a time of need for that resilience, as the world is becoming more and more affected by climate change."

Lough believes that our courses allow for more in-depth analysis of University topics. When asked about the Psychology and Climate Change course specifically she stated that "I believe that offering a course on an issue that has become so political is very important because it allows one to investigate all of the details and be more engaged in the world around them and what they do to affect the climate they live in."

*Katlynn Tatterson is a junior biology major with a chemistry minor.*



Psychology and Climate Change students were treated to Smith Island cake on their class field trip.

Honors students were able to observe the effects of climate change of Smith Island for Psychology and Climate Change.



Bailey Didriksen poses in front of the famous "purple wall" during her internship at Disney World.

## BAILEY DIDRIKSEN'S SEMESTER IN THE DISNEY COLLEGE PROGRAM

By Lily Bazis

Honors College junior Bailey Didriksen, a chemistry major and biology minor, spent seven months in Orlando, FL, where she was involved in the Fall Advantage Disney College Program in the Magic Kingdom of Disney World. The Disney College Program is a five to seven month program designed to give students experience working in the parks and resorts while participating in college coursework and meeting people from all over the country and the world. Students build important skills such as problem solving, teamwork, guest service and effective communication.

Didriksen lived at Disney from June 2018 to January 2019 and worked as a seater at Cinderella's Royal Table. She was also one of the first College Program trainers at her location. Didriksen's favorite part of the program was that she made friends from all over the world, something she never thought she would get to do. "I never thought I would have any friends outside of America, and now my best friend is from New Zealand," Didriksen said.

Not only did she have a blast living at "The Happiest Place on Earth," she also learned quite a lot during her time in Disney. Honors aided in these lessons, helping in the development of her networking skills with potential employers. She spent a most of her time meeting new people and forming connections, which Honors students frequently practice. As for what she learned from this experience, Didriksen said, "You have to just make the most of every moment and have fun!"

*Lily Bazis is a sophomore French and communication arts major in the multimedia journalism track.*

## FOLLOWING UP WITH CLASS OF 2017 FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

By Kyla Taylor

Last year, three Salisbury University Honors students from the Class of 2017 embarked on some of the most important journeys of their lives: their Fulbright grants.

Brittany Bursa participated in an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) to Brazil and shared about her experiences in her blog. In fact, she continues to share her experiences, as her Fulbright was renewed for another year, enabling her to continue her work in Brazil. Bursa said that her Fulbright has given her a "family of knowledgeable and driven friends [who] push each other to achieve [their] goals."

Katherine Potvin traveled to Mongolia for an ETA and is currently continuing that work in the U.S., teaching English as a second language on the eastern shore of Delaware.

Hannah Ennerfelt, a biology and psychology double major, graduated from SU and went to Sweden on a Fulbright academic grant. Having double citizenship in the United States and Sweden, Ennerfelt ventured back to her family's country to do neurobiological research on glioblastomas. Ennerfelt credits the SU Honors College for being "instrumental" in providing her with the skills and guidance to be successful in her Fulbright undertakings and graduate school.



Brittany Bursa's Fulbright in Brazil recently was renewed for another year.

*Kyla Taylor is a freshman English and communication arts double major and business and professional writing minor.*



## HONORS STUDENTS ASSIST IN OPENING FOR THE CENTER FOR EQUITY, JUSTICE AND INCLUSION

By Maryam Habib

The Center for Equity, Justice and Inclusion at Salisbury University aims to provide an environment in which marginalized communities, that include both faculty and students, can connect with one another in a setting that values and encourages representation. The center, which opened in fall 2018, currently hosts students with disabilities, members of the LGBTQIA+ community and SU's Women's Forum. The success of this organization would not have been achieved without the monumental role of two Honors students: Mollie Jewell, representing the disAbility Center, and Ben Lenox, representing the LGBTQIA+ Center. Both students acknowledged that the Honors College played a huge role in their success; it not only provided them with the tools and resources, but it also provided them with the encouragement and support they needed.

Before the opening of the Center, Mollie, a senior biology major, felt that while services and support are provided for students with disabilities through the Disability Resources Center, students and faculty with disabilities are often unable to connect with each other due to confidentiality limitations. In the past two years, her role as the president of Delta Alpha Pi, an international honors society for Honors students with disabilities, gave her a unique opportunity to rally support. She also drafted a proposal to the University seeking a designated space for people with disabilities to engage in conversation, as well as just hang out with each other. Mollie said, "We want to give people with all kinds of disabilities a safe haven."

Ben Lenox, a double major in international studies and conflict analysis and dispute resolution, came to Salisbury University expecting to have a place that values his identity. For Ben, the Honors College was a space on campus that stimulated those necessary conversations that eventually led to the opening of the center for the entire University. As a member of the LGBTQIA+ Center, Ben made it his personal mission to help create an organization that encourages open and necessary dialogue between marginalized communities and campus as a whole.

Ben and Mollie hope that the Center for Equity, Justice and Inclusion continues to flourish through more advocacy and awareness of the challenges marginalized communities face. They both embody the characteristics of successful Honors students and they encourage other students as well to find their voices and engage in efforts that improve their own communities.

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Above: Honors students Ben Lenox and Mollie Jewell cut the ribbon to officially open the Center for Equity, Justice and Inclusion.

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# CREATIVE WORKS

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Honors Students are known for their ability to think outside the box. They excel in a variety of fields, and often, their thinking results in the unexpected. This semester, the Honors College put out a call to all of its students for creative pieces. In response, we received the following works.







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1. Jelly by Charlie Lucas 2. Versailles by Natalia Graf 3. Jeff by Katherine Gauntt  
4. Sam by Katherine Gauntt 5. Arc De Triumph by Devon Bristow



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# HONORS STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Honors Student Ambassadors are exemplary students in the Honors College who are available to answer questions that you may have about the College and their experiences at Salisbury University. In addition to their wide ranging majors, most ambassadors have additional areas of academic expertise and are involved in a variety of extracurricular activities. In each issue of *The Saunterer*, we introduce a few of our 33 ambassadors. To find out more, you can visit the Honors College website [www.salisbury.edu/honors](http://www.salisbury.edu/honors) which includes full profiles for each of the ambassadors.



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