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As November comes to an end, National Novel Writing Month, NanoWriMo, does too. NanoWriMo is an international writing competition that began on November 1 and ends on November 30 before midnight.

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The goal of NanoWriMo is to complete a novel of at least 50,000 words in order to receive a “Winner” web badge, certificate, bragging rights, a paper manuscript of the novel, free of charge and the opportunity for the novel to be published.

At Gardner-Webb University, there are two people who are at the footsteps of victory. Sophomore Becca Leap has written approximately 45,002 words as of Thursday, November 20.



Becca Leap looks forward to finishing her book. Photo by Hannah Haggerty

Leaps’ novel is about “finding your way into adulthood while in your junior year of college.” She loves this competition. She said, “It is a great way to release stress.”

Stephanie Oliver is an American Sign Language Interpreter at Gardner-Webb and has completed about 30,000 words of her novel, which includes “historical fiction with a little sci-fi,” says Oliver. Oliver has also enjoyed the competition and she is open to doing it again next year.



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