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Students Travel to Memphis, Tenn., for 47th Annual Event



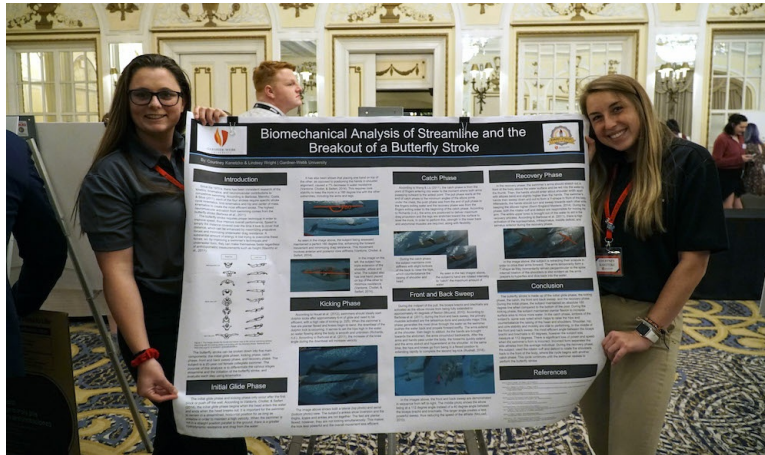
Honors Students from Gardner-Webb University attended the Southern Regional Honors Council 47th Annual Conference recently.

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Honors students from Gardner-Webb University recently traveled to Memphis, Tenn., to participate in the Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC) Conference. The 47th annual meeting was hosted by Northwestern Louisiana State University (Natchitoches). The SRHC promotes and advances honors programs and honors colleges in the Southern United States and has over 100 member institutions.

More than 300 speakers participated, including the following students from GWU:

- Mallory Baucom, of Monroe, N.C., senior psychology major, “Perfection: The Fatality of Down Syndrome.”
- Lindsey Wright, of Fort Pierce, Fla., exercise science major, and Courtney Kanetzke, of Mills River, N.C., senior, exercise science, “Biomechanical Analysis of the Butterfly Stroke in Collegiate Swimmers.”
- Joy Smith, of Casar, N.C., junior photography major; Megan McDowell, of Gaffney, S.C., biology major; and Malik Stewart, of Parksley, Va., biology major, “Big Sweep: An Environmental Conservation Effort.”

- Jordan Vitale, of Tampa, Fla., exercise science major, and Kylie Ameres, of Palmetto, Fla., senior exercise science major, “The Movement Analysis of a Maximum Force Kick on a Soccer Ball.”



Lindsey Wright and Courtney Kanetzke presented their research on the butterfly stroke.

The students enjoyed presenting their research, meeting other students, and learning about their projects. “The best part of the conference was being able to listen to all the hard work people put into their research and presentations,” observed Bryan Morales-Gonzalez, of Maiden, N.C., a computer information systems major. “Then in the evenings, I had the opportunity to explore Memphis with some great people.”

Casey Almond, of Dallas, N.C., a sophomore nursing major, collected ideas for topics to explore for her honors thesis. “I also liked looking at the idea exchange posters from other schools, because I could contrast what other college honor associations were doing throughout the year,” she assessed. “Overall, the trip was an amazing experience, because I grew closer to my peers by having a great time exploring all that Memphis has to offer.

Also attending were Callie Elliott, of Terrell, N.C., senior biology major, who is the Past Student Vice President for the Southern Region; Gracie Chapman, of Alexander County, N.C., freshman psychology major, sociology minor; Emmaleigh Efird, of Murrells Inlet, S.C., sophomore chemistry major; and Madison Maynard, of Indian Trail, N.C., sophomore biology major.



Malik Stewart, Joy Smith and Megan McDowell presented a summary of the Big Sweep Environmental Conservation Effort.



Jordan Vitale and Kylie Ameres presented their research on "The Movement Analysis of a Maximum Force Kick on a Soccer Ball."

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Mallory Baucom, of Monroe, N.C., presented her research, "Perfection: The Fatality of Down Syndrome."