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## *Tyler Hemingway '18 Accepted to Research Program in Lyon, France*

Tyler Hemingway '18 wasn't familiar with Gardner-Webb University when he came for a visit as a high school senior. A resident of Cape Coral, Fla., Hemingway was looking for a college with an exceptional science department and research opportunities.

Tyler Hemingway, left, and Dr. David Campbell

Tyler Hemingway, left, and Dr. David Campbell work in a research lab at Gardner-Webb.

"I first heard of Gardner-Webb at a college fair held in Fort Myers, Fla.," Hemingway recalled. "I decided to attend after I toured the campus. I really loved the friendly and caring atmosphere displayed at Gardner-Webb. The location was also very appealing to me. When I toured the science labs at Gardner-Webb, I was impressed by the facilities and believed that my educational desires would be met here. I believe that God led me to Gardner-Webb."

He likes the small class sizes, because the professors know his name and his interests. When his chemistry professor, Dr. Stefka Eddins, found out about a research opportunity in France, she gave him the application and proofed his submission. She and other professors also wrote letters of recommendation. He won the scholarship and is doing research for two months at the University in Lyon, France. The program was co-sponsored by the University of New Orleans.

"The student-professor relationship is what I value most at Gardner-Webb," Hemingway observed. "I value the easy access that I have to my professors, and their desire to see students succeed. They will go out of their way to help students become the best they can be. All the chemistry professors have been a major help to me both inside and outside the classroom. Through their effective teaching methods and other help, they have laid a solid foundation that I will rely upon to succeed in my future research work."

Tyler Hemingway works in the lab

Hemingway has also gained valuable lab experience by helping Assistant Professor of Paleontology Dr. David Campbell research snail and clam DNA. They are hoping to discover a new line of evidence for identifying and distinguishing possible rare species. "I have learned that research can be messy," Hemingway offered. "You will not always get the perfect number you want to get, and problems can occur during the experiment. You may

have to make changes to the procedure when the experiment cannot be done the way you want it to be done. I have learned, as a researcher, I must be flexible and find ways to fix problems that occur.”