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Group Presents Research on a Variety of Topics

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— A delegation of students from the Gardner-Webb University Honors Program recently attended the Southern Regional Honors Council in Asheville, N.C. The theme for the conference was “Diving Into Diversity: Opportunities and Obligations in Honors Education.” They were accompanied by biology professor Dr. Tom Jones, Associate Dean of the Honors Program.

photo of Marissa Richardson

Marissa Richardson

More than 720 registered for the event, and more than 400 participants presented posters or speeches.

Marissa Richardson, a senior American Sign Language major from Anderson, S.C., gave an oral presentation, “More Than Just Pictures in the Air: A Linguistic Analysis of Signed Languages.”

Posters were presented by:

- Brittney Jones, a senior psychology major from Charlotte, N.C. – Positive Effects of Video Game Play on Depression.
- Rachel Sedota, a senior nursing student from Mooresville, N.C. – The Nursing Shortage in the United States: Past, Present, and Future.
- Chelsea Sydnor, a senior journalism major from Cary, N.C. – Back in Time: Marty McFly’s Character Journey.
- Tyler Hemingway, a senior chemistry major from Cape Coral, Fla., and Jessica Ferguson, a senior chemistry major from Lawrence, Kan. – The Effects of Unmodified Lemon Peels on Extraction of Lead Ions and Methylene Blue Dye from Water.
- A.J. Horner, a senior business administration major from Moravian Falls, N.C. – A Feuding House: An Examination of the Causes and Effects of the Decline of Bipartisanship in the United States Congress.

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AJ Horner

Brittany Jones

Callie Elliott, a sophomore biology major from Terrell, N.C., was elected as one of three student representatives for the Southern Regional Honors Council Executive Committee. Others who attended served as moderators for different sessions: Hayden Corley, a senior biology major from Greenville, S.C.; Emily Hamilton, a senior psychology major from Bellingham, Wash.; Chase Hockema, a sophomore undecided major from Hull, Ga.; Kylie McGee, a senior psychology major from Monroe, N.C., and Emily Szalkowski, a junior psychology major from Fayetteville.

Ferguson

Chelsea Sydnor

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