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## *Alice Byrd ('18) Prepares for Career in Corporate Law*

Gardner-Webb University was on Alice Byrd's short list, because her mother asked her to consider colleges closer to home. The Asheville, N.C., resident had also applied to a school out-of-state, but after visiting both, realized GWU was the only choice.

"From the moment I set foot on Gardner-Webb's campus, I knew it was home," Byrd shared. "Everyone I interacted with was friendly, kind, and helpful—not to mention, the campus was gorgeous and just what I was looking for."

She's immersed herself in campus activities and classes, including a study-abroad trip to Italy, where she saw Michelangelo's David and visited the Vatican. "What I most value about Gardner-Webb is the people this campus has connected me with," Byrd observed. "I would never have met my best friends if I hadn't joined the honors program, and I never would have met the wonderful faculty if I hadn't taken a class in communications my freshman year. The faculty, staff, and my fellow students make my experience on campus so wonderful."

Dr. Joseph Webb and Dr. Lisa Luedeman in the Department of Communication & New Media have helped improve her writing skills and offered advice. "Dr. Webb's Media Writing class taught me entirely new ways to approach information to put together a story," she affirmed. "Dr. Luedeman, my advisor, answers my endless stream of questions about classes and registration, but also talks to me about my life and my time here on campus."

She plans to attend law school, anticipating a career in corporate law. "I have learned how to communicate with industry professionals, write press releases and utilize management strategies," she explained. "The same classes have prepared me for law school by teaching me how to research and write in different styles. I have been prepared for my future career."