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## *Jen Guberman ('18) Publishes her First Novel, Develops Film Editing Techniques*

Jen Guberman ('18) of Huntersville, N.C., had narrowed her college search down to two universities. She decided to visit both of them in the same week to determine which one was right for her.

"The other school just didn't feel like home," she recalled. "People didn't smile, and there were just too many people. At Gardner-Webb, there was a student who remembered my name from a previous visit, the people smiled at me, and I just felt very safe and at home."

Since arriving on campus, Guberman has made new friends and grown in her faith. "I love feeling like I can pray openly without judgment," she affirmed. "I also like how easy it is to find fellow Christians on campus who will encourage you in your walk with Christ and in life as a whole."

Professors have challenged her academically and supported her career goals. Her participation in the University's Honors Program not only provides academic enrichment, but opportunities to serve the community and take local, national and international trips. "My favorite activity is "Try Something Different Nights," Guberman offered. "We go to different restaurants and try food from other cultures, like Ethiopian and Thai."

Exploring other cultures is one of the reasons she continued to study French in college. Professor of French Dr. Tamara Cox has helped her to learn more about the language and the country. "My studies have allowed me to develop further cultural understanding, as well as a better awareness of my own culture and my own language," she assessed. "Dr. Cox pushes me to improve but encourages me along the way even when I feel completely confused. She motivates me to excel, and she makes me notice my strengths when I don't see them."

Her professors have also given her advice on the best academic path for her future. Guberman has loved to make up stories and write since she was a little girl, but in middle school she discovered a

passion for making video. “I had to decide between my passion and my chances at job security,” she explained. “Though I love film, I want to feel like I can live comfortably in the future, so I changed film to my minor and public relations to my major. I always knew I needed to be in a field that allowed for creativity.”

Because she is relatively new to film and editing, she has learned a lot about the process from Adjunct Professor Rebekah Hutton. “She has been meeting with me one-on-one weekly for over a year to teach me techniques on digital programs that will greatly impact me in my search for a film career,” Guberman related. “You don’t hear about that happening at larger universities.”

Other professors, and in particular Dr. Joseph Webb, told her she was an excellent writer and offered support when she told them her desire to write her first novel, which she self-published. “Dr. Webb has self-published books and listed off a bunch of pros for self-publishing,” she remarked. “He recommended a company, and that’s the one I used. All of the professors I’m close to here have bought a copy of my book.”

The fictional book is called “Eos,” and takes place in a society where criminals are sent to live in four different towns based on the crimes they commit. The book may be purchased directly from Guberman or from her website, [www.EosDawn.DoodleKit.com](http://www.EosDawn.DoodleKit.com). “In five years, I hope to have a steady career, hopefully in film, a simple place of my own, and perhaps I’ll be engaged by then,” she expounded. “For sure, I hope to have completed my book series by then. It will be a trilogy. I would love to have a small base of people by then who know and love my books. It’s a dream of mine!”