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I first came to Gordon State College in 2009, when it was still Gordon College. Some people begin their duration at Gordon already in the Honors Program, I was not one of them. I honestly had never heard of it. It was not until my second year at Gordon that I was asked to join by a professor. I decided against it because I felt I did not need any excruciatingly difficult classes to blemish my academic standing. To clarify my own misunderstanding, I assumed that Honors Program meant hard classes instead of the truism that it means more challenging ones. Maybe I should have joined back them, but who knows. It was not until a year later at the behest of a friend that I applied to the Honors Program officially. Before this I had already taken an Honors course and spent a large amount of time in the Honors House. I had just become a part of the S. I. program and didn't think I could muster up the energy to be in an Honors Program. Once I joined the Honors Program I realized that this was not what I thought it was. I took some amazing classes and I made some great friends. I was able to take part in the embedded courses which allowed me to get a greater experience out of my classes in an enjoyable way. While in the Honors Program I became a member of the Student Honors Council and I hosted a trivia contest, which if you know me was no small feat. Now I'm a graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in history, with the overall goal of earning my Ph. D. and becoming a professor. During my time at Gordon I've been an S. I. Leader, a tutor, a history club member, a charter member of the National History Honors Society a conference presenter and moderator, a guest lecturer, an amateur filmmaker, an unwilling photography subject and president of Gordon's branch of Free Shrugs Inc., but I can honestly say that my time in the Honors Programs in many ways made those things possible.