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Brief Bio:

I came to Gordon intending to transfer after a year or two, onward to a bigger, more exotic school. But boy, am I glad that I stayed. The year I entered college, Gordon had gotten its first program towards a Bachelor's degree, which was Biology. It just so happened to be what I was going to major in. Coincidence? I think not. But all jokes aside, Gordon became my home. I got my degree in four years, but that's just logistics. Much more important to my life and my character are the people that I got to interact with here. I made great friends through clubs - Science Club and Gordon Christian Fellowship - but the astounding thing is the relationships I cultivated with my professors, professors who will go way above and beyond to help you, either personally or academically. I had a community, a support system, and that is the greatest blessing to have in life.

Through much toil, heartache, and head-banging-against-walls, I got a fellowship from the University of South Alabama. I am now in the PhD program for Marine Biology at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. What are my plans after that? Hey, I just got here - and the world is big. So I'm still figuring it all out. That's my "official" answer. I can't exactly go blabbing around that I plan to harness the power of squids and baby sea turtles to take over the world. You didn't hear that from me.