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## STRONG ROCK CLASS OF 2020

### WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE GRADUATION?

I started my first semester in college at Georgia Southern University and have been working towards my desired major/degree, Information Systems. In simpler terms, it is a business I.T degree. My first year of college has been academically great, since I have made good grades and have made the Dean's List. Due to Georgia and Georgia Southern Covid restrictions, I've been taking online classes and staying home through most of my first year. I plan on doing the same next fall, as I prepare to transfer to another college in Spring 2022, preferably the University of Georgia or somewhere else. Other than school, I've been active in my church, Glen Haven Baptist Church in McDonough, and have grown and strengthened my relationship with the Lord this past year. I've made many new friends and connections through my church as well. I've been keeping up with most of my hobbies, such as duck, deer, and dove hunting as well as fishing.

### IN WHAT WAYS DID YOUR ACADEMIC PURSUITS AT STRONG ROCK PREPARE YOU FOR THE ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS AT COLLEGE?

During my time at SR, I took various AP and Dual Enrollment classes which prepared me for a higher level of learning and academic drive, which allowed me to excel in college. These classes taught me time management and overall what to expect in college. In addition, the college prep classes at SR definitely were beneficial to preparing me for the experience.

### WHAT ARE YOUR UPCOMING PLANS?

My upcoming plans are to transfer to another college, preferably the University of Georgia or depending on where the Lord leads me, somewhere else. Once I've transferred, I still plan on pursuing the same degree. Looking farther, once I have graduated college, I plan on immediately pursuing a career and then possibly working towards a Master's Degree.





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### **WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE/LIFE EXPERIENCES?**

My favorite part of my past year has been working towards my degree and seeing that come to fruition, as well as my growth spiritually and the meeting of many new friends.

### **LOOKING BACK, HOW DO YOU FEEL YOUR TIME AT STRONG ROCK PREPARED YOU FOR COLLEGE AND FOR YOUR CAREER AHEAD?**

I am confident the vast majority of alumni of Strong Rock can attest to this, but SR has prepared me greatly for college. The curriculum is very similar to the general education classes in college and I was able to easily transition into them. I am grateful for Strong Rock's education system and faculty and how much they prepared for me for what to expect at a college level.

