

Know No Limits



ROBYN BAILEY '07

MAJOR: Field Biology

MINOR: English

HOMETOWN: Phenix City, Ala.

AFTER HC: Grad. school, Univ. of Michigan



It all began in such an ordinary way: a high school senior browsing through materials at a college fair. And that's where the ordinary nature of this story ends, because like each Huntingdon student, Robyn Bailey is known, and that makes her extraordinary. She chose HC as a means to resources she might not otherwise have enjoyed: a laptop computer, travel abroad, and personal interaction with faculty.



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"I came to Huntingdon with ambivalent career goals," says Robyn, "and after my second year, I discovered ecology and wildlife. Encouraged by the faculty, I found personal fulfillment working summer internships that they helped me secure. Now, I have a clear direction in my career, and I have met exceptional people along the way." During her summers, Robyn completed internships in neurobiology at the Univ. of Alabama-Birmingham; the Cedar Creek Natural History Area Internship at the Univ. of Minnesota; and the Arian Conservation program at Mississippi State Univ. She also completed Huntingdon Plan travel/study in England. She says, "Seeing Stonehenge with your closest friends is not something you easily forget."

"I really appreciate the individual approach to education at HC. I had professors, even outside of my major, take time out of their weekends to enrich my education. Whether that meant extra help in Calculus II, going to local bird-watching events, or community engagement with the Women's Center, the level of faculty initiative is unmatched by other institutions. And I know other students appreciated this, as well, because of the high level of academic standards to which HC students hold each other accountable."

Now a master's student in the Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State Univ., she conducts research on a species of conservation concern, the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake. She says, "Fortunately, I am among those lucky few who find their jobs both rewarding and empowering. And no matter what species I work with in the future, I know I'll be making a difference for threatened and endangered wildlife populations."

What will your story be?