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A double major in Spanish and Art and Art History at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the recipient of the 8th annual Premio Mario Vargas Llosa distinguished herself not only through academic excellence as an undergraduate earning a perfect 4.0 cumulative GPA, but also through her impressive activities beyond the classroom that included leading a fund-raising project for Operation USA to aid natural disaster survivors in Puerto Rico and Mexico, volunteering to teach Spanish to 3–5 year olds at the Child Development Center at her university, among other noteworthy activities. Her future is now focused on graduate work in education so she can become a high school Spanish teacher.