VO – Students walking into A&S VO – Overhead shot of library VO – Students studying in library	==TRACK== GEORGIA COLLEGE PROVIDES DIVERSE AND DYNAMIC EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDENTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. WITH A WIDE ARRAY OF COURSES AVAILABLE BOTH IN-PERSON AND ONLINE, THE UNIVERSITY CATERS TO THE VARIED PREFERENCES AND NEEDS OF ITS STUDENT BODY, ENSURING FLEXIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR EVERYONE.
VO – Students studying in library VO – Mikkel teaching SOT – Shannon Fernandes's Interview	==TRACK== EVERYONE'S COLLEGE EXPERIENCE LOOKS DIFFERENT, WHICH CAN BE IMPACTED BY THEIR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. FIRST-YEAR STUDENT, SHANNON FERNANDES, SHARED WHY SHE LIKES LEARNING IN-PERSON: ==SOT of Shannon Fernandes== "My favorite part would just be, um, seeing new people in different classes, you know, because not every class is the same, and it's also fun just like getting to know the teachers as well.
VO – Laptop up close VO – Student learning in bedroom VO – Cynthia at her desk	==TRACK== INDEED, IN-PERSON CLASSES OFTEN PROVIDE RICHER LEARNING EXPERIENCES, YET THE TREND TOWARD ONLINE LEARNING IN UNDENIABLE. MANY STUDENTS APPRECIATE THE CONVENIENCE OF LEARNING ONLINE, ESPECIALLY THOSE JUGGLING JOBS AND FAMILY LIFE. PROFESSOR CYNTHIA ALBY SHARED HER THOUGHTS:

VO – Students in library VO – Students walking VO – Students working together VO – Students walking into class	==SOT of Cynthia Alby== “I think, I teach um, the majority of the classes I teach, not all the classes I teach but the majority I teach are online. And I think the students who take those classes do like them because, in my case they’re graduate students, and um they teach um middle or high school all day long and they um you know they they wouldn't be able to get the degree probably if it was face to face you know how would they get to campus, some of them live you know in north georgia or just uh you know a really, students in St. Simons, so I think in terms of um it being um like efficient, they love it. But I don't think they love that it's just harder for us to have, you know, like a, a real relationship. I mean we try really hard and I think we do well, but it's just harder, it's just much harder. And there's a lot of things that in a face to face class on campus I could model and demonstrate much more easily than I can online. Online classes tend to meet a lot less, um and so you know it does make you wonder, are people getting the same quality. ==TRACK== HAS COVID-19 SHIFTED PREFERENCES? FOR SOME, THE SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE OF ONLINE LEARNING ARE NOW PREFERABLE TO TRADITIONAL SETTINGS, RESHAPING EDUCATIONAL NORMS. ==TRACK== AS GCSU CONTINUES TO ADAPT TO THESE EDUCATIONAL PREFERENCES, THE BALANCE BETWEEN ONLINE AND IN-PERSON CLASSES WILL REMAIN A KEY FOCUS, ENSURING ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION, NO MATTER THEIR CHOICE OF LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. REPORTING FOR GC360, I’M TALIA HAYES.