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# THE CURRENT

university honors program newsletter

## WELCOME TO 2020!

NEW YEAR, NEW DECADE - SAME GREAT PROGRAM.

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# HONORS NEWS

## CALL FOR HONORS CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

If you are interested in developing your presentation skills outside of the classroom, Honors would like to encourage you to submit to the Spring 2020 Honors Conferences below! Students may develop proposals covering a wide range of topics, including: undergraduate research, papers you have written or presentations you've developed for an Honors class, a topic you are knowledgeable and passionate about and for which you'd like to develop a presentation, or your work in an Honors student organization. Submissions for the Honors conference are encouraged from all disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives and can include poster presentations, podium presentations, panel discussions, or exhibitions of artwork, musical performance, or digital media.



Read more about the conference and submission information below!

### KHR IN LOUISVILLE

Friday, February 28 - Saturday, February 29, 2020

KHR - the Kentucky Honors Roundtable - is a student-focused conference offered every semester and hosted by different participating Kentucky colleges and universities. KHR provides students with the opportunity to present research projects or posters, showcase a creative performance, develop a group panel presentation on an Honors-related topic, or present on the work you've completed in your Honors courses.

Moreover, if you want to share your expertise working on large-scale projects or practice presenting your senior thesis, KHR is an excellent environment in which to do so.



Proposals may be submitted at [tinyurl.com/submitKHR](http://tinyurl.com/submitKHR).

All proposals are due by **midnight on Tuesday, January 28th**.

If you have any questions, please contact **Honors at 502.852.6293**.

### SRHC IN BIRMINGHAM

Thursday, March 19 - Saturday, March 21, 2020

This year's conference theme is "Negotiating Change." Come help us ponder the nature of change in a city itself in the midst of change: from its origins in steel plants and Jim Crow to its present as a burgeoning southern center of art, music, and cuisine.

#### SUBMIT BY 11:59 PM ON JANUARY 8TH

Proposals should be submitted **directly to Luke Buckman at [luke.buckman@louisville.edu](mailto:luke.buckman@louisville.edu)** and include:

- Name and e-mail address of presenter(s)
- Title of presentation (150 characters maximum)
- A short abstract or summary of the presentation for the program (250 characters maximum)
- Full synopsis of the presentation, for conference consideration (750 characters maximum)
- Equipment needed: computer, digital projector, screen, speakers, or other requirements
- Presentation Format (choose one of the following):
  - o Podium (10-15 minutes + Q&A)
  - o Poster
  - o Research Panel (40 minutes + Q&A)
  - o Short Digital Film (6 minutes maximum)
  - o Musical Performance or recording (6 minutes maximum)
  - o Art Exhibition

For additional information, visit <http://www.srhconline.org/conference/> but do not submit your proposal online.

*To participate in SRHC, you need to have participated in the Spring 2020 Kentucky Honors Roundtable (left).*

# HONORS NEWS

## ADVISING CORNER

### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST ADVISOR, CHELSEA PIPES!

The Honors Program is pleased to welcome **Chelsea Pipes**, Academic Counselor, to the team! Although Chelsea is new to the Honors advising staff, she's no stranger to UofL or to the Honors Program. Before starting at Honors last week, Chelsea used her advising skills to help UofL College of Business students. And before that, Chelsea was an Honors student herself!

Chelsea is currently working on her master's degree in Higher Education Administration, which she will complete this summer. Outside of work and school, Chelsea loves to play video games. Her current favorite is *Overwatch*. If you see her around the office, say hi! She'd love to hear about your upcoming semester and chat - even if it's not about classes.



## HONORS IS HIRING - BE A PEER ADVISOR THIS SUMMER

APPLY HERE BY 4PM ON JAN 13: [tinyurl.com/HONpeers](https://tinyurl.com/HONpeers)

If you are interested in helping incoming Honors students during Summer Freshman Orientation, apply to become an Honors Peer Advisor! Honors Peer Advisors work closely with the Honors Program advising staff and administrators, assist first-years with the course selection and registration process during orientation, and promote and discuss the University Honors Program to incoming Honors first-years and their family members.

Those selected to become Honors Peer Advisors will need to be available for training and all Summer Orientation sessions. Training will take place in mid-May while Orientation sessions will run through mid-July. If you are planning on taking summer courses, pursuing research programs, or have any other local summer plans, please keep the Orientation schedule in mind when applying. Honors Peer Advisors typically work between 15-20 hours weekly. It is a paid position.

## NEED HELP? WALK-IN ADVISING IS THIS WEEK!

During the first week of classes, you can come to the Honors Etscorn Center without an appointment and sign in at the front desk to speak to an advisor about your spring schedule.

**WHEN?** Monday, January 6 to Friday, January 10, 8:30 - 11:30AM & 1:00 - 4:00PM

Please be prepared to meet with any advisor. If you need to discuss courses for a semester other than spring 2020, please email [honors@louisville.edu](mailto:honors@louisville.edu) to schedule an appointment.



# HONORS NEWS

## APPLY TO BE AN HONORS SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 10



### Benefits of the Program

- Enhanced seminars that encourage interdisciplinary perspectives and experience outside the classroom, many of which fulfill WR requirements
- Priority consideration during selection for international or domestic travel seminars
- Access to semesterly Scholars Showcase events (like the one in the photo above!)
- Early invitations to the Honors Advising Campaign for optimal Honors advising appointment scheduling
- Recognition upon graduation as a University Honors Scholar (Scholars medal, Honors Convocation invitation, completion of program included on official transcript and UofL diploma)

### Requirements

- Completed at least one semester of UofL coursework
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher
- Completed or be enrolled in at least 6 credits of Honors coursework
- Intend and be capable of finishing the 24 credit-hour program

To learn more about the Scholars Program and apply if you qualify, please visit:

<http://louisville.edu/honors/Enrichment-opportunities/honors-scholars-program>

# HONORS NEWS

## JOIN THE NEW BLACK & BROWN HONORS SOCIETY!

A message from its cofounder: .....

### Black & Brown Honors Society

1/22/2020

Kurz Hall

6:00pm



My name is Edison Pleasants (edison.pleasants@louisville.edu), cofounder of the Black and Brown Honors Society alongside Monique Williams (mawill42@louisville.edu). We are currently looking for exceptional black and brown students to join our association.

We are currently planning service projects such as volunteering with local elementary schools and developing a mentorship program for freshmen such as ourselves in the following year.

The Black and Brown Honors Society aims to perpetuate a community where high achieving, underrepresented students can feel welcome and included within the Honors Program. The focus of our organization is to foster strong connections within our University and the larger community.

If this is something that interests you, please come to our informational meeting, held January 22, 2020 at 6:00pm in the Kurz Hall conference room. Refreshments will be served.

Feel free to join our Groupme: [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/55567537/QhTlx96J](https://groupme.com/join_group/55567537/QhTlx96J)

## WHITE SQUIRREL SUBMISSIONS OPEN



**The White Squirrel** is the University Honors Program's student-produced arts and literary magazine. Currently, submissions are open for the 17th edition of the magazine, which will be published in the spring.

If you have poetry, prose, or artwork that you would like to submit for publication, email [uoflwhitesquirrel@gmail.com](mailto:uoflwhitesquirrel@gmail.com) after reviewing the submission guidelines at: [tinyurl.com/TWSsubmit](http://tinyurl.com/TWSsubmit).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
JANUARY 31, 2020

# HONORS NEWS

## HOME SWEET HALL

**Attention first-year Honors students!** Honors dorm life isn't *just* for your first year. Stay with your Honors peers again next year! Choose between the Honors General LLC or the Honors 2nd Year Science LLC.

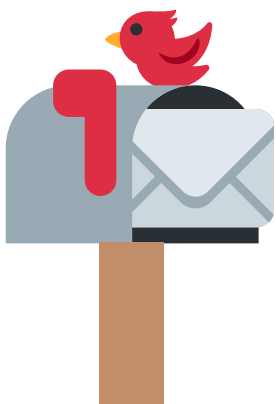


### Honors General LLC - Kurz Hall

Do you love being right by campus and close to places like the SRC and Cardinal Towne? Want to stay connected with the Honors community? Live in the Honors General LLC next year! All active Honors students qualify to live in the Honors General LLC as an upper-level student.

### Honors 2nd Year Science LLC - Bettie Johnson Hall

This LLC is a unique community for sophomores who would like to pursue a career in healthcare or major in Chemistry, Biology, or Chemical/Bio-engineering. As part of this LLC, students will have a reserved spot in the coveted Honors Organic Chemistry during the fall and spring semester. Participation as a first-year student in the Honors Science LLC is ***not*** required to apply.



**You will need to complete the Housing application as a returning student AND the LLC application.**

More info here: <https://louisville.edu/housing/apply/fall-2020-housing-application-procedure-for-returning-residents>

**Apply by February 1, 2020. The sooner you submit, the sooner you may select your room!**

**Questions? Contact Sarah Exner at [Sarah.Exner@louisville.edu](mailto:Sarah.Exner@louisville.edu)**



# HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

**NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS!**



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VIDEO GAMES, BOARD GAMES, & MORE!**



Questions? Contact us!  
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Instagram/Twitter: @bams-uofl  
Email: [honorsbams@gmail.com](mailto:honorsbams@gmail.com)



**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE AMERICANA COMMUNITY CENTER**

Donations can be delivered to the Etscorn Honors Center (at Threlkeld Hall on the Belknap Campus) between 8AM - 4:30PM.

Pick-ups can be arranged - email at [honorsBAMS@gmail.com](mailto:honorsBAMS@gmail.com) to set one up!

# FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS

BARRY GOLDWATER

SCHOLARSHIP & EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## CALL FOR GOLDWATER APPLICATIONS

NATIONAL DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2020

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship funds the undergraduate study of college students who intend to pursue careers as high-level researchers in science, mathematics, and engineering. This prestigious award opens many doors for its winners. SOPHOMORES and JUNIORS with an established record of research in their field and a high GPA should consider applying.

The national deadline is January 31, 2020, but you must be nominated by your institution in order to compete; **email the National and International Scholarship Office at [NISO@louisville.edu](mailto:NISO@louisville.edu) if you would like to be considered.** For more information see: <https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/>.

You can read about UofL's two recent Goldwater Scholars, Praneeth Goli and Garrett McGrady, at <https://www.uoflnews.com/post/uofltoday/two-uofl-students-earn-prominent-goldwater-scholarship/>.



## APPLY FOR THE BOREN AWARDS!

DEADLINE: JAN. 29 FOR GRAD STUDENTS AND FEB. 5 FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The undergraduate Boren Scholarship and graduate Boren Fellowship offer **\$20,000 or more in funding for up to one year of academic study in languages and subjects of national security interest.** Undergraduates can apply as a sophomore, junior, or senior. Boren Scholars represent a variety of academic backgrounds—from Political Science, to Global Health, to Economics, to STEM disciplines—but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages and building expertise in regions of U.S. national security interest.

You can find more information at [borenawards.org](http://borenawards.org).

Email [NISO@louisville.edu](mailto:NISO@louisville.edu) to set up an appointment and start preparing your application!



# FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS



FULBRIGHT  
COMMISSION

EDUCATE ★ EXCHANGE ★ ENGAGE ★ LEAD

## FULBRIGHT SUMMER INSTITUTES

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2020

### Sophomores and outstanding freshmen:

The US-UK Fulbright Commission offers special Summer Institutes for US citizens to come to the UK. These summer programs provide the opportunity for US undergraduates (aged over 18), with at least two years of undergraduate study left to complete, to come to the UK on a three or four week academic and cultural summer program. Participants will experience an exciting academic program at a highly regarded UK university, explore the culture, heritage, and history of the UK, and develop their academic ability by improving presentation, research, and communication skills.

More information on the program and application process is available at: <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/going-to-the-uk/uk-summer-institutes>

**Interested?** Contact the National and International Scholarship Office ASAP at [NISO@louisville.edu](mailto:NISO@louisville.edu).



Udall Foundation

CIVILITY, INTEGRITY, CONSENSUS

## UDALL FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE: MARCH 5, 2020

The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment. Benefits include access to the Udall Alumni Network, a five-day summer Scholar Orientation, and up to \$7,000 for eligible educational expenses. Strong applicants should be:

- Working toward positive solutions to environmental challenges or to issues impacting Indian country
- Committed to one of these areas through public service
- Able to inspire and motivate others to take action
- Committed to making a difference through civility and consensus building.

**More information at** <https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx>

# FROM OUR FRIENDS

## TAKE PHIL 319-02! THE PHILOSOPHY OF RACE & RACISM

How does race and racism impact the way we think and experience the world? How do films and reading contribute to our understanding of these topics? David Owen and Diane Whitlock invite you to enroll in this course for the Spring 2020 semester. The course will explore race and racism through films, readings, and class discussions. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 7:15 PM.

## REACH (RESOURCES FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT)

Interested in graduate school? REACH and the Graduate School have partnered with The Princeton Review to offer UofL students and members of the community FREE workshops and review sessions.

### For test prep workshops for the GRE:

Check out the schedule to the right and register online at [bit.ly/2YjGdOj](https://bit.ly/2YjGdOj). Additional resources at [princetonreview.com/louisville](https://princetonreview.com/louisville).

2/26/20: 5:30-7:30pm, BAB 248

4/11/20: 10am-12pm, online

Questions? Contact [lrctutor@louisville.edu](mailto:lrctutor@louisville.edu) or call 502.852.8114.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH HONORS!

Remember, we're on Twitter and Instagram [@UL\\_Honors](https://twitter.com/UL_Honors) and on Facebook [@LouisvilleHonors](https://www.facebook.com/LouisvilleHonors). We'd love to see your photos from Honors events - so follow, like, and tag us!

## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Happy January, everyone, and welcome back to campus! No matter how you spent your break, I hope you were able to celebrate in the ways you enjoy - and maybe also catch up on some sleep. As we head into the first week of classes, I encourage you to keep your head up, get a good start on your assignments, and remember that the Honors Program is here for you. If you're unsure about your spring schedule, stop by and see us during Walk-in Advising or email [honors@louisville.edu](mailto:honors@louisville.edu).

Every New Year's Eve, instead of making a resolution to do a certain thing every day or stop eating a certain food, I look back at the past year and try to identify things that would make me happier - and make the people around me happier, too. I don't want to punish myself for liking mint chocolate chip ice cream or not exercising enough. This year, I want to read new books instead of rereading ones I know I like (I'm currently reading *The Name of the Wind* for the first time, and it's fantastic!), finish more embroidery projects than I start, and talk to my family back in Pennsylvania more often. Your resolutions don't have to be life-changing or restrictive - make this new decade a good one for yourself!

See you next issue!

