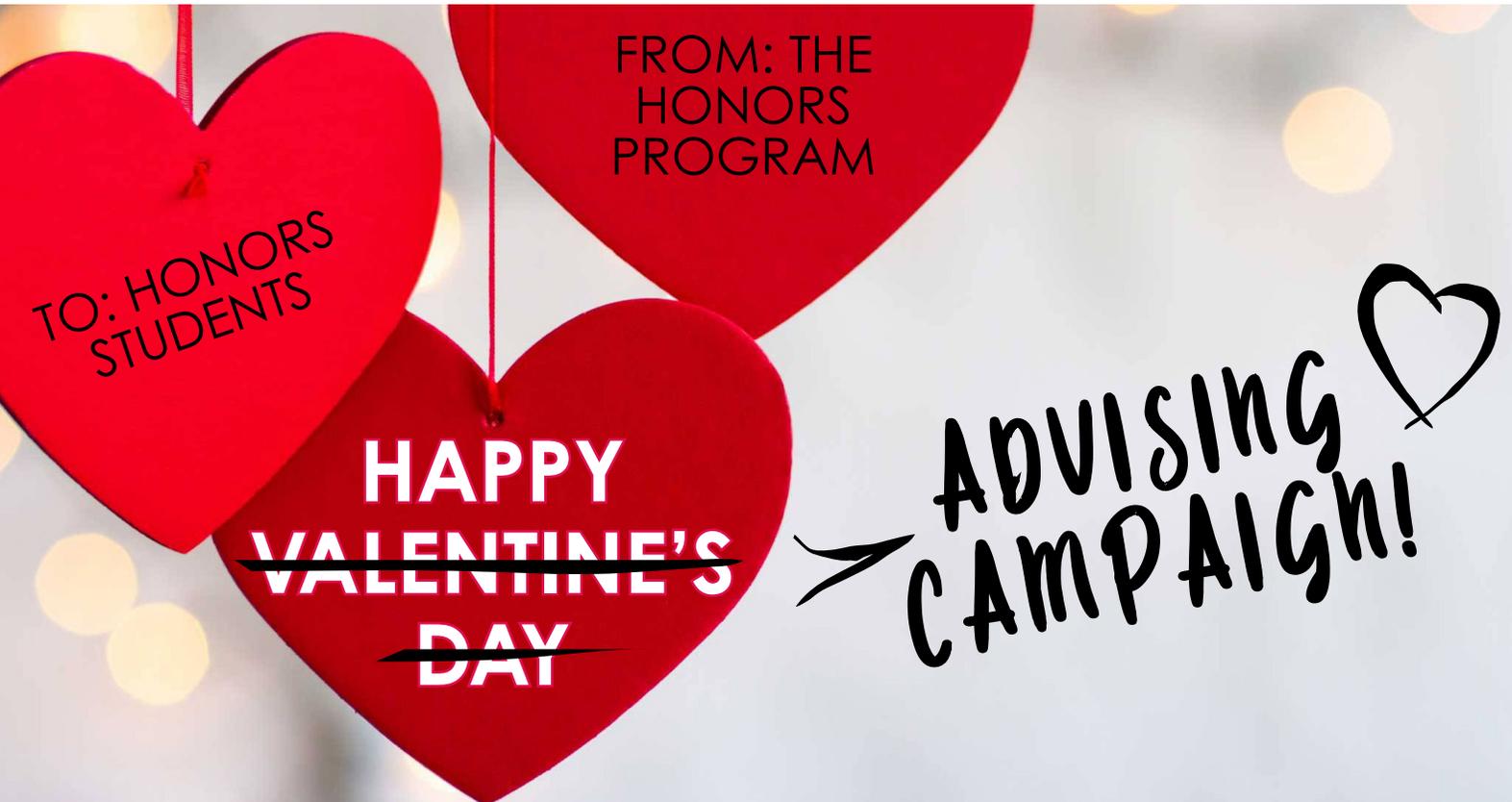




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THE CURRENT

university honors program newsletter



We **love** seeing you - so make sure to schedule your appointment! Details on the next page.

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HONORS NEWS

ADVISING CORNER

HONORS PRIORITY REGISTRATION: TUES., MAR. 31 AT 8AM

We hope the first month of this new decade has gone well for you! As we prepare for our favorite time of year in Honors Advising - when we get a chance to check back in and see how you're doing this semester - we wanted to share some new information about the process with you. Some things will remain the same as always: you will receive an early-morning email inviting you to schedule an appointment with an Honors advisor, and you'll want to set that up as soon as you can to maximize your Honors seminar class options for Fall 2020. However, we are introducing some changes to the Honors registration process this time around that you'll want to read more about.

Please be sure to look over what to expect before coming to your advising appointment so that you can discuss any questions that you may have about these changes with your Honors advisor. Please also pay careful attention to the dates and procedures explained below. We look forward to seeing you soon!

HONORS CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

HONORS SCHOLARS

Wednesday, February 5 at 7:45AM - you will receive the CardSmart/EAB campaign email from Honors Advising to your UofL email accounts.

Honors Scholars appointments begin on **Monday, February 10**. If you want a specific advisor, be sure to select their name from the drop-down menu. Otherwise, the default option will show you the first available advisor.

GENERAL HONORS

Thursday, February 6 at 7:45AM - you will receive the CardSmart/EAB campaign email from Honors Advising to your UofL email accounts.

General Honors appointments begin on **Thursday, February 13**. If you want a specific advisor, be sure to select their name from the drop-down menu. Otherwise, the default option will show you the first available advisor.

PLEASE NOTE:

Spring Break is the week of March 9, during which there will be no advisor availability.

Please arrive promptly in the Etscorn Honors Center on your appointment date/time. If you arrive to your appointment more than 10 minutes after the scheduled appointment time, you will be required to reschedule for a later date/time.

GRADUATING SCHOLARS

Wednesday, Feb. 5 - Thursday, Feb. 6 from 8:30-11:30AM and 1-4PM

If you are an Honors Scholar who plans to graduate at the end of the Fall 2020 semester (December 2020), and you still need a seminar or two to complete your Program requirements, come to walk-in advising to be put on necessary course lists.

Although all Honors students are welcome to make an appointment with one of our advisors, not all Honors students are required to be advised every semester. To find out if you are required to be advised by Honors this semester, please visit: <http://louisville.edu/honors/current-students/honors-advising/spring-honors-advising-campaign-details>

NO LONGER ACTIVE IN HONORS?

If you have been suspended from the Honors Program, you should have received an email about your status change. In the event that you are no longer an active member of the Honors Program, you should seek out advising from your home academic advising unit instead. You can find more information about your assigned advisor in the Student Center on your ULink account, or you can find contact information for the various advising centers on campus for each college available here:

<http://louisville.edu/advising/centers>

HONORS NEWS

HONORS REGISTRATION

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CHANGES FOR SPRING 2020 HONORS ADVISING

ADVISING CORNER CONT.

Please carefully review the changes in the graphic to the left so that you are prepared to enroll in Fall 2020 Honors courses.

More information may be found at louisville.edu/honors.

Questions? Email honors@louisville.edu.

DID YOU SUBMIT A KHR PROPOSAL?

Conference dates:
Friday, Feb. 28 - Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020

You will be notified with a decision on whether or not your proposal has been accepted by February 7.

Conference information, including schedule and locations, will be posted on the Honors website closer to the date of the conference (link below).

Questions? Email honors@louisville.edu.

More information:

louisville.edu/honors/Enrichment-opportunities/kentucky-honors-roundtable-2020



All Honors Classes required permission from an Honors advisor prior to registration

Scholars Seminars require permission from an Honors advisor; Regular Honors classes will check for active status in Honors as a prerequisite

All Honors class seats were reserved based on the timing of your Honors advising appointment

Only Honors Seminar seats will be reserved during advising appointments; Honors students will register for regular Honors classes during priority registration with no prior reservation involved.

Honors maintained internal waitlists for all Honors classes and emailed notifications to students who moved off the waitlists

Regular Honors classes will have automated waitlists like all other classes; internal waitlists will be maintained for Seminars only

HONORS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS, TFA RECIPIENTS!

The Honors Program is proud to recognize these Honors students for their acceptance into the **Teach For America Program**, through which they will spend two years teaching in an under-resourced public school after they graduate.

TFA Placement:

Memphis, Tennessee - Elementary School

Current campus involvement:

ELSB Programming Director // MLK Jr. Scholars Society Treasurer // Inclusion & Equity Intern through UofL's Office of Diversity Education & Inclusive Excellence

Former:

Honors Student Council Diversity Bubble Freshman Rep. // Task Force Freshman // SAB Spirit and Traditions Committee Vice-Chair // UofL NAACP Chapter President // SHADES Treasurer // MLK Jr. Scholars Society - Class of 2020 Rep. // ELSB Mental and Physical Health Committee Director

Awards/Honors:

*UofL Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship
UofL Honors Scholar
Woodford R. Porter Scholarship WYMT Mountain Classic Scholarship
President's Volunteer Service Award
Louis C. Kesselman Endowment Award (UofL Political Science)
Profile in Student Leadership (UofL Student Involvement)*

BAYLEY AMBURGEY



How is your final semester going? My final semester is going really well! I'm doing my best to catch up with old friends, make some new ones, and have some great final experiences before the end of my time here on campus.

What are you most excited about? I am most excited to make connections with all of the students and work with them in a really transformative and life changing way. I think they will probably teach me way more than I will teach them. However, I am worried about learning of the circumstances some of my kids may be living in or dealing with. I'm a huge empath, and it's hard for me to not fully encompass my energy into my work. I will definitely have to be working on my own self and mental health throughout the process in order to best serve my kids!

What are you hoping to learn? I am hoping to learn more about the public education system and both its benefits and flaws in order to write effective education policy and legislation. My end goal is to work with others to write policies that will reform the public school systems and end the school to prison pipeline.

In what ways did Honors prepare you for this opportunity? Honors prepared me for this opportunity by offering the most amazing courses that helped me develop critical thinking skills and knowledge about the true state of the world we live in. Being in Honors also pushed me to keep up my GPA, provided me with friends and opportunities that helped push me to be my best self, and gave me the confidence to apply for prestigious programs such as TFA. It also gave me the best advisor on planet earth, Luke Buckman, and gave me a home with the MLK Scholars Program. I could not imagine what my college experience would have been like if I had not been an Honors student, and quite frankly I don't want to!

Any advice? If I had any advice for younger students, it would be to take advantage of every opportunity given to you throughout your college experience. By doing this, you will become the best possible version of yourself and find so many more opportunities opening all because you took that first one. It is truly amazing to see how one open door leads to another. Also, follow your gut. Sometimes the career meant for you won't be the one that makes the most money or is the easiest. In the end, it's all about finding something fulfilling for you.

HONORS NEWS

CIERRA CRAFT



TFA Placement:

Eastern Kentucky/Appalachia - Middle School English/Language Arts

Current campus involvement:

*Resident Advisor at University Pointe
Honors Student Council Outreach Committee Chair
Honors Host & Admissions Shadow Host*

Former:

*REACH tutor
Cardinal Hip-Hop Club Secretary
Honors 101 Student Assistant
Honors Peer Advisor
SAB Film Committee Member
Honors Business LLC member
Arts and Sciences Freshman Council Member*

How is your final semester going? My final semester is going pretty well. I am more motivated than ever to get done with my schoolwork and through the semester because I have this awesome opportunity waiting for me as soon as I am done. I am taking classes that I am truly interested in, as they are all either Education, Political Science, or Honors. Other than that, I'm keeping up with my job as a RA at University Pointe, working on Honors Student Council's Book and Media Sale, and enjoying

the time I have left at this awesome university with all the people I have met through the years.

What are you most excited about? I am most excited to explore a new area of the state and experience the tight-knit communities of Appalachia. And, of course, I'm excited to finally start teaching!

What are you hoping to learn? I am hoping to learn how to fight educational inequity first hand. I know that it will be challenging, but I want to learn how to effectively help my students. In doing that, I also hope to learn more about myself and what I can do in my future to continue to combat this issue while following my passion for teaching.

In what ways did Honors prepare you for this opportunity? Honors has prepared me by challenging me. Whether it's been in the classroom, through Honors Student Council, or as a Honors Peer Advisor, Honors has given me opportunities to face and overcome conflict. I know that being part of the TFA Corps will continue to give me those opportunities.

Any advice? My biggest piece of advice to any student is to follow your passion. I came into college not sure if I wanted to be a lawyer, and educator, a journalist, or one of a billion other things. What I did know, though, was that I loved Political Science. So, rather than listening to the friends and family members who told me, "Don't major in that! You'll never find a job," I followed my passion, and can now proudly say that I will leave UofL this May with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and get to spend at least the next two years of my life doing two of my favorite things: helping people and teaching.

Best of luck with your final semester of undergrad, Bayley and Cierra - and to all Honors students moving onto exciting opportunities after graduation. We know you're going to do great things!

If you're a student interested in pursuing the Teach for America Program, please visit www.teachforamerica.org for detailed information about TFA's work, your eligibility, and application deadlines. A partner program, Lead for America, is advertised under *Fellowships/Scholarships*.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

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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 to set one up!

FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS



FULBRIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UOFL FULBRIGHT APPLICANTS!

This year, 30 UofL students and alumni have been named semi-finalists for the U.S. Student Fulbright award!

Our Fulbright candidates have applied to conduct research and teach English in 28 different countries. They hail from diverse majors across UofL's College of Arts & Sciences, Speed School of Engineering, College of Public Health and Information Sciences, College of Education and Human Development, College of Business, and School of Music.

These candidates have been recommended by the National Screening Committee and will begin receiving final results in March. We wish all of our outstanding semi-finalists the best as they advance to the next round of competition.

YOU could be next! We are already looking for a new group of candidates for the upcoming Fulbright application cycle. If you are interested in applying or would like to talk about whether this opportunity is a good fit for you, email NISO@louisville.edu.



APPLY FOR A JAMES MADISON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2020

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation offers \$24,000 James Madison Graduate Fellowships to individuals desiring to become outstanding teachers of U.S. History, Government, or Civics in grades 7-12. Fellowship applicants compete only against other applicants from their state.

More information at jamesmadison.gov. Email NISO@louisville.edu to begin your application!

FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS



APPLY TO BE A LEADER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2020

Lead for America selects, trains, and places promising young leaders in two-year paid fellowships in local community organizations as a means of strengthening America's public institutions, revitalizing local communities, and cultivating a new generation of transformational civic leaders.

You might be a good fit if you are a student who has demonstrated commitment to public service and who wishes to be a local leader and work for change in the community you call home.

More information: lead4america.org. Interested in applying? Email niso@louisville.edu.



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

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH FILM SERIES

FEBRUARY 9, 16, & 23 // 2:00PM // MAIN LIBRARY AT 301 YORK STREET

As part of Louisville's "Lean Into Louisville" initiative to address issues of inequality through art, conversation, and events, the Louisville Free Public Library and the UofL Health Sciences Center's Office of Diversity and Inclusion would like to invite you to a film series celebrating African-American History Month.

The Best of Enemies

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2 P.M.

Civil rights activist Ann Atwater faces off against C.P. Ellis, Exalted Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan, in 1971 Durham, North Carolina over the issue of school integration. Based on actual events.

PG-13 | 2h 13m

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BlackKkKlansman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2 P.M.

An African American police officer successfully infiltrates the local Ku Klux Klan branch with the help of a Jewish surrogate who eventually becomes its leader. Based on actual events.

R | 2h 15m

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When They See Us

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 2 P.M.

Five teens from Harlem become trapped in a nightmare when they're falsely accused of a brutal attack in Central Park. Based on actual events.

TV-MA | 1h 4m

(Episode 1)

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The series is free and open to the public. Free parking is available, as well as hearing loops for hearing-impaired attendees.

More information:
LFPL.org/AAHfilms.

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. Additional resources at princetonreview.com/louisville.

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

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

Questions? Contact lrctutor@louisville.edu or call 502.852.8114.

2020 UNDERGRADUATE ARTS & RESEARCH SHOWCASE

April 15, 2020 // 12-2PM // SAC Ballroom
Deadline: Wed., March 25 at 5PM

The Undergraduate Arts & Research Showcase provides an opportunity to share your expertise with the larger university community. Starting this year, the Celebration of Student Writing, hosted by the Composition Department, will be joining the Showcase. All disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply. Only one presentation per student is permitted.

For more information and for the application form:
louisville.edu/provost/ug-research/showcase.

THE SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (SROP)

May 26 – July 31, 2020

Deadline for materials: March 13, 2020

Are you a sophomore/junior UofL student interested in graduate study/research? SROP provides students with a 10-week research experience in a department that offers graduate degrees. SROP also provides mentorship, individualized research projects, and group seminars on topics related to research and graduate education.

For more information:
louisville.edu/provost/ug-research/srop or
charlie.leonard@louisville.edu.

FROM OUR FRIENDS

APPLY FOR THE A&S PEER ADVISORS!

APPLICATIONS DUE THROUGH ENGAGE BY FEBRUARY 7

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APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ON ENGAGE THROUGH 2/7

STAY CONNECTED WITH HONORS!

Remember, we're on Twitter and Instagram [@UL_Honors](#) and on Facebook [@LouisvilleHonors](#). We'd love to see your photos from Honors events - so follow, like, and tag us!

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Happy February! Like the month, I'll keep it short -

No matter how you celebrate the upcoming day of love - a Galentine's brunch on the 13th, à la Leslie Knope? A nice night out with friends or partners? A bubble bath and chocolates just for you? - I hope it's a good one!

Essays, grades, and extracurriculars are important, but so is taking care of yourself and letting the people around you know how much they're loved.

See you next issue!

