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THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

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LOOKING AHEAD

- September 19**
HSC Research & Mentorship Fair
- October 7 - 8**
Fall Break - NO CLASSES!
- October 11**
Travel Seminar Application Due
- November 01**
Priority Registration for Spring 2020

ADVISING REMINDERS

PRIORITY REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY, NOV 1 AT 8:00 AM

If you are a member of the Honors Scholars program, you received your advising campaign email from Kirsten Armstrong on September 4, 2019. If you are a member of general Honors, you received your email on September 5, 2019. If you are an active member of Honors and did not receive an email about scheduling your appointment, please contact Kirsten Armstrong at kirsten.armstrong@louisville.edu.

You must meet with an Honors advisor to enroll in Spring 2020 Honors courses!

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.

NO LONGER ACTIVE IN HONORS?

If you have been suspended from the Honors Program, you should have received an email notifying you of your status change over the summer. 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 POLL! WHICH BEVERAGE IS THE TRUE AUTUMNAL TREAT?

It still feels like summer, but that doesn't mean we can't dream about colder weather and hotter beverages. Cast your vote for cocoa, tea, coffee, or cider when you come in for your appointment and we'll see which drink is Honors' favorite!

COCOA



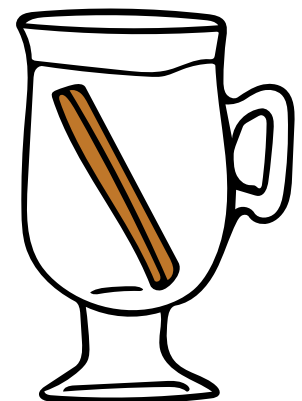
TEA



COFFEE



CIDER



HONORS SEMINARS: SPRING 2020

BOARD OF OVERSEERS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SEMINAR

HUMANS & THEIR ENVIRONMENT

HON 441/451-07 // TTH, 1:00 - 2:15

DR. CARA CASHON

FULFILLS SOCIAL SCIENCES OR NATURAL SCIENCES
CREDIT

ESTIMATED TRAVEL COST: \$2200

This seminar will focus on how humans interact with their environment in today's world from psychological and cultural perspectives. Human connectedness to nature, nature-protective behaviors, environmental justice, climate change and misinformation, sustainable solutions, and ecotourism will be discussed with the goal of better understanding. The course will culminate in a trip to two places where locals have unique relationships with their local surroundings: Iceland and the Netherlands. Students will experience both the breathtaking natural world of the "Land of Fire and Ice," with its volcanos, waterfalls, geysers, and lagoons, and where residents receive electricity from 100% renewable sources, as well as the unique water canals and cycling culture of Amsterdam, also known as the "Venice of the North" and "City of Bikes," where residents prefer bikes over cars for their daily transportation and tulip season takes over in the spring. Students should be prepared for a trip full of wonderful outdoor adventures and interactions with the natural world!

**APPLICATION DUE BY 4PM ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11!**

[https://louisville.edu/honors/
current-students/S20travelapp/](https://louisville.edu/honors/current-students/S20travelapp/)



Check out the other seminars, too! Topics include the history of *Doctor Who*, international negotiation, how human memory works, the role of music in social justice - and more!

Find course times and descriptions here: louisville.edu/honors/current-students/s20seminars

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESEARCH AND MENTORSHIP ROUNDTABLE

Interested in undergraduate research? Whether you've pursued research opportunities before or are totally new to the idea, join HSC at the Red Barn to learn about your options. Representatives from departments across UofL will be at this event to talk to YOU!

The event will be held at the Red Barn from 11:00am to 1:00pm on Thursday, September 19.



REMEMBER TO DONATE TO BAMS!

The Book and Media Sale, run by Honors Student Council, raised over \$18,000 for the Americana Community Center in 2018; HSC is planning on donating all proceeds to Americana again after this year's sale.

BAMS will offer a great selection of records, textbooks, children's stories, fiction, and non-fiction books. Boardgames, DVDs, video games, and CDs will also be available for purchase. The sale will run from March 29 - April 3.

In the meantime, consider going through your shelves and making room for all the cool new stuff you'll buy at BAMS by donating the media that you no longer need! HSC is accepting donations of books (any genre and age-level, but please, no dictionaries, encyclopaedias, or magazines), records, DVDs, CDs, video games, and boardgames. Gently used and well loved donations are fine, as long as nothing is badly torn or stained.

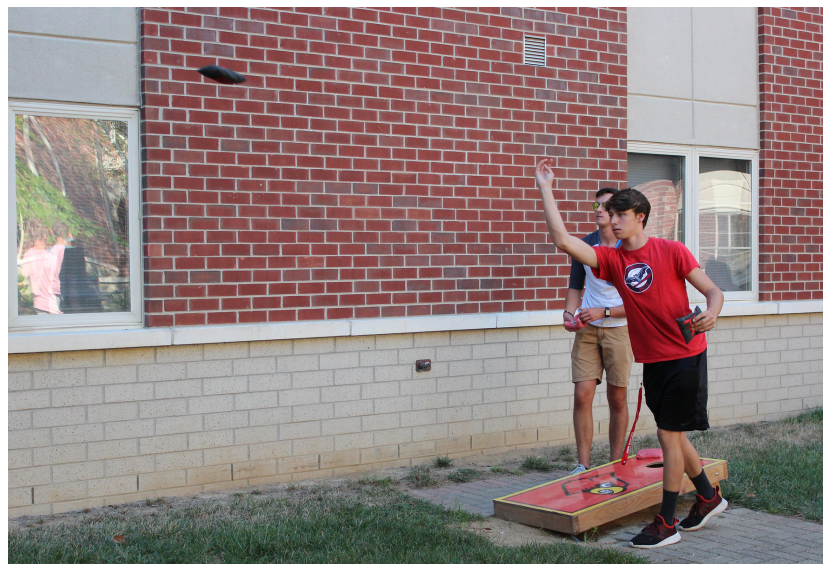
Have some miscellaneous media to donate?

Contact honorsBAMS@gmail.com to see if it's an appropriate donation for BAMS.

All donations can be delivered to the Etscorn Honors Center (at Threlkeld Hall on the Belknap Campus) during business hours. Pick-ups can be arranged - email to set one up!



THE FIRST-YEAR/KURZ HALL EXPERIENCE



THE WELCOME PICNIC // AUGUST 14

After a long morning hauling boxes full of clothing, school supplies, knick-knacks from home, and the all-important coffee machines, our new Honors first-years had the evening to relax. The Honors Program hosted a social dinner in the Kurz Courtyard, featuring a taco bar from Moe's and a delicious assortment of Insomnia Cookies. Friendly games of cornhole and mingling with peers and Honors faculty/staff kept everyone busy for two hours - and then it was back to their new dorm rooms to settle in. We hope everyone had a good time kicking off the semester with Honors!

THE FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR // AUGUST 15

Honors first-years got a taste of their upcoming college course experience through their First-Year Seminar, an all-day, pre-semester introduction to Honors and to their Modes of Inquiry classes. Students were welcomed in the morning by Dr. Joy Hart, the Executive Director of Honors, and Danielle Graves, the President of Honors Student Council. Then it was time to learn! Students met with Honors faculty and advisors in two classroom sessions (with plenty of time for lunch in between) and got to know their classmates.



LOOKING BACK: FIRST-YEAR REFLECTIONS FROM A SENIOR

Ashby Henderson, a senior Honors student majoring in Social Work, remembers their time during the First-Year Seminar and Honors 101 as an opportunity to build community.

While the academic information was helpful, they said it was **“the people that were the most amazing part. I made friends that I still have to this day. Being able to bond, be pushed, and grow together through Honors 101 allowed us to really get to know each other. I would tell any first-year student that, yes - HON 101, CAMP 100, or MUS 100 may seem tedious, but the bonds you form with your fellow students create lasting relationships and enrich your college experience.”**

We hope that every student is able to make such good connections during their time in the Honors Program!

MENTORED SCHOLARS WELCOME // AUGUST 16

Congratulations to the new cohorts of our mentored scholarship programs! The Honors Program and UofL faculty & staff from across campus welcomed 40 new students to the J.G. Brown Fellows, the Grawemeyer Scholars, the Martin Luther King Scholars, and the McConnell Scholars. The President of the University, Dr. Neeli Bendapudi, personally welcomed the students and gave a few words of congratulations and encouragement. Honors is looking forward to the next four years with you, class of 2023!

Thank you to Tom Fougousse, UofL photographer, for these great photographs from the welcome breakfast!



PEACC WORKSHOPS // FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES

Prevention, Education, and Advocacy on Campus and in the Community - PEACC. This division of Campus Health Services works to end “power-based personal violence” through the concepts in their name, helping students learn the skills necessary to navigate relationships and create a safe campus community. Lamont Johnson, pictured below with the Honors Service Living Learning Community, hosted workshops during the first week of classes to open up conversation and offer resources for the new students. Learn more on their Facebook page [@UofLPEACC](#).



ENGAGING IN DIFFICULT DIALOGUES // AUGUST 28

Coming to college can be overwhelming, in part because of all the new people students meet. Louisville is an incredible and diverse place, and that diversity is reflected on campus. The differences between students can be difficult to talk about if you’ve never had to. Having the ability to talk through differences and conflict is essential on campus - especially for students living so close together in the dorms. Marian Vasser, Director of Diversity Education & Inclusive Excellence, spoke to our first-year students about having tough conversations and how they can be productive. Thanks, Marian!



THANK YOU, STUDENT SUCCESS AMBASSADORS!

Each section of FYS students was paired with a current Honors student who helped out during the FYS classroom sessions and will continue to be a resource and a mentor to the CAMP 100, HON 101, and MUS 100 classes during the fall semester. The Student Success Ambassadors are:

Spencer Cox • Aarii Lynton • Abby Posey
Ugonna Okorie • Sean Woods • Ryan Crowe
Lexi Raikes • Leah Hazelwood (pictured)
Jacob Schagene • Jalena Slaton
Taylor Young • Emily Behr

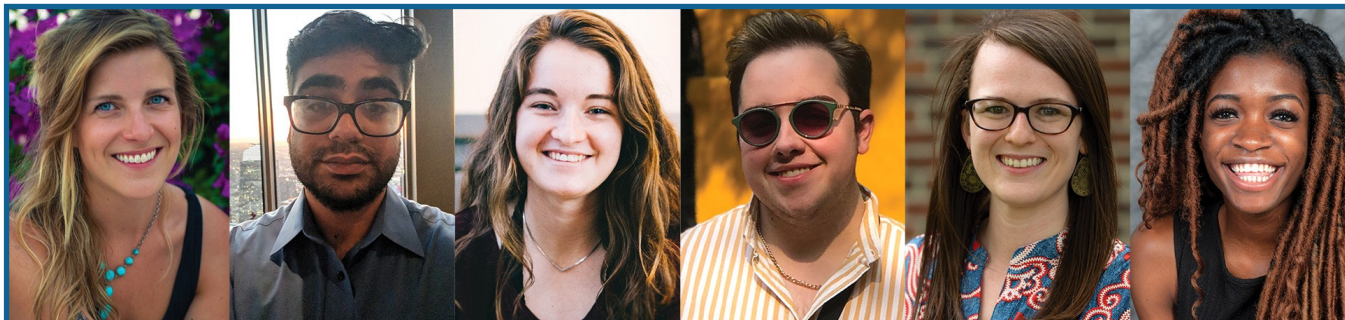


FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

THE FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides study, research, and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries. Last year, UofL students and alumni won 12 Fulbright awards, earning the University its fifth recognition as a Top Producing Institution.



You can read about our recent recipients at <http://louisville.edu/scholars>



Now, the 2020-2021 application cycle is underway and we are looking for the next group of rising seniors, graduate and professional students, and recent UofL who are interested in becoming Fulbright applicants! The national deadline is October 8, but our campus process is in full swing now.

FULBRIGHT APPLICATION TIMELINE

- September 12:** Campus deadline
- September 16 - 30:** Campus interviews at the Honors House, room 102
- October 1:** Recommendation deadline
- October 8:** National deadline

To get started, applicants can contact the National and International Scholarships Office at NISO@louisville.edu.

FELLOWSHIPS CONT.

ATTENTION: SENIORS AND RECENT ALUMNI

THE RANGEL & PICKERING FELLOWSHIPS APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW

If a career in international affairs and foreign policy interests you, consider applying for these fellowships!

Women, minorities, and candidates with financial need are particularly encouraged to apply; applicants can (and should!) apply to **both** programs. Students from any major who seek to promote positive change are invited to apply.

Both fellowships include:

- Up to \$95,000 to support 2 years of graduate study
- 2 paid internships (one on Capitol Hill and one at an overseas U.S. Embassy or consulate)
- Mentorship by individuals with careers in foreign affairs
- A 5-year service Foreign Service appointment.

Applicants must:

- Have a GPA of 3.2 or higher
- Be seeking entry to graduate school for Fall 2020
- Have a record of academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to public service



Rangel Fellowship applications are due **September 17**. You can find more information online at <https://www.rangelprogram.org/graduate-fellowship-program/>.

Pickering Fellowship applications are due **September 20**, and information is available at <https://pickeringfellowship.org/graduate-fellowship/>.

If you are interested, please email Fellowships Coordinator Dr. Bethany Smith at bethany.smith.1@louisville.edu to schedule an appointment.

FROM OUR FRIENDS

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.

| Session | Location | Date | Time |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| LSAT (Workshop) | Belknap Academic Building Room 248 | October 16 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| DAT (Workshop) | Belknap Academic Building Room 248 | November 13 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| MCAT (Workshop) | Belknap Academic Building Room 248 | October 23 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM |

For LSAT/DAT/MCAT prep

workshops: See above table for schedule and register for a FREE graduate exam review session, where you will review test-taking strategies and get advice from a Princeton Review professional. Register in advance at origin-www.princetonreview.com/offer/louisville. **Questions?** Contact lrcutor@louisville.edu or call 502.852.8114.

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.

9/25/19: 5:30-7:30pm, BAB 248
11/16/19: 10am-12pm, online
2/26/20: 5:30-7:30pm, BAB 248
4/11/20: 10am-12pm, online

MLK SCHOLARS RSO PARTNERED EVENTS

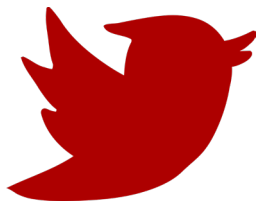
Campus Talk: The Cost of a Vote // Thursday, Sept. 19 // 6 - 8 PM // Red Barn

Join the MLK Scholars, the Women's Center, SHADES, and other campus organizations in a critical conversation about the history of the U.S./Louisville suffrage movement. Discussion will focus on those left out - namely women of color - and who continues to be excluded - namely trans women, incarcerated women, and Native American women. Free food, open to all! Part of ELSB's Civic Engagement Week.

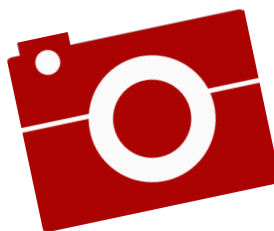
Freedom to Vote Event // Friday, Sept. 20 // 5 - 7:30 PM // Cultural Center

Join SGA, the MLK Scholars, LSU, and the Women's Center to learn about voter registration and voter education, as well as the opportunity to share your voting story. Free food!

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