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## THE HONORS PROGRAM!

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## HONORS NEWS WELCOME TO FALL 2020!

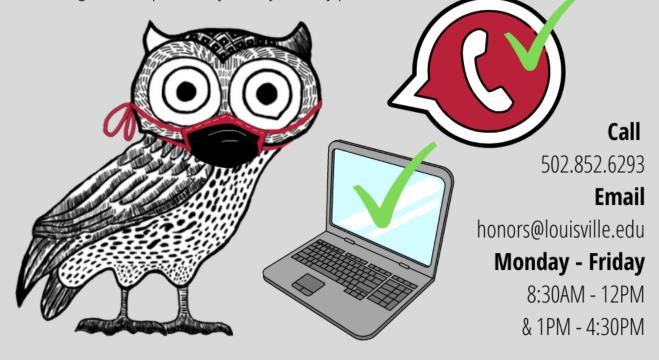
Welcome to all new students - and welcome back to our returning students! We are so excited to work with you this year. To comply with COVID-19 protocols and keep the Honors community safe, advising appointments will be held primarily via MS Teams - full advising details for this semester are on the next page!

We know you're doing everything you can to stay safe - following physical distancing protocols, wearing a mask, and washing your hands often. You may notice that sneeze guards have been installed in most lobby areas around campus. If you are speaking with someone behind a sneeze guard, please stay on your side! For the safety of yourself and that person, please do not reach around, touch, or move behind the front desk sneeze guards.

We are always here for you by email and phone, too. Our contact information is below - let us know if you have questions or need anything!

### Need help? Honors is here for you.

Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, Honors advisors are available for **virtual** MS Teams and phone advising appointments this semester. We can also answer any quick advising-related questions you may have by phone or email!



## HONORS NEWS

## ADVISING CORNER ••••••••••••••

### Appointments will be held virtually through MS Teams. Download it for free here: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app

Welcome back, Honors students! Whether you're taking hybrid, remote, or distance ed classes this semester, we hope that your semester is off to a great and safe start, and we are looking forward to having some great virtual advising conversations with you in the near future! This year, we are moving toward a caseload advising model in Honors, so we have assigned Honors advisors to all of our incoming Fall 2020 first-year students. This means that those who have assigned advisors will receive their Honors Virtual Advising Campaign links from their assigned Honors Advisors directly while those who are not currently assigned to an Honors advisor (second-year students and up) will be able to choose an Honors advisor from a list of options.

### HONORS CAMPAIGN INFORMATION HONORS PRIORITY REGISTRATION IS OCT. 30 AT 8:00 AM

Though we highly encourage making an appointment, not every Honors student is required to meet with an advisor each 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/fall-honors-advising-campaign

#### **HONORS SCHOLARS**

Wednesday, September 2 at 7:45AM - you will receive the CardSmart/EAB campaign email to your UofL email accounts.

Honors Scholars appointments run from **Tuesday**, **September 8 to Wednesday**, **October 28**. If you want a specific advisor, be sure to select their name from the drop-down menu.

#### **GENERAL HONORS**

**Thursday, September 3 at 7:45AM** - you will receive the CardSmart/EAB campaign email to your UofL email accounts.

General Honors appointments run from **Friday**, **September 11 to Wednesday**, **October 28.** If you want a specific advisor, be sure to select their name from the drop-down menu.

#### **FIRST-YEAR HONORS**

You **must** meet with your assigned advisor. You will receive scheduling information directly from your assigned advisor.

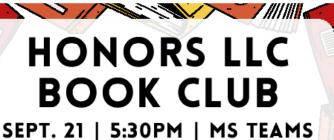
#### Do I have an assigned advisor?

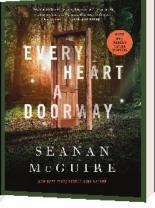
If you're not sure if you have an assigned Honors advisor, you are able to look this information up on both CardSmart and ULink. On the new ULink, you can click on the three dots in the upper right-hand corner of your screen, and click on the "Advisors" link to see a list of all of your assigned advisors and their roles. On CardSmart, your assigned advisors are listed on your profile screen on the right-hand side under "Student Success Team."

#### On the day of your appointment:

Log into MS Teams and be prepared to video chat. Your advisor will contact you via MS Teams to begin your appointment. If you do not have MS Teams open or will be more than 10 minutes late, you will be required to reschedule for a later date/time.

## HONORS NEWS PUT YOUR READING GLASSES ON!





Book of the Month: "Every Heart a Doorway" by Seanan McGuire

NPR calls it "a minimasterpiece of portal fantasy — a jewel of a book that deserves to be shelved with Lewis Carroll's and C. S. Lewis' classics."

A limited number of copies are available for FREE! Contact Katherine Rucker at katherine.rucker@louisville.edu to get your copy today.

Scan the QR code to access the MS Teams meeting link:



Do you love books? Are you looking for people who share that passion and want to discuss literature? Join the Honors LLC Book Club!

The first book of the semester has been pre-selected. After this month, students will have the chance to submit their suggestions and vote on the next book we read. Our goal is to meet monthly.

The selection for September is "Every Heart a Doorway" by Seanan McGuire.

### DID YOU KNOW? KURZ HALL ISN'T ONLY FOR FIRST-YEARS!

No need to be far from the Ville Grille, the Comfy Cow, or Insomnia Cookies. Honors students are welcome to continue their Honors residence hall experience as a returning student

Keep an eye out for more information in September about living in Kurz again next year!

## VIRTUAL SENIOR HONORS THESIS INFO

### **SESSION** // SEPT. 3, 12:15 - 1PM • RSVP BY SEPT. 2, 4PM

If you're a student in the College of Arts & Sciences who is interested in completing a Senior Honors Thesis, join us for a virtual information session via MS Teams! Let us know you're coming by filling out the RSVP form at <a href="http://louisville.edu/honors/senior-honors-theses/session-RSVP">http://louisville.edu/honors/senior-honors-theses/session-RSVP</a>.

Once you have RSVP'd, you will receive a confirmation email with the MS Teams meeting link. Email Sarah Springer at *s.springer@louisville.edu* if you do not receive a confirmation or with questions!

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## **SCHOLAR/FELLOWSHIPS** THE 2021-2022 FULBRIGHT APPLICATION CYCLE IS UNDERWAY!



Last year, UofL students and alumni received offers for 12 Fulbright awards, and the university has been nationally recognized six times as a Top Producing Institution. You can read about our recipients at <u>http://louisville.edu/scholars</u>.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides study, research, and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries. More information is available at <u>https://us.fulbrightonline.org/</u>.

We are looking for the next group of rising seniors, graduate and professional students, and recent UofL alumni who are interested in becoming Fulbright applicants! Our campus deadline is October 1. To get started, or to inquire about any details, applicants can contact the National and International Scholarships Office at *NISO@louisville.edu*.

Join our office's Teams channel for more information, materials, and recorded workshops: <u>https://tinyurl.com/NISOTeams</u>

Important Dates:

Campus Draft Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 9

Campus Interviews: September 14-25 (via Teams)

Campus Deadline and Recommendation Deadline: Oct. 1



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## **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS** THE BLACK AND BROWN HONORS SOCIETY

The Black and Brown Honors Society is a new RSO that seeks to create a community where high achieving, underrepresented students can feel welcome and included within the Honors Program.

The BBHS is holding their first virtual meeting of the Fall 2020 semester soon! If you are interested in joining the organization, please apply on Engage:

https://louisville.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/436505

#### The BBHS will meet via MS Teams at 6:00PM on Tuesday, September 1st.

Email co-founders Edison Pleasants at *e0plea02@louisville.edu* and/or Sydney Finley at *sbfinl01@louisville.edu* to request the MS Teams link or if you have any questions.



## **EROMOUR ERIENDS** A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE OF EXPLORATORY AND TRANSITION ADVISING

Find them at https://louisville.edu/studentsuccess/exploratory-transition-advising

Greetings to the Honors community from Exploratory & Transition Advising, and especially to all the new firstyear students. Welcome!

E&T Advising serves undecided students and students who may in the future become undecided—so really, we're here to help everyone find their fit at UofL and in life. You have great advisors in the Honors Program, but we wanted to make sure you knew you have us as a resource, too! If you want to talk with someone who knows about all the majors at UofL and is adept at helping students navigate their decision-making and arrive at a major and career that fit them, you're welcome to come meet with one of us!

E&T Advising is part of the Student Success Center in the BAB (Belknap Academic Building), so you may already be familiar with our space. For now we'd prefer to meet with you virtually, but you can get a meeting set up with us by calling 502-852-7969 or emailing succeed@louisville.edu. Our (currently virtual) doors are open so you can throw out ideas, get connected to campus resources, and even just



have us bring a fresh set of eyes to plans you've already been talking about with your Honors advisor and others in your support network.

Let us know what we can do to help make your time at UofL a success!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING MORE COMPETITIVE FOR JOBS, CO-OPS,INTERNSHIPS?

## CONNECT WITH A BLACK LEADER IN YOUR FIELD

Sign up to connect with a black professional in your field of study.

#### IF WE ROOT FOR EACH OTHER, WE CAN WATCH EACH OTHER GROW.

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### THE ECKFORD VIRTUAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Aimed towards black undergraduates, the Eckford Program encourages students to apply to internships, co-ops and jobs at the upper echelon of their industry. Mentees from across the United States gain a valuable chance to highlight and develop their strengths to optimize their success in a prestigious professional career.

Through our growing network of undergraduates and professionals, we aim to create mutually beneficial connections and foster unlikely relationships.

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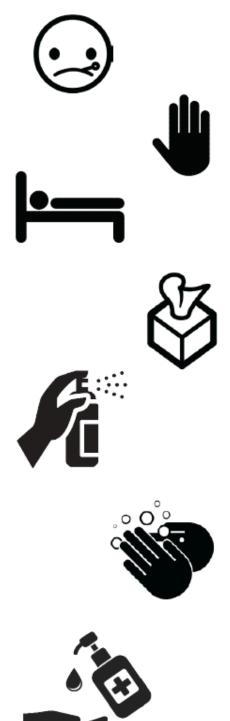
Learn more:

EckfordProgram.org

@EckfordProgram on Instagram

Questions? Email *EckfordVirtual@gmail.com* 

# Stay Healthy!



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Stay home as often as possible, especially if you feel sick.

**Cover your cough or sneeze** with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

**Clean and disinfect** frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available.