



# THE CURRENT

## UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

### Honors Calendar At-A-Glance:

April 17	<i>The White Squirrel</i> Release Party
April 21	HSC's Last Hoorah of the Year!
April 22	Reading Day Special Release of <i>The Current</i>
April 23	Final Examinations Begin
April 24	World Scholars Application Deadline
May 10	Commencement

Make sure to read through this entire newsletter for other important dates and deadlines.

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*This issue of The Current features the University of Louisville's Belknap Campus and as it blooms with the colors of spring.*

**Note: although this is the final official issue of *The Current* for this year, be on the lookout for a special issue next week celebrating the successes of our Honors students (especially our graduates!), and updates about next year's Honors Program.**

# HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

## HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL'S LAST HOORAH OF THE YEAR

What are you doing on Monday, **April 21 at 6:30 PM**? Obviously you'll be outside of Threlkeld Hall for Honors Student Council's last hoorah of the year! There will be free Jimmy John's, sodas, chips, and all sorts of fun activities, including a balloon toss, tug of war, hula hoop contest, and a volleyball tournament. HSC hopes to see you there!

## HSC ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!

After tallying the votes of the Honors Student Council election, the results are in! Please congratulate your 2014-2015 Honors Student Council executive team:

**President** ..... Marianna Michael  
**Executive Vice President** ..... Emily Benken  
**Secretary** ..... Mariah Moore  
**Treasurer** ..... Meaghen Sorrell  
**Academic Vice President** ..... Natalie Smith  
**Publicity Vice President** ..... Ann Parker Wood  
**Social Vice President** ..... Alice Darling  
**Service Vice President** ..... Laura Krauser  
**Special Events Vice President** ..... Adeline Heitz



You probably know some of these faces! Be on the look out for next year's Honors Student Council Leaders.

Top row: Laura Krauser, Marianna Michael, Alice Darling

Bottom row: Natalie Smith, Emily Benken, Adaline Heitz, Mariah Moore

## THE WHITE SQUIRREL



**The  
White  
Squirrel**  
Spring 2014  
Volume X

The University  
of Louisville's  
Literary and  
Arts Magazine

The tenth edition of *The White Squirrel*, UofL's Literary Arts Magazine, for Spring 2014 will be released **April 17!**

Join us in celebrating our best edition yet with poetry and prose readings from our contributors, an exhibition of visual art, and an open mic on Thursday, April 17 at 8:00 PM at Quills on West Cardinal Boulevard.

Sign-ups for the open mic will begin at 7:45. You can purchase the new edition at the release party for \$3, and it will be subsequently available at the Etscorn Honors Center, Carmichael's Bookstores, and Sunergos on South Preston.

*We would like to thank everyone who submitted this semester and encourage you to pursue creative writing!*

## BOOK AND MEDIA SALE

Honors Student Council and the Honors Program are happy to announce that the 2014 Book and Media Sale was a tremendous success! Over 17,000 books, DVDs, CDs, video games, and records were sold over the first week of April. **Make sure to read next week's special edition of *The Current* to find out how much money was raised for the Pediatric Oncology Unit of Kosair Children's Hospital, and to read a special note from Luke "LeRoy" Buckman.**



# FROM OUR FRIENDS

## UNDERGRAD RESEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

You're invited to the University-wide Undergraduate Research and Community Engagement Symposium. The Poster Session, to be held on **April 15, 2014** in the Shumaker Research Building from 12:30-4:00 PM, will provide a forum where students can showcase research projects that build on and enrich faculty work across the disciplines. It is an opportunity for students, faculty and the community to discuss cutting edge research topics; to examine the connection between research, education and community engagement; and to explore the broad range of research opportunities at UofL. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Dr. Pamela Feldhoff, Associate Vice President for Research and Innovation at [pamela.feldhoff@louisville.edu](mailto:pamela.feldhoff@louisville.edu).

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## ALPHA EPSILON DELTA HEALTH CAREERS FAIR

Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honor Society invites you to their Health Careers Fair on Wednesday, **April 16** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Red Barn! Over 20 schools and programs in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, nursing, PT, pharmacy, public health, and optometry will be represented. We'll also have FREE FOOD and will be hosting a raffle for FREE Test Prep giveaways!

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## PEACC VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MEETING

"Let It Go!" End of the year PEACC Volunteer Appreciation Meeting: 5:30 PM on **April 17** in the PEACC office. This year our gratitude for PEACC Volunteers can best be expressed through the Frozen movie theme! Our gathering will feature an opportunity to "let go", honor the year we've had together, and enjoy some cool treats and music.

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## DENIM DAY

**April 23** is Denim Day at the University of Louisville! This is a campaign that raises awareness about the devastating impacts of sexual violence and how you can help bring these issues to light. The event is inspired by an 18 year old in Italy who was raped by her driving instructor in 1992. She pressed charges and won her case, but the instructor appealed and the case was overturned since the victim wore tight jeans and it was assumed that she must have removed them herself, thus participating willingly. All around the world there are demonstrations of support to show that there is no excuse and never an invitation to rape. Contact the PEACC Program at [peacc@louisville.edu](mailto:peacc@louisville.edu) or 852-2663 to get Denim Day buttons for you and/or your organization!

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## NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

Need a change of scenery? Want to meet new people? Looking for courses not offered at the University of Louisville? Scouting out graduate or professional schools? If so, you are invited to learn more about the National Student Exchange (NSE)! NSE will let you do all these things and more at one of nearly 200 schools in the U.S. and Canada while still paying University of Louisville tuition. Interested in taking your own adventure? Contact Andrew Grubb at [abgrub02@louisville.edu](mailto:abgrub02@louisville.edu) or (502) 852-1482 for more information. **Andrew recently returned from the annual NSE conference in St. Louis, where he placed 9 Louisville students for exchange in universities across the country and in Canada for academic year 2014-2015. The NSE program at the University of Louisville is growing, and it's never too early to start planning for exchange in 2015-2016.**

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## HEALTH PROMOTION

Back by popular demand: Calm Café! Keep calm and drink coffee. April 22 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM in the Health Promotion Activity Room. Come for free snacks, drinks, and massage!

## Bonner Leaders of Louisville Program

The Bonner Leaders of Louisville Program is a service-learning leadership program in which students serve in local non-profit organizations addressing social justice, educational, poverty, environmental, and cultural/arts issues present in the Louisville community. In addition to direct service experiences, training, enrichment, reflection, and co-education with community partners are an integral aspect of the program. Students learn about and abide by the six common commitments of the Bonner Program which include social justice, diversity, community building, spiritual exploration, civic engagement, and international perspective.

This program is funded through AmeriCorps, therefore students are required to complete the program within a specific time period based upon the term of service commitment. Upon completion of this term of service, each participant receives an education award that may be applied to student loans or college costs.

### Program Goals

The Bonner Program is designed to transform not only the students who are directly supported by the program, but also the campus and community in which they serve and learn.

#### For the Student:

- To provide access to a college education for students with high financial need.
- To afford students the opportunity to enhance and use their abilities, talents, and leadership to serve others while in college.
- To create a supportive community of students on campus whose common focus on community service gives them a sense of purpose and meaning.

#### For the Community:

- To channel the energies of college students, faculty, and staff to continue to improve and expand upon the quality and nature of services offered to the community.
- To break down the barriers between town and gown leading to improved communication and greater collaboration between the two.

#### Student Commitment

Bonner Leaders make a commitment to perform 300 hours or 450 hours community service at an arranged non-profit organization that has partnered with the Bonner Leader Program. Bonners have a calendar year to finish their hours. This can be done by the end of the spring semester if students do 10 hours a week for each 15 weeks of fall and spring semester. Service can be extended into the summer if needed. Upon successful completion of service hours, all participants receive an educational award that can be used for school tuition, some educational expenses, and student loans. Students may select between two terms of service: 300 hours, 1 year commitment, \$1175.00 award, 450 hours, 1 year commitment, \$1468.00 award.

As the Bonner Leader program is a co-curricular program, students must commit to attending Bonner Leader meetings biweekly for training and enrichment. For more program and application information, please visit <http://louisville.edu/kent/bonner-leader-program> . You may also contact Lynetta Mathis for questions at 502-852-6137 or [lynetta.mathis@louisville.edu](mailto:lynetta.mathis@louisville.edu).

**Deadline to apply: April 18, 2014.**

**REACH FINALS BLITZ**

- April 15:** *Kick-off to Finals Blitz*  
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM in Strickler Lobby;  
4:00-7:00 PM in Ekstrom Library.  
Test review schedules and study tips  
from REACH. Snacks courtesy of  
Ekstrom Library!
- April 17:** *Study Jam sponsored by the Speed  
School Student Council*  
6:00-9:00 PM in Duthie Hall.  
Tutoring and help with engineering core  
classes such ENGR 101 and 102 as well  
as for other classes as time and resources  
allow. Open to all students.
- Group Bike Ride: Iroquois Park to UofL.*  
Leaves from Rundill Road & Iroquois  
Park access road at 7:30 AM.
- Recycle Rally and Trash Ball Tournament*  
Noon - 2:00 PM in the Student Activities  
Center Multipurpose Room (SAC MPR)
- GRASS Movie: The Ghosts in Our  
Machine*  
5:00 PM in Chao Auditorium.
- April 18:** *UofL EcoReps Greenhouse Workday*  
4:00-5:00 PM in the Cultural Center.
- April 19:** *Phi Kappa Tau Beach Party*  
9:00 PM - midnight in the SAC MPR.  
Come usher in summer in your  
swimtrunks and floaties at Phi Kappa  
Tau's Beach Party concert featuring the  
Ying Yang Twins. The event is open to  
UofL students and tickets are available  
online ([http://phitaubeachparty.  
eventbrite.com/?aff=jcm](http://phitaubeachparty.eventbrite.com/?aff=jcm)) for \$15 or at  
the door before the event.
- April 21:** *Breakfast...for a Buck?!*  
9:00-11:00 PM in the Ville Grill.  
It's late. You're studying for your finals,  
but it's getting hard to focus on anything  
but your growling stomach. Head to the  
Ville Grill for a late-night breakfast! You  
can use Cardinal Cash, meal swipes, or  
if you donate a canned good, you get  
your meal for \$1! Gear up for summer by  
grabbing a festive drink from FYI, chair  
massages from Campus Health, study  
tips from REACH, and more!

- April 22:** *Calm Café*  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM in the Health  
Promotion Activity Room.  
Enjoy a quiet study space with free  
massages and invigorating snacks.
- Association of Black Students End-of-the-  
Year BBQ*  
Noon - 2:00 PM in the Cultural Center  
Multipurpose Room  
Games, food and music. RSVPs via  
OrgSync will receive a free gift from  
Knockaround Sunglasses.
- April 23:** *Paws for Finals*  
2:00-4:00 PM on the first floor of  
Ekstrom Library.  
Do you wish you had a furry friend to  
keep you company as you gear up for  
finals? Take a pause to relieve some stress  
and to relax with some furry friends  
from Animal House and enjoy a finals  
study snack. Brought to you by First Year  
Initiatives, Ekstrom Library, NRHH, and  
Animal House.
- Snack up on Energy.*  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the lobbies of  
Unitas, Threlkeld, Miller, UTA, Complex,  
and Louisville, and Kurz Halls.  
Snacks, coffee, and coloring brought to  
you by Housing and Residence Life.
- Study and Relaxation Extravaganza!*  
7:00-9:00 PM in the Cultural Center  
Multipurpose Room.  
Study session (6:30-8:00 PM) with a  
break for music, dance, DIY project, and  
popping out stress with popcorn, and  
bubble wrap! Yoga to live music from  
8:00-9:00 PM! Attendees will get a FREE  
aromatherapy lavender spa eye pillow.  
Brought to you by Housing & Residence  
Life and Health Promotion.
- April 24:** *Paws for Finals*  
2:00-4:00 PM on the first floor of  
Ekstrom Library.
- Snack up on Energy.*  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the lobbies of  
Unitas, Threlkeld, Miller, UTA, Complex,  
and Louisville, and Kurz Halls.

# WORLD SCHOLARS PROGRAM COMPETITION

Announcing the spring competition for World Scholars funding to support a semester or year of study abroad in 2014-2015. **DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 24.** If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Greg Hutcheson at [gshutc01@louisville.edu](mailto:gshutc01@louisville.edu).

The World Scholars Program provides select undergraduate students with up to \$8,000 of funding to support a significant study experience in a country or region of the world whose principal language is not English. Applicants must be actively committed to achieving fluency in the language of that country or region. They must also be declared majors or minors in any of the non-language disciplines offered at the University of Louisville and endeavor, to the degree possible, to study the material of that discipline while abroad (whether through full-immersion coursework, service learning, internship placement, directed study, etc.). Students studying any of the modern languages offered at the University of Louisville (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish) are encouraged to apply. **Application deadline: *March 27, 2014.***

1. Review application requirements at <http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/student/world-scholars> to be sure you're eligible.
2. Make an appointment with Virginia Hosono, associate director of Study Abroad and International Affairs ([vlhoso01@louisville.edu](mailto:vlhoso01@louisville.edu)), to explore study abroad options that meet the requirements of the program.
3. Line up your letters of recommendation and language evaluation. (Forms included in the application packet.)

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## OFFICE OF STUDY ABROAD & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

**Office:** International Center (located in Brodschi Hall, next to the library)  
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**Twitter:** @UofL Study Abroad  
**Instagram:** Follow UofLstudyabroad for student photos and updates!  
**Flickr:** Check out UofL Study Abroad for student photos and our Study Abroad Students of the Month!

Have free time this summer? We'll be open! Email [edabroad@louisville.edu](mailto:edabroad@louisville.edu) to make an appointment during the summer and learn about how you can make studying abroad a reality!

If you're interested in studying abroad next year, stop by the office now so you can learn about different options and catch program and scholarship deadlines.