



THE CURRENT

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Honors Calendar At-A-Glance:

April 29	Last Day of Finals
May 10	Commencement
May 12	Summer Term I Classes Begin
June 3	Summer Term II Classes Begin
	Summer Ten Week Term Classes Begin
July 9	Summer Term III Classes Begin
August 25	Fall Classes Begin

Make sure to read The Current starting in August to learn about all of the exciting opportunities brought to you by the University of Louisville Honors Program!

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The Honors Program would like to congratulate all of our graduating Honors students! This edition of The Current celebrates the accomplishments of the students who have successfully completed the Honors Program. For our returning students, we hope you have a fun and safe summer--and we look forward to working with you again in the new semester. Make sure to contact your Honors advisor if you have any questions over the summer.

HELLOS AND GOODBYES

OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DR. JOHN RICHARDSON

After 16 years as Executive Director, the Honors Program is sad to say goodbye to Dr. John Richardson when he retires on June 30, 2014. Below are a few words Dr. Richardson shared about his experience with the Honors Program:

Who could have guessed in 1998 that my three year appointment as the Director of a small Honors Program in the College of Arts and Sciences would become a 16 year journey. Though the first few years may have been a bit rocky, the interaction with amazing students and committed, creative faculty members have made this journey a labor of love.



I can't help but reflect on some of the changes in the Program (in no particular order) that have occurred during my watch and are now well established: the development of a true university-wide Honors Program with over 1,200 active students, the designation of Threlkeld as the Honors/Scholarship residence hall, funding and construction of the Etscorn Honors Center, the advising staff, the creation of the Honors Student Council and associated student programming, the University Honors Scholars program, an enhanced offering of interdisciplinary seminars (an average of 28 per year now, grown from 3-4 in 1998), the

Office of National and International Scholarships, Etscorn Honors scholarships, the Honors Fellows Program, Honors Learning Communities (LC), Honors Living Learning Communities (LLC), and the Woodcock National Seminar.

Of course the growth of Honors to the fully-developed program that one sees today was not possible in a vacuum. I have been blessed with outstanding staff members at every turn and will be indebted to them forever. If there is one regret in my retirement it is that I will not be interacting with the staff and students of Honors on a daily basis. I will miss Honors but I look forward to seeing the changes to come under the guidance of the new Executive Director, Dr. Joy Hart. She is the perfect choice to take Honors to the next level. ✿

On April 17, Dr. Richardson was recognized at the Provost's Awards for Exemplary Advising as the Undergraduate Faculty Advisor of the year. In addition, Dr. Richardson was named NACADA Outstanding Advising Award Winner in the Faculty Advising category!

INCOMING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DR. JOY HART

The Honors Program is incredibly excited to welcome Dr. Joy Hart as Executive Director! Included are a few words from Dr. Hart:

Working with Honors students and the University Honors Program over the last several years has been one of the most enjoyable facets of my career. Whether teaching new students in Honors 101 or Honors Public Speaking or upper-level Honors students in interdisciplinary seminars, I've appreciated the motivation and intelligence of Honors students (as well as the sometimes wacky sense of humor). Thanks to all of you for making the classes engaging and fun.



I'm honored to be the incoming Executive Director of the University Honors Program and excited about working even more closely with students, staff, and faculty over the coming years. Along with the Honors staff, I extend thanks to Dr. John Richardson for his tireless efforts in directing Honors for the past 16 years and congratulate him on his many accomplishments.

Thanks to John's visionary leadership, the hard work and dedication of the Honors staff, and wonderful students, we have a strong program. I look forward to working with you in continuing this tradition. I also look forward to getting to know even more of you, so please drop by to say hello and share ideas about the Honors Program. ✿

INCOMING HONORS ADVISOR, SARAH GIERKE

Thank you for giving me a moment to introduce myself to you all. I am Sarah Gierke, and I will be working in advising with the Honors Program and the Liberal Studies department. I moved to Louisville in 2004 to pursue my M.Ed here at UofL and I am excited to be back on campus! I have previously been in academic advising for the last 8 years, most recently as the pre-Nursing advisor at IU Southeast.

I am very honest about my background—as an undergraduate, I didn't do many of the things I now tell students to do. I didn't participate in activities or use the career center, and I didn't have a good plan for what I wanted to do after college. The one thing I did do as an undergraduate was to participate in a research project with one of my faculty, and that is what most helped me get my first "real" job. Today, I strongly encourage students to put themselves out there and take advantage of all the opportunities you have during your time in college!

Just a few more things about me before wrapping up: I am preparing for my wedding this Fall to my future husband Matt, and we spend a lot of our free time fixing up the 100+ year old house I have owned since 2010. I have two cats that frequently get into trouble. I have loved horses since I was a little girl, and once I settle in to the office, you will likely see a few ponies from my collections hanging out during your visit.

Thank you for taking the time to check out my intro, and I am looking forward to meeting you in person! ❁



OUTGOING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, EMILY MAIDEN



I know many of you have maybe heard the rumors already, but it is time to make it official—after six years at the University of Louisville I will be leaving this summer. In August I am set to begin my studies in a fully-funded PhD program in Political Science and Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. It's hard for me to look back and reflect on what my time in Honors has meant to me because the most honest answer is: everything! I came to UofL in 2007 as an Honors student and quickly drove Luke crazy with my plans to take 21 hours... every semester. He stood by me through two majors and a minor and four study abroad adventures in three years, helping me find a way to make it all work.

Honors introduced me to Dr. Condon and Seabrook, with whom I worked closely for four years through Boren and Fulbright applications. Through my involvement with HSC and HVP I made friends and explored Louisville, including a very fun night as "Princess-Wendy-Fairy" for Halloween at the Zoo. As an Honors Scholar I got to work with faculty from across the university and spent an unforgettable New Years at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, India! Honors taught me the importance of sharing academic work, which led me to participate in KHR and SRHC. After four years, I graduated from Honors in 2011 as an Honors Scholar, summa cum laude, and won the award for Best Thesis in the Social Sciences (for research that was only made possible through Honors).

Little did I know that four years would not be the end for me! I came back in fall 2012 to serve in my current role as Dr. Condon's Assistant. This has been a truly amazing experience. I've been so blessed to work with the awesome Honors staff and I have enjoyed being a part of your lives as well. It is definitely bittersweet for me to leave the place that has been my home for six years—Louisville and Honors—but I look forward to taking this next step in my career. Please keep in touch on Facebook or email. My personal email address is emilyrath01@yahoo.com. ❁

FAREWELL FROM RYAN MORAN, EDITOR OF *THE CURRENT*

After ten months and seventeen issues, I can say that I'm quite sad to be stepping down as the editor of *The Current*. I am glad to be leaving *The Current* in the very capable hands of Ann Parker Wood, but I'm not ready to leave the University of Louisville or the Honors Program. I want to thank the Honors Program staff for their support, friendship, and advice (not to mention putting up with my incessant photo-taking!). I have been lucky to work with numerous contributors to *The Current*, and so many awesome Honors students—and it's been inspiring to see the many amazing things happening on campus and in the community. Wherever I end up after graduation, I know I will take the lessons learned and memories made working on *The Current* with me. And to my fellow graduates: I can't wait to see you at Commencement!

Ryan

HONORS GRADUATES

ARTS & SCIENCES SENIOR HONORS THESES

Congratulations to the following Honors students who have successfully completed Arts & Sciences Senior Honors Theses for May 2014:

Jared Andrews, *summa cum laude*
Divine-Favour Anene, *summa cum laude*
Morgan Blair, expected graduation: August 2014
Sean Butterbaugh, *magna cum laude*
Dirk Dorsel, *summa cum laude*
Sarah Fisher, *summa cum laude*
Lloyd Fowler, *summa cum laude*
Lindsey Hastings, *summa cum laude*
Janna Imel, *summa cum laude*
Suraj Kannan, *summa cum laude*
Jared Keown, *summa cum laude*

Montgomery Kroger, *summa cum laude*
Carrie Mattingly, *summa cum laude*
Molly McDonald, *summa cum laude*
Irina Miralda, *magna cum laude*
Alexandra O'Keefe, *summa cum laude*
Michael Phillips, *magna cum laude*
Spencer Scruggs, *summa cum laude*
Katherine Stemle, *summa cum laude*
Chelsea Vaal, *summa cum laude*
Meghan Waters, *summa cum laude*
Johanna Yun, *summa cum laude*

GRADUATING HONORS SCHOLARS

The Honors Program is proud to recognize the following May 2014 Graduating Honors Scholars:

Jared Andrews
Divine-Favour Anene
Kevin Bailey
Melissa Barrett
Chiraag Bhimani
Jenna Bradley
Dhruvil Brahmabhatt
AJ Bucci
Teil Buck
Evan Bush
Christopher Camic
Emma Chapman
Katherine Collier
Lauren Cox
Mariah Crenshaw
Brittany Davis
Elizabeth Delaney

Anish Deshmukh
Dirk Dorsel
Sarah Dunn
Paul Gong
Megan Good
Lindsey Hastings
Raquel Heacock
Allison Hebert
Andrew Hilleary
Julia Hunter
Janna Imel
Abigail Jacob
Samantha Jenkins
Hayden Johnson
Meredith Jones
Jared Keown
Ashley Key

Montgomery Kroger
Jessica Kruszewski
Rebecca Lambert
Anjelica Lawson
Shelby Lawson
Carrie Mattingly
Trusha Mehta
Dane Michael
Irina Miralda
Ryan Moran
Alexandra O'Keefe
Katherine Pinkston
Maria Puche
Alexandra Rawlings
Hannah Ritter
Matthew Robeson
Spencer Scruggs

Nicole Seigal
Abeer Sikder
Matthew Smith
Katherine Stemle
Melanie Ulrich
Chelsea Vaal
Kelsey Vaal
Meghan Waters
Elizabeth Whiteley
Nicholas Wilson
Johanna Yun

August 2014 Graduating Honors Scholars:
Morgan Blair
Joanna Thompson
Esther Zusstone

ARTS & SCIENCES OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

The College of Arts & Sciences and the Honors Program would like to announce the following prestigious awards for undergraduate achievement:

Woodcock Medal.....Janna Imel
Outstanding Arts & Sciences Thesis.....Carrie Mattingly
Phi Beta Kappa Outstanding Student.....Carrie Mattingly

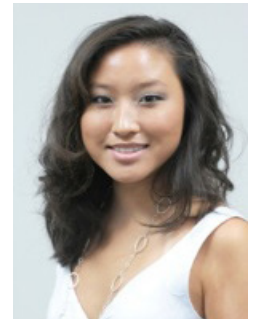
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

FULBRIGHT AWARD WINNERS!



Hunter Pittman is a senior studying Anthropology and Sports Administration in the **College of Arts & Sciences** and the **College of Education & Human Development**. A native of Hopkinsville, KY and a graduate of Hopkinsville High School, Hunter will spend next year teaching English in **Brazil** as a **Fulbright English Teaching Assistant**. A **Hallmark Scholar**, an Honors Scholar, and a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Hunter is dedicated to working with at-risk youth, using sport to promote development. He currently serves as a coach, tutor, and translator at the **ESL Newcomer Academy** and has completed internships with **Adelante Hispanic Achievers** and **Cochran Elementary School**. During the course of his studies, Hunter has taken advantage of every opportunity to go abroad. He completed internships or conferences in education, public health, and sport for development in India, Japan, Greece, and the Philippines. Before beginning his year of teaching, Hunter will be working with the **Olympism4Humanity** Organization to expand sport for development initiatives in the United States and abroad. After he returns from Brazil, Hunter hopes to enter the field of international development, with an eventual career goal of working for USAID.

Johanna Yun, is a senior majoring in Biology and Anthropology in the **College of Arts & Sciences**. A native of Elizabethtown, KY and a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, Johanna received a **Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship** to teach English in a secondary school in **South Korea**. Johanna came to UofL in 2010 as a **James Graham Brown Fellow** intent on pursuing a pre-med education. To this end she assisted in the lab of Dr. Christopher Tillquist, working on molecular anthropology projects, and conducted summer research at the **Brown Cancer Center**. As a Korean-American, Johanna is very active with the Korean and Asian-American community in Louisville. She volunteers regularly at the **Crane House-Asia Institute**, teaches art at the **Korean School of Louisville**, and served as the Outreach Coordinator for the UofL Asian Studies Program. Furthermore, Johanna mentored students through organizations like REACH Ambassadors and individualized tutoring. Through the Brown Fellows Program, Johanna completed summer programs in Nepal and Bolivia and attended medical conferences in South Korea in 2011 and 2013. Johanna will return from her year as an ETA in South Korea and immediately begin medical school.



CATCH UP WITH CLAYTON: THE SIGÁ-SIGÁ LIFE IN CYPRUS

Around this time last spring, Honors alum Clayton Coleman received the amazing news that he had been selected to serve as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Cyprus! Last week he checked in with Dr. Condon and we thought we'd share a bit about his life on a Mediterranean isle. Take a look:

I hope you are doing well and beginning to defrost from the long winter. I wanted to give you an update on how things are going over here. In December I moved to Limassol; I was placed in a true Cypriot high school where the teachers have been really receptive and have given me plenty of space to interact and communicate with the students. Besides work, I have also been really able to relish this opportunity by doing things like going to the beach, playing backgammon (which Cypriots love), playing rugby, and swimming.

Other than living the sigá-sigá (Greek for slowly-slowly) lifestyle I have also been taking the time to travel. Over Christmas break I went to Munich, Vienna (where I experienced a true Austrian Christmas), Berlin (for New Years), and Amsterdam. In February I attended a Fulbright seminar on the European Union, and NATO held in Brussels, Bruges, and Luxembourg. Just yesterday I returned from a short trip to Manchester and Dublin. I went so I could attend TEDx event coordinated by the Irish Fulbright. In two weeks I will be going to Israel to check out Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. I think I might take one more trip to Poland with my rugby team before finishing out my around the world trip. ❁

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL



LUKE BUCKMAN: HSC BOOK AND MEDIA SALE RESULTS!

After a full week in The Red Barn, and a lot of hours put in by the students on council (and a number of other volunteers across campus), I can finally announce the results of this year's Book & Media Sale. I am pleased to announce that Honors Student Council raised \$12,500 for the Pediatric Oncology Unit at Kosair Children's Hospital! This is \$1500 more than the last time we held the sale in 2012. In total, the students collected 25,000 donated items (books, CDs, DVDs, video games, and records) from August through March. The council sold more than 17,000 items during the sale and donated the remaining to the following groups: Cochran Elementary; Neighborhood House; and the International Book Project, which supplies libraries with books in India.



I would like to recognize and thank all the members of Honors Student Council for their amazing work ethic, dedication, and positivity throughout the year. In particular, I would like to mention the core group of students that led the initiative: Ashley Farnkopf, Marianna Michael, Emily Benken, Meredith Jones, Delaney Wright, Adaline Heitz, and Mariah Moore. Thanks to each of you.

In addition, I would like to thank all of you that supported this project throughout the year, whether it was: donating items, providing access to storage space for everything (thank you Rick Taylor), allowing us to take over your facility for a full week (a huge thanks to everyone in The Red Barn for their support), providing signs (thank you Dr. Johmann); or simply spreading the word about BAMS. On behalf of Honors Student Council, thanks to all of you for your support! ❁

PHOTOS FROM HSC'S LAST HOORAH OF THE YEAR



Ann Parker Wood, next year's editor of *The Current*, had a blast!



Resident Assistant Taylor Wilson got pied in the face for \$1.



Ali Lewis made sure that her residents were signed in.



Colorful powder made the event fun, festive, and just a bit messy!



Will Pack owned the volleyball tournament, obvious.



Dakota Waldecker was not happy with his fraternity brother, Jerome Soldo.