



THE CURRENT

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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The pictures featured in this edition of *The Current* are a sneak peek at the decorations for the upcoming Yule Ball.

FEATURE ARTICLE

MARIANNA MICHAEL: HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL'S YULE BALL

Glitter attacked the venue. Instead of its signature color, the Red Barn got a makeover of silver, black, and white. Lights, branches, vases, and the classic disco ball adorned the hall. Attendees were beckoned by the musical stylings of DJ PRISM and greeted with a bubbling cauldron of smoke. Advertised as a “winter-time dance,” most people did not know what to expect from Honor Student Council’s first ever Yule Ball. To be honest, the members of HSC did not know what to expect either. The Yule Ball was born out of a desire to put on a Harry Potter themed event for the Honors community. After brainstorming ideas for a new and exciting endeavor, the Freshman Council decided on holding a dance for the University. Though the actual event looked like a flawless wonderland, the HSC Secret Room (which was featured in a previous edition of *The Current*) looked like it had been attacked by glitter elves.

This year the Yule Ball will be held on November 15 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. The cost of admission is \$5 and every University of Louisville student can bring up to two guests. University of Louisville students must bring their student ID to be admitted. The Yule Ball is working in conjunction with HSC’s Book and Media Sale (BAMS), to raise money for the Kosair Children’s Hospital Pediatric Oncology Unit. All of the money raised during the Yule Ball will be added to the money made during BAMS and donated to Kosair.

In addition to being held for a good cause, the Yule Ball is bound to be an amazing time! This year we are featuring a dessert bar with a chocolate fountain and sodas for refreshments. Though I cannot divulge all of the event’s secrets, you will not be disappointed. For more information on the Yule Ball go to the Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events/1423676281179372/?ref=br_tf or e-mail me at mjmich01@louisville.edu. ❄️



The people who made last year’s Yule Ball happen! Abby Wittmer, Carley Storer, Emily Benken, and Natalie Smith made up the Freshman Council for HSC. Supported by Ryan Moran, Marianna Michael, and Ruthie Wooten, the team was able to make last year’s event a success.



Thanks to impressive amounts of glitter and a little imagination, the Yule Ball was a winter wonderland. This year, Honors Student Council has been busy making this year’s Yule Ball even more spectacular. If the chocolate fountain doesn’t catch your attention, maybe the Harry Potter photo booth or DJ Knight will! Plus, all the money raised goes to a great cause. But I don’t want to ruin any of the excitement--you’ll have to come out to this year’s Yule Ball to see all of this year’s festivities!

HONORS NEWS

M.A.S.S. BOOK AND SUPPLY SCHOLARSHIP

Students with demonstrable financial need and involvement in the University Honors Program may apply for awards to buy books and supplies for spring semester classes. Funds for these awards were originally contributed by members of the Mature Adult Student Society (M.A.S.S.). Three scholarships of \$350 will be awarded.

Applications consist of a letter outlining your academic program, overall financial need, and projected expenses of books for the spring semester. Send your letters to Dr. John Richardson, University Honors Program. The deadline for the M.A.S.S. Book and Supply Scholarship is **November 15, 2013**.

HONORS PEER ADVISOR POSITIONS

Are you interested in working for Honors next summer as an orientation peer advisor? Do you want to help mentor next year's incoming freshmen class and help them create an academic plan for fall 2014? Peer advisors will be trained to help next year's incoming Honors freshmen class as they develop an academic plan and schedule courses during summer orientation. This is an outstanding opportunity for Honors students to learn more about the University, discuss their experiences in the University Honors Program with interested new students and parents, and earn some money along the way. Students will be expected to work approximately 15-20 hours each week from mid-May through the end of June 2014.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Both the Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) and Summer Term II classes may conflict with the required work schedule for a Peer Advisor. Please take this into consideration when applying for the Peer Advisor position. Additionally, if you are planning a summer travel abroad experience, you will want to check with Honors to determine if potential conflicts will prevent you from participating as a peer advisor.

Applications are due at **4:00 PM on January 17, 2014**. In order to apply you must have completed at least 30 hours and have a 3.35 or higher cumulative GPA. You may bring the completed application to the Etscorn Honors Center or email it to Luke "LeRoy" Buckman at luke.buckman@louisville.edu.

Download the application from the front page of the Honors website (<http://louisville.edu/honors/peer%20advisor%20APPLICATION%202014.pdf>) or pick it up in the Etscorn Center.

A NOTE FROM NKU

Belle Zembrodt, Interim Director of the Northern Kentucky University Honors Program, would like to invite students across the state of Kentucky interested in studying abroad to check out a CCSA summer course in London, *All the World's A Stage*, taught by an NKU Honors professor.

Website with course info and pictures: <http://ccsaworldstage.weebly.com/>

CCSA Link with application and program information: <http://ccsa.studioabroad.com/>

CCSA is a consortium of American colleges and universities, which offers study abroad programs and internships in English-speaking regions. A not-for-profit organization, CCSA is headquartered at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Participants can receive higher education credit (undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education) for successfully completing the CCSA program in which they are enrolled. The classes are taught by faculty from consortium-member schools.

PROVOST'S AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY ADVISING

If you feel that your Honors advisor, departmental faculty advisor, or another advisor with whom you've worked is a good candidate for this year's exemplary advising award, please consider nominating them. Information on the award and a nomination link are now available online at <http://louisville.edu/advising/award>.

A.) Completion of the online nomination and support letter form to illustrate the nominee's outstanding professional characteristics. Such evidence may include:

- Effective interpersonal skills.
- Meeting advisees in settings outside of the office.
- Mastery of institutional regulations and policies.
- Mastery and utilization of appropriate informational and referral sources.
- Participation in and support of intrusive advising to build strong relationships with advisees.
- Commitment to integration of academic advising with career and life planning goals.
- Commitment to accessibility of advisor to advisees and frequency of contact with advisees.
- Making a major contribution to the improvement of quality of academic advising.
- Embracing a teaching and learning model of advising.
- Advocating for students.
- Supporting university-wide and unit-specific advising initiatives, especially those that are designed to help the university improve student retention.

B.) A minimum of 3 online letters of support (from faculty, staff, or students-letters from students are strongly encouraged) **recommending the advisor for nomination are required for the advisor to be considered a nominee, and become eligible to receive the award.** These support letters should provide clear examples of the nominee's exemplary performance.



Is that Honors advisor Luke "LeRoy" Buckman receiving the Professional and Administrative Award with Provost Shirley Willihnganz and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs Dale Billingsley at the 2008-2009 award ceremony?

The deadline to submit your nomination is **November 22, 2013**. **Nominees and award recipients will be recognized at a reception held by the Provost during the Spring semester.** If you have questions regarding the award program, please contact Katie Bixby at k0bixb01@louisville.edu or 502-852-4475.

GRADUATE SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS

Are you interested in attending medical, law, or dental school? If so, the Honors Program would like to invite you to our Graduate School Spotlights. At these events, you can get an inside look into the admissions process of these University of Louisville programs. You'll be able to meet with admissions and current students, learn what it takes to be competitive, and participate in a question and answer session.

Light refreshments will be served. Contact Ketti Tonnemacher in the Honors Program at aktonn01@louisville.edu if you have any questions about these spotlights.



Medical School Spotlight
November 8, 2013
12:30-1:30 PM
Etscorn Honors Classroom



Law School Spotlight
November 12, 2013
4:30-5:30 PM
Honors Overseers House Classroom



Dental School Spotlight
December 6, 2013
12:30-1:30 PM
Etscorn Honors Classroom

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

HSC HARRY POTTER MOVIE MARATHON!

Leading up to the highly anticipated Yule Ball, Honors Student Council is hosting a **Harry Potter Movie Marathon!** Come out to Threlkeld Lobby on **Friday, November 8 starting at 4:00 PM** to watch the first four movies in the Harry Potter series. Bring your friends and get pumped for the Yule Ball!

HOW TO BE SMARTER, HEALTHIER AND MORE TALENTED

This semester Honors Student Council is honored and privileged to have the one and only **Dr. Keith Lyle** (Associate Professor in the University of Louisville's Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences) for the first installment of the **Last Lecture Series!**

The event will be held **November 18 from 5:00-6:00 PM** in the Chao Auditorium (in the basement of Ekstrom Library). Complementary Heine Brothers Coffee and snacks will be provided outside of the auditorium.

HSC STILL NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

If you are interested in Dr. Lyle's Last Lecture (as described above), you are invited to nominate your favorite professors for the Honors Student Council **Last Lecture Series**. HSC welcomes nominations from all disciplines.

Have you had a professor that is inspiring and invigorating? If so, we want to know! We want other students to be able to learn from them.

HSC will continue accepting nominations on a rolling basis for lectures to be held during the spring semester. Please send your nominations or questions to Alyssa Mattingly, the HSC VP of Academics, at almatt11@louisville.edu by the end of the semester.

STUDY TIPS!

We know that the semester is now reaching the home stretch. We are all ready for the holidays and winter break, BUT the exams are still going strong and there are more to come. And we can't forget about finals.

Although some people swear by the library, cognitive scientists suggest that alternating study spaces is a more effective way to retain information, according to the *New York Times*. Memory is colored by location, and changing your study locales increases the likelihood of remembering what you've learned.

HONORS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

- **HVP Meeting: November 7 from 12:20-12:50 PM** in the Etscorn Honors Center.
- **HVP's English Conversation Club: November 23 from 3:00-5:00 PM** at the Iroquois Branch of Louisville Free Library. Students will carpool from Threlkeld at 2:30 PM.
- **Christmas Chores for Senior Citizens: December 7** at Helping Hands. More information to come!
- **HVP will not be holding a December meeting.**

Email Morgan Blair at msblai03@louisville.edu for more HVP info.



HVP at Reverse Trick-or-Treating on Halloween!

THE WHITE SQUIRREL

Spring 2013 editions are available in the Etscorn Honors Center, Sunergos on South Preston, Carmichael's bookstores, and online at <https://gumroad.com/l/EJmr>. Support your fellow students and the literary community for just \$3!

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

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* HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS
AN AWARD-WINNING WINTERTIME DANCE **



Yule Ball

FOR UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE STUDENTS
AND THEIR GUESTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

IN THE RED BARN

7:00 TO 11:00 PM

(IT'S AN EXCUSE TO DRESS UP,
BUT DRESS ROBES/DRESS ATTIRE IS NOT REQUIRED)

ADMISSION: \$5

PROCEEDS BENEFITTING
KOSAIR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

FEATURING

DJ KNIGHT

*UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE STUDENTS MUST SHOW THEIR STUDENT IDs; EACH STUDENT
MAY BRING UP TO 2 GUESTS FROM OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are still open for the 2014 Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships competitions, including both the Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship (for college juniors; deadline of **January 24**) and the Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship (for graduating seniors or college graduates; deadline of **February 7**).

The Pickering Fellowships help talented students--highly motivated and academically excellent college juniors and graduating seniors or college graduates--who want to pursue a Foreign Service career in the U.S. Department of State. The programs provide funding for academic expenses, as well as summer internships, professional development, and ongoing mentoring.

Funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, the goal of the programs is to attract outstanding students from all ethnic and social backgrounds who are dedicated to representing America's interests abroad. Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and students with financial need are encouraged to apply.

For more information see: www.woodrow.org/pickering

If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Emily Maiden **as soon as possible** at 502-852-1515 or by email at emily.maiden@louisville.edu to schedule an appointment to meet with Dr. Condon.

DAVID L. BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS

The "Boren" Awards fund study abroad in countries of U.S. national security interest focused on subject areas and critical languages of national security interest. For more information about this opportunity, make sure to read the Boren Awards newsletter, found at http://www.borenawards.org/newsletter/boren_awards_newsletter/october_2013_newsletter_2. Interested students are encouraged to view the forthcoming national webinars (described in the newsletter) which allow student participation.

NOTE: Undergraduates **must** be officially nominated for the Boren scholarships by this office. Graduate applicants apply independently, but we strongly encourage you to seek our advice in the process of preparing a competitive application. Contact Emily Maiden (502-852-1515 or emily.maiden@louisville.edu) if interested. (Emily was herself a Boren Scholar to Japan when she was an undergraduate at the University of Louisville, so you can talk to her about it!)

BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

Calling all STEM students, consider the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program (for research-focused students in the STEM disciplines). This scholarship funds the undergraduate study of college students who intend to pursue careers as high-level scientists, researchers, mathematicians, and engineers. This prestigious award opens many doors for its winners. **SOPHOMORES** and **JUNIORS** with an established record or research in their field and a high GPA should consider applying.

NOTE: Interested STEM students should **make an appointment with Emily Maiden BEFORE the end of the semester** to meet with Dr. Condon! Contact Emily (502-852-1515 or emily.maiden@louisville.edu) OR just stop by the Office of National and International Scholarships, located in the Honors Overseers House.

For more information see: <http://www.act.org/goldwater/index.html>

The application will be available online starting November 1, 2013.

National deadline: *January 28, 2014*

FROM OUR FRIENDS

RED BARN SCHOLARSHIPS

The *Florence M. Strickler Endowment* is in honor of the wife of Dr. Woodrow M. Strickler, the President of the University of Louisville during the founding of the Red Barn in 1969, who is affectionately known as the “First Lady of the Red Barn”.

The *Torchbearer Endowment* was created through the efforts of Dr. Dennis C. Golden, who served as Vice-President of the University of Louisville. Four \$400 scholarships are awarded annually through this endowment.

The *Essie Jenkins Torchbearer Endowment* was established in 1999 through the Torchbearer Program. Beginning with the 2008 Spring Semester, one \$400 scholarship will be awarded in her honor.

The *Bridgette Pregliasco Torchbearer Endowment* honors Dr. Bridgette Pregliasco, Assistant Vice President for Student Life from 1995 to 2002, and was established in 2001 through the Torchbearer Program to provide financial resources for adult students. Four \$300 scholarships are granted through the ACCESS Office,

Paper Applications are available in the Red Barn Programs Office. Please visit <http://louisville.edu/studentactivities/redbarn/scholarships.html/> for scholarship cover letters, electronic applications, and more information.

HEALTH PROMOTION

It's not too late! Campus Health Services is still offering FREE flu vaccines for students, faculty and staff. No appointments necessary! Cardinal Station Center: (502) 852-6479. Health Science Campus: (502) 852-6446.



FREE HIV & Syphilis Testing
Confidential & Respectful
Wednesdays 11am - 2pm
Location: Health Promotion Office
Student Services Annex between SAC & Houshore
No appointment—first come, first tested
Fall 2013 Dates:
September 11, 18, 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20
December 4

louisville.edu/healthpromotion
502.852.5429
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HEALTH PROMOTION

Find the new **U-**
in the new SRC

U-Fit is now in the new Student Recreation Center
Make an appointment for a Fit-Test and a personalized fitness plan!



louisville.edu/healthpromotion
“Physical Activity” tab

QUIZ BOWL

Did you play quick recall or academic team in high school? Do you have a wide range of knowledge?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should consider joining the University of Louisville Quiz Bowl team. The Quiz Bowl team competes in tournaments throughout the state and region. The team is open to all University of Louisville students regardless of major and year. Last year, the team won both divisions of the Kentucky Collegiate Quick Recall League and also finished 12th at the NAQT Intercollegiate Championship Tournament. At ICT, the UofL team defeated national powers Cornell, Minnesota, Notre Dame, Ohio State, and Chicago. Tournaments are on the weekend and we typically practice once a week. Practices are scheduled around team members' class schedules. If you are interested, please email team coach/sponsor Matt Church at mschur01@louisville.edu or find our Facebook group, U of L Quiz Bowl.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLAR GRANT

The primary purpose of an Undergraduate Research Scholar (URS) is to enrich the research, scholarship and creative arts experience of the undergraduate student by involving the student in research collaboration with a faculty mentor. The student is expected to become intellectually involved in design and execution of the research project, not just serve as “another pair of hands.” The undergraduate student writes the URS proposal after he/she has identified a faculty mentor who is interested in serving as the mentor. The faculty mentor is expected to make arrangements for the student to receive up to three (3) hours of course credit for the research or creative activity and provide a grade for the work completed by the student.

Students are encouraged to present a poster, or an equivalent demonstration of the research, on the Undergraduate Research Day. The student may request up to \$300 (dry lab/creative activity) or \$500 (wet lab) for supplies and expenses required for conducting the research or creative activity. **URS proposals may be submitted at any time.** They will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Application at <http://louisville.edu/research/for-students/undergraduate-research-scholar-grant.html/>. Contact Dr. Pamela Feldhoff, URS Grant Executive VP for Research and Innovation, at pwfeld01@louisville.edu for information.

REACH AMBASSADORS

The REACH Ambassadors would like to invite their first-year mentees to a special event on **Wednesday, November 6 from 12:30-2:00 PM** in Strickler Lobby. Students can attend the event to make bracelets for the goodie bags at the Kid’s Center “Cards for Kids” Fashion Show. This is a great service opportunity and a chance to interact with your REACH Ambassadors! Free food and drinks provided.



REACH GRE PREP WORKSHOPS

REACH is conducting a second series of GRE Prep Workshops in November. Workshops are free, open to any enrolled student, and meet in the Learning Resource Center, Strickler 107.

- **Wednesday, November 13, 5:00-6:30 PM:** Quantitative
- **Wednesday, November 20, 5:00-6:30 PM:** Verbal/Analytical Writing

REACH VIRTUAL STUDENT SUCCESS SEMINARS

Offered through the REACH Online Student Success Seminar Blackboard Module, 24/7. Seminars are interactive and end with assessment activities. Students can request access by visiting

<http://reach.louisville.edu/seminars/student-success.html> and clicking on the Online Seminar Request Form.

Requests may take 24 hours to process. The follow seminars are currently offered online:

- Meeting the Challenge of Time
- Becoming Savvy with Textbooks
- Studying Smarter
- Becoming a Disciplined Student
- Acing the Test
- Taking Effective Notes

REACH LAST ONSITE SEMINAR: PREPARING FOR FINALS

All sessions are drop-in, for any enrolled student, and presented in the Learning Resource Center, Strickler 111.

- **Wednesday, November 6:** 3:00-3:50 PM
- **Thursday, November 14:** 2:30-3:20 PM, 5:30-6:20 PM
- **Friday, November 22:** 11:00-11:50 AM, 12:00-12:50 PM, 1:00-1:50 PM
- **Monday, November 25:** 4:00-4:50 PM

Watch for future information on Finals Blitz activities for December 2 to December 13!

LEONARD CASSUTO LECTURE: THE ACADEMIC JOB MARKET

The academic job market is a monolith that looms over the lives of most graduate students, but part of the reason it's so imposing is because it seems so inscrutable and impenetrable. Higher education scholar and journalist Leonard Cassuto will explain the role of the market in academic culture of our time and what it takes for graduate students to search for jobs with informed confidence.

All faculty and students are invited to this lecture on **November 14** in room 139 of the Shumaker Research Building. The lecture will be from **3:00-4:30 PM**, with a reception to follow from 4:30-5:30 PM. For more info, and to RSVP, visit <http://louisville.edu/graduate/plan/calendar/the-academic-job-market.ics/view>.

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? National Student Exchange (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. Applications for exchange in 2014 and 2015 will be due in the spring, but it's never too early to start planning. Contact Andrew Grubb at abgrub02@louisville.edu or 852-1482 for more information.

FIRST YEAR INITIATIVES

The Office of First Year Initiatives (FYI) helps to make sure you have a successful and fun first year! FYI is especially interested in engaging students with our **Book-in-Common (BinC)**, *This I Believe*. Upcoming FYI events include:

November 9: *Elect Her – Campus Women Win*
Shumaker Research Building Room 139, 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Learn how anyone can run a strong campaign for student government, and network with government leaders. Information: louisville.edu/leadership/programs

November 17: *This I Believe: Kentucky*
Spalding University's Columbia Auditorium, 2:00-4:00 PM
The publishers of *This I Believe* launch their latest publication, *This I Believe: Kentucky*. Public radio personality and Louisvillian Bob Edwards will host, with notable Kentucky authors attending and reading their essays. Ticket information: thisibelieve.org

MOUNTAIN JUSTICE SPRING BREAK

Come to the beautiful mountains of West Virginia for your Spring Break!

- Learn about the dirty, destructive, dangerous life-cycles of coal, natural gas, and nuclear energy.
- Stand in solidarity with the communities in Virginia, West Virginia, SW Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee facing the ongoing destruction of coal mining, hydraulic fracturing, and nuclear energy.
- See mountaintop removal coal mining and natural gas extraction via hydraulic fracturing up close.
- Take direct action to end the reign of King Coal.

Mountain Justice Spring Break will confront and challenge dirty extractive industry in Appalachia--fracking for natural gas and mountaintop removal coal mining. Join us for a week on the front lines of the struggle to build a clean, sustainable economy in the Appalachian Mountains! Over 100 students on their alternative spring breaks will attend. Cost includes lodging and food and all activities. Trainings and workshops will include non-violent civil disobedience, fracking, mountaintop removal, consent, direct action, anti-oppression, Appalachian awareness, and cultural sensitivity.

Your registration fee covers your lodging, all meals and activities for the week. It does not cover your transportation (car pooling is encouraged). Evenings will feature mountain and Appalachian music, speakers and films. We emphasize healthy, home-cooked food--vegetarian and vegan options are available.

This event in West Virginia is scheduled for March 9-16, 2014, but another trip is in the works in Virginia for February 28 - March 9 (dates tentative). To register, visit <http://mjsb2014.eventbrite.com/>. To stay up to date on Mountain Justice Spring Break, visit <http://www.mjsb.org/>.