



THE CURRENT

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Honors Calendar At-A-Glance:

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January 17	Honors Peer Advisor Applications Due
January 22	HVP at Gilda's Club
January 24	KHR/SRHC Proposal Deadline
January 29	HSC Trivia Night—Amped Up!
January 30	Senior Honors Thesis Info Session
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February 13	HVP Valentine's Card-Making

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Become a super hero by donating to the 2014 Book and Media Sale! The photos in this issue of *The Current* show the Book and Media Sale “BAMS Man” and logo.

FEATURE ARTICLE

MARIANNA MICHAEL: 2014 BOOK AND MEDIA SALE

As a part of the Honors program you have probably heard the illusive word “BAMS” being whispered through every corner of campus. Though you have heard the acronym, the importance of the term lies in what the acronym stands for. BAMS is the biennial Book and Media Sale that Honors Student Council holds in order to raise funds for Kosair Children’s Hospital. Every year we are assigned a certain section for where the money we raise will be donated. This year we are raising money for the Pediatric Oncology Unit.

Items for the sale are collected from the beginning of the school year, and the sale will be held from April 1, 2014 to April 5, 2014. For the 2012 sale, 35,000 items were collected and \$11,000 dollars was raised. By the time this sale rolls around, we expect for the Red Barn to look like it did two years ago (see right). There will be books lined up on tables from the front door all the way onto the stage with many items waiting to be displayed.

Though these are our ambitions, we need a great deal of help. We cannot raise the amount of books needed without your help. With the holidays having just passed, there are a lot of people cleaning and we would love to help relieve some of the clutter by taking books, DVDs, CDs, and many other items!

If you are able to place a box in your church, school, or anywhere in your hometown, it would help us raise more money for the hospital. Please contact HonorsBAMS@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you would like to arrange for a pick-up. Sometimes we get caught up in collecting donations and preparing for the sale that we forget the real reason for all of our efforts. The end game for HSC is raising funds for the sick children at Kosair Children’s Hospital. ❁



Honors Student Council presenting an \$11,000 check to Kosair Children’s Hospital after the 2012 Book and Media Sale. From left to right: Luke “LeRoy” Buckman, Amanda Current, Ryan Moran, Olivia Sailor, Kirstin Henry, and Brianna Flanigan. With your help, we can raise even more money this year!



With over 35,000 books and pieces of media at the last sale, there was something for everyone! The Red Barn was completely packed, and hundreds of community members came out to support Kosair Children’s Hospital. Now, it’s your turn to help: BAMS is asking for the following donations:

- Paperback and hardcover books
- DVDs
- Records
- Video games



HONORS NEWS

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.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.

SENIOR HONORS THESIS

Are you an Arts & Sciences major and hoping to graduate with Highest Honors (summa cum laude)? Are you interested in or already pursuing undergraduate research in your field of interest? If so, and if you meet some minimum GPA and credit hours qualifications, you may be a good candidate to write a Senior Honors Thesis.

It's never too early to start brainstorming about a topic or start talking to your faculty mentors about your research interests! You can view more information about the Senior Honors Thesis process at <http://louisville.edu/honors/Enrichmentopportunities/senior-honors-theses>.

We will also be holding an information session 12:00-1:00 PM (location TBD) on **Friday, January 31, 2014** for qualifying Arts & Sciences majors who wish to know more about the Senior Honors Thesis Process. Please watch your email for an invitation to this event with updated details about the location in early January.

REGIONAL LITERARY & ART MAGAZINE, *SANCTUARY*

Have you created a literary or art masterpiece that deserves recognition? Have you been featured in the University of Louisville literary arts magazine, *The White Squirrel*? If so, consider submitting your works to be showcased in the Southern Regional Honors Conference literary and art magazine, *Sanctuary*!

Poetry (5 pages or less), essays (1,500 words or less), short fiction (1,500 words or less), foreign language pieces (with translation), visual art, photography, and digital art are accepted.

For more information about this awesome opportunity, visit <http://www.srhconline.org/hcol/content.php?7-sanctuary>. The deadline for submissions is **January 31, 2014**. Submissions must be accompanied by a completed *Sanctuary* Submission Form. Please follow these guidelines closely.

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PROPOSALS!

There are two upcoming Honors conferences in spring 2014: **Kentucky Honors Roundtable (KHR)** and the **Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC)**. KHR will be hosted by Morehead State University and takes place February 21-22, 2014. SRHC will take place in Savannah, GA, March 27-29, 2014. To be eligible to present at SRHC, students must either present at KHR in the spring or have presented at KHR this past fall at NKU.

Both conferences provide an outstanding opportunity for Honors students to gain experience presenting work in front of others. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, topics can include: undergraduate research, a paper you may have written for a course that you'd like to present, a presentation you've already done in a class (Honors or otherwise), a topic based on Honors extracurricular programming, or other ideas you might have. If you are considering a topic, just ask your Honors counselor to see if it would be a good fit for one of these two conferences.

Kentucky Honors Roundtable

February 21-22, Morehead State University

If you are interested in presenting at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable, please submit your proposal by no later than **Friday, January 24 at 4:30 PM** to Katherine Rucker (katherine.rucker@louisville.edu). When you send your proposal, include the following:

1. Name of presenter(s).
2. Title of presentation.
3. Presentation description (100 words or less).
4. Presentation type (15 min podium presentation; 50 min panel presentation, must have at least two presenters; poster session).
5. Equipment needed (PowerPoint, film capabilities, sound, easel, etc).
6. Any technical needs beyond a laptop/projector (these are provided).



If your proposal is accepted, you will be expected to attend all KHR-related events on February 21-22.

Southern Regional Honors Council

March 27-29, 2014, Savannah, GA

If you are interested in presenting at SRHC, please submit your proposal by no later than **Friday, January 24 at 4:30 PM** to Katherine Rucker (katherine.rucker@louisville.edu). When you send your proposal, include the following (note the differences between this one and the one for KHR):

1. Name of presenter(s), email of presenter(s).
2. Title of presentation.
3. Abstract for conference program (30 words or less).
4. Full abstract for conference submission (100 words approximately).
5. Presentation type (10-15 min podium presentation; 50 min research panel presentation, must have at least two presenters; poster session; short digital film with maximum length of 6 min; music performance, maximum length of 6 mins; art/sculptor presentation).
6. Equipment needed (PowerPoint, film capabilities, sound, easel, etc).
7. Audio/visual needs (projector and screen *OR* projector, screen, and sound)



For more information on SRHC, please check their website at www.srhconline.org. If your proposal is accepted, you will be expected to attend all SRHC-related events on March 27-29, 2014.

Questions relating to Kentucky Honors Roundtable or Southern Regional Honors Council should be directed to Katherine Rucker at katherine.rucker@louisville.edu.

HSC ACADEMICS TRIVIA NIGHT—**AMPED UP!**

Join Honors Student Council Academics for a night of great food, raffles, challenging trivia, prizes, and raising money for Kosair Children's Hospital! Come out to the first-ever **Trivia Night—Amped Up!** Entrance into the event is only **\$3 per participant**, with all proceeds going to the Pediatric Oncology Unit at Kosair Children's Hospital.

Here's what you need to know:

- WHEN:** *Wednesday January 29, 2014* from 5:30-7:30 PM in the University of Louisville Red Barn.
- WHO:** Open to campus and the community. That means you!
- WHAT:** A night of trivial professionally hosted by Louisville's **Trivia Masters**, who have graciously donated their time and services for this event. Teams will consist of 3 people each.
- WHY:** As if bragging rights and trivia domination aren't enough to get you excited for this event, there will be awesome **FREE FOOD, RAFFLES, and GIFT CARDS for the winning teams.** If you're on one of the top two teams, you're going home with a gift card donated by a local business. You must be present to receive your gift card!

Please email Alyssa Mattingly at alyssa3lauren@aol.com with any questions about this event.

HONORS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Start the New Year off right by joining HVP for service this semester! HVP invites you to these upcoming events (if you have any questions, make sure to contact Morgan Blair at msblai03@louisville.edu):

- **Thursday, January 9:** The first HVP meeting of the spring semester will be held 12:20-12:50 PM in the Etscorn Honors Center.
- **Wednesday, January 22:** HVP will prepare and host a meal for cancer survivors at the Gilda's Club of Louisville, starting at 5:00 PM. We will prepare the meal in Gilda's Club kitchen and serve at 6:00 PM. There is a 14 volunteer-limit due to kitchen space, but there is the option of preparing something ahead of time for us to take! Volunteers can carpool from Threlkeld Hall at 4:30 PM.
- **Thursday, February 13:** Valentine's Card-making with Resilient Families Project at Wayside Christian Mission. The event will be from 7:00-7:45 PM, with carpooling at 6:45 PM. We will be leading a card-making activity for children & teens during this program at Wayside's Hotel Louisville Shelter. Also, we will be providing snacks!

THE WHITE SQUIRREL

The ninth edition of *The White Squirrel*, the UofL's Literary Arts Magazine, is now available for \$3 in the Etscorn Honors Center, Carmichael's Bookstores, and Sunergos on South Preston. *We would like to thank everyone who submitted, and encourage you to pursue creative writing!*





FROM OUR FRIENDS

CARDINAL AMBASSADOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Do you want to be a Cardinal Ambassador? The position requires ambassadors to become extremely knowledgeable and resourceful and learn how to identify answers/solutions to visitors' inquiries. Top candidates will be engaged in campus initiatives and activities. Most students work between 10 and 20 hours per week. Cardinal Ambassadors serve two important roles for the University of Louisville:

1. Public relations representative

- Provide front-line customer service in the Visitor Information Centers
- Research inquiries and assist customers/visitors in locating university buildings, departments, and programs
- Provide directions/information about Metro Louisville
- Assist with parking information, permits and directions to campus
- Answer and direct incoming phone calls
- Assist with welcoming prospective students for the daily campus visit program

2. Tour guide

- Serve as official university marketing representative
- Conduct campus tours for prospective students, high school groups, large recruitment programs, specialty tours
- Candidates should be comfortable with public speaking and demonstrate confidence and campus spirit

To apply to be a Cardinal Ambassador, visit www.louisville.edu/ocm. Click the "Belknap Visitor Information Centers" red link and then then "Download the 2014 application to work at the UofL Visitor's Center." Applications will be accepted between January 24 and February 14, 2014. If you have any questions, you can contact the Visitor Information Centers at (502) 852-6565.

CONTINUING UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Continuing Undergraduate Academic Scholarship application will be available beginning January 1, 2014. This scholarship will be for the fall 2014 and spring 2015 academic period and is restricted to students seeking their first bachelor's degree, who meet the academic eligibility criteria, and do not have a scholarship through the Office of Admissions. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2014. In order to apply, students should login to ULink, click the Student Services tab, click Apply for Continuing Undergrad Scholarship under the Financial Aid section. For more info, visit <http://louisville.edu/financialaid/scholarships/continuing-undergraduate-academic-scholarship.html>.

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.

REACH

REACH is conducting a “Welcome Back” in the lobby of Strickler Hall from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM on Tuesday, January 7 and Wednesday, January 8.

- Snacks and drinks will be given away to welcome back our UofL students from the holidays.
- REACH bookmarks/flyers will be available to advertise REACH services for the 2014 spring semester.
- REACH encourages students to attend study sessions early and often throughout the semester for maximum academic success.

In addition, REACH invites you to check out these other awesome opportunities:

1. *GRE Review Tutoring*

- Interested in Graduate School? The Learning Resource Center in Strickler Hall is offering FREE GRE review sessions for University of Louisville students only!
- Review GRE test taking strategies in a series of workshops. Get advice and a head start with tutors who have scored well in the past.
- **The GRE workshops will take place on Monday, February 3 from 4:00-5:30 PM for Verbal/Analytical Writing and on Monday, February 10 from 5:00-6:30 PM for Quantitative.**
- Location: Strickler Hall, Room 111
- For more information, call the Learning Resource Center at (502) 852-7516, visit <http://reach.louisville.edu> or email lrcutor@louisville.edu.

2. *Student Success Seminars*

- Based on the First Year Initiatives 2013 Book-in-Common, *This I Believe*, the REACH Student Success Seminars will help you think critically about what you believe it takes to be a successful college student. Each seminar will not only have you rethink the beliefs and assumptions you hold regarding the strategies you currently use, but also about new strategies you have yet to use. The follow seminars are offered online for Spring 2014:
 - *Meeting the Challenge of Time*
 - *Becoming Savvy with Textbooks*
 - *Studying Smarter*
 - *Becoming a Disciplined Student*
 - *Acing the Test*
 - *Taking Effective Notes (Available February 2014)*
- Online Seminars are offered through the REACH Online Student Success Seminar Blackboard Module. To request access to the Online Student Success Seminars visit <http://reach.louisville.edu/seminars/student-success.html> and click on the Online Seminar Request Form. Requests typically take 24 hours to process.

INCLUSION AND EQUITY INTERNSHIP

The College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Office for International, Diversity and Outreach Programs is currently recruiting interns. The Inclusion and Equity Internship program is designed to expose a team of students to the scholarship and best practices concerning greater inclusiveness and equity, with the purpose of cultivating social justice leadership skills among college students. The goal of this program is to foster well-cultivated critical thinkers. The Inclusion and Equity Internship Program began in Fall 2009 with only four interns. The program continues to grow and has served approximately 32 participants since its inception.

Each year, this program selects a cohort of interns through an application process. Each participant attends and participates in a series of workshops and guided trainings which provide a common foundation that enhances the student co-curricular programming experience. Interns are required to participate in dialogues designed to share their experiences and provide opportunities for reflection. Interns are responsible for conceiving, planning and executing programs which share what they have learned from this experience with the campus and greater Louisville community.

Applications and more information can be found at <http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/idop/diversity-programs/student-programs/inclusion-and-equity-interns/internship-overview.html>. The application deadline is March 7, 2014.

JESSE SUMMERFIELD: NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

In August 2011, as a freshman energetic to begin college classes, I was sitting in my freshman orientation class where I was introduced to a program called the National Student Exchange. I didn't think much of it at the time; it was one of many programs that I learned about in the class that UofL offered and I was told I should consider.

Fast-forward to October 2012, when I was a sophomore already feeling worn out by the grind of classes, extra-curricular activities, and a twenty-four hour per week job. Being from Jeffersonville, Indiana, I had been a commuter for my two years, and was also looking for a change in scenery.

Suddenly, the National Student Exchange seemed a lot more attractive and grabbed my attention. It presented a chance to pay my standard tuition, live in a new and exciting place for a year, and select classes that I knew would transfer when I eventually come back.

So, here I am, writing this in Colorado Springs, Colorado as a temporary student with The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. I get to walk out of my dorm room and see Pikes Peak, standing at over 14,000 feet tall. I walk or ride my bike a little further to the greenway, which provides nearly 50 miles of trails throughout town. A little further is Garden of the Gods, a beautiful public park with even more trails. If I'm looking for a challenge, I can climb The Incline, a 2,000 foot ascent that used to be an incline railroad. Thanks to the help of great advisors both here and back home, I am enrolled in thirteen credit hours, all of which will eventually count towards my degree.

Last year, I got to see a BCS football team, national title men's basketball team, runner up women's team, and a College World Series baseball team. While I sacrificed some of that for NSE, I gained a beautiful new home, great new friends, and a sense of independence that I would not have gained by staying the traditional route at UofL. These are our college years; they are a time to try new things and expand our horizons. ✿

Interested in taking your own adventure? Contact Andrew Grubb at abgrub02@louisville.edu or 852-1482 for more information and an application for exchange in 2014-2015. Applications are due January 31, 2014.

OFFICE OF STUDY ABROAD & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Join the over 800 UofL students who have participated in an international experience and stop by or contact the Office of Study Abroad and International Travel for an advising appointment! Learn about program options, **using financial aid towards studying abroad, study abroad scholarships**, and more!

Remember, the time to start planning for Summer and Fall 2014 programs is now! Attend these events for more info:

January 22:

Let's Talk Travel Panel

Cultural Center, 12:00-1:00 PM

Got questions about travel? Student study abroad alumni and study abroad advisors can answer all your questions about studying abroad and including an international experience into your time at the University of Louisville.

January 22:

Study Abroad Fair

Red Barn, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Shop around and talk to program representatives and study abroad advisors about the many options you have to study abroad! Learn more about scholarships, using financial aid toward your study abroad, and why study abroad is essential for your future career!