



THE CURRENT

University of Louisville Honors Program Newsletter

Honors Calendar At-A-Glance:

August 25- 29	Walk-In Advising
August 29	Last Day to Drop/Add classes
September 5	Honors Faculty Meet and Greet
September 10	Honors Scholars Reception
September 11	Honors Scholar Advising Sign-up
September 12	Advising Sign-up

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

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WELCOME TO HONORS!

Hello Honors Students!

I wanted to take the time to say welcome to the incoming Honors freshman, and welcome back to the returning Honors students! I also wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new editor of this newsletter, *The Current*.

My name is Ann Wood (also known by my full name Ann Parker Wood, as Honors staff like to call me) and I will be a sophomore in the Communication Art & Design Program. I am so excited to officially be working for the Honors Program! I've been very involved with Honors over the past year, some activities that have included Honors Scholars and many roles in Honors Student Council. I have also been very involved in Greek life and participated in many other volunteer organizations on campus.

The Current is a bi-weekly newsletter that conatins everything related to Honors, including advising notices, scholarship information, and Honors Student Council events. It will be a great resource for you throughout your days as an Honors student.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, feel free to email the Honors service account at honors@louisville.edu, or email me directly at ann.wood@louisville.edu.

I hope everyone has a great start to the school year, and Go Cards!!

Ann

Welcome From New Executive Director, Dr. Joy Hart

Welcome to campus! Fall semesters, with new students joining UofL and others returning, are always an exciting time. The first week of classes is filled with energy and promise—you can earn a 4.0, you can make new friends, you can get involved in campus activities, and you can have fun.

In an Honors 101 section this past week, I talked about a sign my childhood dentist had in his office. It read, “There is nothing the dentist can do that will overcome what the patient will not do.” I think this idea easily translates to academic life as well—there is nothing that the advisor or professor can do that will overcome what the student will not do. In short, the more you put into your own education the more that you will receive from this education. Advisors can assist you in mapping the road to academic success and are happy to field questions. Professors work to put together and deliver interesting courses and can be resources for you. But what you take from these opportunities is ultimately up to you. As you move forward into the fall semester and beyond, I hope that you’ll consider capitalizing on opportunities within the Honors Program, such as Honors Seminars, Honors Student Council, Honors Volunteer Program, and participating in our other academic, service, and social events—this programming is designed with you in mind and you can play a role in leading it.



As keynote speaker Harry Pickens told the new Honors 101 students last week (and in previous years if you’re a returning student), the path to creating the university record you want and becoming the person you strive to be starts with your decisions now. So, select your goals carefully and then determine pathways to reach them. Throughout the term, keep your mind focused on these targets and envision yourself achieving them. Visit us in Honors—we’re here to help you and we want you to succeed. Now is the time to put yourself on the path to, in Harry’s words, “your best semester ever.” Best wishes for an excellent semester!

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Alex O'Keefe

Hello students! I am the new Program Assistant for the University Honors Program, which to you means I'll be one of the first people you interact with in the Etscorn Honors Center! Outside of the office I enjoy playing with the 65 pound tornado that is my dog, knitting, drawing illustrations and graphic stories, writing, and making books. So feel free to ask me or talk to me about any of those things!

My goal as the new 'face of honors' is that no one who enters this office is intimidated. A very short time ago I was in your exact position, as I graduated this past May from UofL with a BFA in Fine Arts and a BA in Humanities, and I understand that interacting with offices on campus can be a new experience for many students. But to me, Honors has always been a warm and welcoming environment, and I'm excited to continue fostering that feeling for each of you.

Obviously it didn't take long for me to return 'home' by joining the Honors staff, but as a student I participated in many facets of the Honors Program. I was an Honors Scholar, went on a Travel Seminar to London, was Secretary of Honors Student Council, submitted to the White Squirrel, worked as a Peer Advisor and CAPS Mentor, and completed a Senior Honors Thesis in Humanities dealing with Fairy Tales and Popular Culture. As that list indicates I have a lot of knowledge about the student view of Honors, and I'm so excited to cross to the other side and share with any of you seeking that perspective.

So while you're waiting for your appointment, or taking a break between classes, feel free to ask about any of those things, or just say hello! I can't wait to meet each of you.



Heather Turner

Hi everyone! As many of you already know, I am Emily's replacement in the Office of National and International Scholarships. I am a native of Philadelphia, although I recently moved to Louisville from Newark, Delaware, where I completed my M.A. in Writing Studies. I came to Louisville because my husband, Joe, was hired as an Assistant Professor in the English department. We also brought along with us our very spoiled two year old—a German Shepherd mix named Anya.

I'm very excited to be working in the Office of National and International Scholarships, as much of the work we do here directly corresponds to the work I did at Delaware. While completing my master's degree, I served as the Assistant Director of the University of Delaware's Writing Center, and I taught Freshman English (the equivalent of UofL's 101 and 102). As an administrator, teacher, and tutor, I was able to work closely with students on their writing, and I find such work very rewarding. I am really looking forward to using these skills to help UofL students make their scholarship applications as competitive as possible. I have only been in Louisville for a little less than three weeks, but so far I really love it here. When I'm not at work, I enjoy exploring the (beautiful!) city parks with my dog and checking out the many different restaurants. And because I am so new, I am always looking for recommendations on places to go and things to try. I look forward to getting to know you all more over the next coming weeks.



HONORS EVENTS

WELCOME HONORS 101!

Honors 101: Modes of Inquiry

The invigorating two day start to the freshmen seminar began on Wednesday, August 20 and closed on August 21. The course will continue for freshmen Honors students through the first five weeks of classes.



Students met outside of the Etscorn Honors Center to walk to the seminar together.



Lines were long but the spirits were high as the students went on a dinner break.



Laura Krauser, a student assistant, didn't even know she was posing for a candid shot with her students.



Dr. Joy Hart gave a wonderful introduction as the new official director of Honors.



Mr. Harry Pickens, the guest Keynote speaker, gave an inspiring speech for everyone.



The student assistants were wonderful and dashing as always!

HONORS NEWS

Tailor Your Major

In case you missed it, Sarah Gierke joined the Honors Program in April. She is not only an Honors advisor, but she also advises all students completing an Individualized Major through the Liberal Studies Program. If you are a current Honors student pursuing an Individualized Major, or you are interested in learning more about admission to this major, Sarah would like to meet you this Fall! Sarah will be primarily available for appointments at the Etscorn Honors Center, but will also hold office hours in Stevenson 303 on Thursday mornings. You can reach her at sarah.gierke@louisville.edu.



Sarah Gierke, Academic Counselor

Senior Honors Thesis

Are you an A&S 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/senior-honors-theses>.

We will also be holding an information session on **Thursday September 4 from 12:30-1:30 PM** in the Shumaker Research Building (SRB) Rm. 139. for qualifying A&S majors who wish to know more about the Senior Honors Thesis Process. Please watch your email for an invitation to this event.

Kentucky Honors Roundtable

If you have a research project that you are working on, a class demonstration, a paper you have written for a course, or just a topic that you are interested in, please consider writing a proposal for the conference this fall! This is a great opportunity to share information with students from across the state- all costs covered by the Honors Program. If you have any questions about possible subject matter ask your Honors advisor.

Your proposal must include the following:

- Name of presenter(s)
- Title of presentation
- Presentation description (100 words or less)
- Presentation type: podium presentation or poster
- Equipment needed: PowerPoint, other computer applications, Internet access needs, film capabilities, speakers, easel, laptop, projector, etc.

Email your submissions to katherine.rucker@louisville.edu by September 1st.



Honors Scholars Banquet

If you are in the University Honors Scholars Program, you have already received your e-mail invite to attend this semester's Scholars Reception. If you've not yet RSVPed to Katherine Rucker, please do that by the deadline indicated in the e-mail she sent out earlier in August. If you are interested in joining the University Honors Scholars Program, be sure to check the Honors website for program information and an application: <http://louisville.edu/honors/Enrichment-opportunities/university-honors-scholars-program>.



Students posed for a picture at last semester's Scholars banquet.



HONORS ADVISING

Pay attention and read carefully, Honors students, because this information is crucial!

Do I need an appointment with an Honors Advisor?

Only the following students *must* make appointments with an Honors advisor:

- All Honors 101 students.
- All incoming Fall 2014 Honors freshmen enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences with fewer than 24 hours earned (not including Fall 2014 classes).
- Any current Honors student or Honors Scholar who wishes to take an Honors class or Scholars Seminar in Spring 2015.

The following students are *not required* to see an Honors advisor:

- Students not currently on Good Standing (or Probation) within Honors or Honors Scholars.
- Honors students (excluding HON 101 students and incoming Fall 2014 A&S freshmen) who do not wish to take an Honors class or Scholars Seminar in Spring 2015.
- Honors students and Honors Scholars planning to graduate by December 2014.

Advising Appointment Dates

The Honors Priority Advising Period is rapidly approaching. Appointment sign-ups will begin the week of September 8.

- Honors Scholars sign-ups will begin at 7:45 AM on Thursday, September 11.
- All other Honors students will begin sign-ups on Friday, September 12 at 7:45 AM.

Appointments will begin **Monday, September 15** and continue until **Tuesday, November 4**. Priority registration begins **Thursday, November 6 at 8:00 AM**. Appointment sign-ups will be handled online via the GradesFirst system. Instructions for how to sign up using GradesFirst will be included in the next edition of *The Current*. An email describing the procedure for this semester will be sent through our Blackboard Organization shell as well, so please keep an eye on your UofL email account for more detailed information.



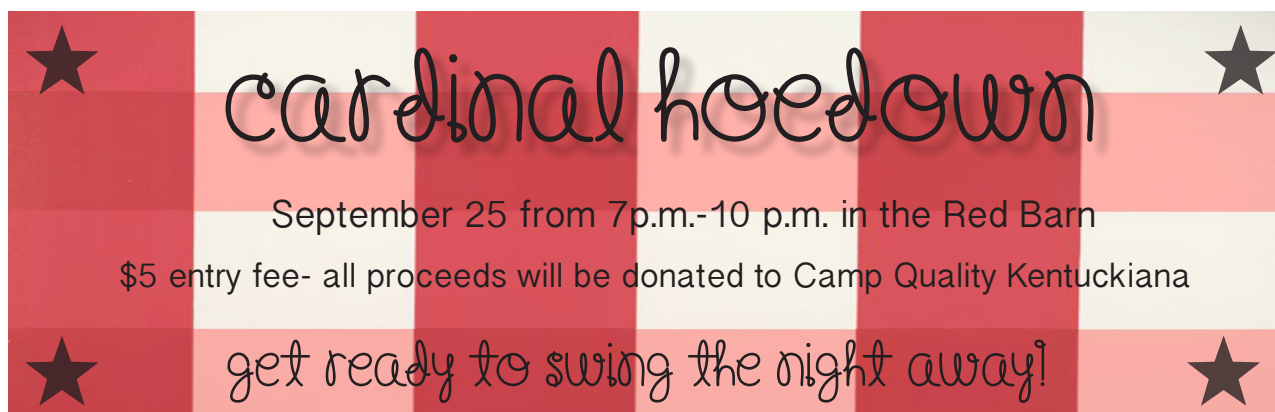
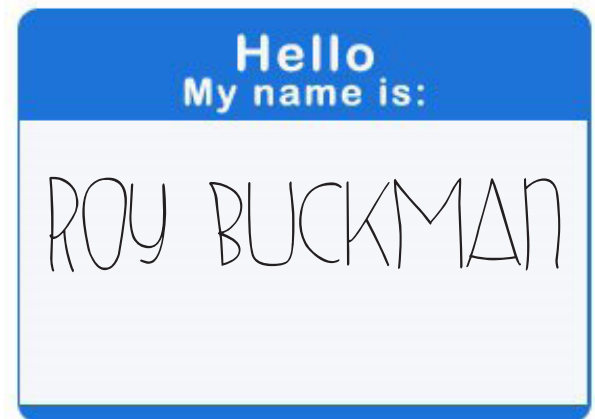
HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

The University of Louisville Honors Student Council (HSC) exists to create a variety of academic, social, and volunteer events to enhance and engage the Honors community and interact with each other. The Council also functions as a channel of communication through which Honors students can express their thoughts about the Honors Program and contribute their ideas for its improvement.

FRESHMAN HONORS STUDENTS: Positions are available on Honors Student Council! Completed applications are due on **Monday September 1**. Please view the e-mail sent by Roy Luke Buckman earlier this week to access the HSC application.

Faculty Meet and Greet

Get to know the person behind the professor! Even though Honors professors have a reputation of being the best on campus, at the end of the day they are regular people just like the rest of us. They genuinely love getting to know students and they love to meet new students! The Faculty Meet and Greet is **Friday September 5 at 12:00** in the Etscorn Honors Center.



★ cardinal hoedown ★

September 25 from 7p.m.-10 p.m. in the Red Barn

\$5 entry fee- all proceeds will be donated to Camp Quality Kentuckiana

★ get ready to swing the night away! ★

Everyone is invited to join Honors Student Council as they get their hoedown on! All proceeds made will be donated to Camp Quality Kentuckiana- an organization that provides opportunities for children with cancer. Also, no prior dance knowledge is necessary! A square dance lesson will precede the event. Plus, there will be a CAKE WALK! Come out and enjoy the great food and fun with your favorite Honors students!

Trivia Night Amped Up!

Everyone is invited to test their knowledge at Honors Student Council's Trivia Night! Trivia Night is a signature event of Honors Student Council. People of all ages are invited for some fun competition and to play for the chance to win some great prizes! Trivia Night is **October 15 at 6:00** in the Red Barn. Bring your A game!



Last semester's Trivia Night was a huge success with over 100 people coming out to compete.

Honors Student Council T-Shirts

HSC T-Shirts are in! They are available for purchase for \$10 in the Etscorn Honors Center. If you want to bring nerdy back, you should purchase one of these shirts.



Do it for Dumbledore.



FROM OUR FRIENDS

International Service Learning Program

Interested in service abroad? Travel through the International Service Learning Program!

The University of Louisville International Service Learning Program provides experiential education in which students engage in activities that address human and community needs together with structured opportunities intentionally designed to promote student learning and development. This interdisciplinary program contributes to campus internationalization by infusing the classroom with various cultures to prepare students to be more receptive to global and comparative perspectives.

ISLP will be traveling to Botswana, Belize, and Croatia during the spring 2015 semester. The length of each trip ranges from 7-14 days. Applications are now available! **Priority application deadlines are September 29.** Visit <http://louisville.edu/islp> for more information.

A&S All Stars Pre-Game Educational Series

Start off home football games the right way! Every Saturday home football game starting this fall, some of the best and brightest A&S faculty and alumni will give interesting lectures and discussions before the crazy tailgates begin. The lectures will be inspired by athletic and university themes, some of which include “Game Theory: The Politics of Race and Sport” by Ricky Jones, and “The Evolution of Goodness: Why Are Animals and Humans Ever Nice?” by Professor Lee Dugatkin. The first lecture will take place on **Saturday, September 6** in the Planetarium on campus. See you on game day!



REACH Opportunities

REACH provides academic services and specific support programs to enable students to better prepare and adapt to college life and to enhance their academic skills and performance in college courses. For more information about REACH and the programs it offers, call the Learning Resource Center (502-852-7516), visit <http://reach.louisville.edu>, or email lrctutor@louisville.edu.



On **Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27, from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**, celebrate the start of a new academic year by joining REACH in Strickler Lobby for “Welcome Back.” There will be free snacks, drinks, and information about REACH services.

Lab support! This fall, REACH will offer drop-in tutoring for the following lab courses: BIOL 244, CHEM 207, CHEM 208, CHEM 209, CHEM 343, PHYS 223, PHYS 224. Email lrctutor@louisville.edu for details!

REACH Believes in...

Meeting The Challenge of Time:	Wednesday Sept 3, 3:00-3:50 Thursday Sept 11, 2:30-3:20 & 5:30-6:20 Friday Sept 19, 11-11:50, 12-12:50, 1-1:50
Becoming Savvy With Textbooks:	Thursday Sept 4, 2:30-3:20 & 5:30-6:20 Friday Sept 12, 11-11:50, 12-12:50, 1-1:50 Monday Sept 22, 4:00-4:50
Taking Effective Notes:	Friday Sept 5, 11-11:50, 12-12:50, 1-1:50 Monday Sept 15, 4:00-4:50 Wednesday Sept 24, 3-3:50
Acing The Test:	Monday Sept 8, 4:00-4:50 Wednesday Sept 10, 3-3:50 Thursday Sept 25, 2:30-3:20 & 5:30-6:20
Studying Smarter:	Thursday Sept 18, 2:30-3:20 & 5:30-6:20 Friday Sept 26, 11-11:50, 12-12:50, 1-1:50
Becoming A Disciplined Student:	Friday Oct 10, 11-11:50, 12-12:50, 1-1:50 Monday Oct 13, 4:00-4:50 Wednesday Oct 15, 3-3:50 Thursday Oct 16, 2:30-3:20 & 5:30-6:20
Preparing For Finals:	Wednesday Nov 5, 3-3:50 Thursday Nov 13, 2:30-3:20 & 5:30-6:20 Friday Nov 21, 11-11:50, 12-12:50, 1-1:50

Admissions Office Volunteer Opportunity

The shadow visit program is designed to give high school seniors the opportunity to experience “a day in the life” of a UofL Honors Student. We need enthusiastic and involved students to be shadow hosts!

Shadow hosts: Take students to class and have lunch, share their UofL experiences, answer questions about UofL and earn service hours.

You will be a great Shadow Host if you: Love UofL, desire a leadership role on campus, enjoy meeting new people.

NEW Shadow Host Information Session:

Wednesday, September 3rd, 3 pm, SAC 310-B

Hope to see you there!

Questions? Can't make it but still want to be involved?

Contact Megan Adams, megan.adams@louisville.edu.

Shadow Host Lunch

For NEW and RETURNING Shadow Hosts

Tuesday, September 9th from 11:30 am- 1:00 pm in the Red Barn. RSVP Required. Please email Megan Adams, megan.adams@louisville.edu

First Year Initiatives

Paws for a Cause

October 1- 12:00-2:00 PM, Threlkeld Hall Entrance

Missing your furry friends back home? Take a minute to relieve some stress for a good cause! Enjoy FREE snacks and a chance to play with some adoptable animals. Sponsored by First Year Initiatives, NRHH, Animal House, and Sodexo.

Conversation Café

October 8- 12:00-1:00PM, Cultural Center, MPR

Enjoy FREE lunch and great conversation as First Year Initiatives leads a lively discussion related to this year's Book In Common, *This I Believe*.