



THE CURRENT

University of Louisville Honors Program Newsletter

Honors Calendar At-A-Glance:

December 4	HVP Meeting
December 9	Reading Day
December 16	Last Day Of Finals
January 7	First Day of Spring 2015 Semester
January 16	Peer Advisor Applications Due

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

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There's a light at the end of the tunnel- the semester is almost over! This will be the last issue of The Current before winter break. Good luck on your finals, and have a wonderful holiday!

HONORS NEWS

Senior Honors Thesis Workshop

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/senior-honors-theses>

Please watch your email for more information on the Senior Honors Thesis with updated details about the upcoming workshop in early January.

Honors Peer Advisor Positions



“Did somebody say
PEER ADVISOR??”

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 2015? 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 2015.

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 16, 2015**. In order to apply you must have completed at least 30 hours (by the end of the spring 2015 semester) and have a 3.35 or higher cumulative GPA. To apply, please visit <http://louisville.edu/honors/Enrichment-opportunities/honors-peer-advising-1>

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

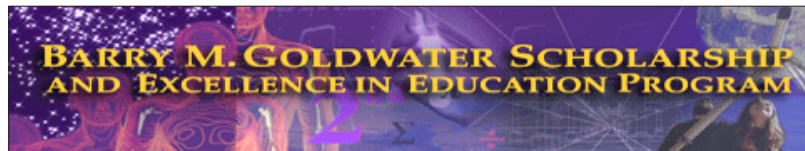
Attention all undergrads! [All disciplines, all levels]

Fulbright Canada's Killam Fellowships Program allows undergraduate students from the United States to participate in a program of binational residential exchange. Killam Fellows spend either one semester or a full academic year as an exchange student in Canada.

Application deadline: **February 2nd, 2015**

For more information see: www.killamfellowships.com

Students interested in any of the scholarships above should make an appointment with to meet with Dr. Condon. To do so, contact Heather Turner at 852-1515 or heather.turner@louisville.edu.



Calling All Sophomore and Junior STEM Students!

Consider the **Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship** [For Research-focused students in the STEM disciplines]

The Barry M. Goldwater 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.

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

National deadline: **January 23, 2015.**

Attention ALL Undergraduates! [All Disciplines/All Levels]

The **Boren Undergraduate Scholarship** provides up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented

in study abroad. Boren Scholars represent a variety of academic backgrounds—from Global Health, to Economics, to STEM disciplines—but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages and building regional expertise in parts of the world of U.S. national security interest.

For more information see: http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship

National Deadline: **February 4th, 2015**



Attention Juniors Committed to Careers in Public Service!

This **Harry S. Truman Scholarship** provides leadership training, a professional internship in Washington D.C. and \$30,000 toward graduate

study to college juniors interested in careers in government, education, the nonprofit sector, or the public interest/advocacy sector. Public service includes government, uniformed services, public interest organizations, non-governmental research or educational organizations, public and private schools and other public service –oriented non-profit organizations.

For more information see: <http://truman.gov//>

National Deadline: **February 3rd, 2015**



Seeking Environmentally-Minded Sophomores and Juniors!

The **Udall Foundation** is looking for sophomores and juniors who demonstrate a strong record of leadership, public service, and a commitment to a career in environmental studies and policy. The Udall Scholarship provides winners with up to \$5,000 and unlimited networking possibilities with former Udall Scholars in your future career field. No matter your major, as long as you can demonstrate a commitment to the environment, you are eligible to apply!

For more information: <http://udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx>

National Deadline: **March 4th, 2015**

These scholarships were advertised and fully described in the last edition of *The Current*, and their deadlines are fast approaching. If you are interested in applying for either, set up an appointment to meet with Dr. Condon **TODAY!**

If you are interested in applying for any of these scholarships, please contact Heather Turner to set up a meeting with Dr. Condon. You can reach Heather at heather.turner@louisville.edu or at 502.852.1515.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

Honors Volunteer Program

Don't forget: HVP Community Meeting, (LAST OF THE SEMESTER!) on **Thursday, December 4th** at 12:15 in the Etscorn Classroom, we'll be having a cookie decoration contest, talking about some events coming up, and kicking off the holiday season the right way! Hope to see you all there, and keep an eye out for HVP photos on the Honors Student Council Facebook page.

Yule Ball-Thank You!



Honors students had a fantastic time at this year's Yule Ball! By hosting the event, Honors Student Council was able to raise money for their charity partner of the year- Camp Quality Kentuckiana. There was lots of delicious food, including the beautiful cake pictured above! Students came all decked out in formal dresses and dress robes to celebrate the wonderful world of Harry Potter. Thank you to everyone who helped out!



FROM OUR FRIENDS

First Year Initiatives

Book-in-Common Essay Contest

Attention students: the deadline to submit an entry to the BinC Critical Thinking Essay Contest is this coming **Wednesday, December 3!** One first year student winner will be selected, and given a **\$350 award**. Up to three first year students will be chosen to receive Honorable Mention, and will each be given a \$100 award. One upper-class winner will be selected and be given a \$150 award. All winners will be notified, and the awards given, in the Spring 2015 semester. Each award will be processed through the Financial Aid Office per University of Louisville policy. Go to <http://louisville.edu/firstyear/book-in-common/2014-2015/2013-14-essay-contest.html> to read the essay prompt and get instructions on how to submit. Good luck to all entrants!

Clara's Dream Performance

The University of Louisville Dance Academy is proud to put on their annual version of The Nutcracker Ballet! It will feature students of all ages, including several current UofL students. It's a fantastic way to celebrate dance and the winter months, and everyone is encouraged to go backstage at the end of the performance to meet all of the dancers!

“Our curtain opens with Clara watching the snow coming down and her dream begins with the Christmas Angels who brings news to the Sugar Plum Fairy of Clara's impending arrival in the Kingdom of the Sweets. A decorated honor guard escorts Clara to her throne and a wonderful pageant is then put on in her honor. This pageant opens with the fiery Spanish Dance, and is soon followed by a vibrant Russian Dance, Tchaikovsky's brilliantly scored dance for the Merlitons, a playful candy cane dance for the Polichinelles, and the great sweeping “Waltz of the Flowers”. Finally, the Sugar Plum Fairy and



her Cavalier dance in a grand pas de deux and the ballet is brought to a rousing conclusion by the famous finale. Each of the characters pay homage to Clara and she is presented with a magical Nutcracker as a token of their love for her and their fondest hopes for her future and her destiny.”

The performance will be held in the School of Music Comstock Concert Hall. Performances will be **Friday December 5** at 7pm, **Saturday December 6** at 3pm and 7pm, and **Sunday December 7** at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.uldanceacademy.com/claras-dream.html> or in the theatre lobby on the night of the performance(s).



FROM OUR FRIENDS

Health Promotions



Stressed about finals? Need a place to relax and unwind?
The UofL Health Promotion Office invites you to the

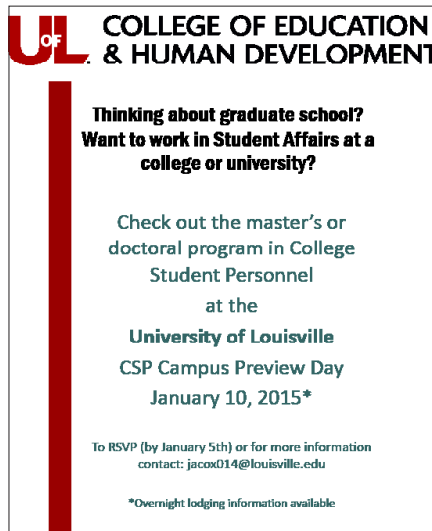
CALM CAFÉ

Tuesday, December 9th, 11:00am-4:00pm
Health Promotion Activity Room
Student Services Annex (between the SAC & Houchens)

Free Massage - PEAC-ful Nap Zone - Energizing and Calming Snacks & Beverages - Paws Effect
For more information visit: louisville.edu/healthpromotion

HEALTH PROMOTION P: 502.852.5429 Between the SAC & Houchens
louisville.edu/healthpromotion
@HealthyCards UofL Health Promotion
Learn More. Live Well.

Campus Preview Day



U of L COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

**Thinking about graduate school?
Want to work in Student Affairs at a
college or university?**

Check out the master's or
doctoral program in College
Student Personnel
at the
University of Louisville
CSP Campus Preview Day
January 10, 2015*

To RSVP (by January 5th) or for more information
contact: jacox014@louisville.edu

*Overnight lodging information available

Dr. Who Christmas

Enjoy a Dr. Who Christmas!

Dec 6, 9 p.m., Gheens Science Hall and Rauch Planetarium

Free for UofL staff, faculty and students

UofL Dr. Who fans can kick off the holiday season with a British invasion at the planetarium. The Dr. Who Christmas Specials “The Christmas Invasion,” “The Runaway Bride” and “Voyage of the Damned” are the evening’s show lineup. Open to UofL staff, faculty and students. Doors open at 8:45 p.m. No advance reservations.

Additional Information: check out planet@louisville.edu, or call 852-6665.

REACH Events

Kick-Off To Finals Blitz

It’s your last chance to boost your grades—have some fun in the process! Join REACH, University Libraries, FYI, and many other campus organizations for free food, test-review sessions, and a host of other fun events to get you ready for finals.

December 2, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Strickler Lobby

December 2, 4-6 p.m. in Ekstrom Library

First Year Initiatives

WINTERFEST 2015

The Office of First Year Initiatives and campus partners welcome our new and returning students to campus with WinterFest 2015! This year's WinterFest will be held **January 7-19!** To make sure you don't get caught up in the winter blues, First Year Initiatives put together a great calendar of events to get your spring semester started off right. Check out the WinterFest calendar at www.louisville.edu/firstyear/winterfest.

BREAKFAST...FOR A BUCK?!

It's late. You're studying for that final you have Wednesday morning, but it's getting hard to focus on anything but your growling stomach. What to do? Head to Breakfast for a Buck?! From 9-11pm on **Dec. 8** (the last night of classes), The Ville Grill will be open 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! Check out the gourmet hot chocolate bar from FYI, chair massages from Campus Health, study tips from REACH, and more!

PAWS FOR FINALS

Need a break from studying for finals? Missing your furry friends back home? Come to Ekstrom Library on **January 10 & 11** from 12-2pm for FREE snacks and time to play with adorable, adoptable animals. Sponsored by FYI, NRHH, Ekstrom Library, and Animal House.

Adolescent Diversion Project Seeking Volunteers

Are you interested in serving the youth of our community and receiving academic credit? The Adolescent Diversion Project is looking for qualified students to be mentors to youth involved in the juvenile justice system. Intensive training and supervision will be provided throughout 2 semesters of coursework (6 credit hours). There is a required informational meeting which will be held on **Thursday, Dec. 4, 8:00 pm** at the School of Public Health and Information Sciences, Room 103, 485 E. Gray Street. Contact Tammi Alvey Thomas at tammi.thomas@louisville.edu

This is available for any student regardless of major or academic standing. They **MUST** be committed to the entire 2 semesters.