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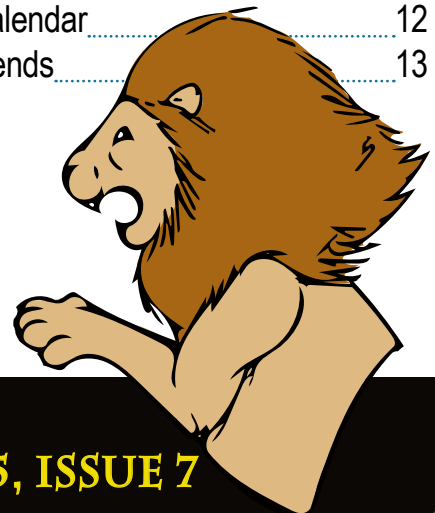
Quick Calendar

- 11/21** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Movie Viewing
- 11/21** Yule Ball
- 11/25-29** Thanksgiving Break
- 11/26-27** Honors Offices Closed
- 12/1** HVP Community Meeting
- 12/3** Pause for Paws
- 12/3** Deadline to nominate an advisor for the Provost's Award

More important dates and deadlines are listed throughout this newsletter. **Please read carefully.*

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Honors News



UPPERCLASSMEN HOUSING – KURZ HALL

Did you know that as a current Honors student you qualify to live in Kurz Hall for the next academic year? The Honors Program is offering several Living Learning Communities (LLCs) in Kurz Hall, a suite-style residence hall, for Fall 2016 - Spring 2017. For additional information on Kurz Hall, please visit <http://louisville.edu/housing/options/communities/suites/kurz>.

Honors students may choose from two options for next year:

The 2nd-Year Science LLC

This LLC is for students pursuing careers in healthcare, or with majors in Biology, Chemistry, or Bio-Engineering. The course cluster for this LLC includes Honors Organic Chemistry I & II.

The General Honors LLC

This LLC is open to all current Honors students who wish to live in Kurz Hall next year. The Honors LLC does not specify a cluster of Honors courses, but students must enroll in Honors courses to live in Kurz Hall.

For more information on the Honors LLCs and how to apply, please visit: <http://louisville.edu/housing/options/llc/honors>.

Applications for Fall 2016 - Spring 2017 housing for returning students will become available **January 26th** and will be available until February 2nd. **To qualify, you must complete the Honors LLC application and be selected for the Honors LLC by the Honors Program.** To apply visit: <http://louisville.edu/housing/forms/llc-themed-housing/honors-llc-application>. Once the application is submitted, an Honors advisor will contact you directly with more information.

If you have any questions regarding Campus Housing for Fall 2016 – Spring 2017, contact Campus Housing via email at oncampus@louisville.edu or by calling (502)-854-9011 or (502)-852-6636.

CALL FOR HONORS CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

We are proud to announce that UofL will be hosting the Kentucky Honors Roundtable (KHR) Conference in Spring 2016! All Honors students are invited to submit a proposal. This conference will be held Friday and Saturday, February 25-26 on our very own campus. If you have something you'd like to present at KHR or any other upcoming Honors conference, now is the time to begin considering your proposal. Conference presentations can focus on a variety of topics, including: research you've conducted at the undergraduate level, papers you may have written or presentations you've developed for class, a topic that you are passionate about and for which you'd like to develop a presentation, or your role in an Honors organization. If you have another idea that doesn't fit these areas, please contact an Honors counselor to see if it could work for a conference presentation. If you'd like to get some information on conference presentations that have occurred in previous years, please contact our conference coordinator, Luke Buckman (luke.buckman@louisville.edu).

If you would like to submit a proposal for KHR, please email the following to Luke:

- Names of Presenters
- Title of Proposal
- Type of Proposal:
 - Podium Presentation (15 minutes)
 - Panel Presentation, must include at least two presenters (25 or 50 minutes)
 - Poster Presentation (part of a general poster session)
 - Creative Project
- Presentation Description for the Program (100 words maximum)
- Equipment needs based on presentation type.
 - Will you need A/V for: Powerpoint or Prezi, short clips or films, sound, or DVD?



Please submit complete proposal information to Luke via e-mail by the deadline.

Conference Information:

Proposal Deadline: Monday, February 1st by midnight

Conference Dates: February 25-26, 2016

Location: The University of Louisville!

PROVOST'S AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY ADVISING

If you feel that your Honors, Departmental, or any other advisor that you have worked with would be a good candidate for this year's exemplary advising award, please consider nominating! Information on the award and the nomination process can be found at <https://louisville.edu/advising/awards/>

Two Nomination Categories*:

- A **full-time faculty member** whose primary advising responsibility is advising undergraduate students.
- A **full-time professional staff** undergraduate academic advisor whose current and primary job responsibilities must be assigned to the academic advisement of undergraduate students AND who holds the University of Louisville Master Advisor Certification (MAC).

*Past award recipients may be nominated, but they will not be considered for selection if they have received it in the past five years.

Nomination Procedure & Letters of Support

- All nominations must include a letter of support from the nominator and 3-5 additional letters of support from faculty, staff, or students by Thursday, December 3, 2015.
- The online letters of support should provide clear examples of the nominee's exemplary performance. (Letters from students are strongly encouraged).

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the nominator to solicit 3-5 letters of support and ensure they are submitted by the deadline published.

Nomination Deadline: Thursday, December 3

<http://louisville.edu/advising/award/nomination-support-letter-submission-form-provosts-exemplary-advising-award>



Honors Advisor, Luke Buckman, won this award this past year. Consider nominating your advisor for it this year!

WANT TO WORK FOR HONORS THIS SUMMER?

Consider becoming an Honors Peer Advisor! Peer Advisors will be trained to help incoming Honors freshmen 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 Honors Program with interested new students and parents, and earn some money along the way.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Both the Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) and Summer Term II classes may conflict with the required work schedule. Please take this into consideration when applying for the 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 15, 2016. In order to apply you must have completed at least 30 hours (by the end of the spring 2016 semester) and have a 3.35 or higher cumulative GPA. To apply, please visit: <http://louisville.edu/honors/Enrichment-opportunities/honors-peer-advising-1>



Honors Peer Advisor Overview:

Timeline and Hours:

Mid-May through Early July 2016

15 - 20 hours per week

Requirements to Apply:

Completed 30 course hours by Spring 2016

3.35 cumulative GPA or higher

How to Apply:

Through our website by January 15, 2016

Contact Kirsten Armstrong with any questions:

kirsten.armstrong@louisville.edu



Photos: Peer Advisors working with incoming students during Orientation, 2015. (Left) Deserae Lane • (Right) Marianna Michael



Advising Corner

WAITLISTED? WATCH YOUR EMAIL!

Congratulations, Honors students, on the completion of another successful priority registration period! We had a couple of days of busy walk-in advising, and we appreciated everyone's patience with the process as we worked hard to address your questions and concerns. Big thanks are in order as well to the Honors Advising Team as well as the Honors front desk and support staff for all of your diligence, excellent communication, and positive attitudes during a very busy time of year! We have now embarked on the Honors class waitlist updating process. If you are on a waitlist for an Honors course, please read the following information closely.

Remember that Honors waitlists are different

Non-Honors courses use an automated system that you can monitor on ULink and the Online Schedule of Classes. Honors course lists are maintained internally by the Honors Program staff. **You will be notified via your UofL e-mail account from now up until January 12 (the last day to drop/add for Spring 2016) if you are granted permission to add an Honors course.**

These e-mail notices are time-sensitive

The emails you receive from Honors will include an expiration date for your permission to add the course on ULink. So if you are currently waitlisted for an Honors course, please keep a close watch on your UofL e-mail account between now and January 12 for any potential updates to your status. Otherwise you may miss the opportunity to register for the course you have been waiting for.

It's up to you to register

If you receive one of these e-mail notices, it means that we have granted you permission to enroll in the course in the system, but it's still up to you to register through ULink. Please note that this permission is only good until the deadline included in the e-mail notice from Honors.

Check the section

Finally, please remember that permission to enroll in Honors courses is specific to that particular section of the course. Please ensure that, if you receive permission to register for an Honors course, you are attempting to add the correct section of that course on ULink.



As you make adjustments to your schedule over the next few weeks, please rest assured that you are welcome to contact your Honors advisor with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding this process.

If you would like to make an Honors advising appointment, please feel free to come to the Etscorn Honors Center front desk, call us at 502-852-6293 or email honors@louisville.edu

TIPS FOR WELLBEING

from the Counseling Center

Stay Organized

Procrastination often leads to stress and feeling guilty. Write down all of your homework assignments and test dates at the beginning of the semester so you won't forget about them.

Drink Plenty of Water

Dehydration can leave you feeling groggy and cause headaches. Water also helps flush toxins out of the body, and prevents over-eating.

Create Boundaries

You can't say "yes" to everything or you will burn yourself out. Make a list of the things you really want to be involved in and focus on those activities.

Get Active

Exercise releases endorphins in the body, which are feel good hormones. Exercise is related to lower levels of anxiety and depression, as well as higher energy levels.



Faculty Spotlight



AMY CLUKEY
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Honors Fellow
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What are your primary areas of research/academic interest?

Transnational Literature, Modernism, Southern Studies.

What drew you to those areas?

Amazing teachers. I never would've guessed that I'd end up researching the connections between Irish, Caribbean, and southern fiction, but I took some classes with really exciting professors that changed everything.

How did you begin your research?

By asking questions that I didn't know the answer to, and reading, reading, reading.

What do you love best about advising students?

I truly enjoy assisting students with maneuvering the maze of higher education. From orientation to graduation, I have the privilege of empowering my students to be able to take control of their educational journey and stay on course to achieve their goals.

What was your favorite course as an undergraduate student?

An interdisciplinary seminar on the Southern Literary Re-

nascence taught by Kathryn McKee at the University of Mississippi. We read all kinds of stuff about the early twentieth-century South, from a biography of Hank Williams to a history book on the 1927 Mississippi flood, along with fiction and poetry. I remember a classmate brought in a choir to demonstrate the differences between white and black gospel for a presentation. It was a fantastic class.

Looking back, what advice would you give yourself?

Have more fun. As an undergraduate, I spent so much time building my resume for graduate school applications that I didn't take time to enjoy being in college.

What advice do you have for current students?

Don't just do what your parents want you to do. Explore beyond your major. Take classes that excite you even if they don't "count" for a requirement. Read everything.

What's your favorite book and/or author?

I'm a book nerd - I can't just choose one! But lately I've been working my way through the writings of Daphne Du Maurier. Her novel *My Cousin Rachel* is just delicious.

What are your hobbies?

Travel. Yoga. Baking. Attending to the demands of the two ornery cats that live in my house.

Please preview your Spring Honors Seminar in 5 Words or Less.

New York City!

What's your favorite restaurant in Louisville?

Heart and Soy on Bardstown Road—get the jicama rolls, you won't regret it.





Alumni Spotlight



NICKOLE BROWN

Self-employed writer & editor;
Faculty at the MFA in Creative Writing at Murray State University, the Writing Workshops in Greece, and the Sewanee Young Writer's Conference;
Editor for the Marie Alexander Series in Prose Poetry
Graduated Spring 1996
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What aspects of your undergraduate experience do you remember best?

In particular, I remember the Honors House—back then, the program was limited to that little brick house, square in the middle of campus and, by all rights, I practically lived there, even curled up and snoozed on their little brown leather couch now and then. At the time, Dr. John Flodstrom was at the mast; he was an incredibly generous and thoughtful man who was always there for us—assisting with academic advising or applications (I can't tell you how helpful he was preparing me for the English Speaking Union Scholarship to Oxford), but he was also an administrator of some life advice I desperately needed. He ordered pizza for the impoverished and hungry lot of us, too, for which I'm still grateful.

Most prominent in my memory are the seminars I took—for example, I never would have made it through James Joyce with such fervor if not for Dr. Suzette Henke's rigorous course on Ulysses, nor would I have experienced such a wide range of women's literature without Dr. Beth Boehm's guidance. I also remember with great fondness delving into Jewish mysticism with Dr. Edwin Segal; I still have a love of anthropological studies because of him. The seminar classes were my place of solace and vigor where the world became much more complex and interesting than I'd imag-

ined possible. I still have books from many of those courses and return to them, remembering a time when a hundred little doors began to click open for me.

“You're in a good place that's getting better all the time. Don't take it for granted, and don't think that what you're doing now won't seed itself and grow - it will, bad or good.”

Being a full-time creative is often a daunting choice. What helped you decide to pursue being a full-time poet?

There's one way in which the decision was always made for me, that the choice to be a writer wasn't a choice at all. You see, early on, back when I was only fifteen or so, I received my first jolt as a writer at Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts and thereafter had the honor of winning a Scholastic Writing award whose prize was a beloved Brother Word Processor, weighing in at thirty pounds, and an invitation to read my winning entry with Garrison Keillor at New York's Waldorf Astoria. I was hooked and have been plugging away ever since.

But giving up everything else to write full-time? Well, I just recently made that decision, and it's no exaggeration to say that letting go of my position at the University of Arkansas last year was one of the most difficult moves I've ever made. Matter of fact, I'm still quaking, and this autumn is the first time in my life in which I'm attempting not just to think of myself as a writer, but to live as one, first and foremost, putting everything else aside. I can credit my wife Jessica with this decision; she's the one who encouraged me to take this terrifying leap. I can honestly say that without her support (and cajoling and fussing and steadfast advice) I'd still be chipping away as I always have, scribbling notes between classes and committee meetings and errands. Sometimes, I'm convinced she believes in my writing more than even I do—and that kind of force? It changes a person. Jessica is my ballast, my witness, my true love.

What impact, if any, did the Honors Program have on your path?

The impact was tremendous, really. I was the first in my family to go to college, and none of us knew how to enter that world of higher education. Fortunately enough, the Honors Program allowed me access to all of these things

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National and International Scholarship Opportunities

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS

The 2016 Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship application is now available!

The Pickering Fellowship is one of the State Department's premier recruitment programs aimed at increasing diversity among U.S. Foreign Service officers. The Fellowship is designed to attract outstanding individuals from all ethnic, racial and social backgrounds who have an interest in pursuing a Foreign Service career with the U.S. Department of State. Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service and students with financial need are encouraged to apply.

Undergraduate Candidates

10 fellowships available

Up to \$37,500 annually for tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses for the senior year of undergraduate studies, and first year of a master's degree in fields related to the Foreign Service such as business administration, economics, public policy, international affairs, and other relevant fields.

Graduate Candidates

20 fellowships available

Up to \$37,500 annually for tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses for a two-year master's degree in fields related to the Foreign Service such as business administration, economics, public policy, international affairs, and other relevant fields.

National Deadline: January 15, 2016

For more information visit: <http://www.twc.edu/thomas-r-pickering-foreign-affairs-fellowship-program>

Contact Heather Turner for more information today!

heather.turner@louisville.edu

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Alumni Spotlight: Nickole Brown Continued from Page 7

not otherwise available to me: smaller class sizes, one-on-one instruction, and rigorous academics. The Program gave me access to the education I desperately needed to become the person I wanted to be. Although I didn't know it then, that small brick house was like a tiny liberal arts college hidden on campus. It gave me shelter, and I'll always be grateful.

Looking back what advice would you give yourself as an undergraduate student?

I'm not sure I could answer that one, exactly. I was working pretty hard, doing the best I could. I'm not sure I could have done better with what I had. Instead, I might just assure her that it's going to get better, that it's going to be worth it.

What is your favorite thing to do around Louisville when you come to visit?

I love to return my old haunts on Bardstown Road—Carmichael's Bookstore, Better Days Records, The Great Es-

cape, Heine Brothers'. It's not the same without Twice Told and Ear X-tacy, but there will always be Cherokee Park and Cave Hill Cemetery, there will always be Big Rock to climb. When I lived in Louisville, you could safely say that I was ensconced in my little neighborhood, happy to rarely drive anywhere or go much further than a mile or two from my house. When I return, I like going right back to the same place much in the way that a little bird might, looking for her particular bough in which to nest.

Is there anything you would like to say to the current Honors Student Population?

You're in a good place that's getting better all the time. Don't take it for granted, and don't think that what you're doing now won't seed itself and grow—it will, bad or good. Oh, and look up from your phones, especially when you're walking across campus. Every winter, an entire murmuration of starlings descends in downtown Louisville, and you don't want to miss their singing. It almost sounds like a thousand rusty swings right there in the trees.

Student Organizations

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE MOVIE VIEWING

Get in the Harry Potter spirit before Yule Ball by enjoying a showing of *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, featuring the Yule Ball scene! Enjoy snacks and Harry Potter fun and start getting excited for the dance!

Saturday, November 21

10:00 AM

Etscorn Honors Center Classroom



YULE BALL

Attention! Muggles and wizards alike, please join us for the annual Yule Ball. The Yule Ball has been a tradition of the Triwizard Tournament since its inception. On November 21st, all muggles and wizards are invited to gather in the George J. Howe Red Barn for well-mannered frivolity. The ball will commence at 8 o'clock in the evening. Dress robes are encouraged, but not required. Food, drinks, and delightful sweets courtesy of the Three Broomsticks and Honeydukes. Special musical performance by Tonks and the Aurors. \$8 tickets available on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yule-ball-2015-tickets-19243245064>) or \$10 at the door.

THIS SATURDAY!

November 21 • 8:00 - 11:00 PM • Red Barn

CALL FOR BAMS DONATIONS

This academic year, Honors Student Council is proud to announce the bi-annual Book and Media Sale (BAMS). All profits from this massive sale will go directly to Camp Quality Kentuckiana to help give children living with cancer a chance to just be kids.

In order to make this event happen, we need your help in the form of donations; we are happy to accept gently-used books, DVDs, CDs, records, and video games. Donations will be due no later than Friday, March 25th, 2016, and the sale itself will be held during the week of April 2nd, 2016. Honors Student Council wants to make this year's event even bigger and better than the last, and we can't do that without donations from you. If you wish to donate, drop off any acceptable items at one of our BAMS boxes (locations listed on right.) Thank you for your generosity in advance!

If you have any questions, feel free to email HonorsBAMS@gmail.com or visit our website, www.uoflhsc.com.



Help us fill Red Barn again!

WHAT WE NEED

- Books
- DVDs
- CDs
- Records
- Video Games

WHERE TO DONATE

BAMS boxes are located in:

- The Etscorn Honors Center
- Bingham Humanities Building
- Shumaker Research Building
- Student Activities Center
- Life Sciences Building
- The Interfaith Center
- College of Business
- Chemistry Building
- School of Music
- Duthie Center
- Davidson Hall
- Strickler Hall
- Lutz Hall

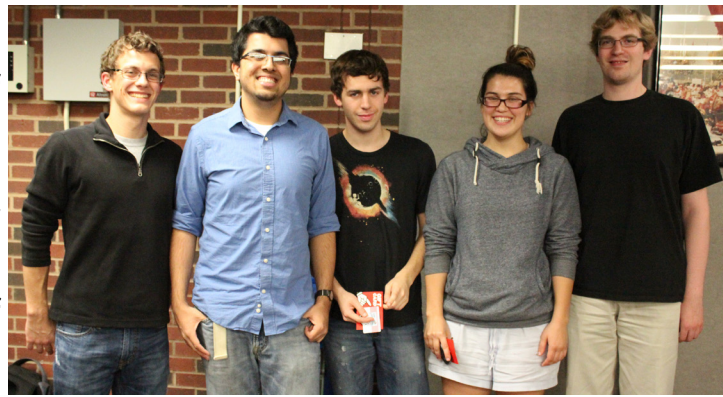
DONATION DEADLINE

Friday, March 25th, 2016

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

EVENT REVIEW: TRIVIA NIGHT

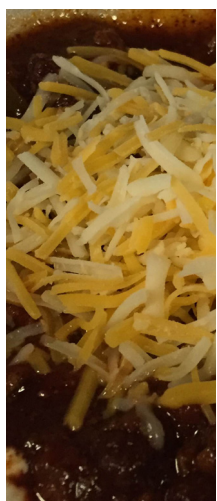
Trivia Night was a huge success! In total, 50 University of Louisville students, community members, and faculty came together to raise \$356.25 for Camp Quality Kentuckiana! The baskets of candy emptied quickly and were enjoyed by all, most specifically by the winning team "We're Just Here for the Candy" (pictured right.) Volunteer emcee, Dr. Johmann, was spectacular, and so were the trivia questions created by Luke Buckman. Be sure to attend the Spring edition of Trivia Night, where there will surely be more great prizes and healthy competition!



Top Right: The winning team, We're Just Here for the Candy. Bottom: (Left): HSC Members and Honors Staff celebrating the successful event. (Middle): Luke Buckman, Danyal Bhutto, and Troy Sterling score the answer sheets between rounds. (Right): Dr. Michael Johmann reading the scores between rounds.

EVENT REVIEW: CHILI COOK OFF

Thanks to all who came out to the Chili Cook Off hosted by the Honors Program, Honors Student Council, Arts & Sciences Advising, and Camp Quality Kentuckiana! On Thursday, November 12th people from across campus came together to enjoy a diverse array of chilis and desserts. We think it's safe to say that no one left hungry. Thanks to all in attendance, we raised \$596.00 for Camp Quality, which will go towards allowing a child with cancer to attend summer camp. Also, congratulations to our grand champion, Janet Spence, for her winning chili prepared by John Spence! A wonderful time was had by all--now it's time to get excited for HSC's Book and Media Sale, coming your way in April 2016.



Photos by Ann Wood. Top Right: There was a great turn out! Bottom Row Right: Janet Spence holds her award certificate.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

EVENT REVIEW: REDTALKS

REDTalks had the largest turnout of any HSC event so far this year, with a total of 180 attendees! The Chao Auditorium was filled with students who came to hear the selected faculty lecture on topics in their fields. Dr. Tyler and Dr. Ralston presented on *Life Outside Engineering*; Dr. Johmann discussed his experiences on the topic *Revisiting the Scholar-Athlete*; Professor Carothers showed students her work on *Public Art and Collaborative Placemaking*; and Dr. Nelson explained *The Two Sides of Minimum Wages*. Before the presentations the food disappeared quickly, and the wide variety of presentation topics were enjoyed by everyone in attendance. The featured speakers enjoyed the chance to discuss new ideas with others who don't necessarily study in their departments. Be sure to look out for REDTalks next Fall!

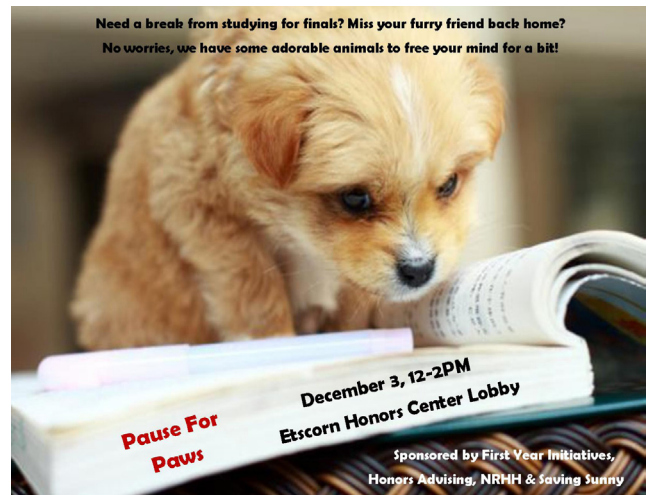


Photos by Ann Wood. Top: Dr. Nelson. Bottom (Left to Right): Dr. Tyler & Dr. Ralston, Professor Carothers, Dr. Johmann

PAUSE FOR PAWS

Know you'll need a break from finals? Miss your furry friends back home? No worries! We have some adorable animals to help you unwind during finals. Honors Student Council, The Honors Program, First Year Initiatives, NRHH, and Saving Sunny are collaborating on this afternoon event! The Etscorn Honors Center will be filled with puppies to help you take a minute for yourself!

Thursday, December 3
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Etscorn Honors Center Lobby

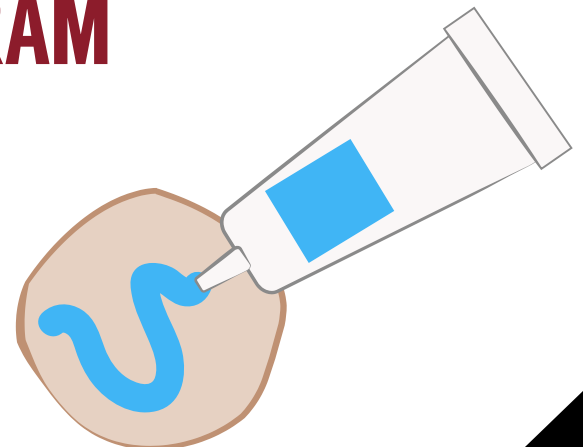


HONORS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

HVP COMMUNITY MEETING

It's time for our final Honors Volunteer Program Community Meeting of the semester! Join us for a cookie-decorating contest, hot chocolate, and holiday cheer! We'll also be announcing some of our spring events, and you won't want to miss out! For more information, please feel free to contact Danielle Deal at dndeal01@louisville.edu

Tuesday, December 1
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Etscorn Honors Center Classroom



Attention!

MUGGLES AND WIZARDS ALIKE,
PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

YULE BALL



Saturday
November
21
2015

8:00 IN THE EVENING
At GEORGE J. HOWE RED BARN

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DRESS ROBES ENCOURAGED,
BUT NOT REQUIRED.
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\$ 8 TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE
www.eventbrite.com/e/yule-ball-2015-tickets-19243245064
OR \$10 AT THE DOOR

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FOOD, DRINKS, AND YOUR FAVORITE SWEETS
COURTESY OF THE THREE BROOMSTICKS AND HONEYDUKES
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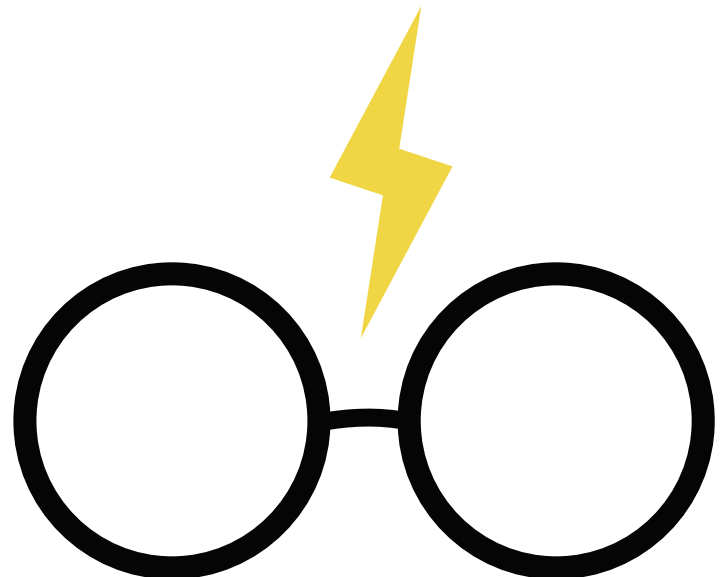
SPECIAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY
TONKS AND THE AURORS



Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
NOV 15	16	17	18	19	20	21 HP Movie Viewing 10:00 AM (pg. 8) Yule Ball 8:00 PM (pg. 8 & 11)
22	23	24	Thanksgiving Break Honors Offices Closed Thursday & Friday			

-  Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities Deadlines and Important Dates
-  Honors Program Deadlines and Important Dates
-  The White Squirrel Events and Deadlines
-  Honors Student Council Events
-  Honors Volunteer Program Events
-  Academic Calendar Dates





From Our Friends

SCHOLARSHIPS

Red Barn Scholarships

Application Deadline:

Monday, November 30 by 5:00 PM

Could you use one of at least two \$1,700 and three \$500 scholarships to be awarded for the 2016 Spring Semester through the Red Barn? You can apply for these scholarships online through the link below, or hard copies can be picked up at the Red Barn, SAC W310, and in the lobby of the Financial Aid office. Applications are due by Monday, November 30 at 5pm to the Red Barn Programs Office (in the Red Barn) or by email to George Howe: gjhowe01@louisville.edu Please call or email George

Howe with questions:

(502) 852-7467 • gjhowe01@louisville.edu

Application Link:

<http://louisville.edu/studentactivities/facilities/red-barn-1>

Book-in-Common Critical Thinking Essay Contest

Deadline: Wednesday, December 2

Show us your best thinking! Participate in the critical thinking essay contest for this year's BinC, This I Believe. Submission deadline: Dec. 2. First-Year 1st place winner: \$350 scholarship; up to 3 Honorable Mention winners: \$100 scholarship each; and an upper-class student winner: \$150 scholarship! Details and essay guidelines are now available! Co-sponsored with Ideas to Action. For more information visit: <http://louisville.edu/firstyear/book-in-common/essay-contest>

EVENTS

Finals Fest: Pancakes-N-Pajamas and Textbooks & Treats

December 1 & 2 • 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Ekstrom Library Lobby

Take a break from studying and join FYI, SAB, Ekstrom Library, and Health Promo on December 1&2 from 7-9PM in the newly renovated Ekstrom library lobby! Learn how to master flash naps and enjoy FREE massages and food! Also, on December 2, take a minute to catch the men's basketball team take on Michigan State while you relax between study sessions. Contact Shelley Tewell for more information: shelley.tewell@louisville.edu

Campus Cardinal Debates

Wednesday, November 18

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Ekstrom Library 117A

The Malcolm X Debate Program and First Year Initiatives invite you to a fun and fast-moving experience in critical political analysis and rhetorical response. The debate topic will be "Immigration Reform," and attendees can join in with one minute rebuttals following the position speeches by each debater. Come see why UofL's debate program is among the nation's best! FREE refreshments! Contact Shelley Tewell for more information: shelley.tewell@louisville.edu

Pause for Paws

Thursday, November 19

12:00 - 2:00 PM

J.B. Speed Lobby

Do you need a break from studying? Wish you had a furry friend to keep you company? Join First Year Initiatives and the Office of Speed School Advising for a break with some puppies! You do not have to be a Speed School student to attend. ALL STUDENTS ARE INVITED! Stop by the J.B. Speed lobby on November 19 from 12-2PM to see some adorable puppies from Saving Sunny! Contact Shelley Tewell for more information: shelley.tewell@louisville.edu

Belknap Farmers' Market Holiday Bazaar

Thursday, December 3 • 2:00 - 6:00 PM

Red Barn

Need holiday gifts, but not interested in destroying the planet and supporting corporate giants?! Come load up on locally-grown and handmade holiday gifts from our Belknap Farmers' Market vendors and other local artisans! Items will include jam and jellies, home-made crafts, jewelry, ceramic pieces, home-made soaps, and more. Kentucky Proud kettle popcorn and fresh-squeezed lemonade will be available. Don't miss it!



FROM OUR FRIENDS

Garden Workshop & Workday **Wednesday, November 18 • 3:00 PM** **Urban Studies Garden** **426 W Bloom, Behind Bettie Johnson**

Join us in UofL's lesser-known organic garden for the next in our series of practical, seasonal workshops about how to prepare and process garden produce and how to manage different aspects of a chemical-free garden! Afterwards, please join us for some light work to get the garden ready for winter. Garden workshops are every other Wednesday at 3pm through Dec. 2. No prior experience necessary. Tools & gloves provided. UofL's Gardens are open to participation throughout the year from students, staff, faculty, and community members. Everyone who comes is welcome to fresh-picked fruit, veggies, flowers, mint, herbs, and whatever else is ready for harvest! Connect with us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gardencommons>



EcoReps Lunch & Learn: From Permaculture to Industrial Sustainability **Friday, November 20 • 12:00 PM** **Ekstrom W210**

Join us for our monthly EcoReps Lunch & Learn workshop featuring a free vegetarian lunch and locals making a difference in sustainability! This month, we'll hear from Corinne Greenburg with some ideas from the industrial side of sustainability, and Vaughn Zeller discussing some permaculture design principles. The Sustainability Council's EcoReps program is designed to move students, faculty & staff beyond talk to action for a more sustainable UofL! We provide basic training & resources, service opportunities, and certification as a point-person & peer-to-peer advocate for sustainability. More info at tinyurl.com/UofLEcoReps



REACH Student Success Seminars **Dates and Times Vary** **Strickler 111**

Preparing for Finals

November 9	12:00 PM - 12:50 PM 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM
November 10	12:00 PM - 12:50 PM 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM
November 11	12:00 PM - 12:50 PM 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM
November 12	12:00 PM - 12:50 PM 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM
November 13	11:00 AM - 11:50 AM 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Visit reach.louisville.edu/seminars/ or contact Mark Woolwine mawool01@louisville.edu for more information.

Bach Goes to Hollywood: The Use of His Music in Motion Pictures

Thursday, November 19 • 7:00 PM

Bird Hall, School of Music

Dr. Russell Stinson is the current Gerhard Herz Visiting Bach Scholar. He is an internationally known scholar on the music of J. S. Bach, with five books to his credit, as well as numerous articles, reviews, and editions. He is the author of several entries in the revised edition of The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, and he is a member of the editorial board for the ninth edition of A History of Western Music (Grout – Palisca – Burkolder), published by W. W. Norton. His latest monograph, J. S. Bach at His Royal Instrument: Essays on His Organ Works, was published in 2012 by Oxford University Press.

CALL FOR DONATIONS

THE LALS Winter Coat Drive

Deadline: December 7

Stevenson Hall 304-306

The LALS Club is assisting Kentucky Refugee Ministries with collecting winter coats for newly arrived refugee families. If you have any gently used blankets, hats, scarves, gloves and new or gently used winter coats please drop off these items to Stevenson Hall, 304-306. They are also accepting household items and toys.

For more information contact Dr. Rhonda Buchanan, rhondabuchanan@louisville.edu