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COLLEGE RULE
Dear University Honors Program Students,

It’s August! And there is much to celebrate—World Honeybee Day, Women’s Equality Day, and welcoming you to the new academic year. Whether you are an incoming first-year student, a senior preparing to graduate, or somewhere in between, we look forward to working with you in Honors courses, advising, gatherings, and other activities this year.

All of the Honors advising and administrative offices are now located on the first and second floors of Strickler Hall’s east wing, and they are a convenient stop on your way to or from class in Strickler 226, the Honors classroom. The Etscorn Honors Center’s main lobby, Strickler 126, has tables, chairs, and other amenities for your use. So, please feel free to take a seat and study, have a group meeting, and/or take a break and sip some tea. Please also watch for announcements of special events that will be held in the Etscorn lobby and join in when you can.

Best wishes for an excellent start in this first week of classes and a wonderful fall semester.

Sincerely,

Joy L. Hart
Ph.D.
Executive Director
Cody Gault comes to the Honors Program as a former Honors Scholar and ESU scholarship recipient, having graduated from UofL with a triple BA in Art History, English, and Humanities in 2011. He went on to complete an MA in Art History at Indiana University Bloomington in 2013, and is currently ABD on a PhD from UofL’s Comparative Humanities Department, dissertating about posthuman philosophy and visual culture. He has taught courses in Art History, Culture & Technology, Fine Arts Appreciation, and Humanities since 2015 at UofL and a variety of other colleges, and is excited to start work as an Honors counselor and coordinator of the President’s Council Mentoring Program. When he is not on campus, Cody enjoys spending time with his two miniature snow leopards (Bengal cats), preparing for either Gilead or Panem, writing, and reading as much as possible.

As the newest addition to the Honors team, Cole Fournier (FOURN-YAY) is excited to begin his first semester on UofL’s campus and looks forward to helping students maximize their collegiate experience. Cole is Jesuit educated, having received his BA in History from Creighton University and subsequently an MA in Higher Education from the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining the Cardinal community, Cole worked for Loyola University Chicago where he focused on undergraduate staff development and student conduct. Cole also worked for the Midwestern Higher Education Compact and helped to execute a robust research and policy agenda for 12 Midwestern states. When off the clock, Cole can be found at concerts throughout the city, putting for bogey on the golf course, or patiently waiting in the Chick-fil-A drive-thru line.
After over eight years as part of the University Honors Program, Sarah Springer has started a new position in the Kent School of Social Work. Although we will miss Sarah’s expertise and many contributions, we wish her well in her new role, and we’re happy that we’ll still see her on campus and have opportunities to collaborate on future endeavors. Farewell, Sarah!

A NOTE FROM SARAH

When I graduated middle school, the yearbook staff printed predictions of what everyone would be doing in 20 years (it was a small school). The prediction they gave for me was that I would become a psychologist and work specifically with famous celebrities. For the last 8 academic years, I’d say that was a pretty close prediction!

Just like you all, I’ve been given the opportunity to experience things that I never would have without the University Honors Program. I’ll be forever grateful for my time here. It’s been amazing getting to know all of you, particularly the students from the Research and Creative Activity LLC and the Individualized Majors. I really have been an advisor to the stars.

I’m looking forward to joining the Kent School of Social Work and Family Science, and I hope that I’ll see some of you there!

Best wishes,

Sarah
If you are interested in connecting with Honors students from across the state, learning about their work and sharing yours, and expanding your presentation experience beyond the classroom, Honors encourages you to submit work for the fall meeting of the Kentucky Honors Roundtable (KHR)!

Students may develop proposals covering a wide range of topics, including but not limited to undergraduate research, papers you have written or presentations you’ve developed for an Honors class, a topic you are knowledgeable and passionate about and for which you’d like to develop a presentation, or creative work (e.g., exhibitions of artwork, musical performances, or digital media).

KHR is a student-focused conference hosted by a rotating cast of Kentucky colleges and universities. This fall’s KHR meeting will be hosted by the University of Kentucky on October 28th-29th in Lexington. Travel from UofL is likely to be Friday mid-afternoon through Saturday evening, and your meals, hotel, and transportation in a group van will be provided.

**Campus Proposal Deadline** – Proposals must be submitted by 11:59 PM on Thursday, September 15.

To submit your KHR proposal, visit https://louisville.edu/honors/Enrichment-opportunities/honors-conferences-sub/khr/

Please send KHR-related questions to Kirsten Armstrong (Kirsten.Armstrong@louisville.edu).

Over the summer, Honors Student Lori Porter (Physics and Astronomy) received the Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Award at the 240th summer meeting of the American Astronomical Society. From hundreds of applications, Lori and four other undergraduates were selected for this prestigious award, named after Dr. Carlson R. Chambliss. Lori received a medal designed by Dr. Chambliss.

The Astronomy Achievement Student Awards are given to recognize exemplary research by undergraduate and graduate students who present at one of the poster sessions at the meetings of the AAS.

Congratulations, Lori!

Students with financial need and involvement in the University Honors Program may apply for awards to buy books and supplies for spring semester classes. Funds for these awards were originally contributed by members of the Mature Adult Student Society (MASS). Two to three scholarships (ranging from $200-$250) are awarded. To apply, please submit a letter to Dr. Joy Hart via e-mail (Joy.Hart@louisville.edu) outlining your: academic program plan, overall financial need, and projected book expenses for the spring semester. Please also include an unofficial transcript.

**Mass Scholarship Call for Applications**

**Deadline to Apply:**
Friday, October 14, by 4:30 P.M.
Honors first-year students were welcomed to campus by representatives of Honors student organizations, faculty, and staff last Wednesday at the Honors welcome dinner and Thursday at the Honors 101/Honors LLC lunch. In addition to the social events, many Honors students attended class sessions for HON 101 on Thursday. For all our first-year Honors students, welcome to campus and your first year with Honors! We hope to see you at many upcoming events!

We also want to provide an extra-special thanks to our Honors Student Success Ambassadors for helping make last week’s events successes.

Thank you to: Eden Baize, Claire Binford, Amiya Crawford, Loghan Currin, Tyler Frakes, Mandala Gupta Verwiebe, Izabella Miller, Olivia Richards, Abigail Stanger, Blaise Tylicki, and Hadley Whitaker!
National & International Scholarships Office

The University Honors Program’s Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities (NISO) provides mentoring, resources, and networking directed towards maximizing students’ potential, culminating in the pursuit of prestigious, nationally-competitive merit awards. We work with undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, as well as with recent alumni, from all disciplines. Students who work with this office are usually highly motivated, academically ambitious, and involved in community engagement both on and off campus.

The Fulbright application cycle is underway! UofL has been nationally recognized seven times as a Top Producing Institution. You can read about our recent recipients at http://louisville.edu/scholars.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides study, research, and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries. More information is available at https://us.fulbrightonline.org/.

We are looking for the next group of rising seniors, graduate and professional students, and recent UofL alumni who are interested in becoming Fulbright applicants! Our campus deadline is October 5. To get started, applicants can contact Dr. Bethany Smith (Bethany.Smith.1@louisville.edu).

ESU Speaking Union

Summer Scholarship for Juniors
The ESU Kentucky Branch is a non-profit educational service organization with a focus on enabling student and teacher scholars to study in the United Kingdom and promoting scholarship among students from our state.

The ESU-KY will award a limited number of scholarships to qualified Kentucky college students, and Kentucky middle and high school teachers, for Summer 2023 courses at several institutions in the United Kingdom.

Student applicants must be juniors (i.e., must have one year of study remaining at their home institution). They may choose to take summer courses in Literature, Creative Writing, History, and Political Science.

Each award will include tuition, lodging, and two meals daily for one session of summer courses at the scholar’s chosen institution. Scholarships also include one week’s lodging in London and a stipend to help defray (though not necessarily cover) the costs of travel and incidentals.

To be considered, applications should be submitted to NISO by September 15.

If you are interested in applying (or just getting more information) please email Bethany.Smith.1@louisville.edu.

Rangel & Pickering

Fellowship applications are now open to seniors and recent alumni interested in careers in international affairs and foreign policy!

Both fellowships include:
► up to $95,000 to support 2 years of graduate study
► 2 paid internships (one on Capitol Hill and one at an overseas U.S. Embassy or consulate)
► mentorship by individuals with careers in foreign affairs
► a 5-year Foreign Service appointment.

Students from any major who seek to promote positive change are invited to apply. Applicants must:
► have a GPA of 3.2 or higher
► be seeking entry to graduate school for Fall 2023
► have a record of academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to public service

Applicants from groups historically underrepresented in diplomacy (for example, based on gender, race or ethnicity, or financial need) are particularly encouraged to apply. Applicants can (and should!) apply to both programs.

Rangel Fellowship applications are due Sept. 22; you can find more information online at https://www.rangelprogram.org/graduate-fellowship-program/.

Pickering Fellowship applications are due Sept. 29, and information is available at https://pickeringfellowship.org/graduate-fellowship/.

If you are interested, please email Bethany.Smith.1@louisville.edu.
Are you looking for a way to get involved with the Honors Program? Would you like to meet with prospective Honors students and discuss how much you love Honors? Volunteer today to be an Honors Host!

The Honors Hosts Program provides high school students with the opportunity to meet with current Honors students and gain insight into the benefits of participating in Honors, the requirements for admission to the program, and the overall student experience at the university. The average time for an Honors Host appointment is 30-45 minutes. In the past, our teams of Honors Hosts have met with more than 150 prospective Honors students a year!

Questions? Contact Andrew Grubb at Andrew.Grubb@louisville.edu for more information.

To apply to be an Honors Host, use this link: https://tinyurl.com/honorshost.

Please note: to participate as an Honors Host this year, you will need to attend a training in early September. You can choose between:

- Friday, Sept. 2, 11 AM – 12:30 PM
- Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2:30 – 4 PM

https://tinyurl.com/honorshost
Welcome, Honors Students! We in Honors Advising hope that your summer was fun, safe, and rejuvenating and that you’re ready to dig in for an exciting new Fall semester at UofL! As you may remember, advising season arrives early in Honors, so we wanted to be sure to share this important information now so that you can mark your calendars accordingly. Please check out the following info about ways to connect to your Honors advisor during these early weeks of the Fall 2022 semester.

Drop/Add Week Honors Log-In Advising

As you embark on your academic journey into your first week of classes this semester, also known as “Drop/Add Week,” you may decide that you would like some assistance with rearranging your class schedule — and we in Honors Advising have your back! If you encounter questions or concerns regarding your Fall 2022 schedule, or if you have other quick questions that Honors advisors may be able to help you with, please feel free to drop in virtually (via CardSmart and MS Teams as described on our website) to ask the first-available Honors advisor your questions through Honors Log-In Advising!

You can sign in for this first-logged-in, first-served process to see the first-available Honors advisor virtually from Monday, Aug. 22 through Friday, Aug. 26, 9-11:30AM and 1-3:30PM.

Honors Scholars Applications are Due Friday, Aug. 26

Have you loved your Honors experience so far? Would you like to level up and take advantage of even more engaging courses on unique topics and have access to more Honors opportunities? Have you completed or enrolled in at least two 3-hour Honors courses and have a cumulative UofL GPA of 3.5 or higher? Then the University Honors Scholars Program may be a great fit for you! We are accepting applications from current Honors students who meet the criteria for joining Scholars for Fall 2022 on the Honors website here through Friday, August 26, at 11:59 PM.

While first-semester Honors students are not currently eligible to apply to Scholars, they may qualify to apply to the program for Spring 2023 after Fall 2022 grades are posted in December.

FALL 2022 HONORS ADVISING DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

► 8/22 – 8/26, 9-11:30AM and 1-3:30PM Drop/Add Week Honors Log-In Advising

► 9/8 – Honors Scholars Advising Campaign will be sent

► 9/9 – Honors Advising Campaign will be sent

► 9/12 – Honors Scholars advising appointments begin

► 9/15 – Honors advising appointments begin

► 10/3-10/4 – Fall Break – limited Honors appointment availability

► 10/28-11/3 – Honors Log-In Advising

► 11/2 at 8AM – Priority registration opens for all Honors students on ULink
Our mission is to provide an opportunity for Black and multicultural students who excel academically to network with fellow Honors students while providing a safe space for discussing and addressing the issues and needs as an underrepresented community within the University of Louisville’s Honors Program.

This organization is meant to be a safe space for multicultural students within the Honors Program, but all students are free to attend our Tuesday meetings in Strickler 226. They can find our meeting schedule on our Instagram page (@blackbrownhonors). We will try to post this schedule to our Instagram and Engage Portal soon. This organization is an excellent opportunity to help our first-year students become more involved on campus. Applications for members are open on our Engage Portal in the Fall and Spring semesters. Applications will be available on our Engage Portal before our first September meeting. Applicants must be a part of the UofL Honors Program to be accepted as a member. You don’t have to be a member to participate in our RSO.


Program Fee: $2,775 + airfare (students have the option to fly with the group or fly independently)

Includes: all accommodation costs in Mexico, airport transfers in Mexico, all excursions and entrance fees, 2 meals per day, all Mexican ground transportation, medical insurance, and security evacuation protection.

Program calendar: Mexico City (4 nights), Merida and environs (in Yucatan, 6 nights), and Playa del Carmen (2 nights).

Course Options (select one):
HON Topics: Cultural Expression in Modern Mexico (taught in English)
MKT: International Marketing (taught in English)
PS: Mexican Politics (taught in English)
SPAN Topics: Mexican Culture and Identity (taught in Spanish)

See website for syllabi.

The KIIS Maya Mexico Winter honors-centered study abroad program (December 26, 2022 – January 7, 2023) is designed for students of all majors and emphasizes active, experiential student learning. Excursions include three phenomenal archaeological sites, inspiring museums, vibrant and colorful local markets in Mexico City and Merida that provide you a slice of Mexican daily life, local pueblos (villages), and our two final days in Playa del Carmen. In addition to exploring multiple facets of Mexican history, culture, politics and identity, you will learn to work ever-more effectively in small groups, improve your analytical and communication skills, and develop a heightened sense of confidence and leadership. Students who previously have participated on the Maya Mexico Winter program comment that it was perhaps the coolest academic and cultural experience of their college career. We hope that proves true for you too, should you decide to join us next December-January. Open to all honors students (and non-honors students with a 3.2 GPA and above). The Honors, Marketing and Political Science courses are offered in English; the Spanish course in Spanish (students select one of the four course offerings above).

If you have any questions, contact KIIS Maya Mexico Winter program director (john.dizgun@wku.edu or 270-227-2288) or Dr. Joy Hart (joy.hart@louisville.edu).
Book & Documentary Clubs
Join the Honors Book Club and the newly minted Documentary Club for a joint kick-off event! Stop by Strickler 126 between 5:00 & 7:00 PM on Monday, August 29, to help plan what is to come for the rest of the year. Book Club books will be distributed at this event and the first Book Club discussion will take place on Monday, Sept. 26. The first documentary screening will be held on Sept. 12, starting at 5:00 PM. Direct questions about either club to Katherine Rucker (Katherine.Rucker@louisville.edu).

Crafter Hours
Are you adept in the arts and crafts or an aspiring craftperson? It’s no matter if you can knit with your eyes closed or have trouble placing a stitch – Crafter Hours welcomes those of all skill levels! We will be holding our first meeting at 5:00 PM on Monday, September 12, in the Etscorn Honors Center (Strickler 126). Contact Noah Smith with questions (Noah.Smith.1@louisville.edu).

Extracurriculars
Paid Student Positions: Air Justice Research Project
As a student on this project, you would work with Dr. Megan Poole (Dept. of English) and Professor Shavonnie Carthens (School of Law) to edit a community website devoted to Air Justice. Content writing and editing work may include gathering, transcribing, and video editing interviews with local residents, blog writing, and translating air pollution notices from local government.

Ideal Qualifications: Past coursework in technical, professional, and/or science writing; past coursework in social justice movements; experience with Adobe programs and web design.

Timeline: August 2022-May 2023
Pay Rate and Hours: $15/hr; typically 10 hours/week
Email Megan.Poole@louisville.edu if you’re interested in learning more about these positions.