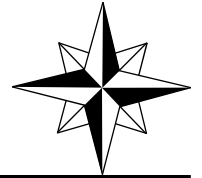


Honors Program Newsletter

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HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Greetings,

It's halfway through my first semester in this position and I'm tempted to say it feels like forever but I know the best is yet to come!! I have enjoyed getting to know many of you as I continue visiting your activities—the research presentations were excellent and informative and some of the talkback sessions at fine arts events quite lively.



I have spent much of this semester meeting with Chairs of all departments on campus to promote the Honors Program and to see how we can work together. All of them have been enthusiastic in their praise of you and your contributions to the departments and the university. Congratulations for that. They have also indicated a willingness to offer more honors sections of various courses, so you may want to remind them whenever you have an opportunity. You are our best ambassadors and with your example the Honors Program will have a significant impact on this university.

We have decided to host a Study-Abroad Essay Contest (in collaboration with the Vidette) and a Photograph Contest (in collaboration with the University Gallery) sometime next semester. You should be hearing more details about that shortly. I have also sent out on the list serve a call for research presentations to the Honors Council of the Illinois Region annual research symposium in Naperville in March, 2007. I hope you take advantage of that opportunity.

If you need anything do drop in, write, or call.

Enjoy the rest of the semester.

Kim Pereira



Homecoming 2006

Thanks for Helping Spread the Red



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Prestigious National Scholarships

By: Becky Mentzer

Now is the time to contact Becky Mentzer (rementz@ilstu.edu) if you want more information about the following scholarships. Each involves a somewhat lengthy application, essays, letters of recommendation, and transcripts.

If you are interested in a career developing public policies on issues in which you are passionate, and you are interested in applying for the **Truman Scholarship**, there are things you can be doing to make yourself a viable candidate.

Do you have experience in student government, community service, or campus activities that have developed leadership skills and furthered your area of interest? Are you an excellent student who plans to attend graduate or professional school in order to work in the public sector? This graduate scholarship is awarded to juniors who participate in a summer institute before and after their senior year

If you are planning to pursue a career in science, math, engineering or technology that is research-based (not high school teaching), then you may want to get more information about the **Goldwater Scholarship**.

Strong candidates have participated in research; presented their research in a public forum of some sort; and may even be published or working in collaboration on a journal article. They are also planning to pursue a PhD following graduation. Sophomores and Juniors are eligible to apply.

Is your area of interest the environment? Have you become passionate about these issues and worked and volunteered in ways that promote environmental concerns? If you are a Sophomore or Junior, regardless of major, wanting to follow a career in this area, you may be eligible to apply for the **Udall Scholarship**. Past winners enjoyed the weekend they spent in Arizona with other Udall Scholars (see more on the Honors website).

Beginning early to prepare for a competitive application is important and reading about these scholarship opportunities on the website and visiting with Becky will help you. Each involves campus deadlines prior to the national deadline for screening purposes, as we can only submit a limited number of applications for each. Begin now to prepare for your application.

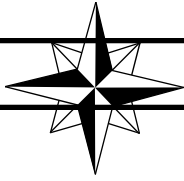
How to plan now to be competitive later

- Maintain academic excellence with GPA of 3.7 and above (minimum 3.5)
- Work toward professional experiences through internships & research
- Choose wisely how to become involved in organizations & activities
- Develop leadership skills and a record of community service
- Get to know your professors so that you can obtain excellent references
- Sharpen your writing skills & seek feedback on scholarly writing
- Know the application process and timeline well in advance of applying:

Ever wonder what it takes to win prestigious fellowships?

This question is what you read first on Live to Learn™ a fee-free educational service coordinated by students for students. Live to Learn™ was created and is maintained by successful national scholarship applicants. These winners want to help you with all kinds of useful information; this site is filled with tips, examples and encouragement. Check it out!

<http://www.livetolearn.com/>



Honors Students in the News

Congratulations to the following students for their recent scholarships and awards.

Actuarial Science Scholarships

State Farm Scholars in Actuarial Science

Nicholas Hagan	David Prevo
Jeremy Harlow	Laura Sudholt
Thomas Lauren	Patrick Tullock
Brittany Minkler	TJ Turner
Shawn O'Kelley	Rebecca Weinshenker
Christine Pflueger	Jordan Wiley

State Farm Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Mary Risius

Orlyn Edge Scholarship

Andrew Patton

John Culver Woody Scholarship Actuarial Foundation

TJ Turner

Honors student speaks during Governor Blagojevich's visit to Illinois State

Cori Johnson, a junior Presidential Scholar, was asked to be the sole student speaker during the governor's visit to campus in August. Cori gave the student perspective of the completion of renovations to Schroeder Hall.



Photo courtesy of Cori Johnson.

2006-07 Bone Scholars

All 14 Bone Scholar recipients are Honors Students.

Erin Caldwell	Elementary Education
Gavin Ehlers	Biological Sciences
Lisa Manus	Biochemistry/Molecular Biology
Angela Marotta	Psychology
Laura Meade	Economics/Finance
Elise Melrose	Politics & Government
Jessica Melville	Theatre/Arts Technology
Tyson Mohr	Philosophy/Mathematics
Molly Nixon	Music/Spanish
Timothy Pantaleone	Finance
Lindsay Sank	Communication
TJ Turner	Mathematics
Rebecca Wenning	Physics
Mark Wirtz	Biochemistry/Molecular Biology



Theresa M. Madigan Scholarship

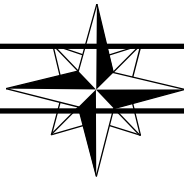
Charlotte Malerich
Sarah Howe
Britany Owen

Bowman Fellow, College of Education

Charlee Zingraf

Lincoln Laureate at Illinois State Lincoln Academy of Illinois award for scholarship and service

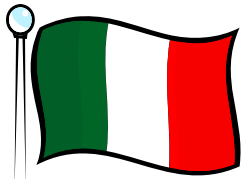
Jennifer Snyder



Where in the world are Honors students?

Florence, Italy

Amy O'Shaughnessy, Art



England

Canterbury

Gabrielle Blossom, Environmental Health
Stephen Riopell, Math Education

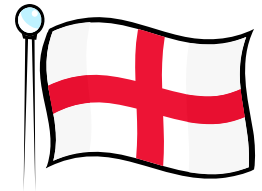


Leicester

Kelly Bailey

Royal Holloway

Kelly Snyder, Music Education



Bonn, Germany

Nicole Short, German



Granada, Spain

Jonathan Hostetler, Math Education
Zachary Jeremiah, Organizational Leadership
Emily Novak, Spanish Education



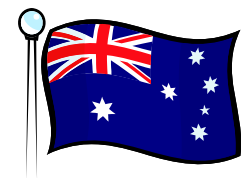
Vienna, Austria

Cary Ruklic, Music Education



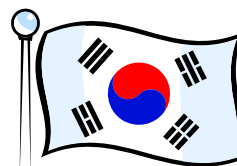
Griffith, Australia

Christina Brown, Politics & Government



Dong-Ah, Korea

Jesse Woolman, Public Relations

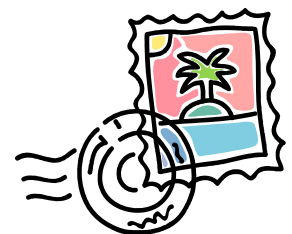


To learn about study abroad opportunities, visit the Office of International Studies and Programs, Fell 308.

<http://www.internationalstudies.ilstu.edu/>

Going abroad? Send the Honors Office a postcard. We'd love to hear about your adventures.

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Honors Odds and Ends

Honors Alumni Panel

Who? Honors alumni from various fields, including Education, Computer Science, and Actuarial Science; and You, current Honors students.

What? A panel discussion during which alumni will share their experiences after Illinois State and discuss how they have benefited from the Honors Program.

When? TBA, late February or early March.

Where? Founder's Suite (tentative)

Why? Current students can learn a great deal from the experiences of recent grads who are making their way in a variety of careers. This event will count as an experience for the Sophomore Honors designation. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

Honors Formal at the Miller Park Pavilion Saturday, February 24, 2007



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Honors Colloquium: Brazilian Social Activist

Wednesday, November 29, 4 pm, Schroeder 242

In conjunction with the world premiere production of the play "Hopeless Spinning" by Margaret E. Iha, Illinois State University has the rare opportunity to bring to campus Yvonne Bezerra de Mello, an internationally acclaimed social activist working directly with the street children of Brazil. As Brazil does not have a tradition of volunteerism, Yvonne is unconventional because of her courage, compassion and willingness to work with these children.

The extreme poverty and violence that people experience in the favelas (slums) lead many children to run away and take their chances on the streets. These thousands of street children are perceived by the elite as repulsive, and, during the 1990's, the international press drew attention to the fact that they were being routinely gunned down.

"Hopeless Spinning" will be presented on December 1-3 and 6-8 in Westhoff Theatre. Set in Rio de Janeiro in 1997, the story revolves around "Sam," a twenty-seven-year-old American journalism student and her desire to complete a photographic essay on Rio's desperate street kids. In this play filled with compelling imagery peppered with Portuguese, the playwright combines contemporary poetry, rap and music with the ancient tradition of capoeira (an amalgamation of dance and martial arts). The playwright is a graduate student at Illinois State University in politics and government. While pursuing her masters degree, she studied playwriting under Dr. Leslie Sloan Orr, which led to receiving two awards from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for selected components of this play.

This event counts as an experience for the Sophomore Honors Designation.

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