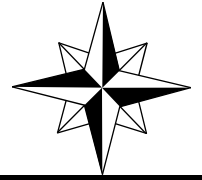


Honors Program Newsletter

Illinois State University



HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

FALL 2007

Greetings from the Honors Program. We're off to a flying start this fall semester, with over 200 freshmen Honors students with interesting and varied backgrounds and excellent academic and co-curricular records.



The Honors Program has organized several activities for new and continuing students, through Honors Freshman Seminar, the Honors Student Organization, and the Presidential Scholars Club. I hope you've taken advantage of the multifarious opportunities available to you on this campus. Never forget that Education is what we acquire throughout the day, in a myriad of forms and from unexpected sources. The challenge is to keep ourselves open to all possibilities.

Although fall seems an odd time to talk about summer, I want to alert you to the fact that the university is making a large investment in summer school. For next summer we have secured several Honors sections of Gen-Ed courses that you will find very interesting. Some of them have short travel components (POL 106 and PHI 238). One is an online course (AGR 203) with an initial travel requirement, and ECO 103 has a fascinating, practical project attached to it.

Faculty and department chairs have responded enthusiastically to our call for interesting summer courses and I hope you will, too. To the right and on the web site are further details.

I also want to invite you to send in proposals for the Spring Conference of the Honors Council of the Illinois Region to be held on March 1, 2008, at Western Illinois University (Moline). This is a very good conference for students who want some experience at making presentations of their research at a regional level. The Honors Program will pay for the registration and travel (we'll drive up and back in a day) of four students. All you have to do is send me a 200-word proposal of your research (see details on page 5).

I wish you well for the rest of the semester.

Kim Pereira, PhD
Director, Honors Program
Professor of Theatre



Summer 2008 Honors Sections

Full course descriptions are available on the Honors web site:

www.honors.ilstu.edu/current/honors_courses.shtml

PHI 238: Rights and Wrongs: Focus on Environmental Harms

Outer Core: Humanities

Session A: May 12 - May 30, 2008 (3 weeks)

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 10:40 am

Instructor: Dr. Thomas Simon

ECO 103: Individual and Social Choice

Middle Core: Individuals and Societies

Session C: May 19 - June 12, 2008 (4 weeks)

Monday - Thursday: 11 am - 1:30 pm

Instructor: Dr. Oguzhan Dincer

POL 106: US Government and Civic Practices

Middle Core-Individuals and Civic Life

Session D: June 16 - July 10, 2008 (4 weeks)

Monday - Thursday: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Instructor: Shamira Gelbman

This course will have a travel component that will entail a day trip to Springfield, IL, where students will tour the State Capitol Building and meet with legislators.

AGR 203: Agriculture and the Environment

Outer Core: Science, Math, and Technology

ONLINE Course

6 weeks (May 12 - June 20, 2008)

Instructor: Dr. Aslihan Spaulding

Except for the first week of class, there will be no face to face class meetings for this course. The class will visit several farms and agribusinesses in the first week of class. Then students will participate in class on-line.

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Honors Student Ashley Mayor Selected as Illinois State's Lincoln Laureate

Each year the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, an assembly of distinguished Illinois citizens, honors an outstanding graduating senior from each of the degree granting colleges/universities in the state. The student selected is chosen on the basis of commitment to education, service to the community, and exemplification of the principles for which Abraham Lincoln stood. This year the Illinois State University student laureate is Ashley Mayor.



Ashley Mayor is a senior Honors student pursuing a Bachelor's Degree with a major in Elementary Education. She is participating in the College of Education's Professional Development School, which is a year-long teaching experience. Ashley was named a Bone Scholar for the 2007-08 year, and when she graduates in May 2008, she will receive a variety of Honors designations, including Departmental Honors, University Honors Scholar, Certificate in University Honors, and Honors Program Scholar.

As Ashley reflected on her experience in the Honors Program, she said that it has truly impacted her education and life in a positive way. "The Honors Program has opened up opportunities for mentorships, advancements in my field of study, research opportunities, and general council and warmth that has made my experience at Illinois State unforgettable."

In order to earn Departmental Honors in Elementary Education, Ashley completed an Independent Honors Study project which focused on the concept of Character Education. Ashley described Character Education as a very hot topic in the field of education at the present which focuses on embedding morals and values within the standard curriculum. This research opportunity allowed her to prepare for her own classroom in the future. Ashley said, "my area of research will prepare me to provide for the socio-emotional needs of my students as well as plan for the management of my classroom. This study brought me the opportunity to work closely with professors within the College of Education and pursue something I was passionate about within the field of education."

Ashley spent the fall 2005 semester studying abroad in Sweden. She took advantage of the study abroad experience in order to challenge herself both academically and through the cultural experience that can be had while abroad. Ashley said that she learned so much more than she could have learned out of a text book. "I learned valuable cultural lessons, how to live in a different environment, and made friends with other students from places all over the world."

Ashley values the friendships she has made and the perspective this experience gave her on life in America and what she is capable of as a global citizen.

In addition to her experiences in the Honors Program and her time abroad, Ashley has been an active member of the Illinois State, Bloomington-Normal, and other communities. She has worked in guest services at the Children's Discovery Museum in Normal, and has been a camp counselor for various organizations, including: Camp Luther, Spring Hill Camps, and the Western Springs Recreation Department.

Ashley's professional memberships include Illinois Education Association, National Education Association, and National Honors Society. She is also an active member of the Student Education Association, serving on the Executive Board and initiating a mentoring program called Big Teachers Little Teachers, which pairs underclassmen with upperclassmen in teacher education fields.

Ashley is also involved in several student organizations, some of which include serving as the President and committee chair of the Student Alumni Council, membership in Campus Crusade for Christ, Senior Professionals Mentoring Program, and many more. Additionally, Ashley has been involved in many community organizations and volunteer opportunities, including Partners in Reading Program, Teachers Aid, Peer Tutoring & Mentoring, and the American Cancer Society.

Ashley plans to continue to serve the community by securing an elementary school teaching position after graduation. She has decided to dedicate her life to education to pursue and promote lifelong learning.



The Honors Program Presents: “Issues with Idol”

The SALT team organized this first in a series of “Desserts with the Doctors,” panel discussions with faculty on timely or popular issues.

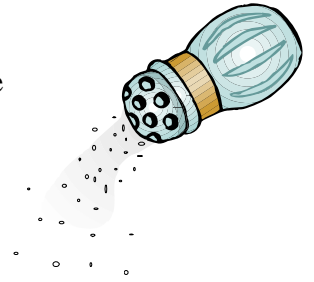
Thanks to Dr. Steve Taylor, Marketing; Dr. Glen Reeder, Social Psychology; and Mr. Tom Powers, Film & Theatre for their time and thoughtful insights on American Idol through the perspective of their disciplines.

Look for another panel in the spring semester.



The SALT Shaker

In its inaugural semester, the Honors Student Assistants Leadership Team (SALT) successfully planned and implemented a variety of events for current Honors students and has helped promote the program to prospective students.



SALT welcomed students in Honors House to campus before classes started, facilitated the Honors Program’s involvement in Homecoming, and implemented the outstanding faculty panel discussion on American Idol.

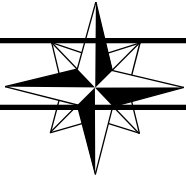
The SALT team is already hard at work planning programs for the spring semester, including the Bookbag to Briefcase Honors Alumni Panel, Spring Formal, and a second inter-disciplinary panel with faculty on a popular topic.

If you are interested in helping with the Spring Formal, Saturday, March 29, please contact Kathryn Valle, kmvalle@ilstu.edu, or Allyson Wetzell, alwetze@ilstu.edu.

The application process for the SALT team takes place in the spring semester. The SALT team develops leadership skills while promoting the Honors Program and building a sense of community among Honors students through creating and implementing innovative programs, as well as preserving Honors Program traditions.

Many thanks to the Fall 2007 SALT Team

Kristen Avara
Ben Burke
Jenna Grider
Doug Johnson
Kathryn Valle
Allyson Wetzell
Lauren Woodard



Honors Students in the News

Congratulations to the following students for their recent achievements.

2007-08 Bone Scholars

13 of the 14 new Bone Scholars are Honors students

Valerie Balicki, Special Education
Matthew Carlson, Accounting
Amanda Hansen, Marketing/Communication
Steven Harms, Accounting
Elizabeth Heeren, Finance, Insurance & Law
Rebekah Hertz, Nursing
Aaron Hillebrandt, Mathematics
Jennifer Hitt, Psychology
Audrey Karrick, Accounting
Jordan Macy, Kinesiology & Recreation
Ashley Mayor, Curriculum & Instruction
Lauren Paviol, Special Education
Keith Wojewnik, Kinesiology & Recreation

Summer Honors Research Mentorships

Tony Battaglia - Physics
Patrice Baumhardt - Biology
Daniel Gardner - Chemistry
Nathaniel McCoy - History
Patrick Milott - Philosophy
Chan-Mo Park - Psychology
Katrina Porter - Biology
Keith Wojewnik - Kinesiology & Recreation

Fall Honors Research Mentorships

Scott Baird - Psychology
Tim Garvin - Physics
Amanda Krueger - Nursing
Lauren Vickroy - Music
Stephanie Whitecotton - Special Education
David Wischhusen - Physics

The application for Research Mentorships takes place in the spring semester; mentorships are awarded for full time research in the summer and part time research in the fall semester.

Goldwater Scholarship Honorable Mention

Patrice Baumhardt, Presidential Scholar, Biological Sciences major, Chemistry minor

Honoring former Senator Barry Goldwater, the Goldwater Scholarships are administered by a federally endowed agency and are awarded to undergraduate students in mathematics, the sciences, and engineering.

Marie Jessa Scholarship

Karen Schaschwary, Art Education

These scholarships were endowed by Marie Jessa, a 1926 graduate of Illinois State University who taught business education here from 1946-1966. The purpose of the award is to honor and support Illinois State University seniors who not only have achieved academically, but who have also demonstrated initiative and creativity and to serve as a challenge for continued development of their potential as fully as possible during their senior year.

Scholarship recipients must develop a special project or specific program over and above regular classroom activities during the senior year. The project must be constructive in nature and have the potential of benefiting the University, the community, or a group of persons, as well as contributing to the growth and development of the student as an individual.

Karen's project is "Promoting Art Activities Through the Community." As President of the student chapter of the National Art Education Associate, Karen is in the forefront of several initiatives to advocate the arts by teaching the public how much art relates to and improves our world. Some of these activities involve teaching art activities at local festivals, presenting at state and national conferences, and teaching art workshops at nearby schools.

The application process for the MJ Scholarship is in the spring semester.



Honors Odds and Ends

Honors Council of the Illinois Region Conference

Honors students are invited to submit proposals for the HCIR Spring Conference at the Western Illinois University Quad Cities Campus in Moline, IL, on Saturday, March 1, 2008. The Honors Program will select four proposals to represent the program. Traveling expenses and registration fees will be paid by the Honors Program.

Presentation Proposals should be no more than 200 words: For oral presentations or posters, describe your project, providing a brief explanation of the major goals, methodology, and conclusions in language understandable by persons from a range of disciplines.

Proposals, including a telephone number at which you can be reached during Winter Break, should be sent by Friday, December 7, to:
Dr. Kim Pereira, kpereir@ilstu.edu

Save the Date

Bookbag to Briefcase: Honors Alumni Panel

Monday, February 25, 2008, 7 pm (tentative)

Honors Spring Formal

Saturday, March 29, 2008, 7:30 pm
BBC Activity Room

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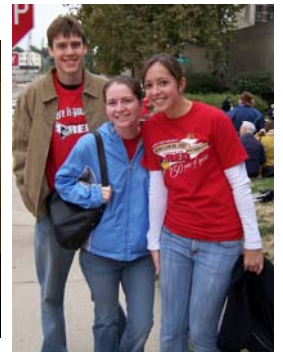
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