

# Presidential Scholars Newsletter

Illinois State University

## A note from Sara



Welcome to the first edition of the new Presidential Scholars newsletter!

In addition to updating you on upcoming events, happenings, and deadlines, the focus of this newsletter is to help maintain a sense of community among Presidential Scholars.

Students have often commented to me that they wish they knew what the other PS's were doing since they were together in PS Colloquium their freshman year. While it is not always possible to stay in contact with people (even on campus) or get to know the new scholars, my hope is that this new venue will help you to maintain the Presidential Scholars community.

As this new year unfolds, I want to invite you to submit articles or tidbits of interest for publication. Maybe you could share your experiences of studying abroad, completing your service project, or other interesting projects.

The Presidential Scholars Program is more than just a scholarship. It is a group of outstanding students with outstanding accomplishments doing outstanding things. Once again, I look forward to another year with all of you and I wish you all of the best in the coming months.

Until next time~Sara

## Name that Newsletter! Contest

Not to say that "Presidential Scholars Newsletter" isn't descriptive, but it certainly isn't catchy. Therefore, you are invited to submit your ideas for a newsletter title. If your idea is selected you will be the winner of a fabulous prize.

Send your ideas to Sara Schickel at [saschic@ilstu.edu](mailto:saschic@ilstu.edu). The deadline for submissions is October 15th.

Good luck!

## Big Sib/Little Sib Program Returns

After a hiatus, the Presidential Scholars Big Sib/Little Sib program is back!

At the August 31 PS Night class, the 37 new freshmen Presidential Scholars met their upperclass Big Sib mentors for an evening of food and trivia hosted by the PSAs—Erin Caldwell, Angela Marotta, and Elise Melrose.

As part of a class assignment, the Little Sibs interviewed their Big Sibs about their experiences, advise, etc. If the noise level was an indication of the program's success the event was well received. In addition to meeting new faces, the upper class Presidential Scholars enjoyed catching up with one another.

If you are interested in being a Big Sib for a freshman Presidential Scholar next year, look for an announcement in the spring.

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## PS Club Seeks New Members

PS Club is ready to start another great year! At the end of the spring semester, two new officers were elected. Those students in leadership positions for the upcoming semester are:

President	Taren Windish
Vice President	Kristina Wright
Secretary	Sara McCubbins
Treasurer	Beth Kilduski



Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month. March your calendars now and get in on all of the fun. Some ideas that are in the works include: Welcome back event for students returning from studying abroad, game night and Halloween candy exchange, community clean-up, movie night, and much more. Don't be left out. Come to the first meeting and find out how you can be involved!

Contact the PS Club officers at [isu\\_prez\\_schols@hotmail.com](mailto:isu_prez_schols@hotmail.com)

**PS Club Meeting**  
**Monday, September 13th**  
**8pm in Stevenson 401A**

## Welcome new Interim Honors Director— Dr. Doug Hesse



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The search for a new Honors Director will begin again and we hope to have a perma-

There's a new face in the Honors Program! The Honors Program is pleased to welcome Doug Hesse to the office. Dr. Hesse, Professor of English, is wearing two hats this semester—he is currently the Director of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching in addition to serving as our Interim Director of Hon-

ment, full-time director in place sometime this year.

When the candidates for Honors Director come to campus for an interview, it is important that students get involved and make their voices heard. This is your chance to make a real difference to the future of the Honors Program. All student forums with the candidates will be announced and you are urged to attend. Hey, there may be even pizza and you don't want to miss that!

In the meantime, stop by the Honors Office and get to know Dr. Hesse!

### Mark your calendars

September 13—

- In-Course Honors Contracts Due—Late contracts are not accepted.
- PS Club Meeting at 8pm in STV 401A

September 13-October 8—

Schedule your advisement appointments before registration for spring begins.

*Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.*

—**Mark Twain**

## FAQ—What happens to my money???

Q: I'm not living in the residence hall this year. Will this change the amount of PS Scholarship money I receive?

A: No, but it may affect how it is applied. The PS money is first applied to your ISU bill. Traditionally it goes toward tuition, fees, room and board. When you no longer live on campus, your bill will reflect tuition and fees. Room and board rates are no longer applicable on your ISU bill. Therefore, if you have any left over scholarship money



after your ISU bill has been paid then you will receive a refund check.

Q: If I expect to receive some of the scholarship in money, when should I expect a check?

A: The checks are sent out with other student account refunds. This typically occurs the Friday before school starts. You can check your financial aid and refund status on the portal.

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## Awards Ceremony Scheduled for October 10

Thirty-seven freshmen Presidential Scholars will be recognized at the Annual Awards Ceremony on Sunday, October 10th. Other recipients will include the Rose Scholars and Watkins Scholars (both are study abroad scholarships for Presidential Scholars) and Bone Scholars, among others.

Upperclass PSs, do you remember when you were on stage for this event? Well, now you can participate in another way. The Honors Program is looking for students who are willing to be ushers for the event. The program begins at 2pm, but assistants are asked to be there at 1:30pm to help with set up. If you are interested in volunteering at this important public event, please contact Julie Brooks at [jlbrook@ilstu.edu](mailto:jlbrook@ilstu.edu).



There are only two ways to live your life.

One is as though nothing is a miracle.

The other is as if everything is.

—Albert Einstein

## Did you know?

- There is a Presidential Scholars Program web site? Check it out at [www.arr.ilstu.edu/honors/presidential\\_scholar/](http://www.arr.ilstu.edu/honors/presidential_scholar/)
- Students will be speaking about their study abroad experiences to the new freshmen at night class on October 5th. If you would like to be one of the featured speakers, contact Sara at [saschic@ilstu.edu](mailto:saschic@ilstu.edu) by September 27.
- The Honors Program is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Keep an eye out for special events!
- Presidential Scholars totaled over 5198 hours of volunteer experience last year!

## Presidential Scholars Program

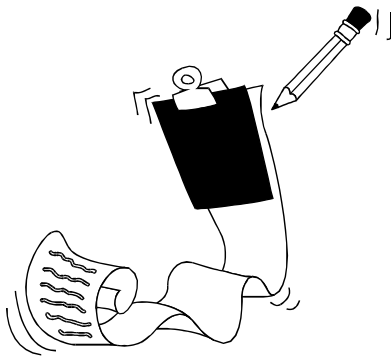
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### 10 Things For Your To Do List

1. Attend a PS Club meeting
2. Make a difference in someone's life
3. Talk to a professor about something other than class
4. Sit on the quad and watch the clouds
5. Register to vote
6. Read a book that you want to read—not one that you have to read
7. Attend one of the Honors sponsored activities
8. Volunteer
9. Update your Faculty Colleague Plan!
10. Submit an idea for the contest...details inside!