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Sun shines for Honors opening

Move in day, Sunday, September 15, started with lightning, thunder and heavy rain. But at the scheduled beginning time of 10:00 a.m., the rain stopped and the largest residence hall on campus—the new Honors Community—filled to its capacity of 384.* Students—with help from their parents, grandparents, siblings, and scores of Wright State volunteers—carried box after box until every room was full. The international students and their Wright State suitemates had moved in a couple of weeks earlier. Everyone seems well pleased with the building, which also houses two classrooms and apartments for Honors Faculty in Residence Bobby Rubin and Honors Community Director Gloria Rigsbee. Of particular note is the very handsomely outfitted Gypsy Camp Cafe, a new coffee bar that provided free coffee and cookies to all takers on Sunday.

The student advisors for the building are: East Wing: Tianna Moore, Denada Sharra, Ryan Fogle; West Wing: Amanda Bucher, Lucas Beagle, Jonida Prifti, Lindsay Walthall; North Wing: Scott Runyan (IHOP), Amanda McConnell (Pre-Med), Nancy Thompson, Kristine Albus. The Grand Opening of the building, complete with ribbon cutting, dignitaries, and the like, will take place on October 4 following the Board of Trustees meeting. Best wishes to all residents for an outstanding year of community living, service learning and classroom performance.

*In fact, the Honors Community is the largest residential facility in Greene County.
Welcome to the fall quarter from the Wright State University Honors Program! Associate Director Mary Kenton, Program Secretary Beverly Rowe, student workers Sindi Dobbins and Valerie Felmet, and I especially want to recognize and welcome 329 new Honors students. It is our hope that each of you will visit us in our new location on the second floor of the beautifully renovated Millett Hall. We are also confident that you will find the new Honors Student Lounge a convenient place to study and socialize between classes.

The Honors Program enjoyed another marvelous year in 2001-2002. More than 800 students, representing 7% of all undergraduate enrollment, participated in the program. The Student Honors Association, with 134 participants, engaged in numerous community service projects, including working at the Ronald McDonald House in Dayton. A total of 51 faculty members taught 75 Honors courses, including 5 very popular web-only classes. No fewer than 21 Honors students were inducted into the prestigious national honorary society, Phi Kappa Phi, and 84 honors students graduated with an Honors designation, including 32 University Honors Scholars, 25 Departmental Honors Scholars, and 27 General Studies Honors Scholars. Many of these graduates are now pursuing graduate work at prestigious universities like Yale and Duke.

The 2002-2003 academic year, meanwhile, promises to be an even more memorable one for the University Honors Program. We will celebrate our 30th anniversary throughout the months ahead, with a number of exciting programs planned for this fall. For example, we will host a brunch for Honors Program Alumni on October 26 during Homecoming Weekend. Then, in November, we will present a special lecture by Honors Program Alum and University of Cincinnati law professor Michael Solimine. Also in the coming year, we will continue our many academic initiatives, including the implementation of a program designed to assist Honors students in securing nationally based scholarships.

Also exciting has been the completion of the new Honors Residence Hall. I certainly enjoyed helping move students into their new rooms on September 15, and I thank the wonderful staff in Residence Services for their courtesy and assistance on moving day. The Honors Faculty in Residence, Bobby Rubin, is now in his new apartment in the Honors Community. He, too, has a number of interesting programs planned for all Honors students. Watch for news about these events in upcoming newsletters and electronic communications.

So once again during this special year, the University Honors Program looks forward to many stimulating and rewarding events and opportunities. As Director, it’s my great pleasure to participate in them with each and every one of you.

Susan Carrafiello

Honors course grant competition for faculty

The University Honors Program (UHP) is pleased to announce the UH 200 Course Development Grant Competition. During the 2002-2003 academic year, the UHP will award a total of three $1500 grants to fully-affiliated Wright State University faculty members to assist in the development of new UH 200 courses. UH 200 courses can replace general education requirements in the appropriate area and are designed to provide Honors students with interdisciplinary introductions to the humanities (UH 201), the social sciences (UH 202), and the natural sciences (UH 203). Recipients of the grant will be expected to offer the new UH 200 course at least twice over a three year period.

The primary purpose of the grant is to allow the faculty member release time or overload pay to develop a new UH 200 course. Faculty who wish to apply should submit the following materials:

1. Course proposal, including a tentative syllabus
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Letters of support from applicant’s Department Chair and Dean, indicating a willingness to permit applicant to teach a new UH 200 course.

A subcommittee of the University Honors Committee will review all applications.

Completed applications for the first round of competition are due by November 1, 2002. Please send or e-mail proposals to: University Honors Program

243 Millett Hall
honors@wright.edu
FAX x3633
Another class graduates

The annual spring recognition reception was held on Wednesday, June 5 in the Multipurpose Room with well over 100 people in attendance. Music was provided by the Wright State University Woodwind Trio.

Newly appointed Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics and longtime Honors supporter Michele Wheatley was the keynote speaker. Her delightful talk focused on her own life-changing experience as an undergraduate Honors student.

University Honors Scholars

University Honors Scholars have completed at least eight Honors courses and seminars according to a prescribed distribution as well as the departmental Honors Program in their majors.

AMANDA ELIZABETH BAIRD
Majors: Elementary Ed & Early Childhood Ed
Project: Arts in the Classroom
Advisor: Steve Hansell

HOLLY M. BILLET
Major: Music Education
Project: High School Students’ Preference for Familiar or Unfamiliar Music
Advisor: James Tipps

KRISTY I. BOWLING
Major: Accountancy
Minor: Management Information Systems
Project: Digital Analysis
Advisor: Susan Lightle

JAIME L. BUTCHER
Major: Nursing
Project: Recruiting the Nurses of Tomorrow
Advisor: Carol Holdcraft

AMANDA CAMPBELL
Major: Industrial and Systems Engineering
Project: Dynamic Scheduling of Aircraft Maintenance
Advisor: Sundaram Narayanan

CHRISTINE E. CHARLESWORTH
Major: Chemistry
Project: Friedel Crafts Acylation of 2-Methoxynaphthalene Using Microencapsulated Lewis Acids and a Lithium Salt
Advisor: Daniel Ketcha

DALE SEAN CULL
Major: Electrical Engineering
Project: Computer Simulation of Linear Integrated Circuits
Advisor: Marian Kazimierczuk

LESLEY ANN DUNN
Major: Special Education, Multi-handicapped
Project: Teaching Students with Autism and Other Related Disorders
Advisor: Steve Hansell

VIRGINIA GIMENEZ
Major: Mass Communications
Project: Mid-Twenties Crisis: A Search for Identity
Advisor: James Sayer

MEER TAHMINA HUSAIN
Major: Computer Science
Project: Open GL-Based Interaction Module for an Avatar Controller
Advisor: Francis Quek

JULIE ANN JACKSON
Major: Electrical Engineering
Project: Change Detection as a Statistical Hypothesis Problem
Advisor: Michael Minardi

Dean Wheatley speaking at Honors reception.
RYAN S. JUSTICE
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Project: RAPD-PCR Assessment of the Genetic Diversity within Alliana petiolata
Advisor: Dan Krane

SARAH EMILY SCHMIDT
Majors: Biological Sciences and Chemistry
Project: Mandibular Radiograph Study®Patient Recruitment and Radiograph Analysis
Advisor: Thomas Hangartner

NICOLE A. KATULAK
Major: Psychology
Minors: Spanish and Business
Project: Effective Health Communications®
Prolonging Worry about a Health Threat
Advisor: Tamera Schneider

MELISSA STRAIN
Major: Biological Sciences
Project: The Genetic Diversity of Alliana petiolata
Advisor: Dan Krane

DOUGLAS ANTHONY NORTHEIM
Major: Design/Tech Theatre
Project: The Digital Portfolio
Advisor: Matthew Benjamin

JAMES M. VAN OSS
Major: Psychology
Project: 3-D Structure from Motion
Advisor: Scott Watamaniuk

MEGAN ELIZABETH PALM
Major: Nursing
Project: Promotion of Comfort and Relief of Pain in Dying Patients®The Role of Terminal Sedation
Advisor: Jane Doorley

ANGELA WALKER
Major: English
Project: Despair in Books I and II of Spenser’s The Faerie Queene
Advisor: Robert Correale

MARY CLAIRE SAMY RIZK
Major: Chemistry
Minors: Spanish and Business
Project: Effective Health Communications®
Prolonging Worry about a Health Threat
Advisor: Tamera Schneider

SHANNON E. WILSON
Major: Psychology
Project: Stress-Induced Sickness Behavior®An Explanation for Responses to Social Separation?
Advisor: Mike Hennessy

BETH A. WIRICK
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Project: Developing an Algorithm to Measure Changes in Soft Tissue of Below-knee Residual Limbs using Computed Tomography
Advisor: Ping He

President Goldenberg greets a parent.
Departmental Honors Scholars

Departmental Honors Scholars have completed significant independent work in their disciplines, ranging from laboratory and library research to creative projects. In many cases, these projects entail more than a year’s work.

PAUL MONROE BAKER
Major: Physics
Project: Laboratory Studies of Thermospheric IR Processes
Advisor: Jerry Clark

TRACY A. BRANDENBURG
Major: Nursing
Project: Seat Belt Safety & Are You Buckling Up?
Advisor: Shari Carey

PATRICIA BUECHLER
Major: Anthropology
Project: Dental Analysis of the Lakeview Heights Farm Site, 33 CL 54
Advisor: Robert Riordan

MONICA S. BURTON
Major: Sociology
Project: The Effects of Family Type, Supervision, and the Parent-Child Relationship on Juvenile Delinquent Behavior
Advisor: Jacqueline Bergdahl

JERRITTE H. COUTURE
Major: Psychology
Project: Navigation Fidelity in 3-D Perspective Displays for Web-based Shopping & From Nodes to Views
Advisor: Herbert Colle

KIMBERLY S. CRESTANI
Major: Nursing
Project: Practicing Self-care for Individuals with Ulcerative Colitis & What Really Works
Advisor: Janette Braun

GAIL L. DEAN
Major: Chemistry
Project: Novel Applications of Water as a Green Solvent
Advisor: Audrey McGowin

ELIZABETH SARA DUFF
Major: Nursing
Project: Job Strain and Depression Among Registered Nurses in the United States
Advisor: Jane Hutcheson

ASHLEY ELIZABETH FOSTER
Major: Political Science
Project: Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Istanbul +5 Conference
Advisor: Donna Schlagheck

KATHRYN HANDLEY
Major: Psychology
Project: Social Support and Undermining as Predictors of Well-being
Advisor: Jean Edwards

JESSE L. HAWKE
Major: Psychology
Project: Social Influences on Stress Hormones and Behavior in Adulthood in an Animal Model
Advisor: Michael Hennessy

BARBARA ALISON HOLMES
Major: Nursing
Project: Activities for the Individual with Alzheimer’s & What Really Works
Advisor: Gail Moddeman

MICHAEL B. LORE
Major: Biological Sciences
Project: The Higher Phyloges of Phylactolaemate Bryozoans Inferred from 18S Ribosomal DNA Sequences
Advisor: Tim Wood

SUSAN MACKEY
Major: Nursing
Project: Organ Donation & A Choice for Life
Advisor: Jane Doorley
Brenda S. Newton
Major: Nursing
Project: Nurses Helping Nurses
Advisor: Jane Hutcheson

Abigail North
Major: Nursing
Project: Review of Literature on Pediatric Obesity
Advisor: Ann Stalter

Pamela A. Orenbaun
Major: Psychology
Project: Predictors of Job Search Self-efficacy
Advisor: Jean Edwards

Jonah Shaver
Major: Physics
Project: Preparation & Characterization of MgB$_2$ Superconductor
Advisor: Gregory Kozlowski

Erin Marie Swindler
Major: English
Project: A Short Story Collection
Advisor: Brady Allen

Richard W. Tobey
Major: Biological Sciences
Project: An Investigation of the Time Course of Apoptosis of the Rod Outer Segment Cells in the Hyperthermically Light Exposed Rat Retina
Advisor: Daniel Organisciak

General Studies Honors Scholars

General Studies Honors Scholars have earned A’s or B’s in eight Honors courses and seminars and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.4.

Terrence Bradley Baugh
Majors: Biological Sciences and Chemistry

Julie Ann Ermlich
Major: Art
Minor: Spanish

Shannon Y. Griffin
Major: Management Information Systems

Joshua D. Harris
Major: Chemistry

Christina F. Haverfield
Major: Mass Communications (Public Relations)

Brian L. Huelskamp
Major: Mathematics

Henrietta Iranyi
Major: Finance
Minor: Management Information Systems

Kevin Paul Kaufhold
Major: Chemistry

Melissa L. Maggart
Major: Exercise Science
Honorable Mentions

**MEREDITH V. MURRY**  
Major: Management Information Systems

**ALEXANDRA MARIE NOLAN**  
Major: Chemistry

**MICHELLE NOVAK**  
Major: Finance

**ANTHONY W. PARTLOW**  
Major: Biological Sciences (Exercise Science)

**CHARLES R. REDMAN II**  
Major: Biological Sciences

**JENNIFER REGLER**  
Major: Biological Sciences

**JONATHON M. SEARS**  
Major: Mathematics

**WHITNEY A. SWIFT**  
Major: History

**MICHAEL A. TATE**  
Major: Management

**ELIZABETH A. WASS**  
Major: Political Science  
Minor: Women’s Studies

Mary Kenton congratulates Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship recipient Chuck Redman.

Roy L. Vice, Associate Professor of History, was named Teacher of the Year at the annual Honors recognition reception on June 5. Dr. Vice has taught Honors sections of the Western Civilization survey for the past nine years. Students have repeatedly described him as challenging, interesting, engaging, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic. And as they stated in their nomination letter, Honors students admire his ability to break down the student/teacher barrier and create a classroom environment in which students from diverse backgrounds can learn the diverse beliefs and values of the teacher and the other students in the class. Dr. Vice has been nominated many times. He is as much appreciated by the staff as he is by the students.  

No one is more deserving.

Developing and teaching an Honors class

On Wednesday, October 23, Honors Director Susan Carrafello and several veteran Honors faculty will lead a workshop on the joys of teaching Honors students. Participants will learn how Honors can be both challenging and liberating for students and instructors alike. All the details will be explained—how to propose an Honors course, how to sell a Chair on the idea of teaching in Honors, how Honors students differ, and various compensation options. The workshop will be from 11:00 to 1:00 in the Honors Conference Room, 238 Millett Hall. Lunch will be served. Call the Center for Teaching and Learning for a reservation—3162.

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Sophomore Honors Scholars

On May 22 a reception was held to recognize the 56 sophomores who completed the first phase of their requirements. Each attendee was presented with a certificate to acknowledge the successful completion of six Honors courses with an A or B. These students are well on their way to earning General Studies Honors or University Honors.

Ann Allerding
Mary Allnutt
Tamara Backus
Scott Bauer
Amy Beining
Andrea Bergman
Tiffany Boggs
Dean Brown
Randall Brown
Katie Bullinger
Clifton Bullmaster
Trueshonda
Carmicle
Seth Chalmer
Deborah Conrady
Ann Corpman
Brandy Duncan
Abbey Dunn
Lacy Ekberg
Rachel Fazio
Robert Feldmann III
Andrew Fleming
Elizabeth Guy
Sharlene Hopkins
Francine Howell
Rachel Howell
Erika Josson
Allison Judy
Tiffany Kelley
Erin Kingdom

Susan Koller
Emily Lawson
Molly Livingston
Christopher Mason
Amanda Matteson
Ashley Minnick
Tianna Moore
Thomas Patterson
Jeffery Price
Susanne Pride
Christine Reedy
Anthony Sabatini
Suzanne Salupo
Jamie Stanford
Amy Steiningher

Joseph Stevens
Cory Taylor
Andrea Thompson
Brittany Titus
John Tobe
Kristen Troup
Mindi Wallace
Alex Wenning
Jessica Westgerdes
Larry Williams, Jr.
Dianne Young
Catherine Zelnio

Tianna Moore and Brandy Duncan are pleased to have completed their core requirements for General Studies Honors.

Reserve these important dates on your calendars now. More Honors Program activities will be announced through your Wright State email account.

Mark your calendars

Honors Alumni Brunch
Saturday, October 26

August/December Graduates Luncheon
Thursday, December 5

Sophomore Honors Scholars Reception
Thursday, May 22

Honors Research Colloquium
Thursday, June 5

March/June Graduates Reception
Thursday, June 12
Honorable Mentions

First-Annual Research Colloquium a success

On May 30, nine Honors students representing four undergraduate colleges presented their research to an audience of faculty and students. Prizes were awarded in the following categories:

- **Social Sciences**: Nicole Katulak
- **Natural Sciences**: Kristina Weaver
- **Egr/Computer Science**: Tahmina Husain
- **Nursing**: Megan Palm
- **Humanities**: Erin Runtz

The other participants were Pamela Orenbaum (Psy), Virginia Gimenéz (Com), Kathryn Handley (Psy), and Paul Baker (Physics). Eight of the participants are graduating seniors, and their project titles and advisors are given in the list of graduates. Kristina Weaver was the only junior participant. Her project was titled *Synthesis of a Benzothiozale Substituted Tolane* and it was directed by Dr. William Feld. Several papers engendered lively discussion. All presentations were marked by a high level of professionalism. The event exceeded expectations for a first effort. Next spring will be even better—broader participation, larger audience, more publicity. Mark your calendar—Thursday, June 5, 2003.

Honors Dialogues

Again this year, Political Science Chair Donna Schlagheck will kick off the Honors Dialogue series on Wednesday, October 9 in 206 Fawcett. Professor Schlagheck will explore with the audience what establishment of a Homeland Security Department might mean in terms of civil liberties. Jane Doorley from the College of Nursing and Health will present the second dialogue on October 24 in room 218 Fawcett on the topic of terminal sedation. On Thursday, November 14, Michael Solimine, Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati, will discuss reforming Ohio's judicial election process in room E156 AB, Student Union. The final dialogue for fall is November 15. Bob Adams will lead a discussion on the mid-term election just completed.

All first-year Honors students are required to attend at least one Dialogue in the 2002-03 academic year. Dialogues are an hour in length and begin at 3:00. Prior registration isn't required, but there will be a sign-in sheet.

- Wednesday, October 9, 206 Fawcett, Donna Schlagheck
- Thursday, October 24, 218 Fawcett, Jane Doorley
- Thursday, November 14, E156AB, Michael Solimine
- Friday, November 15, 218 Fawcett, Robert Adams
- Wednesday, January 15
- Thursday, February 13
- Friday, April 18
- Wednesday, May 14
Honorable Mentions

**Alumni lecture**

Michael E. Solimine, who graduated in 1978 as a University Honors Scholar, will return to campus on November 14 to deliver the first in the Distinguished Honors Alumni Lecture Series. Mike graduated from Carroll High School and entered Wright State in the fall of 1974 on an Honors Scholarship. He was active in the program and around campus. He was the first Wright State student to serve on the Executive Committee of the Mid East Honors Association. In 1977 he, along with fellow Honors students Kim Lyle and Ron Daugherty, presented a MEHA workshop entitled *Honors and the Commuter College* at the annual conference at Mohican State Park. Mike was president of the Student Honors Association his senior year. He preserved his 4.0 to graduation and wrote his senior Honors thesis on the Justice Department and the Supreme Court. Mike was accepted at Northwestern Law School where he served on the Law Review. After graduation he clerked for Federal District Court Judge Walter H. Rice from 1981-84. Mike was in private practice for a short time before joining the faculty of the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1986. His interests are broad and he has published widely, often as co-author with Wright State Political Science Professor Emeritus James Walker. Currently Mike is the Donald P. Klekamp Professor of Law and Director of the Extern Program. His talk will focus on reforming the process for electing judges in Ohio. The lecture begins at 3:00. A reception will follow. The public is invited.

**Inaugural seminars**

From the beginning the Honors Program worked to offer students timely, challenging interdisciplinary seminars. Three of the first were:

- **Law, Ethics, and Society** team-taught by Charles Hartmann and Bob Reece
- **Education in an Urban Environment**—Can It Be? offered by Jim Uphoff/Madeline Apt
- **The American Consumer’s Search for Health and Beauty** by Roger Glaser

All three topics would be as relevant today as they were thirty years ago, but with all new books. Charles Hartmann, Bob Reece, and Jim Uphoff are still around. Anyone interested in a reprise?

**Homecoming Honors Alumni Brunch**

Some extra special events are scheduled for this year’s homecoming weekend, October 24-26. There will be the usual soccer game with music and food, poster contests and a fun run. On Saturday, October 26, the newly reconstructed bell tower will be dedicated in its new location in the grassy area near the Student Union and the Fred White Center. Preceding the dedication ceremony, the Honors Program will host a brunch for all Honors Alumni and their families in the Allyn Hall Hangar. The cost will be $10 per person. The event is free for members of the Honors Advisory Council. For details, email honors@wright.edu.

**First UHP scholarships**

In the early 70s, Wright State established a merit-based scholarship program to attract top area students. It was coordinated by Emelda Spenard in the Financial Aid Office. The Honors Program was fortunate to receive funding for four scholarships for incom-
University Honors Program alumni update

To make the celebration of our 30th anniversary complete, we need to know about you. Please take a few minutes to send us your updates, via snailmail, FAX 775-3633, email (honors@wright.edu) or you can fill out the form on the Honors web site: www.wright.edu/academics/honors/forms.html. As always, we hope things are going well and that you will want to participate in this exciting time of celebration for the University Honors Program.

Thing we'd like to know: name if different than when you were a student at WSU
current land and email addresses
occupation, employer
additional degree(s) you have earned and from what institution(s)
awards and/or honors you have received
personal milestones
community service involvement
are you in touch with other Honors graduates
would you be interested in an Honors alumni directory
the best way to reach you
are you available to participate in or plan activities for the 30th anniversary celebration

Photos are welcomed and could show up in an issue of Honorable Mentions, with permission, of course.

Ways to contribute to the University Honors Program:

- Donate to the University Honors Program Development Fund
  To support extracurricular activities for Honors students.
- Designate your College Scholarship Campaign contribution for the UHP
  To support traditional scholarships for Honors students.

Thank you for your support.

☒ Enclosed is a check for $ _____________ payable to the University Honors Program Development Fund.
☒ Please charge $ _____________ to my ☐MC ☐VISA ☐Discover.

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☒ I’d be happy to see my name in the next Honorable Mentions newsletter as a contributor.
☒ I’d rather my name not appear in the newsletter.
Congratulations Mary Kenton!

Mary Kenton is presented with a certificate by Jacob Dorn, professor of History and the first University Honors Program Director.

It will surprise no one that University Honors Program Associate Director Mary Kenton received the Outstanding Alumna award from the Wright State University Department of History on May 5, 2002. A 1978 M.A. graduate in history, Mary was honored for her twenty-five years of dedicated service to the University and to the surrounding community. The award particularly recognized her tireless work for the University Honors Program, her important contributions to WSU athletics, and her continued involvement in the historical profession. Some of you may not know, for example, that she recently published "Christianity, Democracy, and Socialism: Bouck White’s Kingdom of Self Respect", as a chapter in Socialism and Christianity in Early Twentieth Century America (1998), edited by Professor Jacob Dorn.

We've moved!
Come by and see our new space,
243 Millett Hall.