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Thirty Years of Excellence

In the spring of 1972, Academic Council approved a proposal to create a University Honors Program. Departmental Honors Programs already existed in several departments: English, psychology, and biology were probably the most active. Provost Andrew Spiegel budgeted the necessary funds and appointed a young history professor, Jacob Dorn, as the first director. That fall eight courses were offered for Honors credit: Biology, English Composition and English Literature, Geography, American and European History, and Political Science. Jim Hughes taught that first quarter and every year since. He will still be teaching Honors students in the 30th anniversary year as an emeritus professor. Professor Hughes was the first Honors Teacher of the Year, and probably could have won several other times if the rules allowed.

Events marking Thirty Years of Excellence will be held throughout the year. For more photos of those early years, see page three.

Former WSU President Robert Kegerreis and founding Honors Director Jacob Dorn stand behind the 1977 National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Jane Aldridge, Katherine Hennessey, Thomas Hannen and Sally Struthers.
On my Honor

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The Program will also initiate several new events this spring. On May 22, we will inaugurate the Sophomore Recognition Ceremony, awarding a certificate to all sophomores who have completed the first phase of the requirements for graduation with University or General Studies Honors. Then, on May 30, we will hold our first Honors Research Colloquium. This event will allow Honors students to present their research projects to the larger university community. Please look inside this newsletter for complete details.

Other causes for celebration center on events scheduled for late summer. The Program will return to the newly renovated Millett Hall in August, followed by the grand opening of the Honors Residence Hall in September. These moves symbolize the ongoing dynamism of our Program and the promise of another 30 years of academic achievement and distinguished service to the Wright State University community.

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Honors Dialogues

All first-year students are required to attend at least one Honors Dialogue, and sometimes they complain about the burden. But this year, several students have even asked if it’s ok to attend more. The room has been full to overflowing for every 2001-2002 dialogue. We started off in September with Donna Schlagheck, Chair of Political Science, talking about international terrorism. We were pleased to have President and Mrs. Goldenberg in attendance as well as numerous representatives from the faculty and staff. Professor of Religion David Barr reprised the most popular dialogue from last year for another standing room only crowd: What the Bible Really Says about Sex. In November, our newest staff member, Honors Faculty in Residence Bobby Rubin, did a slide show on the trip he is planning for December 2002 to Costa Rica for Honors students. The new year started with Jim Sayer, Chair of Communications, talking about The Media’s Response to September 11. Once again, we had to bring in extra chairs. On Valentine’s Day Associate Professor of Biology Dan Krane talked about the latest developments in DNA profiling. The spring dialogues promise to equally compelling: In April we have a biologist, a mathematician and a religion professor talking about recent efforts to include “Intelligent Design” in the high school science curriculum. The final dialogue of the year will feature medical ethicist Mary White talking about the most recent issues in stem cell research. The entire university community is invited to attend all Honors Dialogues.

IHOP to Skip to the North Wing

After two years in the Forest Lane Apartments, the International Honors On-Campus Program will move to the North Wing of the new Honors Residence Hall. The suite style arrangement will allow two Honors students to share either a room or a suite with international students. This fall students principally from Sweden, France, Spain, and Germany will be living among us. The Honors Faculty in Residence, Bobby Rubin, will work with Residence Life staff to make everyone feel at home in this multicultural environment. The International Thanksgiving dinner ought to be even more spectacular this year.

Honors students interested in living in IHOP should contact Lila Ivanovska, Community Coordinator for Campus Apartments and Mediation Services, Residence Services, for more information, x2928.
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Andrew Spiegel, the provost who created the University Honors Program, congratulates Jacquelyn Zimmerman (now Edwards) at the 1976 University Honors Scholars Reception. Jacquelyn was a 1976 Honors graduate with a BA in History. At right is Honors Committee chair for 1975-76 and professor of History, Charles Berry.

One of the earliest groups of Honors scholarship recipients, front: JaNae Jenkins, Margaret Chao, Thom Lehman, Doug Williams; back: Mike Solimine, Mike Herman, Carol Ostertag, Kathleen Mahoney and Gail Jones. Ms. Chao resides in California; Professor Solimine teaches law at the University of Cincinnati; Ms. Ostertag Freniere is in Georgia; Dr. Kathleen Mahoney-Norris works in Alabama; and Dr. Gail Jones Brown is a Research Leader at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. If you know anything about the rest of these people, let us know or let them know we’d like to hear from them.

One of the first University Honors Program graduates, well-known local physician Robert Brandt, chats with President Kegerreis while Jacob Dorn looks on.
December Honors Graduates

On November 29, the Honors Program hosted a luncheon for December Honors Program Graduates. Associate Provost Lillie Howard gave brief congratulatory remarks. The students were presented with the Honors Medallions they wore for the commencement ceremonies.

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.

Iris V. Cedeño
Major: Organizational Communication
Project: Sexual Harassment, Communication and the Process of Mediation
Advisor: Daniel DeStephen

Patrick Jay Delaney
Major: Marketing
Project: Marketing Independent Films
Advisor: Charles Gulas

Douglas Edward Greathouse
Major: Political Science
Project: Participation in Model United Nations
Advisor: Donna Schlagheck

Rebecca Hammond
Major: Nursing
Project: Staying a Step Ahead of the Meningitis Threat: Informing College-bound High School Seniors
Advisor: Elizabeth Sorensen

Britney Hibbs
Major: Nursing
Project: Survey to Determine WSU College of Nursing and Health Graduate Opinions about Post-graduation Employment in Medical/Surgical Nursing
Advisor: Elizabeth Sorensen

Joseph C. Shaffer
Majors: Classical Humanities and History
Project: Pharoah Augustus: A View into Cosmopolitanism in the Early Principate
Advisors: Cynthia and William King

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.

Honors advisors play an important role in the success of a student’s Honors project. Jay Delaney is congratulated by the University Honors Program Director, Susan Carrafiello, and his project advisor, Chuck Gulas.
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Emily White
Major: Nursing
Project: Plan of Care: Perinatal Loss
Advisor: Bobbe Gray

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.

Shannon Florkey
Majors: Management Information Systems and Accountancy

Incoming Honors Scholarships Awarded

Sixty-two students were recently offered four-year scholarships by the Honors Program. They were selected from a group of over 300 applicants. The Honors Scholarship Selection Committee weighed grades, test scores and class rank along with teacher references, essays and extracurricular activities. Finalists for the top awards were interviewed by the committee before decisions were made. As always, it was a huge but rewarding task. Thanks to Donna Miles Curry, Phyllis Pacifico, Douglas Roby and Sara Schekelhoff for their unstinting labor. The top 14 recipients are listed below.

Trustees Awards: (tuition, room/board and books)
Thomas Pestak
Padua Fanciscan High School, Electrical Engineering
Deborah Schnelle
Miamisburg High School, Early Childhood Education

University Honors Program Awards: ($3,500-5,000)
Aaron Adelsberger
Benjamin Logan High School, Psychology
Andrew Conley
Hilliard Darby High School, History
Geoffrey Dobbins
Lakota West High School, Engineering
Ashley Green
Valley View High School, Education
Heather Hartman
Greenville Senior High School, Accountancy
Kristen Holdeman
Kettering Fairmont High School, Nursing
Andrew King
Shelby Senior High School, Biological Sciences
Shane Maag
Miller City High School, Biological Sciences
Chad Mieczkowski
Indian Creek High School, Engineering
Andrew Rolfe
Valley High School, Business
Jessica Williams
Anna High School, Mechanical Engineering
Brian Wirick
Butler High School, Engineering

Susan Carrafiello presented certificates to Honors advisor Elizabeth Sorensen and graduate Rebecca Hammond.

Gretchen M. Geiger
Major: Elementary Education–Humanities/English

Kristen A. Johnson
Majors: K-12 Education–Spanish and Art

Karla Marie Schoenherr
Major: Environmental Health Sciences
Minor: Business
Induction

On January 23, Alpha Lambda Delta celebrated the 15th anniversary of its founding at Wright State by inducting over 100 new members. First-year students who earn a GPA of at least 3.5 are invited to join ALD. Following the candlelight induction ceremony, the Chapters’ new officers were installed. Chapter President Trueshonda Carmicle offered words of congratulation and inspiration to the new members and invited the crowd of nearly 300 to enjoy refreshments.

President: Trueshonda Carmicle
Vice President: Tianna Moore
Secretary: Francine Howell
Treasurer: Andrea Thompson
Historian: Cliff Bullmaster
Volunteer Coord: Chioma Mbagwu
Publicity Coord: Kristina Weaver
House Rep: Joshua Fehrman

MEHA

A group of WSU faculty, staff and students attended the annual meeting of the Mid-East Honors Association (MEHA) April 5 to April 7 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The delegation included Susan Carrafiello, Mary Kenton, and five Honors students—Valerie Felmet, Ryan Hemmert, April Leaverton, Lucy Leaverton, Molly Livingston and Ben Towe. The conference theme was Creativity and Ingenuity. Wright State students collaborated with students from the University of Cincinnati and Gannon University on a panel entitled Creatively Characterizing a Fully-Developed Honors Student Association. After visiting area attractions, as part of City as Text, everyone regrouped for a banquet, talent show and dance. Wright State students presented a College Life Medley and we are excited to report that Valerie Felmet sang her way to the most talanted performer award. Student attendance was funded by a grant from Student Organization Budget Committee.

New Traditions

The Honors Program will inaugurate two new events this spring.

On Wednesday, May 22, sophomores who have completed the first phase of the requirements for graduation with University or General Studies Honors will be recognized with a Sophomore Certificate. The ceremony begins at 3:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in the Student Union and will be followed with a reception. Honors faculty are strongly encouraged to attend.

The following week, on Thursday, May 30, the Honors Program will host the first annual Honors Research Colloquium beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union. Featured will be Honors student research projects from across the university. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best presentations in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts, Business, Health Sciences, Natural Sciences, Education, and Engineering. All students currently participating in Departmental Honors Programs are encouraged to submit abstracts of their proposals to the University Honors Program no later than Friday, May 10.

Phi Kappa Phi Induction

Phi Kappa Phi will hold the spring induction on May 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Union. Dean Berkwood Farmer will be inducted as an honorary member and will give remarks. Charles Redman will be recognized as the Chapter’s nominee for a national fellowship. A reception will follow the ceremony. Faculty chapter members are strongly encouraged to attend and to wear their academic regalia.
Ryan at Sea

Ryan Hemmert, a junior in the University Honors Program, spent the fall quarter traveling around the world on the S.S. University Explorer through the University of Pittsburgh's Semester At Sea Program. Ports of call during the three and a half month voyage included Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, India, the Seychelles, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba. Ryan, along with 650 students from more than 200 universities, took classes on the ship that counted for college credit. As an International Business and Accounting double major, Semester At Sea was a perfect fit.

The ship left from Vancouver, Canada at the end of August. Students aboard the ship heard about the events of September 11th after they had been at sea for more than 10 days. With no television or radio access and only four computers with satellite internet access for the 1,000 people aboard, information was very limited and slow to arrive. In port, classes were not held and students were encouraged to interact with people to learn more about a country and its culture.

Ryan participated in home-stays with families, university exchanges, and Semester At Sea sponsored trips through countries. He summarized:

\[\text{The more places that we visited the more I realized how much we have in common as human beings. I spent one night talking until 3:00 a.m. with two Chinese students about politics, girls and classes. I was shocked at the amount of similarities between us.... I could have been talking to one of my friends back home. Some students thought about the program and did leave, after the 11th. In a post-September 11th world though, I felt that the idea of Semester At Sea was more relevant and important than ever. On the ship we were told, and I am a firm believer in this, that the only way to break down barriers between people/cultures/races is to put them together to see that the "supposed differences" between them aren't that great at all.}\]

Now back at Wright State, Ryan said that after such an amazing experience with Semester At Sea, he would go anywhere.

More information on Semester At Sea can be found on the web at www.semesteratsea.com
The Honors Program is blessed in many ways. We have an excellent scholarship program which helps us attract and reward outstanding students. We have as many fine students as we are able to handle, and we have a corps of superior faculty who are dedicated to teaching in the program. We have adequate office and lounge space and a nice classroom right across the hall. For all of this we are grateful. We are able to do a lot for Honors students, but we would like to do more, Here's why we need your support.

As most Honors Alumni understand from personal experience, Wright State students are often responsible for paying for their own education. It is not unusual for them to work many hours and go to school year-round. There is not much money for "extras." Their focus is, by necessity, on the necessities. They don't have $35 for a ticket to the ballet; they can't afford to take time off work on weekends to participate in service projects; going on an international trip is not even imaginable. While we admire and respect the work ethic of our students, we also believe that too many of them are missing too much of what makes the college experience unique.

We need your help to make enrichment experiences available for current and future Honors students. Think about ways you were helped or wish you had been helped and be as generous as you can. Every penny you contribute will go directly to the University Honors Program Development Fund for the benefit of University Honors Program students. Your support will be acknowledged in the next issue of Honorable Mentions.