The University Honors Program is celebrating 35 years of providing capable, hardworking, ambitious students with academic challenges that help them make the most of their education. And who better to lead a trip down memory lane than Mary Kenton, who has been with the program since 1976. Read on, as Mary recounts some important moments in Honors history.

In the 1970s . . .

In 1972, The Guardian announced the approval of the University Honors Program. Provost Andrew Spiegel funded the new endeavor in part because he wanted Wright State’s best students to have the kind of experiences that would make them competitive for graduate and professional school.

He appointed a young history professor, Dr. Jacob Dorn, as the program’s first director. The challenges Dr. Dorn faced were getting the program up and running, establishing policies and procedures, and cultivating support for the idea of an Honors Program on campus. The newly formed University Honors Committee and the national Honors movement provided practical help and moral support.

Soon the Honors Program had a home on Millett Hall’s first floor. Dorothy Moore was the first part-time secretary, and Judy Neiman (and later Janice Wilson) assisted Dr. Dorn with program administration. In 1976, when Janice left to pursue doctoral

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Anniversary years always offer an opportunity to pause and reflect, so I hope you will enjoy reading Mary Kenton’s special memories of the Honors Program’s 35-year transformation as much as I did. I would also like to invite you to share your own special memories of the Honors Program. Send them in, and we will feature them on our Web site in the coming months.

A wonderful new memory was created this fall when Dr. Sally Struthers (’81 UHS) graciously agreed to lead my HST 103 Honors students through “The Roman World” exhibit at the Dayton Art Institute. As many of you know, Dr. Struthers is an art historian and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Communication, and Social Sciences at Sinclair Community College. She worked over two years to create this remarkable exhibit, which will be on display through January 6, 2008. It was truly a joy to watch her share her incredible expertise with these first-year students. I can’t decide if they were more impressed with the exhibit or with Dr. Struthers’s knowledge of ancient Rome!

We’ll be creating many more memories this year. Our third Honors Institute on January 28-29—again in conjunction with the Presidential Lecture Series—will explore “Creating Sustainable Environments,” featuring renowned scientist Dr. Jared Diamond as the keynote speaker (see next page). We also have many exciting sessions and interactive workshops planned for the Symposium on January 29. I hope that you’ll attend these events and help make more great memories for the University Honors Program.

**Upcoming Dates . . .**

- Dialogue: January 17
- Honors Institute: January 28-29
- Dialogue: February 15
- Dialogue: March 2
- Dialogue: April 2
- Dialogue: May 8
- Sophomore Recognition: May 15
- Research Colloquium: May 22
- Honors Graduation: June 12

**Check the Web site calendar for times and locations.**
What is sustainability? More than just recycling, sustainability is a way of life. It is about being good stewards of what we presently have and protecting the Earth’s ability—and all living on it—to meet future needs. As we move through the 21st century, it is critical that we examine our usage of everything and ask ourselves: Are we supporting sustainable agriculture? Water usage? Urban and rural development? Business and economic practices? Medicine? Energy? Jobs? Cultures and societies? It is with these questions in mind that the Honors Program announces the 2008 Honors Institute on “Creating Sustainable Environments.”

In collaboration with the WSU Office of the President, the 2008 event will kick off with a Keynote Address by Dr. Jared Diamond, Pulitzer Prize recipient and award-winning academic. His address, “Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed,” will be held on Monday, January 28, 2008, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Apollo Room. Diamond, universally regarded as one of the great minds of our time, is the author of Guns, Germs and Steel and its follow-up, Collapse, where he explains the environmental and geographic reasons why certain human populations have flourished while others have fallen apart.

Diamond’s Keynote Address will be followed on Tuesday, January 29 by the Institute’s all-day Symposium, featuring luncheon speaker Carolyn Watkins from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Watkins will discuss sustainability from a state-wide perspective as she presents “Ohio’s Environment.” The Symposium will offer nearly a dozen inquiry sessions and workshops, such as:

- Environment in the Developing World
- Ethics, Health, and the Environment
- The Economics of Environmentalism
- Sustainable Cities
- Your Sustainable Home

The classroom component of the Institute offers three new UH 400 seminars entitled: “Working Toward Sustainability,” “Collapse of Empires,” and “Essential Environment.” Students enrolled in the seminars will participate in service learning projects, which will be presented to the campus community on March 20 as part of the Institute’s Arts and Letters Series.

All events are free and open to the public, but advance registration is required for the January 29 Symposium. For more information on the Honors Institute and the Arts and Letters Series, call (937) 775-2660 or visit the Web site at www.wright.edu/honorsinstitute/2008.

Additional support from:
Studies, I was hired as the first full-time staff member. Those early days were all about inventing new programs, and we worked closely with Ken Davenport (Registrar) and Admissions to recruit Honors students. Dave Darr and Emelda Dahms in Financial Aid helped us establish a solid scholarship program. Lorna Dawes, then in the President’s Office, worked with us on planning special events and was especially kind to me as the new kid on the block. Elenore Koch in Student Affairs always had new ideas for us to implement. It was a busy, productive time.

And like now, we had some terrific students in those early days. Many of the first University Honors Scholars had big ambitions. Buddies Jim North, Frank Tice, and PJ Foster all became physicians. Jim and Frank stayed in Ohio, but PJ made his way to Texas where he practices emergency medicine. Mike Solomine went to law school at Northwestern, clerked for Federal Judge Walter Rice, and is currently the Donald Klekamp Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati. Kim Lyle got her Ph.D. in biology at Ohio State, and her undergraduate friend Debbie Anderson became a dermatologist. Sally Struthers, whose Ph.D. is in art history, is the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Communication, and Social Sciences at Sinclair. Two of our early graduates have made their careers at WSU: Catherine Queener in University College and Charles Long in the Raj Soin College of Business.

In the 70s, the SHA fall parties were held at the Campus Ministry Building, where there was a kitchen and “assorted beverages” on the front porch. SHA always participated in October Daze and May Daze, and during Jim North’s tenure as president, SHA raked in the cash at their show-down poker booth. And it was SHA president Ray Caldwell who came up with the brilliant idea of marketing Wright State’s “undefeated football team.” He orchestrated an article in The Guardian and a pep rally, and soon the “Undefeated Since 1967” t-shirt was born, which the club marketed for several years to students, faculty, and staff. As often happens with great ideas, somebody “borrowed” the slogan, and now you can get “undefeated” shirts from many commercial outlets.

In the 1980s . . .

After nearly 15 years, Dr. Dom returned to full-time teaching, and in 1987 religion professor Dr. David Barr became director. Beverly Rowe joined the Honors staff that same year when Barb O’Brien took another job on campus. During Dr. Barr’s tenure, Honors went electronic, UH 200s were added to the curriculum, and the General Studies Honors Scholar designation was approved (1986). The first “Honorable Mentions” newsletter was published in 1987, learning communities and service learning courses were added, and Honors moved into new quarters next to the Bolinga Center, where it had its first seminar room, a student lounge, and a kitchen area. Student lounge space was severely limited in those days, so 20 or 30 students had lunch each day in the Honors lounge. They formed a tight social group and took to calling themselves the Lounge Lizards. Honors housing (Maple Hall) also came into being during this time. Randy Carlson and Erika Hines were among the first Honors Community Advisors.
**In the 1990s . . .**

Bringing with her an anthropologist’s perspective, Dr. Anna Bellisari replaced Dr. Barr as director in 1994. Her skills came in handy during the long planning process for the new Honors Residence Hall and the creation of the Faculty-in-Residence position (later filled by Bobby Rubin in 2001). Student Government recognized Dr. Bellisari as an exceptionally student-centered administrator, which indeed she was. At her instigation, Honors Dialogues came into being (1998), which are now part of the first-year student requirements. Service learning took a great leap forward during Dr. Bellisari’s years, with versions of UH 201, 202, and 203 being offered for the first time. Dr. Bellisari also had a strong commitment to internationalizing the curriculum and established the Study Abroad Fund. We collaborated with Residence Services to create IHOP (International Honors On-Campus Program) which enabled Honors students and international students to live together. Jay Delaney and Hiloni Bhavsar were the first IHOP Programming Coordinators.

**In the 21st Century . . .**

It was during the Millett Hall renovation—when Honors was temporarily housed in University Hall—that history professor Dr. Susan Carrafiello became director (2001). Residential life took center stage during her first year as construction on the Honors Residence Hall neared completion. All of the previous Honors directors were on hand when President Kim Goldenberg cut the ribbon in 2002. Under Dr. Carrafiello’s direction, Honors has continued to advance service learning, internationalizing programs, and learning communities. In each of the last two years, Honors has won a Presidential Award for Outstanding Collaborative Unit: first for the Costa Rica program and this year for the implementation of the first Engineering Honors Learning Communities.

Her biggest innovation has been the introduction of the Honors Institute (2005), which integrates classroom learning, service learning, and the scholarly conference setting. The first two years’ events were huge successes, with standing room only at the keynote addresses and capacity registration for the symposia.

So in its 35th year, Honors is still recognizable as the program proposed by the original Honors Committee. With consistently good leadership and support from the administration, it has grown and developed into the complex and highly successful program it is today. We are now able to offer almost 100 Honors courses each year, about 100 students earn Honors designations at graduation every year, and we have over 1,500 alumni. We award more than 50 Honors scholarships to incoming students and another 10 to 15 to continuing students. SHA is still an active, dynamic organization, and will travel again this spring to MEHA where the delegation will compete in the talent show, vying for the Ham Award. (Some things never change.)

The Honors Program remains true to its primary mission to produce a body of graduates who are well-educated, socially conscious, and capable of assuming leadership roles in society. As our earliest graduates are poised to enter their 50s—often the most productive and rewarding decade—so, too, is the Honors Program poised for its next phase of development. We are confident the best is yet to come.

Please share some of your favorite Honors memories and photos, and we’ll post them on the Web site!
CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

The University Honors Program conferred a total of 97 Honors designations at the June and November 2007 graduation ceremonies. Congratulations to all!

**University Honors Scholars**
*University Honors Scholars complete at least eight Honors courses and seminars and a Departmental Honors project in their major.*

**Stephanie Auld** — Biomedical Engineering  
Project: “Tissue Engineering as Related to Stem Cell Research” — Advisor: Dr. David Reynolds

**James Boss** — Psychology  
Project: “Dispositions and the Susceptibility of Organizational Commitment to Context Effects” — Advisor: Dr. Nathan Bowling

**Lisa Buening** — Nursing  

**Jamie Chambers** — Nursing  

**Travis Clark** — Chemistry  
Project: “Synthesis of Novel PPVs via Application of ‘Click’ Chemistry” — Advisor: Dr. William Feld

**Danielle Clifton** — International Studies  
Project: “Directorship of the Economic and Social Committee at the 13th Dayton Model United Nations Conference” — Advisor: Dr. Donna Schlagheck

**James Dagg** — Computer Science and Engineering  
Project: “Linear Proportional Control in Dynamic Level Design for Computer Entertainment Software” — Advisor: Dr. Thomas Wischgoll

**Christine Deppen** — Accountancy  
Project: “Companies Failing to Receive an Unqualified Opinion on Management’s Assessment of Internal Controls over Financial Reporting: An Exploratory Study” — Advisor: Dr. Kevin Brown

**Nisha Tharu Fernando** — Biological Sciences  
Project: “The Effect of TCDD on the Transcriptional Activity of the Enhancer Elements, hs3a and hs1.2, in the 3’ Immunoglobulin Heavy Chain Regulatory Region” — Advisors: Dr. Paula Bubulya and Dr. Courtney Sulentic

**Shawn Gargac** — Biomedical Engineering  

**Melissa Goldmeier** — History  
Project: “Filling Valleys and Leveling Mountains: A Portrait of Virginia Perry and Caroline Dall in the Civil War Era’s Women’s Labor Movement” — Advisor: Dr. Nancy Garner

**Chris Hill** — Accountancy/Finance  
Project: “The Effect of New Annuity Regulations” — Advisor: Dr. John Cook

**Samantha Hundt** — International Studies  
Project: “The EP-3 Incident: Background, Actions, and Recommendations” — Advisor: Dr. December Green

**Mindy Kahlig** — Mathematics  
Project: “Math Curricula in England and America: How do Polynomials Factor In?” — Advisor: Dr. Jim Vance

**Krystal Karshner** — English  

**Katherene LaRue** — Athletic Training  
Project: “Effects of Phototherapy on Musculoskeletal Injuries” — Advisor: Tony Ortiz

**Lori Lero** — Nursing  
Project: “Care of the Geriatric Patient during the Perioperative Phase” — Advisor: Judie Lincks

**Amy Martin** — Nursing  
Project: “Educating Parents about the Art of Play” — Advisor: Dr. Beth Cameron

**Emily Meier** — English  
Project: “Warning: This is Not a Lifetime Movie” — Advisor: Brady Allen

**Amanda Morris** — Social Work  
Project: “Report Card and Perception Comparison Study” — Advisor: Dr. Carl Brun

**David Neff** — Mechanical Engineering  
Project: “Flow Control Technology for Aerodynamic Applications” — Advisor: Dr. Ramana Grandhi

**Matthew Riley** — Mechanical Engineering  
Project: “Implementation of ABAQUUS in Computation Optimization” — Advisor: Dr. Ramana Grandhi
Holly Taylor — Nursing
Project: “Identifying Postpartum Depression” — Advisor: Dr. Bobbe Gray

Shannon Tessmer — Middle Childhood Education
Project: “Addressing and Lessening the Gender Gap” — Advisor: Dr. Colleen Finegan

Melissa Troyan — International Studies/French
Project: “Terrorism in France: Guilty Until Proven Innocent” — Advisor: Dr. Sarah Factor

James Uphaus III — Computer Science
Project: “Development of a Mobile Molecular Graphics Platform for Palm Devices” — Advisor: Dr. Michael Raymer

Stefanie Ward — Biological Sciences
Project: “Characterization of Two Unique Rhizobial Bacteria: Carbon Utilization and Effects on Soybean Germination and Growth” — Advisor: Dr. Stephanie Smith

Daniel Whitman — Computer Engineering
Project: “Image Registration Using Implicit Functions” — Advisor: Dr. Arthur Goshtasby

Cynthia Williamson — Management Information Systems

Pamela Denman — Nursing
Project: “An In-Depth Literature Review of Information Needs for Parents of Multiples” — Advisor: Dr. Bobbe Gray

Christopher Dixon — Anthropology
Project: “Acupuncture in America: TCM in the West” — Advisor: Dr. Anna Bellisari

Erika Douglass — Nursing
Project: “Ohio Nurses’ Attitudes on Family Presence during Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation” — Advisor: Dr. Candace Cherrington

Paula Miller — International Studies
Project: “The Nuclear Triangle: U.S., Russia, and Iran” — Advisor: Dr. December Green

Christal Morita — Psychology
Project: “CS/US Pre-Exposure Effects on Long Delay Eyeblink Conditioning” — Advisor: Dr. Dragana Claflin

Karen Parsons — Nursing
Project: “Differences in Upper Arm and Forearm Systolic and Diastolic Blood Pressure, and Mean Arterial Pressure in Obese Adults” — Advisor: Dr. Candace Cherrington

Paul Anderson — Psychology
Project: “Modeling the Relationships among Cognitive Flexibility, Religious Viewpoints, and Socio-Political Attitudes” — Advisor: Dr. Herbert Colle

Joshua Beery — Anthropology
Project: “The Anthropology of the H5N1 Virus (Bird Flu)” — Advisor: Dr. Anna Bellisari

Dylan Borchers — Political Science

James Borchers — Political Science
Project: “National Security Seminar” — Advisor: Dr. Donna Schlagheck

Carole Butcher — History
Project: “Nothing but Tears” — Advisor: Dr. Katherine Meyer

Christina Cecil — Nursing
Project: “Childhood Obesity and Its Effects on Body Image: An Education Program for Parents and Children” — Advisor: Dr. Annette Canfield

Departmental Honors Scholars

(Departmental Honors Scholars complete significant independent work in their disciplines, ranging from lab and library research to creative projects, many of them entailing more than one year’s work.)

Erin O’Brien — Psychology

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Terri Pence — Nursing
Project: “Delirium: Recognition of Indicators by Long-Term Care Nurses” — Advisor: Dr. Patricia Vermeersch

Kathleen Peterson — Nursing
Project: “Chronic Pain in the Elderly: The Effect it Has on Quality of Life” — Advisor: Dr. Gail Moddeman

Stephanie Rowland — Middle Childhood Education
Project: “The Effects of Subject Integration on Subject Knowledge Retention” — Advisor: Dr. Charlotte Harris

Joseph Shaffer — Anthropology
Project: “Comparisons of Hopewell Bladelets from Southwest Ohio Enclosures and Residential Sites” — Advisor: Dr. Robert Riordan

Katherine Yeager — Physics
Project: “Analysis of the Mars Global Surveyor Radio Occultation Data” — Advisor: Dr. Lok Lew Yan Voon

General Studies Honors Scholars
(General Studies Honors Scholars have earned A’s or B’s in eight Honors courses and seminars and have achieved a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4.)

Brittany Ausdenmoore — Biological Sciences
Kurt Ballinger — Social Science Education
Audra Beckett — Political Science
Daisy Blakelock — Motion Pictures Production
Jill Britton — Accountancy
Robert Brownfield — Middle Childhood Education
Micah Burke — Political Science
Daniel Burt — Economics
Shannon Calton — Psychology
Ellen Case — Electrical Engineering
Johannes Cilliers — Electrical Engineering
Clint Clark — Mathematics Education
Casey Collins — Music Education
Patricia Conrady — Nursing
Daniel Dafler — Management Information Systems
Diana Dafler — Accountancy/Finance
Christine Doty — Sociology
Lindsey Duncan — Communication Studies
Ashley Esselman — Accountancy
Nicole Fiske — Chemistry
Stephanie Hertz — Chemistry
Nathan Hudson — Chemistry
Jennifer Huwer — Nursing
Keara Jarusiewic — Nursing
Brandon Kirby — Mechanical Engineering
Kristin Krischak — Psychology
Brandon Lightle — Mathematics
Dustin Limburg — Marketing
Kailee Maloy — Liberal Studies
Arian McFaddin — History
Lauren Metzger — Early Childhood Education
Robert Michael — Biological Sciences
Benjamin Murray — Computer Science
Julia Paul — Marketing
Charles Phelps — Engineering Physics
Kristina Phillips — Political Science
Kimberly Platfoot — Mathematics
Angela Rickey — Biological Sciences
Jennifer Royse — Social Science Education
Dawn Sanders — Biological Sciences
Andrea Saunders — French
Lauren Schumacher — Biological Sciences
Amanda Skarzynski — Middle Childhood Education
Holly Spitler — International Business
Dave Tudor — Biological Sciences
Trista Tustin — Integrated Business Education
Jennie Watt — French
Ashley Wenner — Psychology
Sarah Wilson — Chemistry
Anne Zelnio — Electrical Engineering

Nine students received special scholarships in the spring. Jennifer Border (above left with Dr. Bobbe Gray) received a Distinguished Senior Scholarship, and Joy Davis (right) received a Continuing Student Scholarship. Also receiving scholarships were: Elaine Schaaf (Distinguished Senior); Jay Olson (Salsburg Memorial); Vruddhi Choksy and Nicholas Schweiterman (Heritage Society); and Khadijeh Alnajjar, Jacqueline Garrett and Sarah Minnix (Continuing Student).

Congratulations to these outstanding students!
This summer, Lauren Cuff (senior, history) was appointed the first Student Vice President for Phi Kappa Phi’s Wright State chapter. With this appointment, Lauren was sponsored by the national organization to attend the August Triennial Convention in Orlando, FL, where she had the opportunity to interact with Student VPs from around the country. She and Lori Dock, who attended the convention as a voting delegate, brought back valuable information on student activities and chapter operations, including Web site development, public relations, and membership development.

Then on Monday, November 5, Chapter President Jack Dustin inducted 148 new members, including juniors, seniors, graduate students, and 3 honorary faculty and staff members. Provost Steven Angle (an honorary inductee) provided remarks that emphasized the Society’s motto—“Let the Love of Learning Rule Humanity.” A few of his key points were:

- Set your sights high.
- Learn to learn.
- Learn from everyone around you.
- Make your life’s work something you love
- Consider the journey, not just your destination.
- Give back.

**Congratulations to all the new members!**

Many thanks to 2007-08 University Honors Committee for its input on program administration and curricular matters. Serving this year are:

- Donna Miles Curry (CONH)
- Gokce Durmusoglu (SOPP)
- Leo Finkelstein (CECS)
- Paul Hershberger (SOM)
- Martin Kich (Lake Campus)
- Julie Konik (COSM)
- LaFleur Small (COLA)
- Tom Traynor, Chair (RSCOB)
- Carol Wagner Williams (CEHS)

**Student Members**

- Luke Bobbitt (junior, chemistry)
- Deanne Duval (sophomore, biology)
- Chrissy Eichenlaub (junior, biomedical engineering)
- Amelia Teffeteller (junior, biology)
HONORABLE MENTIONS

HONORS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS . . .

Katherine R. Rowell, Ph.D. (B.A. '87 Political Science; GS) was honored as the 2007 Honors Distinguished Alumni at the June 7 graduation reception in the Student Union. Since 1996, Rowell has taught sociology at Dayton’s Sinclair Community College. During this time, she has worked to infuse service learning into classroom instruction, designing courses that require students to volunteer with her at area shelters as one way to enhance their community awareness and civic engagement.

Rowell has won numerous awards for teaching excellence, including "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" (1996, 1997, 2002, and 2004) and the 2005 North Central Sociological Association Professor of the Year Award. In 2003, Rowell was one of fifteen community college faculty chosen for a Fulbright group study abroad trip to Botswana, Swaziland, and South Africa to develop curriculum for the Midwest Institute for International Education.

From 2001 to 2005, Rowell served as advisor for Sinclair's Nu Pi, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, that under her leadership was recognized as one of the top twenty-five chapters in the U.S. for four consecutive years. Rowell earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Wright State University and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Gina Back (Wurst) (B.S. '00 Education [GS]; M.Ed. '06) is a sixth-grade teacher with the Preble-Shawnee School District. She was recently among the "Who's Who of American Teachers" and was married on June 9 to Everett Back.

Clint Coleman (B.S. '00 Biological Sciences; UHS) is working toward a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology and is employed at the Tulane National Primate Research Center. Clint has worked in Africa and at NASA as a graduate student research fellow. He volunteers with the Red Cross and is a Hurricane Katrina survivor, still residing in New Orleans.

Emily Dudley, DVM (B.S. '94 Biological Sciences; UHS) recently accepted a position as clinical veterinarian in WSU's Laboratory Animal Resources facility. After leaving WSU, she graduated from Ohio State's veterinary school in 1998 and then spent 8 years in private practice. She is married to Dereck "Todd" Dudley (B.S. '94 Biological Sciences), who works for the Hamilton County Health Department in emergency response and disaster planning. They have two children.

Arliss Perry (B.A. '80 Geography; DHS) is an engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He also holds an M.A. ('82) from Ohio State University and a B.S. in engineering ('86) from Wright State.
Amy Rang (B.A. '94 English; UHS) was in town in May for her brother's wedding at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Beavercreek. She lives and works in Phoenix, AZ, where she is a composition supervisor for Bowne, a global publisher of financial documents.

Alanna Romansky (B.F.A. '05 Acting; GS) is an actress with The Bang and The Clatter Theatre in Akron, OH, where she also serves as the director of marketing. She recently spent a month in Pittsburgh playing a supporting role in the feature film "The Bridge to Nowhere," scheduled for release in 2008 either direct-to-theatre or to the Sundance Film Festival.

Amanda Schrand (formerly Manker) (B.S. '99 Biological Sciences; GS) is working on her Ph.D. in materials engineering at the University of Dayton in collaboration with the Air Force Research Laboratory Human Effectiveness Directorate where she performs nanotoxicity testing on cells. She currently has Dayton Area Graduate Studies Institute and Oak Ridge Associated Universities fellowships.

Please share your recent accomplishments with us.

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UHS = University Honors Scholar
DHS = Departmental Honors Scholar
GS = General Studies Honors Scholar
Sayer Receives Outstanding Teaching Award

Cathy Sayer (lecturer, Department of English) has taught writing and literature at Wright State for fourteen years and in the Honors Program for much of that time. She is a pioneer in the service learning concept at WSU, incorporating it into all of her courses, affording students the opportunity to achieve academic learning objectives through community service. Appropriately, Cathy was recently appointed University Director of Service Learning.

Cathy is a serious and respected writing teacher. Her students acknowledge almost universally that they learn a great deal about writing in her courses and have to work hard for it. Cathy's student nominator said, "Ms. Sayer has been an inspiration, and I count myself lucky to have had her for Honors English." And then the ultimate compliment: "I have received a grade of A+ on every writing assignment that I have had since her class!"

Cathy's accomplishments and service have been recognized elsewhere on campus: The College of Liberal Arts presented her with their Outstanding Teaching Award in 2004, the award for Overall Excellence in Learning Community Instruction in Fall 2005, and the Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate in 2006.

The University Honors Program is pleased to add "Honors Teacher of the Year" to her achievements.