Fall Convocation

September 3, 2015
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Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, Colleagues, and Friends,

For 35 years, the Honors College has hosted the Fall Convocation, a “calling together” of the UH community to celebrate the new academic year.

This is a time for both looking back and making plans. In the last five years, the College has started or expanded programs with partners across campus and throughout the city in health care, law, business, engineering, and other STEM fields. We have focused on student success through service and site-based learning, undergraduate research, and interdisciplinary minors such as leadership studies and energy and sustainability. Study away and abroad have grown. This summer our students were hiking in London, Edinburgh, and the Scottish Highlands, scuba diving in the Galápagos, and assisting physicians and nurses in Haiti and Honduras. For the first time we sent undergraduates to do internships at the Smithsonian in Washington, making UH the only institution west of the Mississippi to do so. And if all goes well, the campaign to bring a Phi Beta Kappa chapter to the University will culminate in October with a ringing endorsement by the Triennial Council.

Fall 2015 does seem a good moment to reflect and to ask, what next?

This month we launch the 2015-16 Grand Challenges Forum, an exciting partnership with the UH Alumni Association. The theme of this series of talks will be, appropriately, The Next Big Thing. What will be the next big things in medicine, business, law, politics, energy, and the arts? As Donald Barthelme said about the making of stories, “Of course, we don’t know,” and that will be the fun of it: not knowing. Join us each Friday of the academic year as we try out fresh ideas and consider what we don’t know.

The Grand Challenges Forum is just one part of engagement, the next big thing for the Honors College and the University—an effort to reach beyond the classrooms and the hedgerows, to comingle town and gown, and to discover what good things happen when we do. We have a hunch that meaningful engagement is the key to student success, alumni success, and the loyalty and pride that last a lifetime.

Thank you for joining us at Convocation. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year as we once again engage great books and grand challenges.

Warm regards,

William Monroe, Dean
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Chosen from a talented, motivated, and hard-working entering class, Outstanding First Year Students represent “the best of the best.” Their grade point averages are high, but they distinguish themselves by more than just the ability to make As, and each one has been nominated for this recognition by the Honors College teaching faculty. The recipients represent a diverse group of disciplines and backgrounds, and their achievements symbolize the fine work of the entire first-year class. This year’s honorees will be announced at Convocation; last year’s honorees are listed below.

2014 Honorees

Maria Josh
Lydia Liou
Haley Boyd
Shelby Ragsdale
Priyanka Savant
Beatriz Thames
Kristin Hedtke
Arlen L’Angois

Faheem Bilal
Irbaz Arab
Josh Freed
Sky Barron
Ismé Correa
Christian Madison
Chloé Stowell

Outstanding Human Situation Essay

Of the thousands of Human Situation essays submitted each year, the Human Situation faculty recognize the most outstanding examples for their clarity, insight, and argument. This year’s honorees will be announced at Convocation; last year’s honorees are listed below.

2014 Honorees

Kelsey Braxton for “Stained” (on Elie Wiesel’s Night)

Runner-up

Sky Barron for “Corruption Shaping Individual Truths” (on Shakespeare’s Hamlet)

Honorable Mention

Sareema Adnan
Alec Johnson
Chloé Stowell
Madeline Styskal
The Honors College

ENTERING CLASS OF 2015

Number of Entering Students 590
Freshman Students 480
Mid-career Students 110

Gender Distribution
Female 56%
Male 44%

Distribution by Class Rank in Secondary School
Top 10% 53%
(including 19 Valedictorians)
Next 10% 18%
Below 20% 12%
Unranked 17%

Ethnic Distribution
White 33%
Asian 33%
Hispanic 18%
Black 5%
Unreported/Other 11%

Distribution by Combined SATs
(Math and Critical Reading scores)
1400-1600 28%
1300-1399 37%
1200-1299 25%
1100-1199 9%
Below 1100 1%

National Merit Finalists 29

Average SAT 1337
Math 674
Critical Reading 663

Distribution by College
Architecture 11 Liberal Arts and Social Sciences 120
Business 56 Natural Sciences 197
Education 10 and Mathematics
Engineering 147 Technology 20
Hotel and Restaurant Management 9 Undeclared Majors 20
## Incoming Honors Students

### Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture
- Carolina B. Delgado
- Elizabeth Ann Donovan
- Elizabeth Edgecombe
- Lauren Louise Greene
- Timothy Evan Joe
- Shelsy Marianna Mireles
- Trinity A. Rinear
- Devon N. Rodgers
- Catalina Valencia
- Natalee Veazey
- Bronwyn Mary Wismer

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- Armaan Karim Bhimani
- Wil C. Carey
- Sana Chaudhry
- Kaira Gissell Chavez
- Patrick Clarke
- Katherine A. Corrigan
- Victor Cosio
- Chase Alexander Cummins
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- Christian Middle Jug
- Rachel Kay Kuruvila
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- Nirmal Patel
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- Anna Catherine M. Purcell
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- Luis Daniel Reyes
- Angella Rodriguez
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- Timothy E. Shortland
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2015 Scholarships

Honors College Scholarships
Students in good standing are eligible to apply for Honors College Scholarships ranging from $1000 to $1500 annually. For fall 2015, the College awarded $543,000 to 414 students, 94 of whom are incoming freshmen.

Tier One Scholarships
The UH Tier One Scholarships were established by President Renu Khator to attract highly qualified students to the University of Houston. The Tier One class for fall 2015 consists of 41 first-year students, who will be receiving approximately $866,834 in scholarship awards.

Terry Foundation Scholarships
A Houston-based foundation providing scholarships to outstanding Texas high school graduates, the Terry Foundation supports academically talented students with financial need and a record of leadership. This fall, 43 new Terry Scholars (comprised of 18 freshmen and 25 transfers students) will be inducted into the University of Houston chapter. Over 130 scholars (including the incoming students) will receive approximately $2.8 million from the Terry Foundation during the 2015-2016 academic year.

National Merit Scholarships
The University of Houston awards scholarship support covering the entire cost of tuition, room and board, and required fees to National Merit Scholarship finalists who select the University of Houston as their first-choice institution in accordance with the rules and deadlines established by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. This year, 29 new National Merit Scholars join the University of Houston’s class of 2019 and will receive approximately $613,126 in scholarship awards.

Provost Service Learning Scholarships
This year, for the first time, academically excellent incoming students were invited to apply for the Provost Service Learning Scholarship. Because it is awarded contingent upon service completed through the Bonner Program, this scholarship supports not only these students, but also the University’s efforts to serve the community. This year PSLS recipients will work with at-risk middle- and high-school students in the Third Ward as well as provide nutritious meals for those in need through the UH Campus Kitchen project. For the 2015-2016 academic year, 36 students have been awarded $61,000 in PSLS funds.
2015 Scholarship Recipients

Honors College Scholarships

Andrews Kurth Scholarship
Melanie Franco
Anna Smith

Bessie Monroe Ebaugh Scholarship
Jacob Wagner

Burns & McDonnell Honors Scholarship
Sarah Banner
Shahmeer Baweja
Moriah Hargrove Anders
Ali Siddique
Rebekah Tu

Class of 1989 Scholarship
Christopher Chambers

Coastal Corporation Scholarship
Dave Giang

Cooper Industries Foundation Scholarship
Rosario Diaz
John Moosemiller

El Paso Corporation Merit Scholarship
Shifa Abuzaid
Konstantina Angelides
Sonja Aune
Mirza Baig
Michael Carter
Abel Chacko
Marissa Evans
Kevin Gu
Blake Hees
Rim Henini
Dylan Ikhimokpa
Asad Loya
Lucas McCollister
Matthew Mondragon
Jacquelyn Nguyen
Tevin Richards
Deepankar Sinha
Luc To
Andrew Tran
Chathuri Wickramaratne

Elkins Leadership Forum Scholarship
Tyler Dorval
Christopher Gervasio
Megan Prather
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Great Conversation Scholarship

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Praneeth Kambhampati
Huda Khan
Shazia Khan
Anchit Khanna
Saniya Khowaja
Elizabeth Knuppel
Josef Lamell
Alexander Le
Rebekah Little
Dania Mahmoud
Taelor Marquetti-Gadison
Samantha Mathew
Juan Medina
Kaitlin Miller
Anna Montgomery
Malcom Mpinduzi-Mott
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Jason Nania
Dan Nguyen
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Chloe Ng-Wing-Sheung
Emmett Oh
Ian Overman

Huda Khan

Shiv Patel
Tanweer Rajwani
Haley Ramponi
Taylor Ritter
Maria Rodriguez
Nikhil Schneider
Daniel Seek
Trevor Self
Olivia Shane
Khalid Sheikh
Cara Shokler
Usayd Siddiqi
Matthew Spicer
Michael Spurgat
Aubrey Swilling
Rebecca Isabel Taing
Diall Thomas
Jessica To
Katelyn Travers
Joshua Valentino
Inga Vogel
Kiana Wall
Luke Walther
Caleb White
Timothea Wiratman
Jane Wong
Felix Wu
Cody Xu
Akshith Yellapragada
Iris Yoon
Nourhan Younis
Safiyya Zaidi
Abigail Zinecker

Rahul Dsilva
Praneeth Kambhampati
Huda Khan

Jane & Robert Cizik Scholarship

Phillip Arvanetakis
Madison Richard
Amethyst Rogers

Asit Shah
Chloe Stowell
Victor Yau

Caroline Cao
Nicholas Daily

Kokila Jayasekera
Tannon Yu

Caroline Cao
Cara Means

Jane Blaffer Owen Scholarship
**JP Morgan Merit Scholarship**
Radhini Abeysekera  
Sareema Adnan  
Sara Barchie  
Courtney Beacham  
Nikhil Jaiswal  
Safa Mazhari  
Francis Nguyen  
Kimberly Nguyen  
Leah Nguyen  
Nayana Ramachandra  
Ruqaiya Shipchandler  
Amanda Wilkinson

**Khristen Shepler Scholarship**
Ariana Peruzzi

**Knapp Scholarship**
John Hounihan  
Grace Schwarz

**Lay Scholarship Endowment**
Morgan Daniels  
Rebekah Tu

**Lester & Sue Smith Scholarship**
Sonya Bandouil  
Alexandra Doyle  
Laura Lisk  
Martin Wells

**Luchsineger Scholarship**
Kourtelynne Smith

**Lynette Autrey Scholarship**
Ellen Creecy  
Kristyn Hietala  
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Laurel Rawley  
Daniel Scott  
Aamir Syed  
Matthew Williams

**Mary Harding Hoffman Scholarship**
Katherine Chase  
Lauren Le  
Alyssa-uyen Nguyen

**Michelle & Ed Noack Scholarship**
Robert Comer  
Matthew Joseph

**Moya Family Scholarship**
Jesus Escobar  
Sabrina Hulipas  
Jocelyne Morales  
Kelli Restivo  
Brian-tyler St. Hilaire

**Phoenix Scholarship by Kim & Kelly Hales**
Sonakshee Shree

**R. M. L. Master Teacher Scholarship**
Corey Kendrick
S. Hecht & D. Brochstein Scholarship
Hamza Muhammad

Sara Bettencourt Scholarship
Sarah Banner

Sybil Pittman Estess Scholarship
Jacob Wagner

T.L.L. Temple Honors College Scholarship
Roberto Alejandria
William Beck
Garrett George
Amin Henini
Jeffrey Hong
Robert Laroche
Rachel Lopez
Rebecca Marte
Thomas Michel
Ross Minigutti
Christopher Nguyen
Jenny Phillips

Thomas R. & Richard S. Franklin Scholarship
Zainub Abdullah
Rida Abdurrazzaque
Eden Absar
Abhimanyu Aggarwal
Zukhruf Ali
Aaron Bennett
Parnia Forouzan
Sumeet Gautam
Michael Getty
Adolfo Gracia
Lucy Gylling
Anvita Hodekar
Michael Houston
Kanian Khan
Aishwarya Kothare
Tia Lal
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Sanchita Mahoorkar
Zainub Mallick
Kenan Nerad
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Neal Joshua Pangilinan
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Theodore Rowlett
Mohammad Siddiqui
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Christopher Tran
Michelle Tran
Jaycie Truong
Delia Weber
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Maggie Zhang
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Hailey Jones
Maria Josh
Zena Karagoli
Sabeha Kathrada
Eqra Kazi
Abdul Khan
Haya Khan
Marwa Kharboutli
Kimberly Lenmark
Lydia Liou
Thomas R. & Richard S. Franklin Scholarship
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Swati Mahapatra
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Jacob McLaney
Erich McMillan
Hadiqa Memon
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Javid Sultan
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Nnenna Umelloh
Sheiva Vakili
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Dominic Wood
Lena Younes
Sami Younes
Kristy Yu

TKE Scholarship

Jonathan Beilowitz

UH Foundation Excellence Scholarship

Kristin Hedtke
Camille Hulipas
Wardah Jaffery
Cody King
Corinne Lane
Sommer Luu
Zachary Mathai
Erin Matheny
Michelle Paulsel
Syed-Mohammad Raza

Serrae Reed
Philip Reyneke
Jessica Rivas
Fernando Rodriguez
James Russ
Madeline Styskal
Meena Sundaresan
Holden Tanner
Serena Thomas
Brittany Trinh

UH Foundation Texas Commerce Bank Merit Scholarship

Benjamin Lueders
Audrey Nguyen
Ariana Peruzzi
Michael Scott

Sidonie Sturrock
Teresa Tse
Megan Whelen

Wilhelmina Robertson Smith Scholarship

Ishit Amin
Sujata Gautam
Kathryn Krause

Dylan Senter
Gerald Smith
Michelle Thane

William Randolph Hearst Leadership Scholarship

Parisa Abadi
Emily Averitt-Cleveland
Rafael Basa
Hoda El-Haj
James Hammock
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## 2015 Scholarships

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- Jeffrey Garcia
- Serein Ghanayem
- Adalberto Gonzalez
- Hessami Hernandez
- Heba Hoelscher
- Saba Iqbal
- Kristen Johns
- Athulya Johnson
- Justin Langford
- Kim-Briana Lorine
- Jonathan Luu
- Cecil McKinnies
- Jose Mendez
- Taeler Morris
- Maria Negrete
- Nhung Nguyen
- Alexis Nguyen
- James Nguyen
- Sean Orioli
- Gina Quintanilla
- Heba Ramadan
- Mehand Samer
- Laura Sayers
- Tessa Sharafat
- Gerardo Soto
- Marcus Southerland
- Alina Vera Romero
- Colleen Womack

### 2015 National Merit Scholarships

- Praneeth Kambhampati
- Kiran Keneally
- Sloan Lalinde-Barnes
- Alexander Le
- Andrew Mathews
- Devan Mendez
- Neelosh Mutyala
- Chance Olsen
- Caroline Pham
- Rachel Shenoi
- Devanshi Singh
- Hannah Solheim
- Jordan Taylor
- Joel Thomas
- Joshua Valentino
- Rishi Wagle
- Samuel Wisneski
- Eric Woods
- Safiyya Zaidi
Bonner Program

This service-learning program brings community members, faculty, and students together to address challenges affecting the quality of life in the city and region. Bonners are excellent students who dedicate at least 270 hours each year to educationally meaningful anti-poverty service for each of their four years at UH. The UH program is the largest service learning program of its kind in the US. Bonners operate an award-winning food and nutrition program, tutor at-risk students in neighborhood high schools and middle schools, run a community-health program, and work to build capacity at Urban Harvest, Habitat for Humanity, Workshop Houston, and other partners. Contributions to the program support student scholarships and provide funds for student-led projects.

Energy & Sustainability Program and Minor

Designed to provide students from all majors with an interdisciplinary education, the minor in Energy and Sustainability offers a problem-based curriculum through which students acquire a broad, yet detailed understanding of existing, transitional, and alternative energy resources, as well as sustainable resource use. The curriculum features the city of Houston, the world’s energy capital, and creates opportunities for students to work with real challenges, real cases, and real experts from the community and the University. Donor gifts fund scholarships, keynote speaker events, and co-curricular activities.

The Great Conversation

Conversation is the foundation of an Honors College education. Every year, more than 300 faculty, alumni, students, and friends of the Honors College come together for The Great Conversation, an award-winning fundraising event supporting student scholarships and success. Both seminar and dinner party, The Great Conversation invites guests to engage in thoughtful dialogue on table topics in literature, religion, the arts, public policy, history, education, and the sciences — not to mention the “tasting tables” devoted to learning about good wines and fine whiskies. Proceeds from this event create the primary scholarship operating account, which allows the College to maintain our financial commitments to our students. The 2016 Great Conversation will be held on Wednesday, March 30, at the Houston Country Club.
Speech and Debate Program

The program features a competitive debate and individual events team, a public debate series, and an exciting cluster of courses. It draws on rhetorical theory and requires research into complex matters of public policy such as energy, the environment, and health care. During 2014-15, the debate team went from strength to strength. Eric Lanning and Tanweer Rajwani won the Mvubu Debates about the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, defeating Harvard in the finals and winning a trip to South Africa. Tanweer Rajwani and Joshua Freed were semi-finalists in the Lafayette Debates, winning a trip to France. Joshua Freed also qualified for the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament.

Study Abroad/Study Away

Experiential learning has always been a part of the culture of Honors, and we have worked diligently to expand these opportunities for our students. Previous study and service away trips have included France, Scotland, Haiti, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, and the Netherlands. In 2015-16, students will be able to join faculty on excursions to Greece, Israel and Turkey, India, and the Galápagos Islands. Gifts to this area fund student travel stipends for airfare, lodging, and other related expenses.

The Ted L. Estess Scholarship

When Professor Ted Estess stepped down as dean of the Honors College in 2008, he left behind not just a legacy of academic excellence but an actual community of scholars. The Ted L. Estess Scholarship seeks to cultivate students who have demonstrated high academic achievement and promise — students who will become leaders in the classroom and in the Honors community. Through participation in College activities, study abroad programs, and campus life, the Estess Scholars contribute to the vitality of the College and help sustain the Estess legacy of leadership and service.

Undergraduate Research

The Office of Undergraduate Research supports undergraduates from all majors and departments in securing mentored research opportunities. The Office executes this mission by offering three main programs: the Provost’s Undergraduate Research Scholarship (PURS) program, the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF-UH), and the Senior Honors Thesis program. The Office enables undergraduates to make a difference in their fields and form strong mentorships with faculty members in their discipline. Currently, the Office receives many more competitive applications than it is able to fund for its scholarship programs. Additional funding is needed to bring students’ projects to fruition. Undergraduate Research Day 2015 will occur on Thursday, October 22, at the Rockwell Pavilion and the Honors College.

For more information about making a gift in support of the programs above, or others within the Honors College, please contact Hannah Burris, Manager of Donor Relations, at 713.743.9010 or hmburris@uh.edu.
Office of
Undergraduate Research

Provost’s Undergraduate Research Scholars

The Provost’s Undergraduate Research Scholarship program provides talented juniors and seniors with the opportunity to participate in a semester-long research project under the direction of a University of Houston faculty mentor.

Spring 2015

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Alejandra Cervantes
*Donna Kaemar, Architecture*

Kevin Pham
*Wendy Fok, Architecture*

C. T. Bauer
College of Business

Maria Leon
*Chad Larson, Accountancy and Taxation*

Nichelle Ramos
*Dusya Vera, Management*

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Yanely Alonso
Texas Obesity Research Center (TORC) Scholar
*Daphne Hernandez, Health and Human Performance*

Denitza Dramkin
*Hanako Yoshida, Psychology*

Haya Khan
*Kairn Klieman, History*

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*Margot Backus, English*

George Martin
*Ann Christensen, English*

 angerina Beitzel
*Tracey Ledoux, Health and Human Performance*

Misha Chishty
*Daphne Hernandez, Health and Human Performance*

College of Education

Sarah Childress
*Lorraine Reitzel, Psychological, Health, and Learning Sciences*

Cullen College of Engineering

Rachel Dunn
*Patrick Cirino, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering*

Justin Loveless
*Haluk Ogmen, Electrical & Computer Engineering*

David Ibague
*Bora Gencturk, Civil and Environmental Engineering*

Seth Pedersen
*Shankar Chellam, Civil & Environmental Engineering*

Jereomy Lopez
*jae-Hyun Ryoo, Mechanical Engineering*
Man Nguyen
Agnes DeFranco, Hotel and Restaurant Management

Aya Alajrash
Gregg Roman,
Biology & Biochemistry

Kristina Duan
Timothy Cooper,
Biology & Biochemistry

Zachary Garvey
Daniel Onofrei, Mathematics

Michael Hilliard
Rebecca Zufall,
Biology & Biochemistry

Christopher Huynh
Jeremy May, Chemistry

Aziz Lirani
Elizabeth Ostrowski,
Biology & Biochemistry

Kimberly Nguyen
Brigitte Dauwalder,
Biology & Biochemistry

Marisa Simon
Cecilia Williams,
Biology & Biochemistry

Levi Walker
Dong Cai, Physics

Jesus Portillo
Svetlana Tikunova,
Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Naomi Alphonso
Candice Alfano, Psychology

Lilian Dinh
Michael Cottingham, Health and Human Performance

Donya Iranpoor
William Paloski, Health and Human Performance

Taylor Moree
Daphne Hernandez, Health and Human Performance

Rebecca Pham
Christiane Spitzmueller,
Psychology

Gloria Ramos
Guillermo De los Reyes, Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Jessica Robinson
Tracey Ledoux, Health and Human Performance

Lena Younes
Stacey Gorniak, Health and Human Performance

Dania Albaba
Chandra Mohan,
Biomedical Engineering

Cindy Dong
Support provided by Jeff Beauchamp
Mina Dawood, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Bilal Ghandour
Abdeldjelil Belarbi, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Munib Hasnain,
Hadi Ghasemi,
Mechanical Engineering
Cullen College of Engineering
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Zhenyu Hu
Wei-Chuan Shih, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Alexy Idicula
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Bora Gencturk, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Cecil Meritt
Lars Grabow, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Joshua Seitz
Support provided by Spectra Energy
Ralph Metcalfe, Mechanical Engineering
Oscar Serna
Mina Dawood, Civil and Environmental Engineering
NaiXin Zheng
Gangbing Song, Mechanical Engineering

College of Education

Quentaxia Wrighting
Lorraine Reitzel, Psychological, Health, and Learning Services

Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management

Monique Hall
Jay Neal, Hotel and Restaurant Management

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2015

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Peter Zweig, Architecture

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Norman Johnson, Decision and Information Sciences

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Richard Armstrong, Modern and Classical Languages
Alexandria Mackzum
Jessica Brown, Sociology
Julia Najm
Candice Alfano, Psychology
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Ferenc Bunta, Communication Sciences and Disorders
Ariana Peruzzi
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Robin Pham
Charles Layne, Health and Human Performance

Jacob Roman
Irene Guenther, History
Bianca Salinas
Chatwara Duran, English
Justin Sodipe
Jim Granato, Political Science
Ye-Jin Song
Natalia Zhivvan, Economics
Trey Strange
Kimberly Meyer, Creative Writing
Gina Vaidya
Michael Cottingham, Health and Human Performance
Cheryl Woolf
Texas Obesity Research Center (TORC) Scholar
Daphne Hernandez, Health and Human Performance

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Samuel McQuillin, Psychological, Health, and Learning Sciences

Robert Alford
Neal Adams,
Petroleum Engineering

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Hadi Ghasemi,
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Peter Copeland, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
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Mark Tomforde, Mathematics
Ziba Colah
Daniel Frigo, Biology & Biochemistry
Garret Couture
Loi Do, Chemistry
Juan Cuellar
Steven Pennings, Biology & Biochemistry

Kristina Duan
Tim Cooper, Biology & Biochemistry
Glenn Frutiz
Tasneem Bawa-Khalfe, Biology & Biochemistry
Jarret Garber
Stuart Hall, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Wissam Harmouch
Gregg Roman, Biology & Biochemistry
Joseph Hernandez
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Summer of Apps II: Health and Air

For Summer 2015, 12 students from across the university had the opportunity to conduct a full-time, paid summer research opportunity under the mentorship of Dr. Dan Price and Dr. Peggy Lindner as part of their Data Analytics in Student Hands (DASH) program. Students are taking app development to a higher level, as they integrate data projects on health and air quality with mobile apps and browser interfaces that provide better and more relevant feedback to people who are concerned about the impact of the environment on their health.

Abel Chacko
Matthew Joseph
Huy Hoang
Chris Holley
Nabiha Hossein
Fatemeh Mirghassemi

Vu Nguyen
Trevor Self
Hejal Soni
Carl Steven
Binh Tran
Visak Varghese
Senior Honors Thesis Awards 2014-15

The Outstanding Thesis Awards are given each year to students whose theses go above and beyond what is expected of an undergraduate researcher and writer.

Mohammad Aijaz  
Accounting, Michael Newman

Christina Bettencourt  
English, David Mikics

Daniel Burton  
Geology, Virginia Sisson

Corinne Green  
Educational Psychology, Rick Olenchak

Julie Heffler  
Biology & Biochemistry, Amy Sater & Kevin Morano

Vy Mai  
Architecture, William Truitt

Sheli Mauck  
Chemical Engineering, Megan Robertson

Adrienne Meyers  
Art, David Jacobs

Alexandra Naumann  
English, James Pipkin

Marisa Simon  
Biology & Biochemistry, Cecilia Williams

Nationally Competitive Award Winners 2014-15

Award Winners
Vanessa Alejandro, Glamour Magazine Top 10 College Women, Recipient
Cassie Gianni, Charles B. Rangel Graduate Fellowship, Recipient
Mary Dahdouh, Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship, Recipient
Adrienne Meyers, National Collegiate Honors Council Portz Scholar, Recipient
Victor Yau, Critical Language Scholarship, Recipient

Finalists/Honorable Mentions
Vanessa Alejandro, Harry S. Truman Scholarship, Finalist
Sophia Ewens, Barry Goldwater Scholarship, Honorable Mention
Sujata Gautam, Udall Undergraduate Scholarship, Honorable Mention
Honors College students often study abroad or study away to enhance their college experience. Each year, Honors College faculty and staff plan several journeys and support student travel to regional and national conferences and conventions.

**Artists and Their Regions**

Artists and Their Regions is a signature course of the Center for Creative Work featuring seminar-style class meetings and a week-long artists’ retreat that gives participants space and time to focus on their creative projects. Partnering with DiverseWorks, a multidisciplinary artist-centered institution in Houston that has been in existence for over 30 years, the spring 2015 Artists and Their Regions class explored the art institution and gallery space as a kind of cultural region. Students visited cultural sites such as the Menil Collection, Project Row Houses, and Box 13, and participated in the process of art creation by working directly with artists presenting at DiverseWorks.

**Honors College Students**

Isaiah Althouse  
Claudia Falk  
Justina Hall  
Rebecca Hennes  
Justin Jones  
Eternal Lokumbe  
Bridget McGee  
Cara Means  
Kimia Mortazavi  
Derrick Rice  
Carter Smith  
Trey Strange  
Francis Zelaya

**Honors College Faculty and Staff**

Rachel Cook  
Jacob Mills

**Spring Break Service Trip**

Over spring break, the Bonner Program joined a group organized by longtime Honors friend Kathie Bassler for an ambitious beach clean up project centered on the Mansfield Cut near Port Mansfield, Texas. The trip was a highlight of the Bonners’ second year of service learning, and the work resulted in the removal of more than 28 tons of trash from the beach and jetty.
Honors College Students

Kiran Akbani  Jeffrey Hong  Dane Ralph
Jeeva Babu  Elizabeth Joseph  Brenda Ruiz
Patrick Berry  Matthew Joseph  James Russ
Justice Caldwell  Lydia Liou  Naina Sakruti
Ismelda Correa  Michael Little  Sam Scarber
Daniel Foelber  Fatemeh Mirghassemi  Grace Schwarz
DaNae Fowler  Joshua Monsivais  Khalid Sheikh
Dave Giang  Alyssa Nguyen  Nic Vigil
Greg Goedcke  Kaitlyn Palividas  
Willa Hong  Brinda Penmetsa  

Honors College Faculty and Staff

Andrew Hamilton  Doug Erwing  Alison Leland

Model Arab League
Since 1993, the Honors College has participated in the national Model Arab League conference held in Washington, D.C. each spring. The league offers students an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills and to learn about the social, economic, cultural, and political issues facing leaders of the Arab world. Participation in MAL is valuable to students of all academic majors and nationalities as they gain valuable leadership training through public speaking and discussion, writing and editing, interpersonal relations, and cross-cultural dialogue. This past spring, the following 18 delegates represented the Honors College at the University of Houston:

Honors College Students

Anjay Ajodha  Gregory Goedcke  Dane Ralph
Travis Bertram-Poor  John Griffith  Sriharsha Rangaraj
Faheem Bilal  Beth Knuppel  Derrick Rice
John Fields  Lydia Mousa  Sahar Sadoughi
Nick Fox  Patrick Mullarkey  Chloe Stowell
Joshua Freed  Brinda Penmetsa  Tyler Swensen

Honors College Faculty and Staff

Keri Myrick  Jessie Rainbow  Bill Monroe

Galápagos Islands, Ecuador
Students prepared for this grand adventure by taking the spring 2015 biology class “Galápagos Evolving” and earning scuba certifications. They explored the city of Quito, visited the Charles Darwin Research Station and Andean villages, and enjoyed boat excursions and scuba diving.

Honors College Students

Emily Averitt-Cleveland  John Hounihan  Kelli Restivo
Meagan Chladny  Justin Martin  Cara Riffe
Olivia Cruz  Taylor Martin  Grace Schwarz
Alexandra Doyle  Samantha Mathew  Francesca Beatrice Sebastian
Sophia Ewens  Joshua Monsivais  Joshua Seitz
Nicholas Fox  Megan Prather  Wade Tao
Gregory Goedcke  Jennifer Reiss  

Honors College Faculty and Staff

Andrew Hamilton  Tony Frankino
In May 2015, Dr. Zecher led an intrepid group that explored the great capitals and rugged frontiers of Great Britain. This trip featured time in London, York, and Edinburgh, with lots of hiking in the unparalleled Scottish Highlands.

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**SERVICE IN HONDURAS**

On this Global Health trip, faculty from Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Houston led a team of students on a two-week medical mission trip to an underserved rural area in Santa Ana, Honduras, where the Houston Shoulder to Shoulder Foundation has provided health care for more than 20 years.

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Service in Haiti

For a second year in a row, students ran a medical clinic in and around Port-au-Prince, Haiti, under the guidance of healthcare professionals. (Students who traveled to Haiti in 2014 founded a UH student organization, Friends of Haiti, to encourage interested students to partner together to meet the needs of our Caribbean neighbors.)

Honors College Students & Alumni

Alfred Valliyakalayil Abraham
Bita Aminian
Sarah Dyer
Miriam Denise Felps
Kristin Kathy Hedtke
Sarah Khalid Javaid
Navya Kartha
Venkatasar Manvitha Katta
Bryan Seup Lee
Tran Phuong Thi Mai
Christine Yen Lan Nguyen
Aum Nitin Patel
Sreesainaina Sakruti
Cara Simone Shokler
Elise Waldron-Young

Honors College Faculty and Staff

Shasta F. Jones
Carl Lindahl

Faber Economon European Travel

The brainchild of two Honors College alumni (Hanneke Faber, ’90, and Aris Economon, ’89), the Faber Economon European Travel Scholarship (FEET) sends two Honors undergraduates to Europe each summer for an extended experience.

2015 FEET Recipients

Samantha Noel
Chloé Stowell

The Smithsonian, Washington, D.C.

In summer 2015, an inaugural cohort of Honors students traveled to our nation’s capital to spend three weeks working as interns at the world-famous museum.

Honors College Students

Lenore Caston-Miller
Isme Correa
Jeffrey Hong
Ben Leuders
Madison Richard

Individual Study Abroad Trips

State Department Critical Language Scholarship to South Korea

Victor Yau

SURF Research in London and Oxford, England

Troy Loftin

“City of Literature” Course, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Alex Meyer

Arab-American Language Institute, Morocco

Chloé Stowell
Honors College Organizations

African American Student Honors Association
The African American Student Honors Association (AASHA) promotes unity and provides a voice for African American Honors students, while seeking a better understanding among all students in the Honors College.

AIESEC
Go INTERNational. AIESEC is the largest international student-run organization in the world, with over 60,000 members in more than 100 countries. It is an international non-profit organization that provides students with leadership training and internship opportunities at for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Bleacher Creatures
Bleacher Creatures is the official spirit group of the Honors College, offering all Honors students the opportunity to “paint up and git rowdy!” at Cougar home games.

Circle K International
Circle K International blends community service and leadership training with the opportunity to meet other college students around the world. Projects such as the Six Cents Initiative, CKI’s International fundraiser that aims to provide water to the 2.2 billion children worldwide who lack safe drinking water, bring CKI members together to make a difference in the world.

Club Theater
Club Theater is a student acted, directed, produced, and written theater troupe that produces a series of short plays every semester showcasing the theatrical talent of Honors students. Club Theater welcomes individuals with all levels of experience and interest in all aspects of theater.

Honors Ambassadors
Ambassadors are a select group of Honors College students who represent the college to both internal and external constituencies, including prospective students, alumni, and donors.

Honors College Mentorship Program
The Honors College Mentorship Program provides guidance and support to incoming students through peer mentoring. Incoming Honors students are encouraged to meet with student mentors regularly as well as participate in a variety of Honors community building events to ensure a successful transition to the University of Houston.
Houston Undergraduate Research Network

HURN is the first student undergraduate research organization at the University of Houston and its purpose is to support the UH community of students, faculty, and staff interested in undergraduate research.

Model Arab League

Students in Model Arab League attend an annual conference in which participants enjoy the opportunity to develop leadership skills and to learn about the social, economic, cultural, and political issues facing the Arab world.

Omicron Delta Kappa

The National Leadership Honor Society

The purpose of ODK is to recognize University of Houston students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and scholarship. ODK acknowledges and encourages achievement in scholarship, athletics, campus community service, social and religious activities, campus government, journalism, speech, mass media, and the creative and performing arts.

Speech and Debate

The Speech and Debate Program at Houston includes competitive debate and individual events teams, a public debate series, and an exciting cluster of courses. The program draws on rhetorical theory and requires research into complex matters of public policy such as energy, the environment, and health care. SDP at Houston is open to all students, from novices to seasoned competitors.

Student Governing Board

SGB functions as a liaison between the Honors faculty, administration, and students, and as a planning body for the various social activities for the college.

Terry Scholars

The Terry Scholars chapter promotes student success both inside and outside the classroom, providing its members an academic support network and sponsoring monthly community service opportunities open to all University of Houston students.
## GRAND CHALLENGES
### FORUM SCHEDULE

**2015/2016 Theme: The Next Big Thing**

The Grand Challenges Forum encourages students to think critically, discuss openly, and learn unequivocally. The Honors College welcomes a diverse group of distinguished scholars, authors, activists and artists in an effort to further the University’s commitment to intellectual rigor, critical thinking, and scholarly excellence. The Grand Challenges Forum offers our students a time to hear a wide range of lectures dedicated to a common theme, which for the 2015-16 academic year is “The Next Big Thing.”

Hosted by the Honors College in partnership with the University of Houston Alumni Association and the C. T. Bauer College of Business, the Grand Challenges Forum is open to the entire UH Community. In fall 2015, the lectures will be held on Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m. in 100D CEMO Hall. For more information please visit: thehonorscollege.com/gcf.

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John T. McNabb, II

Mr. McNabb is Chairman of the Board and CEO of Willbros Group. He has served on the board of eight public companies listed on major exchanges. He is also a Senior Advisor for Duff & Phelps Corporation and a shareholder and director of Continental Resources Inc. and Cypress Energy Partners. In addition, Mr. McNabb was formerly Chairman of the Board of Visitors at the University of Houston and is an emeritus member of the Board of Visitors of the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

He and his wife Darlene manage the affairs of The John & Darlene McNabb Charitable Foundation. He has two degrees from Duke University, where he earned All American honors in football, and served two combat flying tours in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.