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THE HONORS COLLEGE

FALL
CONVOCAATION

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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 comele 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill".

William Monroe, Dean

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THE HONORS COLLEGE

OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

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

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Haley Boyd

Shelby Ragsdale

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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	Distribution by Class Rank in Secondary School	
Freshman Students	480	Top 10%	53%
Mid-career Students	110	(including 19 Valedictorians)	
		Next 10%	18%
Gender Distribution		Below 20%	12%
Female	56%	Unranked	17%
Male	44%		
		Distribution by Combined SATs (Math and Critical Reading scores)	
Ethnic Distribution		1400-1600	28%
White	33%	1300-1399	37%
Asian	33%	1200-1299	25%
Hispanic	18%	1100-1199	9%
Black	5%	Below 1100	1%
Unreported/Other	11%		
National Merit Finalists	29	Average SAT	1337
		Math	674
		Critical Reading	663

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

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Maryam N. Ghanem
Kiran S. Keneally
Mahnoor Khan
Elena Rochelle Klein

Christopher Leroy
Keleen M. McNamara
Nicolas Mireles
Khanh H. Nguyen
Sophia Nicole Pierce
Rebecca Ramirez
Athena Skye Robles
Kasi Alexis Schultz
Akshay Soman
Joshua Alessandro Valentino

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 Mccolloster
Matthew Mondragon
Jacquelyn Nguyen
Tevin Richards
Deepankar Sinha
Luc To
Andrew Tran
Chathuri Wickramaratne

ELKINS LEADERSHIP
FORUM
SCHOLARSHIP

Tyler Dorval
Christopher Gervasio
Megan Prather

**ELKINS LEADERSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP**

Logan Campbell
Stephanie Derr
Mackenzie Ilari
Navya Kartha
Amelia Khoei

Rachel Marte
Joshua Monsivais
Viviane Nguyen
Erica Waldvogel
Tyler Westcot

**ENRON MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP**

Tanya Chen
Lauren Christensen
Niti Desai
Heena Momaya
Christine Nguyen
Nicole Nguyen

Brinda Penmetsa
Farrah Rahim
Moawiz Saeed
Revanth Vadlamudi
Ayman Youssef
Elizabeth Zhu

**ESTESS SCHOLAR
SCHOLARSHIP**

Christopher Collum
Taylor Martin
Caitlin Obrien

Angela Richardson
Megan Thomson

**FOUNDATION
EXCELLENCE
ENDOWMENT**

Tayler Hedtke
Khai-Hoan Ho
Devan Mendez
Rachel Sheno

Devanshi Singh
Matthew Spruiell
Danny Tran
Eric Woods

**FOUNDERS
SCHOLARSHIP**

Shveta Abraham
Carolina Barron
Samantha Branum
Micaela Cadungog
Loreto Lou Calaquian
Emily Copeland
Muhammad Daniyal
Jonathan Duong
Altair Galgana

Justin Lathem
Hoang Nguyen
Thu-mai Nguyen
Salil Ojha
Alexander Pham
Christopher Robinson
Raina Saxena
Thomas Webb

**FRANK HEVRDEJS
ENDOWMENT
SCHOLARSHIP**

Cesar Muniz
Erin Shier
Stephen Trippy

**GREAT
CONVERSATION
SCHOLARSHIP**

Fuad Abdella
Omar Abousaway
Sabrina Aguilar
Senyo Ahadzie
Muhammad Alavi
Maryam Ali
Manasi Bakshi
Valerie Ban
Rushabh Bhakta
Jessica Bradham
Jeremy Brandt
Austin Brown
Anna Buchele
Nico Carswell
Anastasia Chan
Alexandra Choate
Elizabeth Chuang

Phillip Comeaux
Audrey Cox
Celine Crabot
Chase Cummins
Kevin Dao
Dhwani Dawar
Katrina Dunn
Claudia Falk
Ifrah Farooq
Arianne Patricia Felicitas
Kayla Fischer
Andrea Garza Elizondo
Shawn George
Elise Gilman
Lauren Greene
Jeffery Ha
Deena Habazi

**GREAT
CONVERSATION
SCHOLARSHIP**

Continued

Emerson Haynes	Aashini Patel
Allison Heinrich	Shiv Patel
Julia Hofmeister	Tanweer Rajwani
Adam Honeycutt	Haley Ramponi
Megan Iselin	Taylor Ritter
Giovanna Jimenez	Maria Rodriguez
Amani Jlassi	Nikhil Schneider
Praneeth Kambhampati	Daniel Seek
Huda Khan	Trevor Self
Shazia Khan	Olivia Shane
Anchit Khanna	Khalid Sheikh
Saniya Khowaja	Cara Shokler
Elizabeth Knuppel	Usayd Siddiqi
Josef Lamell	Matthew Spicer
Alexander Le	Michael Spurgat
Rebekah Little	Aubrey Swilling
Dania Mahmoud	Rebecca Isabel Taing
Taelor Marquetti-Gadison	Diael Thomas
Samantha Mathew	Jessica To
Juan Medina	Katelyn Travers
Kaitlin Miller	Joshua Valentino
Anna Montgomery	Inga Vogel
Malcom Mpinduzi-Mott	Kiana Wall
Naomi Muchai	Luke Walther
Trisha Mulamreddy	Caleb White
Shannon Murray	Timothea Wiratman
Neelesh Mutyala	Jane Wong
Jason Nania	Felix Wu
Dan Nguyen	Cody Xu
Tri Nguyen	Akshith Yellapragada
Tri Nguyen	Iris Yoon
Chloe Ng-Wing-Sheung	Nourhan Younis
Emmett Oh	Safiyya Zaidi
Ian Overman	Abigail Zinecker

**HOUSTON
PREMEDICAL
ACADEMY
SCHOLARSHIP**

Rahul Dsilva	Shiv Patel
Praneeth Kambhampati	Rachel Shenoii
Huda Khan	Rishi Wagle

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Caroline Cao	Kokila Jayasekera
Nicholas Daily	Tannon Yu

**JANE & ROBERT
CIZIK SCHOLARSHIP**

Phillip Arvanetakis	Asit Shah
Madison Richard	Chloe Stowell
Amethyst Rogers	Victor Yau

**JANE BLAFFER
OWEN SCHOLARSHIP**

Caroline Cao
Cara Means

JP MORGAN MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP

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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

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SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

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Alexandra Doyle

Laura Lisk
Martin Wells

LUCHSINEGER
SCHOLARSHIP

Kourtelynn Smith

LYNETTE AUTREY
SCHOLARSHIP

Ellen Creecy
Kristyn Hietala
Valerie Ikhimokpa
Maureen Lax
Lauren McKinley

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
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Roberto Alejandria
William Beck
Garrett George
Amin Henini
Jeffrey Hong
Robert Laroche

Rachel Lopez
Rebecca Marte
Thomas Michel
Ross Minigutti
Christopher Nguyen
Jenny Phillips

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& RICHARD
S. FRANKLIN
SCHOLARSHIP

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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
William Little
Keana Madrinan
Sanchita Mahoorkar
Zainub Mallick
Kenan Nerad
Alicia Notarainni
Neal Joshua Pangilinan
Nishvanthi Raveendran
Theodore Rowlett
Mohammad Siddiqui
Christopher Smith
Morgan Stephan
Christopher Tran
Michelle Tran
Jaycie Truong
Delia Weber
Bobin Xu

Maggie Zhang
Ysabelle Abraham
Ezzat Al Saadi
Hayder Ali
Rawan Almallahi
Skyler Barron
Sebastian Bidegain
Andrea Cruz
Thanh Dang
Anna Day
Aryan Dowlatshahi
Maria Ferreira
Urvashi Firozi
John Fisher
Rogelio Fonseca
Courtney Gigant
Gregory Goedecke
Jack Graham
Kazi Haque
Heba Hijazi
Hannah Holloway
Lauren Hruzek
Mary Huneycutt
Hailey Jones
Maria Josh
Zena Karagoli
Sabeeha Kathrada
Eqra Kazi
Abdul Khan
Haya Khan
Marwa Kharboutli
Kimberly Lenmark
Lydia Liou

THOMAS R.
& RICHARD
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SCHOLARSHIP

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Laura Mahaney
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Lydia Mammen
Mandu Mbride
Jacob McLaney
Erich McMillan
Hadiqa Memon
Dena Moghtader
Lenexa Morais
Sara Nabhan
Phuong Nguyen
Tam Nguyen
Thao Nguyen
Faith Nomamiukor
David Olmos
Kaitlyn Palividas
Sana Qais
Phillip Reid
Melvin Rodriguez

Jin Ryou
Sahar Sadoughi
Mahnoor Samana
Samuel Scarber
Alondra Serrano
Saleha Sherwani
William Solomon
Javid Sultan
Sadia Tasnim
Ruth Trimble
Ealing Tuan
Nnenna Umelloh
Sheiva Vakili
Meng Wang
Dominic Wood
Lena Younes
Sami Younes
Kristy Yu

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Jonathan Beilowitz

UH FOUNDATION
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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

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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
Katie Hauser

Elizabeth Knuppel
Chloe Ng-Wing-Sheung
Jennifer Reiss
Rachel Sloan
Acara Turner

2015 SCHOLARSHIPS

2015 TIER ONE SCHOLARSHIPS

Maryam Ali	Twinkle Joseph	Annie Samuel
Molly Biffle	Manasa Kanukurthy	Rachel Sheno
Jeremy Brandt	Christine Kickel	Fatema Shipchandler
Emily Burlison	Micah Knerr	Akshay Soman
Uma Carstens	Divya Kurian	Matthew Spicer
Kaira Chavez	Drew Lawson	Kishan Srikanth
Divya Chilukuri	Maxwell McCaskill	Joel Thomas
Kaleb Clark	Trisha Mulamreddy	Catherine Turet
Jose Gallegos	Mehul Patel	Hina Uddin
Andrea Garza Elizondo	Sambridhi Paudyal	Rishi Wagle
Mallory Greene	Cydney Pickens	Timothea Wiratman
Harrison Holmes	Nikita Prasad	Eric Woods
Adam Honeycutt	Haley Ramponi	Melissa Yang
Christie Huynh	Austin Rickerson	

2015 TERRY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Mariam Ali	Delton Friedman	Maria Negrete
Michelle Alley	Jeffrey Garcia	Nhung Nguyen
Ali Alrifai	Serein Ghanayem	Alexis Nguyen
Kody Anderson	Adalberto Gonzalez	James Nguyen
Kelvin Ayala	Hessami Hernandez	Sean Orioli
Raquel Balderas	Heba Hoelscher	Gina Quintanilla
Samira Ben Salka	Saba Iqbal	Heba Ramadan
Estela Cias	Kristen Johns	Mehand Samer
Toul DeGuia-Cranmer	Athulya Johnson	Laura Sayers
Thao Doan	Justin Langford	Tessa Sharafat
Courtney Duran	Kim-Briana Lorine	Gerardo Soto
Sarah El-Agha	Jonathan Luu	Marcus Southerland
Rubi Escamilla	Cecil McKinnies	Alina Vera Romero
Roxi Fam	Jose Mendez	Colleen Womack
Kristen Farley	Taeler Morris	

2015 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Marissa Borchering	Praneeth Kambhampati	Devanshi Singh
Abigail Chetlain	Kiran Keneally	Hannah Solheim
Phillip Comeaux	Sloan Lalinde-Barnes	Jordan Taylor
Kevin Dao	Alexander Le	Joel Thomas
Ambria Dewever	Andrew Mathews	Joshua Valentino
Arianne Felicitas	Devan Mendez	Rishi Wagle
Edward Filice	Neelesh Mutyala	Samuel Wisneski
Lauren Greene	Chance Olsen	Eric Woods
Taylor Hedtke	Caroline Pham	Safiyya Zaidi
Khai-Hoan Ho	Rachel Sheno	

2015 PROVOST SERVICE LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS

Jongsang Ahn
Cynthia Banwell
Kell Bernardo
Alexa Brososky
Chase Cummins
Thao Doan
Bryan Dieu
Garett Clark
Ethan Hitchcock
Julia Hofmeister
Shahzad Kallou
Olivia Kuligowski
Robert Laroche

Keana Madrinan
Mason Malone
Brian Metoyer
Michael Matthews
Devan Mendez
Kaitlin Miller
Nellmarie Misuela
Shannon Murray
Kenan Nerad
Martin Nguyen
Nicholas Nguyen
Kosieme Njoku
Enrique Pacheco-San Martin

Ankur Patel
Victoria Pham
Zachary Price
Trinity Rinear
Theodore Rowlett
Usayd Siddiqi
Michelle Tran
Jaycie Truong
Andres Villagran
Jane Wong
Iris Yoon

HONORS COLLEGE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

Alejandra Cervantes
Donna Kacmar, 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

Angelina Beitzel
*Tracey Ledoux, Health and
Human Performance*

Ton La, Jr.
Ryan Kennedy, Political Science

Erika Lai
Margot Backus, English

Misha Chishty
*Daphne Hernandez, Health and
Human Performance*

George Martin
Ann Christensen, English

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 Ryou,
Mechanical Engineering*

CONRAD N. HILTON
COLLEGE OF HOTEL
AND RESTAURANT
MANAGEMENT

Man Nguyen
*Agnes DeFranco, Hotel and
Restaurant Management*

COLLEGE OF
NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS

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

COLLEGE OF
PHARMACY

Jesus Portillo
*Svetlana Tikunova,
Pharmacological and
Pharmaceutical Sciences*

FALL 2015

COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND
SOCIAL 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*

CULLEN COLLEGE
OF ENGINEERING

Dania Albaba
*Chandra Mohan,
Biomedical Engineering*

Cindy Dong
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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
Continued

Zhenyu Hu
*Wei-Chuan Shih, Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

Alexy Idicula
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Beauchamp
*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
*Minna 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
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AND RESTAURANT
MANAGEMENT

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*Jay Neal, Hotel and Restaurant
Management*

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NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS

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*Steven Pennings,
Biology & Biochemistry*
Wissam Harmouch
*Gregg Roman,
Biology & Biochemistry*

Joseph Hernandez
Liming Li, Physics
Sabrina Martinez
*Paul Mann, Earth and
Atmospheric Sciences*
Rosa Maya
Thomas Teets, Chemistry

SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIP 2015

GERALD D. HINES
COLLEGE OF
ARCHITECTURE

Munjer Hashim
Peter Zweig, Architecture

C. T. BAUER
COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS

Andrew Bahlmann
*Emese Felvegi, Decision and
Information Sciences*
Arlen L'Anglois
*Norman Johnson, Decision and
Information Sciences*

William Solomon
*Elizabeth Anderson Fletcher,
Decision and Information Sciences*

COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Robyn Douglas
Carla Sharp, Psychology
Maria Ferreira
Eduardo Aleman, Political Science

Joshua Freed
Terry Hallmark, Political Science
Kristina Havens
Arturo Hernandez, Psychology

COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Continued

Jennie Ho
Qian Lu, Psychology

Troy Loftin
*Richard Armstrong, Modern and
Classical Languages*

Alexandria Mackzum
Jessica Brown, Sociology

Julia Najm
Candice Alfano, Psychology

Samantha Noel
*Ferenc Bunta, Communication
Sciences and Disorders*

Ariana Peruzzi
Iain Morrisson, Philosophy

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 Zhivan, 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*

COLLEGE OF
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Nisha Ghayalod
*Samuel McQuillin, Psychological,
Health, and Learning Sciences*

CULLEN COLLEGE
OF ENGINEERING

Robert Alford
*Neal Adams,
Petroleum Engineering*

Mustafa Ali
Support provided by BASF
*William Epling, Chemical &
Biomolecular Engineering*

Ashwin Antony
*Jeffrey Rimer, Chemical &
Biomolecular Engineering*

Kayshewa Chamupathi
*Yan Yao, Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

Pietro Antonio Cicalese
*Bhavin Sheth, Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

Anisleidys Garcia
*Ramanan Krishnamoorti,
Chemical & Biomolecular
Engineering*

Tarek Ghoneim
*Yashashree Kulkarni, Mechanical
Engineering*

Cesar Gonzalez
*Yandi Hu, Civil and
Environmental Engineering*

Munib Hasnain
*Hadi Ghasemi,
Mechanical Engineering*

Taylor Hinchliffe
*Tianfu Wu,
Biomedical Engineering*

Jeffrey Hong
*Haleh Ardebili,
Mechanical Engineering*

Zhenyu Hu
*Wei-Chuan Shih, Electrical &
Computer Engineering*

Anna Milani Brugna
*Bora Gencturk, Civil and
Environmental Engineering*

Achuth Nair
*Kirill Larin,
Biomedical Engineering*

Tam Nguyen
*Ralph Metcalfe,
Mechanical Engineering*

Priya Patel
*Patrick Cirino, Chemical &
Biomolecular Engineering*

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Firat Ince, Biomedical Engineering
Aubrey Swilling
*Chandra Mohan,
Biomedical Engineering*
Trang Vo
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*Vemuri Balakotaiah, Chemical &
Biomolecular Engineering*

Trevor Walker
*Mo Li, Civil & Environmental
Engineering*
Wu Yuqian
*Gangbing Song,
Mechanical Engineering*

THE HONORS COLLEGE

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

John Hounihan
*Brenda Rhoden,
Leadership Studies*

Callum Byers
*Peter Copeland, Earth and
Atmospheric Sciences*

Sarah Chehade
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
Liming Li, Physics



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NATURAL SCIENCES
AND MATHEMATICS

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Sabrina Ingrid Hulipas
Robert Talbot,
Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

Linh Quang Le
Thomas Teets, Chemistry

Rosa Maya
Thomas Teets, Chemistry

Andrew Phillips
Jonathan Snow, Earth and
Atmospheric Sciences

Rafael Polo
Elizabeth Ostrowski,
Biology & Biochemistry

Simon Powell
Biology of Behavior Institute
(BoBI) Scholar
Jokubas Ziburkus,
Biology & Biochemistry

Nada Qari
Vassiliy Lubchenko, Chemistry

Nayana Ramachandra
Simon Bott and Sridevi Devaraj,
Chemistry

Jennifer Reiss
Biology of Behavior Institute
(BoBI) Scholar
Gregg Roman,
Biology & Biochemistry

Susan W. Renaud
W. Anthony Frankino,
Biology & Biochemistry

Bilal Tariq
Rebecca Zufall,
Biology & Biochemistry

Sadia Tasnim
Erin Kelleher,
Biology & Biochemistry

Nicholas Troutman
Zachary Kilpatrick, Mathematics

Sheiva Vakili
Daniel Frigo,
Biology & Biochemistry

COLLEGE OF
OPTOMETRY

Thao Do
Alan Burns, Optometry

COLLEGE OF
PHARMACY

Adelle Flores
Jason Eriksen, Pharmacological
and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Moawiz Saeed
Bradley McConnell,
Pharmacological and
Pharmaceutical Sciences

COLLEGE OF
TECHNOLOGY

Aqib Hasnain
Kamran Alba,
Engineering Technology

Sara Khalil
Xiaojing Yuan ,
Engineering Technology

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
Fateme 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*

STUDY ABROAD AND STUDY AWAY

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 Goedecke	Kaitlyn Palividas	
Willa Hong	Brinda Penmetsa	

HONORS COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF

Andrew Hamilton	Doug Erwing	Alison Leland
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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 Goedecke	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
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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 Goedecke	Jennifer Reiss	

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Andrew Hamilton	Tony Frankino	
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SCOTLAND AND NORTHERN ENGLAND



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.

HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS

Emma Armer
Ana Armstrong
Anjay Batra
Kelsey Braxton
Laura Clark
Mary Dahdough
Andrew Dahdough
John Dowling
Erin Dunnahoo
Molly Dyer
Yasmina Fayed

Christina Hamilton
Ronak Karsan
Cody King
Elizabeth Knuppel
Kevin Koch
Sara Lalani
Maureen Lax
Victoria Li
Jorge Martorell
Kirstie McCallum
Savannah Meyers

Meghan Miller
Pardis Moravej
Alyssa Neal
Ariana Peruzzi
Christina Ramsey
Rebekah Richardson
Brian St. Hilaire
Ellen Stinemetz
Sydney Stobart
Madeline Styskal
James Wood

HONORS COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF

Jonathan Zecher
Tatiana Zecher

Keri Myrick
Colleen Seitz

Bill Monroe

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.

HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS & ALUMNI

Jonathan Adams
Sareema Adnan
Kiran Akbani
Zachary Dao
Urvashi Firozi
Abigail Hagan

Mahnor Javed
Sriharsha Kambala
Katherine Kerr
Angela Lariscy
Lenexa Morais
Chloe Ng

Shelby Ragsdale
Yansi Ramirez
Laurie Riggs
Moawiz Saeed
Beatriz Thames
Leila Zoronjic

HONORS COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF

Ricardo Nuila

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

HONORS COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF

Shasta F. Jones	Carl Lindahl
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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
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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	Jeffrey Hong	Madison Richard
Isme Correa	Ben Leuders	

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.

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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.

Convocation	9/3
William Monroe, <i>Dean</i>	9/4
Richard Armstrong, <i>Coordinator of International Programs</i>	9/11
Steve Wirls, <i>Constitution Day Speaker</i>	9/18
<i>The Rise</i> Panel	9/25
Richard Walton, <i>Federal Immigration Judge</i>	10/2
Aida Araissi, <i>Founder/CEO Bilateral US-Arab Chamber</i>	10/9
Tony Chase, <i>UH Law Professor</i>	10/16
Paul Bettencourt, <i>Texas State Senator</i>	10/23
Grace Rodriguez, <i>TEDx Creative Director</i>	10/30
Jan Jarboe Russell, <i>Author, The Train to Crystal City</i>	11/6
Bob Harvey, <i>President/CEO, Greater Houston Partnership</i>	11/13
Fall Closing Speaker-TBA	11/20

FALL CONVOCATION

MOORES OPERA HOUSE • UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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.



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