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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JOHN L. KING ('92)



John King is Ernst & Young's Assurance Managing Partner for the Southwest Region, which comprises 12 offices across nine states. Ernst & Young is a leading global professional services firm with 250,000 people and \$31 billion in revenues. Mr. King's career has primarily focused on working with Fortune 500 companies across a range of industries, with a particular focus in the energy sector.

Mr. King grew up in Kansas City and attended the University of Houston on a National Merit Scholarship. He was a member of the Honors College, and he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting in 1992.

Mr. King is president of the University of Houston's Honors College Advisory Board and vice president of the Bauer College of Business Foundation Board. He is also a member of the Board of Visitors and the Bauer College Board. In addition, he and his wife, Julie, are active in charitable, philanthropic, and educational activities and organizations throughout the city of Houston.

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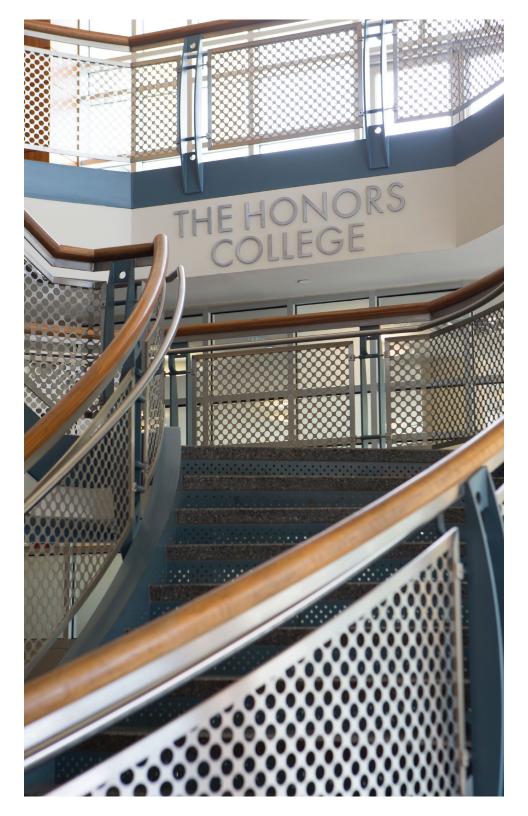
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#### Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, Colleagues, and Friends,

As we have for forty years, the Honors College is calling together the University of Houston community for the Fall Convocation. The Harvey floods preempted the 2017 event, taking a toll on our campus and community. UH students and faculty rose to the challenge through the UH CARES initiative, which resulted in over 1,000 hours of crucial cleanup work by more than 180 students, staff, and faculty.

This kind of engagement reflects the core values of the Honors College and the University of Houston as we strive to be a vital part of the city. The city of Houston plays a fundamental role in the education of UH students and alumni, and we want to be distinguished by our collaboration with Houston neighbors. We want the insights developed in the lecture hall and the seminar room to be enhanced by service locally, with partners such as KIPP Intrepid and Cuney Homes, and abroad in places like Honduras and Jordan.

Curricular programs are flourishing as well. In the past five years, participation in Honors College minors—Leadership Studies, Energy & Sustainability, Medicine & Society, *Phronesis*, and Creative Work—has increased by 75%. Participation in undergraduate research, already impressive, grew by nearly 30%, and the number of major award finalists and recipients more than tripled. One notable example: UH students won six Fulbright scholarships in spring 2018, more than in the previous five years combined.

We invite the class of 2022 to join this legacy of excellence. Your engagement in the lecture hall, the laboratory, the seminar room, and beyond—from college to career—will reflect the confidence, courage, and readiness that are the hallmarks of our University. Your success here will last a lifetime.

Go, Coogs!

William Monroe, Dean

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The designation "Fellow of The Honors College" recognizes University faculty and staff, as well as friends of the College, for their contributions to Honors education. A Fellow may assist the College in many ways, including serving on senior honors thesis committees, teaching Honors courses, and providing counsel to Honors students and the College.

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Members of the Honors College Advisory Board serve as ambassadors for the College, actively supporting the Honors mission by taking leadership roles in fundraising and by promoting and engaging the Honors College in the Houston business and civic community.

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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.

#### 2018 Honorees

Benjamin Diaz Villa Vincent Laroche Adi Pasic
Aristotle Economon Olivia Lee Maria Rossodivita
Mikael Floyd Rachel Meade Erin Sappington
Jordan Grant Sara Mosaffa Lois Suter



## THE HONORS COLLEGE

### **ENTERING CLASS OF 2018**

Number of Entering Students	769	Distribution by Class Rank in Secondary School		
Freshman Students	586			
Mid-career Students	183	Top 10% (including 15 Valedictorians) Next 10% Below 20%		53%
Gender Distribution				19% 11%
Female	57%			
Male	43%	Unranked		17%
		Distribution by ACT Index		
<b>Ethnic Distribution</b>		ACT Index (New SAT)		
White	32%	30-36	(1400-1600)	45%
Asian	30%	27-29	(1300-1399)	37%
Hispanic	23%	25-26	(1200-1299)	14%
Black	9%	22-24	(1100-1199)	4%
Unreported/Other	6%			
National Merit Finalists	17	Average ACT Index		29
		New SAT		1380
Distribution by College				
Architecture	15	Liberal Arts and Social Sciences		178
Arts	18	Natural Sciences		231
Business	83	and Mathematics		
Education	16	Technology		28
Engineering	173	Exploratory Studies		20
Hotel and Restaurant Management	7	•	•	

### **Incoming Honors Students**

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Michelle Zhang

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Syeda Maryam Beyabani Lindsay Bien

Imani Black

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Sydney Martin
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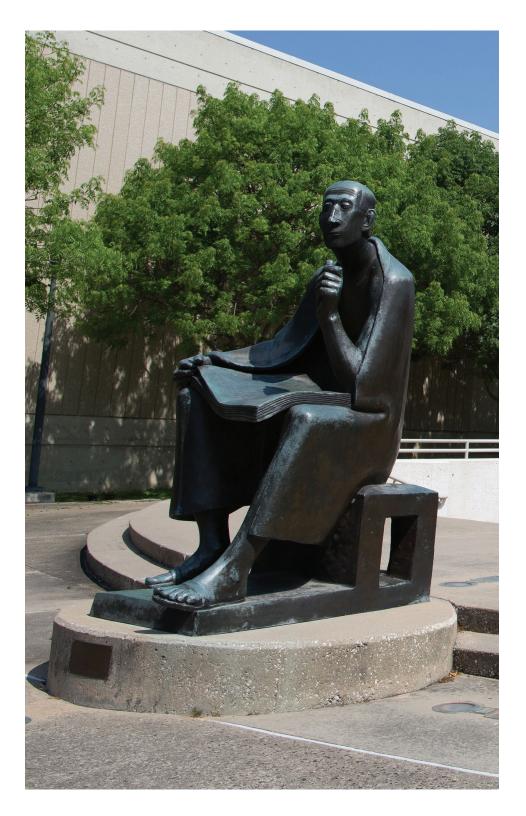
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Bryce Guidry
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Madison Hamby
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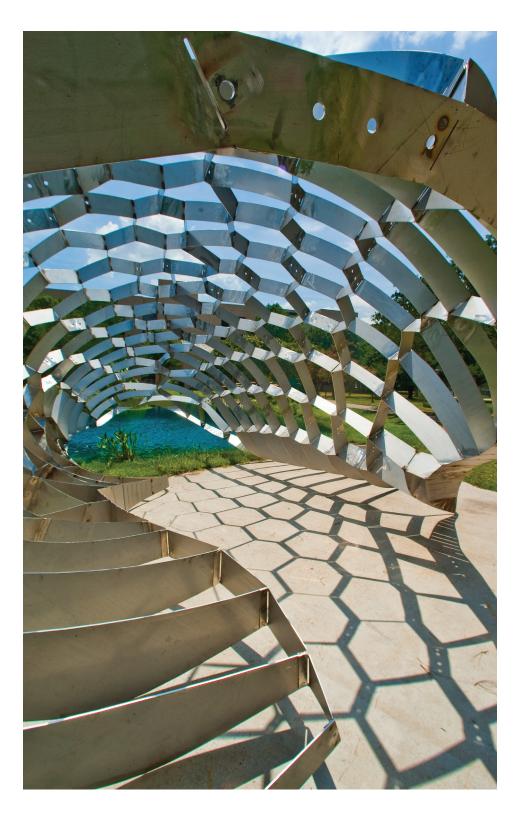
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### 2018 Scholarships

#### Honors College Scholarships

Students in good standing are eligible to apply for Honors College Scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500 annually. For fall 2018, the College awarded \$419,000 to 345 students, 63 of whom are incoming students.

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Jonathan Mathews Joshua Valentino

Bessie Monroe EBAUGH SCHOLARSHIP

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Burns & McDonnell Honors SCHOLARSHIP Josiah Cherian Carolina Delgado Bisma Jilani Kallie Juel Husain Poonawala

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Kevin Dao

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Meredith Sorensen

Frank Heverdeis SCHOLARSHIP

Hadi Bourji Kendrick Kwan

# Fred & Mabel R. Parks Foundation Scholarship

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Kendrick Kwan

#### Great Conversation Scholarship

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Elizabeth Edgecombe Mohammad Farhan Mohamad Fattouh Kevin Fleming Logan French Allison Funk Smiti Gandhi

Zackary Dobert

Ersie-Anastasia Gentzis Natalia Gonzalez Surbhi Gupta Keegan Hall Madison Hamby Sara Hussain Anjali James

Amanda Ganis

Maham Gardezi

Salvi Kumar Chaitanya Lavu Christy Le Tiffany Lim Sarah Lips Ileagh Macivers Varun Maheshwari Aditya Mankare Kevin McCaslin Paul McNeely

Isbah Mehar Austin Mitchell Alexander Nguyen
Donovan Nguyen
Hung Nguyen
Ace Verin Nguyen
Venthy Nguyen
Vijay Nitturi
Sydney Nutter
Anushka Oak
hotla Ethan Paquet
Evan Parish
Saloni Patel
Catalina Pinto
mbe Erin Rainer
Anusanda Ace Verin Rainer
Hamza Raja

Mariana Rendon Orozco Austin Rickerson Brianna Robertson Sharan Sabu Enrique Salinas Erin Sappington Daniel Scott Taegen Senawong Manal Shahid Nithyapriya Shankar

Emily Song
Taylor Strange
Lois Suter
Taha Syed
Amy Tang
Conlan Taylor
Christopher Thang
Pichvyda Tuy
Joshua Varghese
Jaclyn Vaughn
Jennifer Vo
Leonard Wang
David Wang
Reshan Weerasooriya

Kristen Wille

Honors Student Governing Board Scholarship Monica Marin

## JACK S. BLANTON SCHOLARSHIP

River Phillips

#### Jane & Robert Cizik Scholarship

Salman Al-Luqman Sanjana Ayyagari Amanda Beck Nico Carswell Deborah Isola Christopher Le

#### Jane Blaffer Owen Scholarship

Aubrey Ward Timothea Wiratman

#### J.D. FIELDS SCHOLARSHIP

Nirmal Patel

#### Jeff Dodd & Susan Ohsfeldt Scholarship

Joel Chavali Christopher Ha Allison Heinrich

#### JP Morgan Merit Scholarship

Roba Abousaway Bolatito Adeyeri Samuel Akinwande Hareem Ali Lauren Greene Momin Hussain Orion Lowy Sunny Patil Haley Ramponi

#### Khristin M. Shepler Memorial Scholarship

Melinda Mayden

#### LESTER & SUE SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Pooja Agrawal Neethu Kurian Tahira Raza

#### LINDA & KEN LAY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Mirza Mohammad Baig

#### Lynette Autrey Scholarship

Jerry Jacob Sharon John So Jun Rachel Kuruvila Vincent Laroche Jack Morillo Courtney Murphy Jil Patel Marissa Ramsey Elaine Rubin Sana Shaikh Akeil Shams-Ul-Hooda Pichvyda Tuy Mary Harding Hoffman Scholarship Sabine Meyer Hill Quincy Reynolds

McMillan/ Gerstacker Scholarship Aishwarya Kothare

MICHELLE & ED NOACK SCHOLARSHIP

Tia Lal Kaitlin Miller

Moya Family Scholarship Livia Garza Andrea Garza Elizondo Nour Haikal Sandra Morales Giulia Schirripa

Munizeh Jan Scholarship Ricardo Gutierrez Anusha Sherwani

One Thousand Years of Honors Scholarship Mauricio Arriaga Antonio Cannata Andelien Lee Arely Leija Victoria Mousa

PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP BY KIM & KELLY HALES Omar Abousaway Isabella Elkins Sarah Howe

Ross M. Lence Memorial Scholarship Sampada Chaudhari Kian Ebrahim-Zadeh Michelle Tran

Jane Wong

Sara Morse Bettencourt Scholarship Jonathan Mathews

STEVEN HECHT & DEBORAH BROCHSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP Cady Calhoun

#### Sybil Pittman Estess Scholarship

#### Brianna Holder

#### T.L.L. TEMPLE HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Katelyn Dykas Arianne Patr Felicitas Adam Honeycutt Rabab Jafry Elizabeth Knuppel Tiffany Lim Alexandru Neagu Christopher Nguyen Kevin Nguyen Thea Pascual Rohail Siddiqi Taylor Strange

THOMAS R. & RICHARD S. FRANKLIN SCHOLARSHIP

Zain Akbar Oluwapelumi Akinwande Maryam Ali Zukhruf Ali Esmeralda Badillo Viramontes

Esmeralda Badillo Viramoi Megan Barineau Jazmyne Betters Syeda Maryam Beyabani Drew Boagni

Paloma Bond-Reading Tasneem Bootwala Amanda Boyd Diana Bui Sabria Chahine Brittney Chapa Joanne Chavali Emily Crow Benjamin Diaz Villa Valeria Duran

Mohammed Essa Saman Essa Osakpolor Evbuomwan Victoria Falgout Crystal Gamboa Stephen Garcia Kashmeera Giga Gabriela Gonzalez Angela Gorman Kelly Graham Kayla Graver Lucy Gylling Randa Habazi Debopriyo Halder Lida Hedayatpour Tayler Hedtke Julia Hofmeister

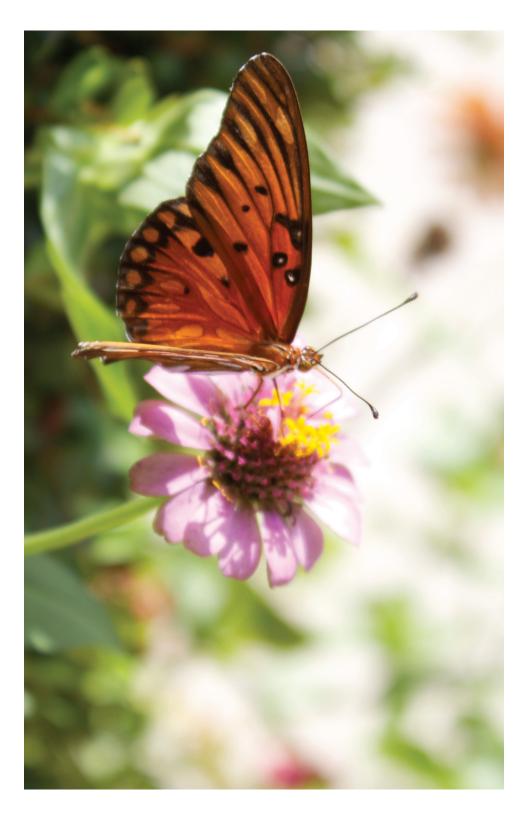
Attiya Hussaini Cecile Huvnh

Veronica Ibraheim

Vinh Huynh

Seth Ingham Ann Johnson Rachel Joseph Claire Juhas Sarah Jung Mariam Khan Shazia Khan Jennifer Koshy Benita Lalani Abby Lang Alexander Le Olivia Lee William Little Elliot Maceda Mary Danielle Manio Kiara Minotta Hernandez Caroline Mousa

Muktha Nair Andrew Nguyen Antoine Nguyen April Nguyen Christopher Nguyen Henry Nguyen Nicholas Nguyen Bryan Nham Zouheir Obeid Paola Obispo Chandni Patel Praboda Perikala Daniel Phu Sofia Poznansky Trinity Rinear Angella Rodriguez Isaac Salas-Ortega Kamrvn Schafer Isaac Schauer Emma Schenck Ashley Sessums Nimra Shahzad Fatema Shipchandler



Thomas R. & Richard S. Franklin Scholarship

Continued

Nathan Smith Damon Spencer Jessica Spiehler Hafsa Syed Sara Syed

Rebbecca Isabel Taing Nadine Talje Anu Thomas Tara Thomason Jessica Tran Madison Troxler Kelly Victor Mallory Walters Kierra Washington Jeremy Wong Maggie Yip Angela Young Maggie Zhang

UH Foundation Excellence Scholarship William Allen
Kaci Baker
Ashley Dao
Shereen Enan
Rebecca Hentges
Ivan Jimenez- Acosta
Alexandra Jones
Monica Marin
Clara Martin
Michael Mathews

Deven Narayan Elizabeth Odonnell Chintal Patel Venancz Patrovics Nidha Sha Nabeela Siddeeque Devanshi Singh Eric Woods Seung Yu

UH Foundation Founders Scholarship Amaryllis Fernandes Manale Henini Andrew Hicks Akshat Kumar Andrew McDaniel Hannah Schroeder Charles Wang

University Community Scholarship Madison Jenkins

Waste Connections Chinquapin Scholarship German Romaldo

Wilhelmina Robertson Smith Scholarship Jean Audrey Almonte Shannon Murray Rachel Shenoi

WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP Sahar Baig Stephen Brinson Katarina Hamoy Ethan Graham Hitchcock Ali Khan Robert Laroche Laura Lay Deborah Okoro Sakshi Shah Rohan Valleru Rodolfo Yamba Dina Zamil

## 2018 Scholarships

#### 2018 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 2018 consists of 15 first-year students, who will be receiving approximately \$302,250 in scholarship awards.

Anne-Elisabeth Baker Anthara Krishnan Taegen Senawong
Yasmeen Bharde Benita Lalani Layla Shawareb
Ashley Chen John Mraz Subhiksha Srinivasan
Krishna Sarvani Desabhotla Travis Null Sarah Thomas
Deborah James Sydney Nutter Mallory Walters

#### 2018 Terry Foundation Scholarships

A Houston-based foundation providing scholarships to outstanding Texas residents, the Terry Foundation supports academically talented students with financial need and a record of leadership. This fall, 21 new Terry Scholars (comprised of 13 freshmen and 8 transfer students) will be inducted into the University of Houston chapter. During the 2018-19 academic year, 105 scholars (including incoming students) will receive approximately \$2.2 million from the Terry Foundation to fund their undergraduate education. Since its inception at the University of Houston in 2004, the Terry Foundation has provided over \$19.5 million in scholarship funds.

Vilma Castro Talia Milan Thanh Tran Angie Cervantes Huy Nguyen Henry Vaughan Tessa Cotera Kevin Dat Nguyen Ashlev Villanueva Huong Dang Jose Perez Autumn Waters Le'aundrea Fields Gerardo Yee Cody Plant Gerardo Godinez Valery Reyna Kiana Herod Moyleang Taing Elaine Tran Ivon Lopez



### 2018 Scholarships

#### 2018 National Merit Scholarships

The University of Houston awards scholarship support covering the entire cost of tuition 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, 17 new National Merit Scholars join the University of Houston's class of 2022 and will receive approximately \$187,000 in scholarship awards.

Travis Baylor Steven Dong Janhavi Govande Savanna Hubbard Chaitanya Lavu Austin Mitchell Vijay Nitturi Gabrielle Olinger Eric Ou Praneet Paidisetty Marina Shenouda Sophia Sutter Hafsa Syed Christopher Thang Ryan Vo



#### 2018 Provost Service Learning Scholarships

Academically excellent incoming students who exhibit a commitment to service receive the Provost Service Learning Scholarship (PSLS). Because the scholarship is awarded to students accepted to the Bonner Leaders service learning program, this scholarship supports service-motivated students and the University's efforts to serve and engage with the community. The Bonner Leaders work with nearby KIPP public charter and HISD schools to deliver several educational preparation programs. They also provide meals for those in need through the Campus Kitchen UH program to advance the mission of alleviating the effects of socioeconomic inequalities in Houston. As of the 2018-2019 academic year, 39 Bonner students will receive \$61,000 in PSLS funds.

Zain Akbar Nikki Hammond Gabrielle Le Anna Mayzenberg Cameron McEacharn Brianna Robertson

Raphaela Tchani Jaclyn Vaughn

## Honors College Giving Opportunities

#### FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Faculty are the lifeblood of an Honors education. Dedicated faculty enrich the learning experience in the classroom and make possible the diverse offering of co-curricular engagement programs within the College. Honors College faculty mentor students in undergraduate research, guide students in their pursuit of major awards, advise as students pursue post-baccalaureate endeavors, and lead service and study abroad trips. The Honors College prioritizes giving that is directed to the recruitment, retention, and development of faculty who are excellent teachers and who go beyond the classroom to create educational opportunities for students. Gifts to faculty development provide Faculty Engagement Awards that recognize and incentivize outstanding faculty for their contributions to the College, while also supporting faculty fellowships and professorships that allow the Honors College to recruit the best faculty across the country.

#### Undergraduate Research

The Office of Undergraduate Research provides mentored research opportunities for undergraduates of all majors and departments across campus. Participation in undergraduate research enables undergraduates to make a difference in their fields and form strong mentorships with faculty members in their discipline. Through the Office of Undergraduate Research, the Honors College offers several programs: Houston Early Research Experience (HERE), a program providing an early introduction to undergraduate research; Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) and the Provost Undergraduate Research Scholarships (PURS), two competitive programs that allow for one-to-one project mentorship; and a Senior Honors Thesis program. Currently, the Office of Undergraduate Research receives many more competitive applications than it is able to fund, and additional support is needed to bring students' projects to fruition. Undergraduate Research Day, an annual showcase of all undergraduate research projects, will occur on Thursday, October 18, 2018, in the Honors College. Support for Undergraduate Research provides scholarships for students who participate and stipends for the faculty who serve as mentors.

## Energy and 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. Support for the Energy and Sustainability program provides scholarships for participating students.

#### STUDY ABROAD/STUDY AWAY

Experiential learning has always been at the heart of an Honors education. Over the last several years, the College has worked diligently to expand these opportunities for students. Unlike a traditional semester-long study abroad trip, the Study Abroad/Study Away program in the Honors College provides students with short-term, high impact experiences that expand the classroom and bring a student's education to life. In recent years, Honors College students have completed in-depth research in the Galapagos, studied the Great Books in Israel, served on medical missions in Haiti and Honduras, worked with organizations serving refugees in Greece, and observed the impacts of energy and sustainability in Peru. Other destinations have included France, Scotland, Russia, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, and the Netherlands. Support for the Study Abroad/Study Away program ensures that each student who has a desire to learn abroad has the opportunity to do so. With philanthropic support for this program, the Honors College provides student travel scholarships and awards for faculty who go above and beyond to bring their classroom to life beyond our Houston community.

#### SERVICE LEARNING

The Honors College Service Learning program brings community members, faculty, and students together to address challenges affecting quality of life in the city and region. A group of premier service scholars, the Bonner Leaders, are excellent students who dedicate at least 270 hours each year to educationally meaningful, anti-poverty service for each of their four years at the University of Houston. The Bonner Leaders program is the largest of its kind in the United States. Bonner Leaders 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. Gifts to the Service Learning program provide scholarship support for participating students, as well as the necessary program funds to continue serving the Houston community and beyond.

For more information about making a gift in support of the programs above, or others within the Honors College, please contact Hannah Barker, Director of Development, at 713.743.3220 or hmbarker@central.uh.edu.

Che Great Conversation
Save the Date

The 27th Annual Great Conversation Saturday, March 30th, 2019

In the University of Houston Fertitta Center

Conversation is the foundation of an Honors College education. Please join us as we engage in thoughtful dialogue on table topics in literature, religion, the arts, public policy, history, education, and the sciences. Proceeds from this event support scholarships for Honors College students.

In almost thirty years, this is the first time in history that the gala will be held on campus. This will be the inaugural event of its kind in the Fertitta Center, and we look forward to showing our alumni and friends just one of the many ways our campus has grown. For more information or to reserve your seat, please visit **thegreatconversationhouston.com**.

## 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.

#### FALL 2018

Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design Lauren Peters Alan Bruton, Interior Architecture

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Katy Barger Andres Viana, Psychology

Saman Essa Anjali Kanojia, Modern & Classical Languages

Shivani Patel Michael Cottingham, Health & Human Performance

Tahira Raza Michael Zvolensky, Psychology Rachel Shenoi Irene Guenther, History

John Tran Pranav Parikh, Health & Human Performance

Mary Ycu Melissa Markofski, Health & Human Performance

Cullen College of Engineering Luis Barco Stacey Louie, Civil & Environmental Engineering

Joel Chavali Zheng Chen, Mechanical Engineering

Basel Najjar Lars Grabow, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering Yovani Trujillo Ramanan Krishnamoorti, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering

Fran Tumajan Megan Robertson, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering

Natalia Villarreal Sergey Shevkoplyas, Biomedical Engineering

The Honors College

Gabriella Kumelski Helen Valier, Medicine and Society College of NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS Safa Ali John Craft, Biology & Biochemistry

Mohammed Dairywala Mehmet Sen, Biology & Biochemistry

Galen Lytle Mini Das, Physics Debora Mroczek Claudia Ratti, Physics

Christina Stegemoller Ognjen Miljanic, Chemistry

Brian-Tinh Vu Donald Kouri, Physics

COLLEGE OF **PHARMACY** 

May Ali Al Ameri Kevin Garey, Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research

Autumn Kelly

Tomika Greer, Human Develop & Consumer Science

College of TECHNOLOGY David Dinh Fatima Merchant, Engineering Technology

### **Spring 2018**

GERALD D. HINES College of ARCHITECTURE AND Design

Quinn Edgecombe Alan Bruton, Interior Architecture

College of LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

JeanFelix Chavez Michael Zvolensky, Psychology

Kimberly Ibidapo-Obe Christiane Spitzmueller, Psychology

Jenna Jones

Carla Sharp, Psychology

Vishaal Kuruvanka Willa Friedman, Economics William Little Jeremy Bailey, Political Science

Timothy Seiter Andrew Pegoda, Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

**Emily Watlington** C. Raymond Knee, Psychology

Chandra Mohan, Biomedical

Obnithi Kanchanaparamapha

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Fuad Girma Abdella David Mayerich, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Mark Henry Atwood Dimitrios Hatzignatiou, Petroleum Engineering

Faheem Ershad Cunjiang Yu, Mechanical Engineering

Triet Le

Deena Habazi

Engineering

Engineering

Kirill Larin, Biomedical Engineering

Nuri Ince, Biomedical

### Cullen College of Engineering

Continued

Noor Nabulsi

Jae-Hyun Ryou, Mechanical

Engineering

Kevin Nguyen

Muayyad Al-Ubaidi, Biomedical

Engineering

Nam Nguyen

Patrick Cirino, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering

Christopher Pham

Yandi Hu, Civil & Enivronmental Engineering

Mary Reeves

Konstantinos Kostarelos, Petroleum Engineering Vighnesh Sivan

Yi-Chao Chen, Mechanical

Engineering

Juliana Tortato De Oliveira

Stacey Louie, Civil & Enivronmental Engineering

Jayson Varughese Miao Pan, Electrical and Computer Engineering

An Vu

Jose Contreras Vidal, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Zaki Zaidi

Yi-Lung Mo, Civil & Enivronmental Engineering

The Honors College Alexandria Gay Terry Hallmark, Political Science Aubrey Ward William Monroe, English

Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management Alberto Beiza Sujata Sirsat, Hotel and Restaurant Management

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Aresh Bilal John Craft, Biology & Biochemistry

Daniel Flores

Alan Haynes, Mathematics Mario Gonzalez Randall Lee, Chemistry

Paul Miller

Lisa Koerner, Physics

Anam Syed

Yu Liu, Biology & Biochemistry

Brittany Trinh

Melissa Zastrow, Chemistry

Andrew Truelove

Amin Alipour, Computer Science

College of Pharmacy

Ahad Azimuddin Bradley McConnell, Pharmacological & Pharmaceutical Sciences

College of Technology

Phi Le Fatima Merchant, Engineering Technology

# Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2018

The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program seeks to provide funding for rising UH sophomores, juniors, and seniors across all disciplines to participate in a focused, full-time, 10-week research experience under the direction of UH faculty.

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN Rhema Ike Saleh Kalantari, Architecture

Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts Jeana Magallon Robert Shimko, School of Theatre and Dance

C. T. Bauer College of Business Salman Farooqui Elizabeth A. Fletcher, Decision and Information Sciences Avi Shah Natalia Piqueira, Finance

College of Education

Haelim Jeong Leslie Frankel, Psychological Health and Learning Sciences Valentina Maza Lorraine Reitzel, Psychological Health and Learning Sciences

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Josee Alanis John Kass
Christiane Spitzmueller, Pranav Parikh, Health and
Psychology Human Performance

Zainab Arif

Hanako Yoshida, Psychology

Mason Malone
blogv Willa Friedman, Economics

Baongan Chuor

Justin Kirkland, Political Science

Priel Meir Candice Alfano, Psychology

Marco Galvan Sheila Katz, Sociology Andrea Ochoa Lopez
Paul Cirino, Psychology

Lida Hedayatpour Sarah Ehlers, English Daniel Perez Scott Clifford, Political Science

Paige Hill

Praboda Perikala

Kenneth Brown, Comparative Cultural Studies Jeremy Bailey, Political Science

Vinh Hoang

Daisey Vega Christopher Arellano, Health and

Cedric Tolliver, English

Human Performance

Isaiah Johnson Clark Jennifer, Political Science Emily Watlington C. Raymond Knee, Psychology

### Cullen College of Engineering

Christopher Acosta\* Dimitrios Hatzignatiou, Petroleum Engineering

Marie Aka Debora Rodrigues, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Maite Albarran Elebeoba May, Biomedical Engineering

Jaime Badillo Viramontes\* Jose Contreras-Vidal, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sarang Bidwai\*
Di Yang, Mechanical Engineering

Justin Gallagher\* Mina Dawood, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Sunny Gotewal Chandra Mohan, Biomedical Engineering

Kathryn Haynes Tianfu Wu, Biomedical Engineering

Shu Ning Hiew\* Lars C. Grabow, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Huy Hua\* Rose Faghih, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Triet Le Kirill Larin, Biomedical Engineering

Nga Le Mehmet Orman, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Joshua Lewis\* Shereen Majd, Biomedical Engineering

Nancy Marmolejo Bustamante\* Tianfu Wu, Biomedical Engineering

Maria Medina Jose Contreras-Vidal, Electrical and Computer Engineering Kevin Nguyen Muayyad Al-Ubaidi, Biomedical Engineering

Thao Vy Nguyen\*
Mehmet Orman, Chemical and
Biomolecular Engineering

Amy Nguyen Jeffrey Rimer, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Thong Nguyen\*
David Mayerich, Electrical and
Computer Engineering

Adi Pasic Aaron Becker, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Khoa Pham Lars Grabow, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Oscar Recinos George Wong, Petroleum Engineering

Christopher Smith Kirill Larin, Biomedical Engineering

Jacob Snook\* Mohammad Reza Abidian, Biomedical Engineering

Amul Surelia Bhavin Sheth, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Taylor Tippitt\* Gangbing Song, Mechanical Engineering

Jayson Varughese Miao Pan, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Natalia Villarreal Sergey Shevkoplyas, Biomedical Engineering

Charles Wang Chandra Mohan, Biomedical Engineering



# THE HONORS COLLEGE

Jessica Spiehler Richard Garner, Honors

Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management John Hodges Sujata Sirsat, Hotel & Restaurant Management

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Roba Abousaway Frank McKeon, Biology and Biochemistry

Syed Ahmad Sanghyuk Chung, Biology and Biochemistry

Mohammed Dairywala Mehmet Sen, Biology and Biochemistry

Houtan Faridi Rakesh Verma, Computer Science

Malena Fassnacht Lawrence Pinsky, Physics

Mario Gonzalez Randall Lee, Chemistry

Brenda Gonzalez Andreas Mang, Mathematics

Liam Lauckner Alan Brandon, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

Khoa Le Melissa Zastrow, Chemistry

Elliot Maceda

Andrew Torok, Mathematics

Sarah Mai Tony Frankino, Biology and Biochemistry

David Momtaz Thomas Teets, Chemistry

Victoria Mousa Tasneem Bawa-Khalfe, Biology and Biochemistry Debora Mroczek Eric Bittner, Chemistry

Shabir Muhammad Erin Kelleher, Biology and Biochemistry

Boi-Lien Nguyen Thomas Teets, Chemistry

Laura Pareja Brigitte Dauwalder, Biology and Biochemistry

Brook Runyon Jonny Wu, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

Alexander Spike Robert Talbot, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

Biochemistry

Carl Suerte Brigitte Dauwalder, Biology and

Haley Thomas Qi Fu, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

Rahul Arvind Vanchinathan Richard Meisel, Biology and Biochemistry

Brian-Tinh Vu Donald Kouri, Physics

Victor Zeng Nouhad Rizk, Computer Science

Rene Zimmerer William Widger, Biology and Biochemistry College of Pharmacy

Chirag Mistry
Richard Bond, Pharmacological
and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Sashank Shorey Bradley McConnell, Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences

College of Technology Arnold Emeh
Fatima Merchant, Computer
Engineering Technology

### PHARIS FELLOWS

The inaugural class of Pharis Fellows worked together to create data models for understanding how individual health outcomes are embedded in social contexts using modeling and graph theory. The fellowships are in memorial of George "Trey" Pharis, a beloved colleague at DASH (Data Analytics in Student Hands), and they allowed five undergraduates to conduct full-time research throughout the

Chelsea Cheung Manale Henini Akash Ramesh Garrett Gowe Aditya Mankare

### Mellon Research Scholars

Supported by a \$500,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, a total of 60 undergraduate students will receive financial support to participate in faculty-mentored research activities between spring 2018 and spring 2021. This includes a two-week graduate school boot camp, a 10-week full-time summer research experience, and a Senior Honors Thesis or intensive independent research project. The following students were selected to participate in the inaugural class of Mellon Research Scholars.

Gabriel Aguilar

Kelli Anderson History

Abdulwausay Ansari

Philosophy

Livia Garza

Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies/Liberal Studies-Economics and History

Alexis Gutierrez English Literature

Phillip Kieval Philosophy George Petagrew

History

Phillip Pinell

Philosophy and Political Science

Gricelda Posada

Religious Studies & Psychology

Laura Quinton

English-Creative Writing

Abigale Ramos English

Tim Seiter History

Yazia Silva Liberal Studies Yesenia Solano

Spanish and Political Science

Mireya Soledad Jamal

History

Hailey Taylor English Literature

Mia Valdez

English-Creative Writing

Elmer Villalobos

Spanish

<sup>\*</sup>Funded through Engineering Undergraduate Research Scholarship (EURS) Program

### HOUSTON SCHOLARS

Supported by the Office of the Provost and the Honors College, the Houston Scholars program seeks to empower students to be scholars in their fields, ethical leaders, and active contributors to society. Through faculty mentoring, the development of a research proposal related to future academic and professional goals, and attendance at a discussion series led by University of Houston faculty across campus, Houston Scholars are encouraged to engage in self-reflection, critical thinking, passionate inquiry, and the application of theory and research to real-world problems. Proposals may include opportunities to conduct research, undertake a service project or internship, attend or present at a professional conference, or do research or study abroad. Houston Scholars defend their proposals to a faculty committee for potential funding.

Richard Adams Hannah Ajrami Samuel Akinwande May Al Ameri Regan Anderson Cassandra Baker Travis Bartholome Jackson Crawford Saman Essa Sumeet Gautam Nour Haikal Dina Hamadi Lida Hedayatpour Tayler Hedtke John King Olivia Kuligowski Akshat Kumar Robert Laroche Stefan Loos Laura Malcotti-Sanchez Melinda Mayden

Nicholas Nguyen Grayson Parks Phillip Pinell Brina Rahmaty Alejandro Ramirez Parnia Razinobakht Anjitha Saji Rachel Shenoi Fatema Shipchandler Steban Soto Shannon Steele Dwight Theriot Michelle Tran Hina Uddin Audrey Wang Victor Yau

## HOUSTON EARLY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (HERE)

The Houston Early Research Experience (HERE) Program recognizes freshman and sophomore students who excel academically and are engaged in the campus and local community. This two-week summer seminar series engages students from all majors in various research methodologies through faculty-led small group discussions and research presentations. Forty-eight students participated in the 2018 HERE Program, which focused on sustainability in the Houston metropolitan area. A field trip to the Houston Ship Channel complemented the research focused curriculum. The HERE Program concluded with student-developed presentations.

Paulomi Modi Crisy Abraham Kelly Graham Aaron Boggs Kavla Graver Shailee Modi Suzanne Contreras Karla Grimas Teira Nima Nayeri Franco Denari Larry Guan Anh Nguyen Cristobella Durrette Tasnuva Haider Antoine Nguyen Deborah Isol Lydia Eaton Zacquelyn Nguyen Arnold Emeh Wafa Kazmi Christiana Nnabuife Salman Farooqui Jennifer Koshy Iulia Obi Keegan Freeman Malik Ladki Pamela Okoli Crystal Gamboa Christy Le Naveed Paniwani Marco Garcia Joanne Ma Adi Pasic Christina Gligorova Varun Maheshwari Mehmood Qadri

Yash Raghuwansi
Jacob Rivera
Randy Robles
Brook Runyon
Sharan Sabu
Urvi Sakhuja
Jose Solano
Carl Suerte
Amul Surelia
Joshua Varghese
Maggie Yip
Alexander Zaibaq

#### HERE Instructors

Dan BurlesonLisa FarmerMarc HankeKenicia WrightSarah EhlersEmese FelvegiHuy VuMatthew Zelisko

# Senior Honors Thesis Awards 2017-18

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.

Ahad Azimuddin

Irene Guenther, History

Anjay Batra Jessica Roberts, Health and Law

Policy

Saraa Hussein William Truitt. Architecture Marina Ibraheim Carla Sharp, Psychology

Hadiqa Memon

Elizabeth Anderson Fletcher, Supply Chain

Micaela Rodriguez

Leslie Ann Frankel, Psychological Health and Learning Sciences Jacob Rose

Claudia Ratti, Physics

Chathuri Wickramaratne Hanadi Rifai, Chemical

Engineering

# Nationally Competitive Award Winners 2017-18

### AWARD WINNERS

Sofia Ahmed — Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant to Taiwan

Yusf Bavi — Critical Language Scholarship to Morocco

Arnold Emeh — Baylor College of Medicine SMART Program

Saman Essa — Critical Language Scholarship to Oman

Jacob Furrh - NIST SURF

Jacob Furrh — NOAA Hollings Scholarship

Megan Goh — Fulbright Study/Research Grant to Germany

Nour Haikal — Humanity in Action Fellowship to Copenhagen

Tayler Hedtke — DAAD RISE Scholarship to Germany

Carolann Madden — Fulbright National University of Ireland Galway Award for Archival Research

Siminben Manasiya — NIST SURF

Reed Masek — DAAD RISE Scholarship to Germany

Andy Neilson — Critical Language Scholarship to China

Nicholas Nguyen — Baylor College of Medicine SMART Program

Alejandro Ramirez — DAAD RISE Scholarship to Germany

Alejandro Ramirez — Department of Energy Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship

Serrae Reed — Ford Fellowship

Serrae Reed — GEM Fellowship Program

Victoria Rivera — Critical Language Scholarship to South Korea

Bianca Salinas — Fulbright Study/Research Grant to France

Rachel Sanchez-Ruffra — NOAA Hollings Scholarship

Khalid Sheikh — Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant to Latvia

Ryan Smith - NIST SURF

Madeline Styskal — Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant to Russia

Rohan Valleru — Baylor College of Medicine SMART Program

Christopher Wong — Phi Kappa Phi Fellowships

Victor Yau — Charles B. Rangel Summer Enrichment Program

### FINALISTS/HONORABLE MENTIONS/ALTERNATES

Maria Graves — Boren Scholarship to South Korea, Alternate

Danielle Niangar — Harry S. Truman Scholarship, Finalist

Sofia Ruiz — Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant to Spain, Alternate

# Рні Вета Карра

Since its founding in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society, has celebrated excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and championed freedom of thought. PBK recognizes the best and brightest liberal arts and sciences undergraduates and grants lifelong membership through a highly competitive selection process. The Mu of Texas chapter, PBK's 284th, was installed on March 4, 2016, at the University of Houston.

### 2018 Inductees

#### **Honorary Member**

Ted Estess

#### Members in Course

Jessica Alaniz Kashmeera Giga Lucy Gylling Bryce Bailey Anjay Batra Anam Haque Micaela Bouter Marina Ibraheim Sabrina Castejon Jacqueline Johnson Miranda Elizabeth Joseph Baongan Chuor Crystal Joyce Estela Cias Amelia Khoei Scott Clark Tia Lal William Contreras Corinne Lane Aubrey Cowley Robert Laroche Aydan Delgado Maureen Lax Philip Dial Mason Malone Alexandria Doxakis Michael Mathews William Ferguson Samantha McKay Livia Garza

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Christina Strohmann
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Ashley Tharp
Ashley Toca
Crystal Tran
Michelle Tran
Nnenna Umelloh
Christian Willrich
Bobin Xu
Cynthia Yusuf

Peter Scamardo

# OMICRON DELTA KAPPA

The Omicron Delta Kappa Circle at the University of Houston was established in 1960 to recognize 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.

### 2018 Inductees

Hufsa Ahmad	Madiha Faisal	Danielle Niangar	Kristen Thomson
Armando Barros	Whitney Fernandez	Priyanka Patel	Megan Thothong
Hannah Bonner	Livia Garza	Quincy Reynolds	Justin Truong
Alexander Breaux	Mai Hassan	Syed Rizvi	Mai Vo
Justin Brown	Samantha Heldmann	Tammy Rosales	Danielle Wills
Kennetch Castro	Lauren Holtzclaw	Anjitha Saji	Jacqueline Wostrel
Katherine Corrigan	Nicole Krnavek	Akshay Soman	Seung Yu
Muhammad Daniyal	Priel Meir	Anna Subonj	
Afra Ebrahimi Tari	Kayla Montejo	Abdullah Syed	

# PHI KAPPA PHI

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was established in 1897 to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education, to engage students and faculty in service to others, and to promote the unity and democracy of education. Members represent a variety of fields such as engineering, business, and education as well as the traditional arts and sciences.

### 2018 Inductees

Zainub Abdullah Shveta Abraham Babajide Adejuyigbe Michael Ahlf Shan Ahmad Saber Ahmed Mav Ali Al Ameri Ali Al Hatem Hadeel Al Maskari Rammy Allouche Abdulwausay Ansari Shazia Ansari Rosario Armenta Monica Asuncion Ahad Azimuddin Bryce Bailey Reginald Banez Katy Barger Gerald Barr Armando Barros Austen Barton Brandon Berry Madison Boehm Diego Bonilla Preston Boyer Hayley Brown Erin Cadenhead Antuan Cano Michael Castillo Anna Castleberry Dalani Cato Eugene Chang Abigail Chetlain Patrick Clarke Alexis Clowtis Kristin Cobb

Rena Cohen-Kurzrock William Contreras Wendy Cooper Aubrey Cowley Ryan Craig Nicholas Daily Faezeh Darbaniyan Grace Deal Albert Diaz Shara Duong Courtney Duran Lorensuhewa Dushani Daniel Ejionye Sean Eli Mohamed Elmossallamy Joseph Emesih Samantha Evans Emma Evvazian Amaryllis Fernandes Jason Fernandez Jose Figueroa Zachary Fink Matthew Finnie Keanna Franklin Rachel French Hannah Fritsch Emma Fritz Shangyi Fu Marcos Galvan Cameron Garcia Livia Garza Elizabeth Gates Lauren Gaw Marc Gebara Kashmeera Giga

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McKensie Kilgore Anmol Kollegal Rachel Kossar Nicole Krnavek Colby Kuhnel Brian Lara Cristian Lemus Xiao Li Xuan Li Yujie Liang Maya Liddell Tiffany Lim Ryan Linde Tanner Lingbloom Juan Lopez-Criollo Allyson Loving Emilio Lozano Avisha Mahama Matthew Mahony Megan Mai Julie Manning Heather Mansker Deven Martin Melissa Martin Tayyaba Masood Michael Mathews Yasamina Mcbride Christopher Mccarthy Max Mccaskill Kyle Mcdaniel Keleen Mcnamara Noelle Meinen Priel Meir Hadiga Memon Jessica Mercado Paul Meyer

## PHI KAPPA PHI

### 2018 Inductees (continued)

Cody Mikosh Jessica Miller Alana Miller Hannah Moore Timothy Morgan Taeler Morris Heather Morrison Nicole Mosley Brandy Myers Alessandra Napieralski Nimrah Nasir Ashlev Neubauer Julia Ngo Lisa Nguyen Gabrielle Nieto Nicholas Nitschmann Rytchard Nunez Chike Okove Anisha Panakezham Noopur Parikh Paolo Parotto Chintal Patel Ana Pena Brinda Penmetsa Sharon Pepper Alison Peters

Kathy Phan

Phillip Pinell Catalina Pinto Rabia Pirzada Kristin Powell Oscar Presas Megan Proulx Lauren Puckett Alexis Pve Yousf Radwan Katherine Ralph Rida Rangoonwala Matthew Reed Serrae Reed Kelli Restivo Quincy Reynolds Austin Rickerson Trinity Rinear Ryan Robbins Avery Robivheaux Amanda Rocha Maria Rodriguez Norma Rubalcava-Zapata Emil Sadykhov Annie Samuel Jorge Sanchez Iaime Robert Sandoval

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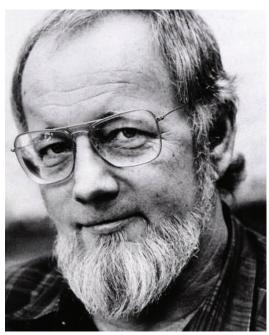
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# STUDY ABROAD AND STUDY AWAY

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



Donald Barthelme (Courtesy of Special Collections, University of Houston Libraries)

Artists & Their Regions is a capstone course of the Creative Work minor. The class involves an in-depth study of one of the minor's signature concerns: the role of place and space in sparking and shaping creativity. The theme of the spring 2018 version of the class was "Barthelme's Houston." Donald Barthelme (1931-89) is arguably the most significant writer our city has produced. His witty, Surrealistic fictions helped transform the American short story. Both Houston and the University of Houston-where he was a student in the 1950s and a professor in the 1980s—were formative influences on him. Enriched by visits to local museums and landmarks, a collaboration with an area avant-garde theater company, and research at UH Libraries' Special Collections, the class constructed a multi-faceted portrait of the artist as young Houstonian. Reading fiction was just one means by which Barthelme developed his extraordinary

aesthetic, so students also experienced the kind of visual art, cinema, music, poetry, and architecture he appreciated. They responded to Barthelme's work not only through close reading and critical writing, but also through creative project in a variety of media. "All my life," Barthelme once said, "I've been interested in ... dazzling the mind. Your mind is constantly capable of surprising you if you work at it." Creative Work students did indeed work at it, with Barthelme as their guide.

#### STUDENTS

Kell Bernardo Justin Bui Ariana Diaz Sara Mirza Jon Newell Arlette Perez Aguirre Jordan Taylor Gabriel Theis

### FACULTY AND STAFF

Robert Cremins

### THE BONNER LEADERS PROGRAM

The Bonner Leaders is a service learning program housed in the Honors College. The Bonners develop and run service projects that focus on combatting the effects of poverty that impact food insecurity, education, and health in the Houston community. Each Bonner engages in at least 10 hours of service weekly. Through their work, Bonners learn critical skills, including leadership, teamwork, project planning, and time management. The skills they acquire as a Bonner prepare them for real-world challenges that await them post-graduation.



#### **STUDENTS**

Elington Aaron April Alex Iean Almonte Zain Akbar Mauricio Arriaga Anne-Elisabeth Baker Amanda Beck Karina Bhattacharya Abbey Boggs Jane Bowman Austin Brooks Faith Butts Sara-Grace Chan Garrett Clark Angelica Dejesus Dominique Dore Quinn Edgecombe Bria-Azaria Elliott Madiha Faisal Matthew Fanno True Furrh Maham Gardezi Ersie Gentzis Karina George Andrea Gonzalez-Gamba

Nikki Hammond Jordan Hart Evan Headroe Lida Hedayatpour Joseph Heisig Rebecca Hentges Ethan Hitchcock Kennard Hitchcock Jessica Hulett Puja Javalagi Elizabeth Joseph Sandy Jun Wafa Kazmi Vivan Kothari Benita Lalani Robert Laroche Vincent Laroche Christy Le Gabrielle Le **Ietson** Le Kathryn Lenihan Mason Malone Garrett Marquis Danielle Manio Logan Martin Tessa Martinez

Jonathan Mathews Michael Matthews Anna Mavzenberg Cameron McEacharn Trina Mercado Brian Metover Nellmarie Misuela Shailee Modi Harinee Morkonda Lvdia Mousa Caroline Mousa Kenan Nerad Khanh Nguyen Nicolas Nguyen Thi Nguyen Martin Nguyen Tom Nguyen Kosieme Nioku Deborah Okoro Phillip Pinell Bassam Razzaq Serrae Reed Mariana Rendon Trinity Rinear Brianna Robertson

Naina Sakruti Erin Sappington Elena Scott Usayd Siddiqui Kevin Singh Crystal Solis-Saucedo Reece Stewart Rashika Sunku Movleang Taing Raphaela Tchani Michelle Tran Jessica Tran Christopher Trejo Alexandra Trevino Hima Vadekekara Jaclyn Vaughn Tue Vo Ann Weise Rodolfo (RG) Yamba

### FACULTY AND STAFF

Adrian Castillo Doug Erwing Andrew Hamilton Shannon Keen Zach Moore Brad Smith

Humberto Rodriguez

### SERVICE IN HAITI

For a fifth year, 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 Carribbean neighbors.)

#### STUDENTS

Harshika Avula	Lauren Harris	Manvitha Katta	Jessica Nwabeke
Likhitha Bodi	Emily Johnson	Kayla Tran Mai	Adonai Paz
Joshua Chakranarayan	Keilan Johnson	Jennie Nguyen	

#### FACULTY AND STAFF

Carl Lindahl

### San Cristobal, Galápagos Islands, Ecuador

Students prepared for this grand adventure by taking the spring 2018 biology class "GalapaGO Research Based Learning Abroad," and many students also independently earned SCUBA certifications. The students spent three weeks on San Cristobal Island rotating through various research projects associated with Universidad San Francisco de Quito's Galápagos Island Research Center. At USFQ, students had the opportunity to work with researchers that tagged sea turtles and surveyed the local turtle populations, looked for petrel nests, which are an important sea bird in the Galápagos, and learn how researchers used drones to find these nests. The students also analyzed water quality from various sources on the island and helped researchers tag and study movements of a local lizard population. Finally, they studied how microplastics impacted one of the few natural ecosystems on the planet. This was done by trawling for plastic in the water, looking for plastic on the beach, and locating the original source of plastic pollution.

#### **STUDENTS**

Anthony Alanis	Mayra Gomez	Kori Lugar	Hi Phan
Emma Bradstreet	Katarina Hamoy	Paulomi Modi	Anjitha Saji
Edmund Carroll	Bri Holder	Makenzie Moersch	Alex Tai
Valentina Diaz	Madison Hutzler	Cesar Muro	Sophia Vargas
Vien Do	Sloan Lalinde-Barnes	Summer Naser	Erica Villarreal
Laura Duarte	Savannah Lopez	Danny Nguyen	
Liam Gallagher	Kim-Briana Lorine	Truong Nguyen	

#### FACULTY AND STAFF

Ricardo Azevedo Ann Cheek Tony Frankino Marc Hanke





### **EGYPT**

In fall 2017, the Model Arab League team competed in their first ever international competition. The Cairo International Model Arab League conference took place over Thanksgiving break, and the participants had much to be grateful for: The team collected a total of 11 awards. The delegation included the following participants:

#### STUDENTS

Hannah Ajrami	Saman Essa	Ann Johnson	Shuang Pan
Anjay Batra	John Griffith	Mohammed Khallaf	Brinda Penmetsa
Garrett Clark	Nour Haikal	Kathryn Lenihan	Hina Uddin

### FACULTY AND STAFF

Adrian Castillo Keri Myrick David Rainbow Jesse Rainbow

### ISRAEL/GREECE

For 25 years, the Honors College has hosted a study abroad excursion to the lands of antiquity. This year, students, faculty, staff, alumni, and "friends of the College" explored the cultural and archaeological sites of the ancient Mediterranean Basin. Their itinerary began in Greece, where they visited the Acropolis, Mycenae, and the temple of the healing god Asclepius in Epidauros. Then, they journeyed through Israel, from Jericho—one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited sites, to Jerusalem—holy city to three faiths. There, they walked in the steps of King Saul (ca. 1000 BCE) and Jesus of Nazareth. The following travelers comprised the 2018 cohort:

#### STUDENTS

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Abbey Boggs	Rebecca Hentges	Christopher Lellis	Sangeetha Ranadeeve
Uma Carstens	Adam Honeycutt	Kathryn Lenihan	Christopher Robinson
Katherine Corrigan	Joshua Jordan	Shuang Pan	Megan Robinson
Christian Dunn	Katherine Kabel	Khushboo Parmar	Erin Sappington
Tayler Hedtke	Sarah Khwaja	Jacqueline Pillar	Rahul Vanchinathan

#### FACULTY AND STAFF

Adrian Castillo Bill Monroe Keri Myrick Jesse Rainbow

### **ITALY**

On their 10-day excursion to Italy, Honors Faculty Dutin Gish, Marina Trninic, and Doug Erwing led a group of 24 students to Rome, Florence, Siena, and San Gimignano. The trip included on-site study and discussion of major historical, archaeological, and cultural sites, as well as visits to major museums, churches, and galleries, and in-depth urban explorations of the ancient Roman Forum, the Renaissance splendors of Florence, and the wonders of the Vatican. Students learned about and experienced first-hand the cuisine, history, art, and architecture of Italian culture – from antiquity through modernity. During this trip, students visited treasured places (UNESCO World Heritage sites) and saw magnificent artworks associated with the intellectual and artistic legacy of the Mediterranean and European civilizations. They also sampled gelati near the Pantheon, climbed 463 steps into Brunelleschi's famous Duomo, contemplated Raphael's "School of Athens" and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, followed the path of Cicero and Caesar through ancient Rome's monumental ruins, and enjoyed Italian cappuccinos, pasta, and pastries!

#### STUDENTS

Hannah Ajrami N	Noah Kopesky	Brina Rahmaty
Ryan Berkey Ja	acob Little	Trinity Rinear
Katrina Carballa-Diaz L	aura Malcotti-Sanchez	Madeline Sears
Abigail Chetlain Jo	oaquin Maldonado	Alexander Tilston
Alexandria Gay	Darci McGee	Isabella Torres
Ricardo Gutierrez Jr. N	Marina Meche	Bronwyn Wismer
Lida Hedayatpour N	Matheus Nechar	Clarice Zehri
Erin Kiley A	Mexander Nguyen	Elizabeth Zhu

#### FACULTY AND STAFF

Dustin Gish Douglas Erwing Marina Trninic



### 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.

#### 2018 FEET RECIPIENTS

Deborah Okoro Nour Haikal

### Model Arab League

Since 1988, the Honors College has participated in the national Model Arab League (MAL) conference, held for three days 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. Delegates come away with practiced skills that will serve them well in their future endeavors. This past spring, the following delegates represented the Honors College at the University of Houston:

#### STUDENTS

Dina Hamadi Hannah Ajrami May Al Ameri Iulia Hess Veronica Ibraheim Nour Alhawamdeh Aniav Batra Ann Johnson Garrett Clark Mohammad Khallaf Augustine Egan Mark Korompay Saman Essa Kathrvn Lenihan Zainub Mallick John Griffith Nour Haikal Mason Malone

Claire Pan Brinda Penmetsa Sangeetha Ranadeeve

Jose Reyes Hina Uddin

Tanooha Veeramachaneni

Zahabiya Yahya

#### FACULTY AND STAFF

Adrian Castillo Keri Myrick
Bill Monroe Jesse Rainbow

### Model United Nations

Model United Nations (MUN) is a program designated to educate students of all ages about becoming aware of current events and international relations, as well as being open minded and respectful toward different cultures around the world. Model UN participants will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of how different countries cooperate with one another in order to address global issues such as eliminating famine, protecting human rights, providing basic necessities of life, preventing or ending armed conflicts, and many others. This past fall, the following delegates represented the Honors College at the University of Houston:

#### STUDENTS

Samantha De Leon Ramy El Dowek Pierre Schlaefli Paulina De Paz Linda Ibarra

### FACULTY AND STAFF

Keri Myrick Adrian Castillo



### Model G20

Model G20 (MG20) is an innovative program designed to fully simulate a G20 Leaders' Summit. Recognizing the G20's influence in shaping today's world, we seek to prepare future leaders to build a strong, sustainable, balanced, and inclusive global economy. MG20 helps students develop skills in multilateral negotiations, public speaking, team building strategy, and diplomacy. A closer look at the inner workings and agenda of the G20 provides participants with a better understanding of the dynamics of international affairs, including such key issues as economic growth, job creation, migration, refugees, trade agreements, financial regulation, development, climate change, and others. This past fall, the following delegates represented the Honors College at the University of Houston:

#### STUDENTS

Jackson CrawfordDina HammadiJose ReyesTaylor FergusonJulia HessTim Seiter

Nour Haikal Brinda Penmetsa Tanooha Veeramachaneni

#### FACULTY AND STAFF

Keri Myrick Adrian Castillo

### THE SMITHSONIAN, WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the summer of 2018, ten Honors College students spent a month immersed in the world-class Smithsonian museums, learning from experts, conducting research to be presented at Undergraduate Research Day, and experiencing all that Washington, D.C. has to offer.

#### STUDENTS

Baiyinah Abdullah — National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute

Ari Economon — Smithsonian Science Education Center

Kian Ebrahim-zadeh — National Museum of Natural History

Aidan Farmayan - National Museum of African Art

Sarah Hammond — National Museum of Natural History

Thao Nguyen — National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute

Pranav Rao — National Museum of African Art

Allison Sullivan — Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

Michelle Tran — Office of Fellowships and Internships

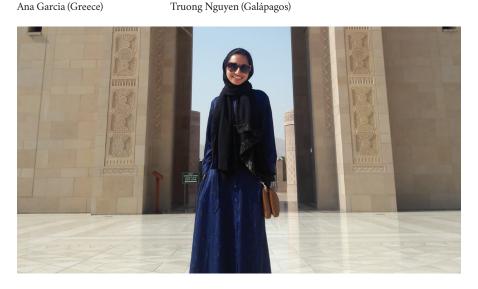
Leslie Zuniga — National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute

### TERRY SCHOLARS STUDY ABROAD

Since 2015, a total of 74 Terry Scholars have received \$705,000 from the Terry Foundation to fund their study abroad experiences. In 2018, the following eight Terry Scholars participated in study abroad:

#### STUDENTS

Katherine Adkison (Greece) Skyeler Aguado (Spain) Bao Hoang (Spain) Ya Li (China) Truong Nguyen (Galápagos) Keilly Trujillo (Costa Rica) Ximena Valencia (Italy)



### Individual Study Abroad Trips

Sofia Ahmed — Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant to Taiwan

Yusuf Bavi — Critical Language Scholarship to Morocco

Saman Essa — Critical Language Scholarship to Oman

Megan Goh — Fulbright Study/Research Grant to Germany

Maria Graves — Boren Scholarship to South Korea

Nour Haikal — Humanity in Action Fellowship to Copenhagen

Tayler Hedtke — DAAD RISE Scholarship to Germany

Carolann Madden — Fulbright National University of Ireland Galway Award for Archival Research

Reed Masek — DAAD RISE Scholarship to Germany

Andy Neilson — Critical Language Scholarship to China

Alejandro Ramirez — DAAD RISE Scholarship to Germany

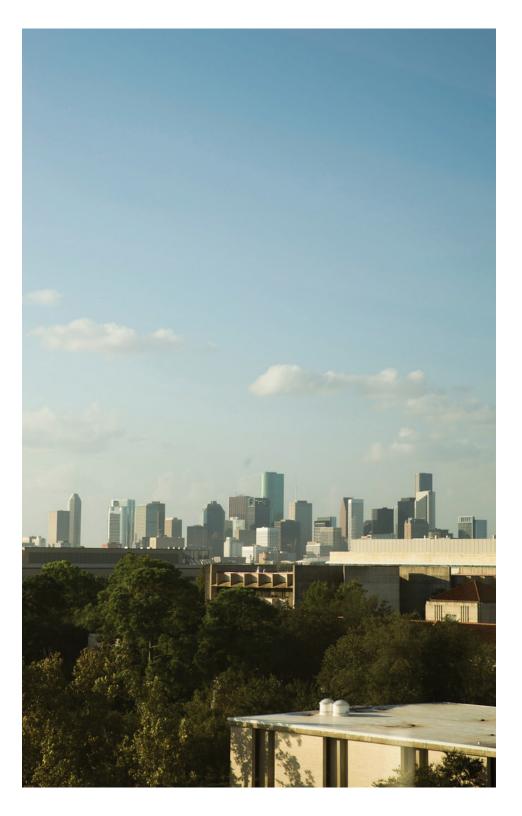
Victoria Rivera — Critical Language Scholarship to South Korea

Sofia Ruiz — Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant to Spain

Bianca Salinas — Fulbright Study/Research Grant to France

Khalid Sheikh — Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant to Latvia

Madeline Styskal — Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grant to Russia



# Honors College 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.

### 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 ADVOCATES

Honors Advocates is a volunteer organization that recruits and orients new students to the University and the Honors community. Some advocates also serve as advisors and counselors with the Honors staff during summer orientation sessions and the Honors Retreat.

### 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.

### 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

### 2018/2019 THEME: LEAD IN

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 students a time to hear a wide range of lectures dedicated to a common theme, which for the 2018-19 academic year is "Lead In."

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 2018, 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.

Houston Early Research Presentations	8/31
Kevin Mitchell, Chief Financial Officer, Phillips 66	9/7
Study Abroad Pitch Party, Rockwell Pavilion	9/14
Jonathan Marks, Associate Professor, Ursinus College	9/21
Jon Evans, Director, Hirsch Library, Museum of Fine Arts Houston	9/28
Maria Rios, President/CEO, Nation Waste, Inc.	10/5
Anthony G. Buzbee, Trial Lawyer, UH Law Center Alumnus	10/12
TBA	10/19
Vivian Wozniak, Assistant General Counsel,	
Texas Children's Hospital and Texas Children's Health Plan	10/26
TBA	11/2
UH Alumnus	11/9
Title IX Presentation	11/16

# In Memoriam

# MICHAEL ANDREW LITTLE

(1969 - 2018)



On July 27, the Honors College lost Andy Little, a cherished member of the UH family. He is survived by a son, Jacob, a political science major, a *Phronesis* minor, and an outstanding member of the Honors College. Professor Little also leaves a vast library of well-loved and well-worn books and a legacy of devoted students, colleagues, and alumni for whom he had been a friend, mentor, and advisor for many years.

A 1993 Honors College graduate with majors in political science and English, Professor Little did his graduate work in political philosophy at Fordham University in New York City. He returned to the University of Houston and has been teaching and advising in the

Department of Political Science and the Honors College since 1997. A ravenous reader always ready for a discussion of books and ideas, Andy cast himself in the mold of his mentor, Ross Lence, the legendary political theorist, teacher, and advisor.

Professor Little taught in the Human Situation sequence, as well as courses in ancient and medieval philosophy and American political thought. He helped lead students on trips to Turkey, Israel, and Greece and created a Shakespeare Reading Group that was working through all 37 of the Bard's plays, one each month. Andy hosted numerous book clubs and dinner parties, on campus or in his home, during which he would invoke Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes—and William Faulkner—to rapt audiences who delighted in his prismatic imagination. He saw himself as a goalie of the mind, keeping the intellectual game alive by blocking each seemingly unassailable shot.

Everyone who knew Professor Little will have a memory of special meals he prepared, conversations that ended in laughter, and provocative hallway discussions of books, movies, and music.

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