

The Eclectic

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The Honors College

MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES

Throughout human history, people have tried to predict who will create great art, write amazing novels, develop new theories, invent new technologies, and set new records. Howard Gardner decided to work backwards and to see what characteristics and processes of thinking contribute to the creative process. He developed the theory of multiple intelligences. His work is based on three important principles:

1. All human beings have full range of intelligences.
2. No two individuals have exactly the same intellectual profile because they have different experiences.
3. Having a strong intelligence does not mean that one acts intelligently. Intelligences can be applied to a range of objects, positive and life-affirming or negative and destructive.

The intelligences he identified are: musical, bodily kinesthetic, logical-mathematical, linguistic, spatial, naturalistic, interpersonal, and intrapersonal (self-reflective). When you joined Honors as an incoming student, you completed a short evaluation of your multiple intelligences. Overall, Honors students rate themselves high on logical-mathematical, linguistic, naturalistic, and intrapersonal intelligences. These

are the ways of thinking and learning that you are likely to use daily. Few Honors students rate themselves high on musical, spatial or interpersonal intelligences. You might think about how the courses you selected for next semester build upon your strengths and ask you to develop new ways of experiencing, learning and relating.



Last day of classes/ UA South Campus Dec. 06/ Dec. 08
Honors Pre-Commencement Reception Dec. 07
Final exams begin/ UA South Campus Dec.08/Dec.09
Final exams end/ UA South Campus Dec. 15
Residence halls close Dec. 16
Winter Commencement/Graduation Dec. 16
Holiday closure Dec.25- Jan. 02
Residence halls open Jan.07
Update Honors status start date Dec. 07
Classes begin Jan.10
Last day to increase units without \$250.00 late charge Dec. 6
Honors contracts due Dec. 8

“We should be taught not to wait for inspiration to start a thing. Action always generates inspiration. Inspiration seldom generates action.”

- Frank Tibolt

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Congratulations December Graduates!

ANTHROPOLOGY

Kappeler, Chelsea BA
Olson, Emily BA
Poer, Peter BA

BIOCHEMISTRY

Lowe, Jennifer BS

BIO & MOLECULAR BIOPHYSICS

Bartik, Leonid BS
Patki, Aniruddha "Alok" BS

CHEMISTRY

Loehr, Amanda BS

CLASSICS

Parada, Rosalva BA

COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Rodriguez-Preciado, Jose Carlos BS

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Trimble, John E. BS

CREATIVE WRITING

Shefchik, Claire BA

ECOLOGY &

EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY

Cochran, Shannon BS
Permar, Alexandra BS
Wilder, Ben BS

ECONOMICS

Johnson, Ryan BA

ENGLISH

Bethell, Hanna BA
Dunn, Forest BA
Sidi, David BA

ENGLISH / INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Foley, Lorraine BA
FAMILY STUDIES & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Kostroski, Oksana BS

GEOSCIENCES

Gleeson, Erin BS

HISTORY

Siegel, Robert A. BA

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Best, Nicole BA

Johnson, Ryan BA

LINGUISTICS

Jones, Hannah BA

Mendoza, Tina R. BA

MARKETING

Heidenreich, Elizabeth BS

MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Smith, Kyle BS

MOLECULAR & CELLULAR BIOLOGY

Benjamin, Martin BS
Gemmel Marlea BS
Gold, Mikal BS
Gurevich, Miriam BS
Luecke, Lauren BS
Schaheen, Basil BS
Shupe, Kaitlin BS

NURSING

Baldwin, Jenna BS
Callahan, Amy BS

Herrin, Kelly BS

Pirastehfar, Amelia BS

Shih, Elizabeth BS

Van Landingham, Stacy BS

OPTICAL SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

Richey, Jeff BS

PHILOSOPHY

Sidi, David BA

PHYSICS

Manning, Peter BS

PHYSIOLOGY

Hunt, Elizabeth BHS

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Flanagan, Meghan BA

Konarski, Frank BA

Ware, Jennifer BA

Watts, Brianne BA

PSYCHOLOGY

Jin, Alvin BS

Paz, Cristina BA

Schatz, Scott BA

Schroeder, Elizabeth BA

Sidi, David BA

Streff, Bonnie BA

Welner, Kylie BS

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Phinney, DeNeill BA

STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY

Ayer, Patricia M BFA

Save the Date

FORUM LUNCHEON FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2006

The Honors College has a long-standing tradition of hosting the Honors Forum luncheons. Since 1986, the purpose of the luncheons has been to bring together Honors students, faculty members, and professional staff in a relaxed and congenial setting. At every luncheon, a featured UA staff or faculty member briefly presents a portion of his or her research. You'll experience lively conversation, tasty food, and exposure to new ideas and concepts. Some students report having found a faculty mentor - and even a major - at the Honors Forum luncheons. Each luncheon, including the presentation, lasts one hour and is free of charge.

Tuesday, January 30
Monday, February 19
Tuesday, March 6
Thursday, April 05

More information about these dates will be posted on our website at: www.honors.arizona.edu

DIRECTIONS FOR UPDATING HONORS STATUS VIA OUR WEB PAGE

You **MUST** update every semester by the 21st day of class to be eligible for all Honors College benefits.

1. Visit your Internet provider at home or at University Labs and type in The Honors College web address <http://www.honors.arizona.edu>.
2. On The Honors College web page, click on the "Update Online Link," enter your student ID and press enter.

This updating process will allow us to have your local address, local phone and e-mail address and also activate your benefits for the semester.

If you have any questions, please call 621-6901.

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES!!

The UA has an excellent track record of undergraduates who have competed for and won the nationally competitive scholarships described below. Are you next in that line of successful UA applicants? Read on to determine whether these scholarships might be a good fit for you.

NSEP BOREN...NSEP BOREN...NSEP BOREN...NSEP BOREN...NSEP BOREN...

Would you like to study abroad in a non-Western country? Are you interested in a career in government? The NSEP Boren Scholarship may be for you. This scholarship enables US undergraduates to undertake language and cultural study in countries deemed critical to national security. NSEP recipients must fulfill a service requirement to the US government soon after they graduate, so prospective applicants should read the scholarship information carefully before deciding to apply (www.iie.org/nsep). The UA deadline for submission of your NSEP application is Tuesday, January 16. Contact Dr. Karna Walter (karna@u.arizona.edu; 621.6546) to schedule a meeting to discuss your suitability for the scholarship.

THE HONORS COLLEGE OUTSTANDING SENIOR



WINTER 2006
Ryan Johnson
Economics BA
IDS BA

Ryan Johnson is graduating with degrees in economics and international studies, both with honors. While at the UA, he has been active on campus as a leader with the Arizona Daily Wildcat, the Economics Society, and multiple service honoraries. He has been with the Wildcat since 2002, serving as news reporter, columnist, opinions editor, and chair of opinions board. As president of the Economics Society, Johnson created a program to teach the benefits of economics to Tucson High school students. He also ran review sessions that helped over 1,000 students prepare for introductory economics exams, helping earn over \$5,000 for the club in the process. Johnson also has significant internship experience with Janet Napolitano's campaign for governor, with the Arizona Corporation Commission, with the

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Are you interested in pursuing an environmentally-oriented career? Or are you a Native American student who is interested in a career in tribal policy and/or health care? Consider applying for the Udall Scholarship (www.udall.gov). You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to apply, and you must have at least one and at most two more years of undergraduate study left after this academic year. The UA deadline for the Udall is February 5, so it isn't too early to learn more and to determine whether you will apply. Contact Dr. Karna Walter (karna@u.arizona.edu; 621.6546) to learn more.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES CONTINUES IN THE SPRING

Our Professional Development Series will continue in the spring semester, with sessions on preparing for the senior thesis (targeted at juniors), writing personal statements and resumes (targeted at graduating seniors), developing interviewing skills, seeking out work experience as a means of focusing one's career interests, and learning to balance a career and personal life. Stay tuned for more details about the times and locations of these sessions!

If you have suggestions for future sessions on professional development, contact Dr. Karna Walter (karna@u.arizona.edu; 621.6546).

United Nations, with the World Bank, and with Lexecon Consulting. His most significant accomplishment, however, was a study in Santiago, Chile that looked at how the way bus drivers are paid affects bus system safety and performance. The study influenced the government's decision to end the practice of paying drivers for each passenger, which the study calculated would save 55 lives per year. Johnson later expanded the paper with his mentor and the two submitted the paper to the American Economic Review, the top economics journal. The study earned Johnson a spot on the USA Today All - USA Academic 3rd Team. After graduation Johnson heads to Brazil on a Fulbright Scholarship. There he will study the proliferation of informal bus networks in the poor communities of Brazil.

Honors Student Council

By: Jaime Campos, HSC President

Honors Student Council became a recognized club in 2000 and since then has done a lot for The Honors College and continues to be a major player for the college. HSC is composed of representatives from each Honors hall and any interested students, Honors or not. Our members vary in major, interests, and hometown, and together we work to make policy recommendations, discuss issues affecting Honors students, and serve as a crucial channel of information to and from students.



Saman Nematollahi, Dean MacCorquodale, and Jaime Campos at the new student iWelcome.

In addition, students involved in HSC have a lot of fun! Some great activities the HSC has done or are planned include:

1. Water balloon fight
2. Breakfast club nights
3. Open mic and talent shows
4. Capture the flag and much more!

Our main purpose is to serve as a collective voice for Honors students throughout the U of A and make students feel a part of a smaller community. To do this we have the following objectives:

1. Get to know the honors staff on a personal level at our "Table Talks"
2. Strengthen your leadership by becoming a committee leader or participant
3. Help give back to the Tucson community with a variety of philanthropic events
4. Learn about honors course opportunities at The Honors College each semester



HSC officers (Saman Nematollahi, Sarah Smith, Jordan Lillie, Jaime Campos, Nate Billimack, and Akshay Muralidhar) at the first HSC meeting.

This semester alone, HSC has already raised \$1000 for the AIDS WALK (picture on the left), worked to restructure the rights and responsibilities clause each Honors student sees when renewing their Honors status, and much more.

Visit the Honors Student Council website for updates on new events, projects, and activities:
<http://clubs.asua.arizona.edu/~hsc/>



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS DEMONSTRATE COMMITMENT, CURIOSITY, AND CREATIVITY

Courtney C. Johnson was selected for the Andria Ligas Memorial Award. A junior graduating in May 2008, Courtney is majoring in both Journalism and German Studies. Courtney has a passion for foreign languages and has focused that passion on German. When Courtney exhausted her high school and community college offerings in Spanish, she set about teaching herself German, which she dove into enthusiastically when she reached the UA. One of her German professors, Peter Ecke, who oversaw her summer study abroad program in Leipzig, Germany, says, "Courtney is an outstanding student of German Studies. She is highly motivated, hard working, and bright, and has a genuine interest in the German language and cultures....She is an exceptional, independent and versatile young woman that truly lives the spirit of Andria Ligas. She is open to new endeavors, exploring and sharing her experiences with other languages and cultures." She has a long list of other languages that she wants to learn in her lifetime. In addition to her love for language and culture (particularly German), Courtney has a passion for cross country running. Her running career began before her senior year of high school and continues today. Courtney believes that "if I could do nothing but run and speak in other languages every day for the rest of my life, I would be the happiest woman alive." As an athlete and a lover of foreign languages and cultures, Courtney is following in the footsteps of Andria Ligas.

Haokun (Sam) Xu is the first recipient of the Richard Kissling Spirit of Inquiry award. Sam is a third-year Mathematics major who expects to graduate in May 2008. Sam has overcome some significant personal challenges to excel as a student at the University of Arizona. Sam is enthusiastic about the beauty and joy he experiences in mathematics and about how mathematics thinking is related to critical thinking. In his own life, Sam has been able to apply the learning of mathematical rigor to the development of his ability to state ideas and feelings with clarity and precision. Sam supports himself through college but doesn't let that prevent him from being very engaged in the campus community. In particular, Sam is very active in the College of Science and the Math Department, serving as a College of Science Ambassador, a MathCat, an undergraduate teaching assistant for Abstract Algebra (Math 415A) and an undergraduate research assistant for Professor Nick Rogers studying elliptic curve theory. Sam is excited about the applications of these algorithms for cryptography and internet security. Professor Rogers says that "Some of the most interesting problems I've talked to him about have been of his own invention, because he's always asking about ways to generalize past results, or different ways of thinking about the solutions. Sam is certainly one of the most talented undergraduates I've had the pleasure of working with, and embodies the 'spirit of inquiry' as well as anyone I've known." Sam sees his intellectual curiosity as a major characteristic motivating his journey towards becoming a mathematician.

Shafiu (Jacky) Islam is the 2006 recipient of the William and Marguerite Hesketh scholarship. Jacky is a sophomore majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Jacky overcame several challenges in getting admitted to a university in the United States from Bangladesh. His family values education highly and are well educated; Jacky was the first in his family to study in the British education system. His interest in engineering began early in life when he loved playing with Legos and doing math for enjoyment. In addition to his interest in mathematics and engineering, Jacky was involved in music and sports throughout his education. At the UA Jacky has excelled academically, seeking out challenging honors courses, and assuming leadership roles on class projects. His Engineering 102 team won the Fall 2005 Engineering Design competition. Jacky applies his computer skills as webmaster for the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering and the student chapter of IEEE. Jacky is excited about his work with Eric Case developing web applications for a new software system called The University of Arizona Identity Provisioning System. Already a student leader, he serves as an Engineering Ambassador and is Chair of the UA student chapter of Association for Computing Machinery. Jacky demonstrates engineering excellence in his commitment to all he does.

Thank you Paladins Preceptors

They've endured a grueling application process, spent 6 hours in training, designed lesson plans, attended numerous 7:00am meetings, and presided over weekly Paladins Colloquia.

But they still found time to... have lunch with their sections, schedule one on one meetings with students, and organize an intramural soccer team. Did we mention that they're full-time Honors students too?

Thank you for being responsible and thoughtful mentors and leaders!

Fall 2006 Paladins Preceptors

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“The real act of discovery consists not in finding new lands but seeing with new eyes.”

Marcel Proust
Novelist, essayist
1871-1922

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