



Honors Highlights

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Honors Quick Facts

- **Fall 2008 will begin our seventh year of operation.**
- **There are currently 72 Honors Program students.**
- **Academic majors:**
 Business: 11
 Education/Kinesiology: 4
 Liberal Arts: 27
 Science: 30
 Undecided: 2
(Includes two dual majors and six students seeking secondary certification)
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Seven Honors Students to Graduate

Look for bright gold stoles during ASU's May graduation. They will identify our seven graduating Honors Program members. These students have earned our sincere congratulations.

Honors Students who completed the Option 1 curriculum track (30+ Honors credit hours) and will graduate with Highest Honors:

Jake Gavlick will be awarded a B.A. with a double major in criminal justice and government. He is joining the U.S. Border Patrol and hopes to eventually become a member of the U.S. Secret Service. He served as an Honors Program emissary and participated in College Republicans and intramurals.

Cecily Haley will graduate with a B.S. in biology with a minor in chemistry and plans to attend graduate school at a health science center in Texas. She was an Honors Program mentor, treasurer of the Honors Student Association, and was active in Tri-Beta, ACS, HOSTS and intramurals. Cecily won the John C. Johnson Award for first place in the 2008 Tri-Beta Regional Conference research poster contest.

Matt Jackson is a Carr Research Scholar who will be awarded a B.S. in biology with a minor in chemistry. He won the Distinguished Student Award for the College of Sciences and will attend medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Additionally, Matt was an Honors Program mentor and emissary as well as vice president of the Honors Student Association. His other activities included Tri-Beta, Alpha Chi, College Republicans and intramurals.

Brittani Teague will be presented a B.B.A. in management and will attend the University of Tulsa to pursue an M.B.A. She served as vice

president of the Honors Student Association and was also active in the Small Business Development Center, Alpha Chi, Big Brothers Big Sisters, United Way and Alpha Lambda Delta. This summer she will study abroad in Russia.

Honors Students who completed the Option 2 curriculum track (15 Honors credit hours) and will graduate with High Honors:

Jason Bodiford will graduate with a B.S. in biology with a minor in chemistry and will attend the University of North Texas Health Science Center Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. He served as president of the Honors Student Association and was active in Tri-Beta, ACS, Alpha Lambda Delta, Alpha Chi, Gymnastics Club and intramurals.

Halley Newman will be awarded a B.S. in Mathematics with a concentration in biology and minor in chemistry. She is also a Carr Research Scholar and will attend Ross University School of Medicine in Roseau, Dominica, West Indies. Halley was an Honors Program resident assistant and was active in Tri-Beta, Mathematical Association of America and HOSTS. She also served as president of Alpha Lambda Delta and was a Girl Scout troop co-leader.

Adina Schultz will be presented two degrees, a B.A. in German with a kinesiology minor and a B.S. in kinesiology/exercise science with a minor in German. She plans to enter a two-year bachelor of science program in nursing. Adina was an Honors Program emissary and has been active on the Honors Student Association Fundraising Committee. She also participated in Baptist Student Ministry and intramurals. In fall 2006, she completed an internship at the Washington Center. This summer she will study abroad in Costa Rica.

Students Explore The Arts in Fort Worth

Dr. David Scott's HONR 2302 Great Books II class, along with the Honors Student Association, took a trip to Fort Worth April 11-13 to visit art museums and the historic stockyards and to attend theatre and symphony performances.

Forty-seven students, accompanied by three faculty and staff, boarded the charter bus bound for the metroplex. After checking in at the hotel, the group traveled to Sundance Square in downtown Fort Worth to have dinner and attend a live comedy improvisation show by "Four Day Weekend."

On day two of the trip, the group visited the co-located Kimbell, Amon Carter and Modern art museums. Students especially enjoyed exhibits by artists Martin Puryear, Andy Warhol and Pablo Picasso at the Modern Museum.

That was followed by a 10-minute drive to

the Fort Worth Historic Stockyards, where the students had various activities to choose from, including riding a mechanical bull, visiting Billy Bob's Texas or the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, wandering through the Cowtown Cattlepen Maze, and shopping. The group also got to see the Fort Worth Cattle Drive through the center of the stockyards.

After returning to the hotel to freshen up, it was back to the Sundance Square for dinner and a symphony performance of Beethoven's "5th Symphony" at Bass Performance Hall.

The next morning, the group returned to San Angelo, exhausted but filled with fond memories of a busy, interesting and fun experience!

HONR 2302 satisfies the performing arts requirement of the core curriculum.



Dara White, Julianne Johnson, and Taryn Bradley strike a pose at the art museum.

Great Plains Honors Council

Honors Program staff and students attended the Great Plains Honors Council co-hosted by Abilene Christian University and McMurry University April 4-6 in Abilene.

Seniors Greg Hickey, Adina Schultz and Brittani Teague, freshmen Olivia Costilla and Yolanda Elias, and Honors staff members Dr. Nick Flynn and Nancy Larson attended the conference to meet students and staff from other Honors colleges and programs. They also attended student presentations on a variety of research subjects, ranging from literary to sociological to scientific topics. All five ASU Honors students made presentations on student leadership opportunities, including Honors Student Association officer and Honors Program mentor and emissary positions. Teague also gave an oral presentation of her research on "The Great Depression's Impact on San Angelo, TX."

A highlight of the weekend was having lunch with students and staff of the Texas Tech University Honors College.

Night-time activities were at Buffalo Gap Historic Village, about 15 minutes south of Abilene. The village has a collection of historic buildings, including a courthouse/jailhouse, school, dentist's office and chapel, which were all open for GPHC participants to explore before dinner. Keynote speaker for the event was David Leeson, a staff photographer for *The Dallas Morning News* who won a 2004 Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the war in Iraq as an embedded journalist.

The Great Plains Honors Council serves collegiate honors programs in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas. Coordinating its activities with the National Collegiate Honors Council

(NCHC), the Great Plains organization promotes the flow of information, ideas, fellowship and professional encouragement throughout its member programs.



Yolanda Elias and Olivia Costilla check in at the Great Plains Honors Council.

Honors Students Travel Overseas this Summer

A record number of Honors students will travel to Costa Rica, Germany, Russia and Scotland this summer through the ASU International Education programs. Sixteen students will study a variety of topics and some will receive Honors credits for studying abroad.

Costa Rica:

Sagan Everett (kinesiology), Jessica LaMirand (English), Jamie Mandujano (international business), Russell Rogers (business), Adina Schultz (kinesiology and German) and Marie Tipps (biology) will depart for San Jose, Costa Rica, May 15 and will return June 13. They will study "Biodiversity, Conservation and Ecotourism" and "Eco-Tourism: Implications for International Trade" with ASU faculty Dr. Robert Dowler and Rene Segoviano. The students will also take two courses conducted by the Costa Rican Language and Culture Institute and will live with local families.

Germany:

Heather Guthrie (government and German), Greg Hickey (psychology) and Andrew Mahler (chemistry) will travel to Lüneburg, Germany, to attend Leuphana University. They will study "Social Psychological Perspectives of Germany" and "German Film in France & French Film under German Occupation (1940-1944)"

with ASU faculty Dr. William Davidson and Dr. Elisabeth-Christine Muelsch. The group will be in Germany July 11-Aug. 10.

Russia:

Erica Adkins (international business), Derek Jones (government), Sonia Perez (Spanish and criminal justice) and Brittani Teague (management) will be in Krasnodar, Russia, June 1-30. ASU faculty Dr. Tom Bankston and Dr. Steve Reames will teach "International Information Systems: Russian Federation," "Russian Federation: A Multinational Management Strategy," "International Finance and The Russian Federation" and "International Economics and the Russian Federation." The group will also travel to St. Petersburg and the Black Sea.

Scotland:

Kurt Crenwelge (music), Heather Guthrie (government & German), Julianne Johnson (biochemistry) and William Mitchell (government) will travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, May 30 and will return June 28. They will study "Comparative Management Practices" and "The United Kingdom: Politics in the European Community" under the tutelage of ASU faculty Dr. Ed Olson and Dr. Sharynn Tomlin. The group will also travel to London, Paris and Genoa, Italy.

Academic Endurance Awards

In recognition of outstanding academic performance in achieving a 3.80 or higher GPA after two full years in the Honors Program.

Jared Bird
(biochemistry)

Jason Bodiford
(biology)

Heather Guthrie
(government & German)

Kristen Hartley
(integrated accounting)

Robby Heischman
(biology)

Matthew Jackson
(biology)

Andrew Mahler
(chemistry)

Jamie Mandujano
(international business)

Zoë Rogers
(communication & French)

Adina Schultz
(German & kinesiology)

Jason Strickland
(biology)

Brittani Teague
(business management)

Tara Trowbridge
(music)

HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCREASE IN FALL 2008

Honors Program students received good news with the April announcement of a three-fold increase in Honors Scholarships.

Option 1 curriculum track students will receive annual scholarships of \$3,000. Option 2 curriculum track students will receive \$1,500 per year.

In addition to the scholarship increases, students who are eligible for and commit to the Honors Advantage Program (HAP) will receive \$3,000 per year. Through the HAP, select Honors Program students are given the opportunity to apply for early acceptance to Texas Tech medical and law schools.

Entering Honors Program students with scores of either 1300 SAT or 29 ACT and who maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA are eligible for this opportunity.

GRADUATING STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT TITLES

Jason Bodiford: "Comparison of Bacterial Survival Times on Intentionally Contaminated Surfaces"

Jake Gavlick: "Concealment Techniques Favored by Drug Traffickers"

Cecily Haley: "Will *Staphylococcus aureus* Produce Biofilms in Response to Sublethal Tobramycin Concentrations?"

Matt Jackson: "Electroretinography (ERG) as a Method for Assessing Visual Sensitivity in the Mexican Free-Tailed Bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*)"

Halley Newman: "A Probabilistic Algorithm for Measuring Coastline Length" and "Delineation of Retinal Projections in the Mexican Free-Tailed Bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis*) Using Horseradish Peroxidase - Wheat Germ Agglutinin"

Brittani Teague: "The Great Depression's Impact on San Angelo, TX."