

HONORS PROGRAM

MISSION

The Columbia College Honors Program provides an enriched academic experience for the outstanding student committed to excellence in the liberal arts. The fundamental assumption of honors education is that the honors student should continually challenge her intellectual limits, working creatively and seriously to reach her highest potential as a scholar, reflective and liberal learner, individual thinker, and leader. The program emphasizes risk, independent learning, and spirited exchange of ideas in a challenging classroom environment that encourages a student to develop her own ideas in a knowledgeable and reasoned framework.

ADMISSION

Students are invited into honors in the freshman year based on the following criteria:

- High school GPA.
- Level of courses taken (AP, IB, honors, college credit).
- Class rank.
- SAT/ACT score.
- Leadership experience.
- Extracurricular activities.
- Application essay.

Students may petition for admission past the freshman year with two recommendations from college faculty.

HONORS OPPORTUNITIES

- National Collegiate Honors Council.
- Southern Regional Honors Council.
- NCHC Honors Semesters.
- International study, Washington Semester.
- Exemplary faculty, small classes, residence hall.
- Tull Foundation & Honors Merit Scholarships.
- National Conference on Undergraduate Research.
- Honors Student Association leadership activities.
- Service projects & social events.

THE PROGRAM OF STUDY

To complete the Honors Program, students take 24 hours in honors courses, including the honors seminar and project. Students must maintain at least a 3.4 cumulative average. The seminar is a high-level, interdisciplinary study of a unique topic. The project is a significant, independent thesis, research, or creative endeavor guided by a faculty mentor.



Honors in Action!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Research

- *Sonya Barrineau '94—Fellow, Jackson Lab Genetic Research.
- *Jennifer Fouquette '97—MUSC Research Fellowship.
- *Erin Ringus '00—Fellow, High Magnetic Field Lab, FSU.
- *Mary McLawhorn '01—Literary Research Fellow, LSU.
- *Cari Kepner '03—American Psychological Association Research Institute.
- *Ashley Eubanks '07—Santee Cooper Environmental Research Internship.

SC Independent Colleges & Universities Collaborative Research Grants

Amy Snyder '97, Corrie Cripps '98, Jennifer Davis '99, Suzanna Edson '02, Lea Mitchum '03, Allison Conley '04, Mitra Arthur '06, Jennifer Dowling '07, Amanda Friday '07, Lauren Bach '08, Courtney Eason '08, Sarah Funk '08, Ester Park '08, Keri Perdue '08, Jessica Merten '08, Safiya Moran '08, Miha Sabo '08, Angela Weathers '08, Geri Yaneva '09, Vanya Kaloferova '09, Homa Hassan '10, Diana Lynde '11, Katie Boodle '11

Savory Scholars PURL Collaborative Research Awards

Lea Mitchum '03 (Dance), Joye Shields '04 (History), Mitra Arthur '06 (Drama), Amanda Friday '07 (Child & Family Studies), April Evans '08 (Speech and Language Pathology), Lindsay Welsh '09 (Education), Diana Lynde '11 (Communication)

Professional and Graduate Programs

- *Teri Wangler '93—Ph.D., George Washington University.
- *Acacia Bamberg '95, Mollie Bame '00, Tiffany Knowlin '03—M.Div., Candler School of Theology, Emory Univ.
- *Latisha Gotell '96—J.D., Rutgers School of Law.
- *Amy Murray '96—M.D., USC School of Medicine.
- *Corrie Cripps '98—M.A., School of Journalism, Syracuse Univ.
- *Lori Yates '98—M.A., Composition, Univ. Oklahoma; Ph.D., University of Central Florida.
- *Heather Vanderploeg '98, Angela Elliott '99, Paula Miles '00, Gini Startzman '00—J.D., USC School of Law.
- *Kalina Anastassova '00, MIB, USC School of Business.
- *Sarah Neuburger '99—School of the Arts, New York.
- *Keisha Green '99—M.A., Journalism, NYU; Ph.D., Education, Emory University.
- *M.E. Boyd '00—M.A., Journalism, NYU.
- *April Whitney '99—J.D., Georgetown School of Law.
- *Tracie Prevatte '00—School of Dentistry, MUSC.
- *Erin Ringus '00—Ph.D., Chemistry, University of Florida.
- *Amy Sellers '01—M.Div., School of Divinity, Duke Univ.
- *Sara Barrineau '03—Bush School of Public Policy, Texas A&M University.
- *Debra Musgrave '03—Princeton Divinity School.
- *Sara Hassan '04—M.A. Journalism, Columbia University
- *Sarah Clark '05—Loyola University School of Law.
- *Natalia Miteva '04—School of Public Policy, University of Maryland.
- *Nicole Touzien '05—M.F.A. Dance, Texas Women's University.
- *Nazia Aslam '06—Univ. of South Carolina Medical School
- *Suma Matthew '06—M.A., Public Health Medical College of Georgia
- *Mary Jewel Waddell '06—East Tennessee State Univ.
- *Helana Brigman '08—Louisiana State University
- *Angela Maselli '08—Savannah College of Arts & Design
- *Jessica Merten '08—St. Cloud State Univ., Minnesota
- *Katie Orvin '08—Charleston School of Law
- *Numerous students in graduate programs at USC, incl. English, art, SLP, student affairs, education, psychology, languages, and more.



Awards

- *Lisa Suber '98, Lisa Bush '04—SC Independent Colleges & Universities J. Lacy McLean Award for “Outstanding Student of the Year.”
- *Sarah Boggs '99, Mollie Bame '00—NAIA Duer Outstanding Student-Athlete Awards.
- *Melody Blake '01—Gates Millennium Scholar.
- *Ciona Rouse '01—Racial/Ethnic Minority Fellowship, United Methodist Conference.
- *Natalia Miteva '04—Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in Costa Rica and co-recipient 2003 National Collegiate Honors Council “Outstanding Honors Student Award.”
- *Jennifer Dowling '07—2006 Tull Foundation Honors Scholar and recipient of Harvard University “WorldTeach” Internship in Namibia, Africa.
- *Susanna Fields '08—U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fellowship, Washington, D.C.
- *Homa Hassan '10—2009 National Collegiate Honors Council “National Honors Student of the Year” and Tull Foundation Honors Scholar.
- *Diana Lynde '11—2010 National Collegiate Honors Council “National Honors Student of the Year.”



Study-Travel Experiences

- *Latisha Gotell '96, Keisha Green '99, Kendall Myrick '04— NCHC New York Honors Semesters.
- *Bonnee Meacham '96- NCHC Czech Republic Honors Semester, Prague.
- *Cheri Reynolds '00, Amy Sellars '01, Kerrie Yarnell '02— Collaborative Service Learning Project, Oxford, U.K.
- *Mindy Mitzner '02- NCHC Grand Canyon Honors Semester, Arizona.
- *Virginia Spell '04— “Semester at Sea.”
- *Chelsea Lee '08, Lauren Bach '09, DeAnna Ellis '08— UNCW Wales Honors Semester, Swansea.
- *Homa Hassan '10— “International Institute on Political and Economic Studies,” Greece; “Live, Learn, Intern” program, American Studies, Washington, D.C.
- *Numerous honors students participate in Washington Semester, study-travel semesters in Spain and France, and exchange programs in N. Ireland, Czech Republic, Korea, and more.



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