

IUPUI Honors College Highlights Report 2011-2012 honorscollege.iupui.edu

Introduction

The IUPUI Honors College completed its second year as a College in its new location in the University Library. The 2011-2012 academic year was marked by Honors Scholars' successes, a new IUPUI Honors College scholarship, implementation of best practices in Honors advising and co-curricular activities, new Honors international courses, and continued growth in Honors enrollment.

New Honors Scholarship

Scholarships are key to recruiting the best and brightest students for the IUPUI Honors College. In addition to the existing Bepko Scholars and Fellows Program, the Herbert Presidential Scholars Program, and the Plater Distinguished Scholars Program, IUPUI added a new, admission-based scholarship to the College:

- The initiation of the \$8,000 per year admission-based Chancellor's Scholarship facilitated enrollment in Fall 2011 of 115 Chancellor's Scholars, contributing to our most talented and diverse Honors class to date.

<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/4949/IUPUI-Doubles-Value-of-Scholarships-for-Incoming-High-Achieving-High-School-Students>

- With the addition of the Chancellor's Scholarship, the IUPUI Honors College grew to an enrollment of 484 scholars in Fall 2011.

Awards and Recognitions

Honors Scholars continued to be recognized for civic engagement, academic excellence, and service to IUPUI and our community:

- Two Honors Scholars were recognized as 2012 IUPUI Plater Medallion Recipients: Kathryn Delacruz and Daniela Klaz.

<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5582/IUPUI-Center-for-Service-and-Learning-to-Celebrate-2012-Plater-Civic-Engagement-Recipients>

- Bepko Fellow, (formerly Bepko Scholar) Cora Griffin, was named the new IU Student Trustee.

<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5290/Cora-Griffin-named-new-IU-student-trustee>

- Jacob (Jake) Barnett, Chancellor's Scholar, was featured on CBS's *60 Minutes*, providing insight into the challenges of autism as well as Jake's success as an Honors Scholar at IUPUI.

<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5476/From-the-Desk-of-the-Chancellor-Jan-23-2012> and

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-18560_162-57358845/jake-math-prodigy-proud-of-his-autism/?tag=currentVideoInfo;videoMetaInfo

- Honors Scholars Natasha Seitz and Andrew Fraser were selected as the 2012 Top Female and Top Male Student at the IUPUI Top 100 Students event.

<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5592/2012-Outstanding-IUPUI-Students-Named>

- Sponsored by the IUPUI Honors College Student Council, the Second Annual IUPUI Honors College Showcase was held in an expanded format in the Atrium of the IUPUI Campus Center. Examples of Honors Scholar's research, scholarship, international experiences, civic engagement, and leadership were presented to the IUPUI community and prospective scholars in an engaging, interactive showcase.

<http://newscenter.iupui.edu/5585/Honors-College-Second-Annual-Showcase-Set-for-April-16>

Honors Advising Best Practices

Staff of the IUPUI Honors College continued to develop new best advising practices for high-ability students. New developmental academic advising and co-curricular programming appropriate to honors scholars were implemented:

- The IUPUI Honors College implemented an Honors Ambassador Program which utilizes our current scholars to assist with recruiting and support of IUPUI Honors College events. These Honors Ambassadors received extensive training to enable them to represent the College and IUPUI.
- An Honors Peer Mentoring Program was successfully piloted, matching current scholars with incoming scholars. Mentors receive in-depth training from a variety of campus resources to prepare them as Honors Mentors. This program provides leadership experience to current scholars and assistance in making a successful transition to college for incoming scholars. Based on the success of the pilot program, it will be expanded to be available to all incoming scholars in fall 2012.
- The IUPUI Honors College developed new advising best practices for high-ability students, including a holistic four-year plan for students, focusing on the RISE Initiative, advising strategies, and retention plans.

- New Summer Scholars Retreats were held for Bepko Scholars, Herbert Presidential Scholars, Plater International Scholars, Chancellor's Scholars, and officers of Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies for first-year students. Over 100 Chancellor's Scholars prepared IUPUI's second Urban Garden as a service project component of their retreat.

<http://www.iupui.edu/galleries/311/HonorsCollegestudentstackleUrbanGarden>

- Campus-level Honors Academic Advising Sessions were developed and held fall and spring semesters for academic advisors who advise Honors Scholars at the school and department levels. These new campus level meetings facilitate dissemination of information to academic advisors and provide the College with timely feedback.
- New Honors International Experiences were developed in Kenya and Costa Rica for Honors Scholars seeking the Service designation (S) of the RISE initiative through an international experience. The Honors Kenya Program builds on the IU-Kenya medical partnership and the IUPUI-Moi University strategic partnership while the Costa Rica program provides Scholars with service learning experiences in community and government organizations in the San Carlos area.
- Honors House, our Themed Residential Learning Community, was expanded to become the Honors Residential Community, tripling spaces available for our students. Areas of the Community were remodeled with new technology and furnishings to provide new informal learning and collaboration spaces for our Scholars.