

IUPUI Honors College

Highlights Report 2012-2013 honorscollege.iupui.edu

Introduction

The IUPUI Honors College offers a challenging academic environment for high-ability students. Entering Honors Scholars have completed a rigorous program of study in high school where they maintained a GPA of 3.75 (on a 4.0 scale) or better, and had an ACT composite score of 28 or an SAT critical reading and math combined score of 1250 or higher. All Honors Scholars are required to maintain a specific overall GPA, complete 24 hours of Honors credit, complete an Honors Experience (e.g., honors course, approved international study, internship, or experiential learning) every semester, and complete at least 10 hours of volunteer service hours.

The IUPUI Honors College, located in the IUPUI University Library, completed its third year as a College. The 2012-2013 academic year was marked by Honors Scholars' successes, development of a College Advisory Board, implementation of best practices in Honors advising and co-curricular activities, staff recognitions, and continued growth in Honors enrollment.

Growth in Honors College Enrollment

Excellent academic programs coupled with competitive Honors scholarships continue to feed the growth of the IUPUI Honors College. In addition to the Bepko Scholars and Fellows Program, the Herbert Presidential Scholars Program, and the Plater Distinguished Scholars Program, IUPUI added an admission-based Chancellor's Scholarship to the College in 2011-2012. The IUPUI Honors College grew to an enrollment of 627 in Fall 2012, an increase of 140 scholars from Fall 2011. This was also our most talented and diverse Honors class to date. Fall 2013 new student enrollment is 236 with a College Enrollment of 759.

Awards and Recognitions

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

- Seven Honors Scholars were recognized as 2013 IUPUI Plater Medallion Recipients. The William M. Plater Civic Engagement Medallion has been established to recognize graduating students who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to their communities during their years as an IUPUI student:

Oaksoon Callahan, School of Liberal Arts; Honors College;
Kiran Gill, School of Liberal Arts; School of Science; Honors College

Eric Keller, School of Science; Honors College
Heather Kent, Kelley School of Business; Honors College
Daisy Pham, Kelley School of Business; Honors College
Jennifer Romine, School of Science; Honors College
Kristyn Seibert, School of Science; Honors College

<http://csl.iupui.edu/newsroom/newsStory.cfm?id=26>

- Jason Walsman, School of Science and Honors College, was the first IUPUI student awarded the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, presented to the country's most promising undergraduate college students in math, science and engineering. Aaron Kreutzjans, School of Engineering and Technology and Honors College, and Ashley Riley, School of Science and Honors College, were named Honorable Mention.

<http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/24109.html>

- Honors Scholar James Plew, Kelley School of Business and Honors College, was selected as the 2013 Top Male Student at the IUPUI Top 100 Students event. Over half of the 2013 IUPUI Top 100 juniors and seniors recognized April 12, 2013, for scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities on campus, and civic and community service, are IUPUI Honors Scholars.

<http://news.iupui.edu/releases/2013/04/outstanding-iupui-students.shtml>

- Eric Keller, School of Science and Honors College, was selected as the IUPUI Honors College Chancellor's Scholar. The Chancellor's Scholar Award is presented annually to the student who has the highest college GPA and who demonstrates a commitment to the university and the communities it serves.
- Bethany Knuckles, Herron School of Art and Design and Honors College, was selected to receive the Spirit of Herron Award. The Spirit of Herron Award is given each year by the Herron Alumni Association to a graduating senior who embodies the essence of the student artist. The recipient is chosen based on his/her involvement in school activities and organizations, personal achievements in art, and community involvement.

https://www.facebook.com/HerronAlumni/map?activecategory=Photos&session_id=1334029327&filter=3#!/photo.php?fbid=10151591533636250&set=a.494911276249.276500.53266891249&type=1

- Sarah Fortney, School of Public and Environmental Affairs PEA and Honors College, was selected to be a Student Member on the National Phi Eta Sigma

Honor Society Executive Committee.

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- Lisa Ruch, Director of Academic Affairs, Honors College, was selected as Outstanding Advisor, National Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) Honor Society. Lisa has served as the IUPUI ALD Advisor since 1998 and has directed its growth as a major contributor to the campus community and in the Indianapolis community at large. The IUPUI Chapter has been recognized as one of the top chapters in the country every year since 2003.

<http://www.nationalald.org/index.cfm/scholarships/advisor-of-theyear/?mobileFormat=true>

- Laura Masterson, Assistant Director, Honors College, was selected as the Jaguar Academic Advising Association (JACADA) Undergraduate Advisor of the Year. Laura advises Chancellor's Scholars, and Bepko Scholars in the IUPUI Honors College. She has led the Honors Peer Mentoring initiative as well as coordinated service learning opportunities for the college.

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- Kristyn Seibert, School of Science and Honors College, received the William L. Garrett Outstanding Student Leader Award presented by the IUPUI Office of Student Involvement.

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- Morgan Rhodes, School of Science and Honors College, was named first recipient of the Indumati Sukhatme RISE Scholarship.

http://www.iupui.edu/chancellor/messages/from_the_desk/120521.html

Honors Advising Best Practices

Staff of the IUPUI Honors College continued to identify and implement developmental academic advising and co-curricular programming best advising practices for highability students.

- The IUPUI Honors College Honors Ambassador Program which utilizes our current Scholars to assist with recruiting and support of IUPUI Honors College events was expanded and enhanced with additional training.
- The Honors Peer Mentoring Program, matching current scholars with incoming scholars, was enhanced and expanded for its second year to include all incoming Scholars Fall 2013. Mentors receive in-depth training from a variety of campus resources to prepare them as Honors Mentors. Assessment of this program indicates that it is successful in providing leadership experiences to current scholars and assistance in making a successful transition to college for incoming scholars.
- The Third Annual IUPUI Academic Bowl was held in November, 2013 with fourteen teams from across campus competing in this day-long event. Sponsored by the IUPUI Honors College Student Council, this event showcases teams of four in a competitive, nationally sanctioned competition. Winning teams then competed in the regional competition in Chicago.
- An Honors web-based database was developed through IU HELPNET to record and track Honors Scholar information critical to the four year developmental advising plan. Built around the IUPUI RISE initiative, this database coordinates academic progress, co-curricular activities, service, international, and leadership information for use and analysis by Honors Advisors.
- The IUPUI Honors College continued development of advising best practices for high-ability students, implemented through our holistic, four-year development plan for students. This dynamic plan focuses on the IUPUI RISE Initiative, advising strategies, and retention plans. Key to its success is regular and intentional contact between Honors Advisors and Scholars.
- A New Student Retreat was held for over 200 Honors students at the Campus Center and Jameson Camp in Indianapolis. The retreat brought together almost 200 Honors Scholars with Honors Advisors and student mentors, providing an opportunity for students to build relationships, get to know staff in the IUPUI Honors College, understand requirements of the College, and connect to the IUPUI campus.

<http://news.iupui.edu/releases/2013/07/honors-retreat-2013.shtml>

- Honors International Experiences developed in Kenya and Costa Rica continued and expanded 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 Cartago area.

<http://news.iupui.edu/releases/2013/04/honors-college-costa-rica-trip042013.shtml>

- The Third Annual IUPUI Honors College Showcase was held in April 2013. Examples of Honors Scholars' research, scholarship, international experiences, civic engagement, and leadership were presented to the IUPUI community and prospective scholars in an engaging, interactive showcase.

<http://inside.iupui.edu/editors-picks/research/2013-04-16-research-honorscollege-iupui.shtml#scholars>.

- The Honors College Staff conducted a one day retreat focused on identifying our contributions to the IUPUI Strategic Plan, career advising, and best practices for high ability advising.
- The Honors College developed a new Oncourse Resources Site for all Honors Scholars, launched Fall 2013. This site serves as a dynamic centralized location for information related to academic information, opportunities for involvement, leadership, international experiences, civic engagement, scholarship information and requirements, and useful forms.
- The Honors College developed a New Student Profile Survey administered to all 236 incoming freshmen Scholars during the summer prior to arrival on campus. This survey collects information about academic preparation, career aspirations, prior international experience, service learning preferences, leadership experiences, and expectations. This information will be used in co-curricular advising of new students and in creation of their four year developmental plan.
- The Honors Residential Learning Community in the Riverwalk Apartments was expanded from one building (Honors House) to three, becoming the Honors Residential Community in Fall 2012. Preparations were made to make the Riverwalk Apartments an upperclassman residential learning community and add two floors of the University Tower for our first year scholars' residential community in Fall 2013. These communities offer co-curricular leadership and service opportunities to our 200 residential Scholars.

<http://life.iupui.edu/housing/rlc/honors.html>

- The first in a new series of faculty development programs aimed at teaching and mentoring high ability students was held Spring 2012. In conjunction with the

IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning, the Honors College offered a campus wide workshop on “*Creating an Honors Contract with Your Student.*”

In this interactive workshop, participants discussed and reflected on how to assist students in creating effective projects through identifying specific goals and outcomes for honors contracts. A faculty panel discussed their experiences with honors contracts and shared their advice for creating a successful faculty and student experience. A panel of Honors College students talked about their needs and concerns when working through the process and completing contracts. Honors College staff provided resources such as examples of completed honors contracts which meet the goals we want our students to achieve by engaging in the honors contract experience. Assessment of students' work was also discussed.

- The IUPUI Honors College established an Honors Advisory Council. The goal of this council is to provide the College with advice and counsel as we strategically grow our enrollment, further develop our Honors programming, and continue to enhance connections and opportunities with our campus and community partners. The council will be composed of key faculty and staff members from campus. The inaugural meeting was held in Spring 2012.