

IUPUI Honors College Highlights Report 2014-2015 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 per year.

The IUPUI Honors College, located in the IUPUI University Library, completed its fifth year as a College. The 2014-2015 academic year was marked by Honors Scholars' successes, continued implementation of best practices in Honors advising and co-curricular activities, continued growth of our study abroad Honors programs, and continued growth in Honors enrollment. New school-based programs were added to expand admission into Honors for transfers and continuing students. All point to significant contributions to the success of our students at IUPUI.

The Success of our Students

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. As a result, the IUPUI Honors College continues to grow in enrollment and academic profile. In Fall 2014, Honors new student enrollment reached 251. This was our most talented and diverse Honors class to date. Fall 2015 new student enrollment is projected to be 294, with a College enrollment over 1,000 students (including school-based enrollments). The Honors College graduated its second four-year class (the Class of 2015) of 140 Scholars in May 2015.

Awards and Recognitions

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

- Six IUPUI Honors Scholars were recognized as 2015 IUPUI Plater Medallion Recipients. The William Plater Civic Engagement Medallion is designed to honor graduating IUPUI students who have shown an exemplary commitment to the community and who have developed an ethic of civic mindedness. Honors Scholars Corinne Blackburn, Hardeep Dhillon, Alyssa Flynn, Sarah Fortney, Ana Frausto, and Roziya Tursunova were recognized April 14, 2015, at the Robert G. Bringle Civic Engagement Showcase and Symposium.

<http://news.iupui.edu/releases/2015/04/brngle-showcase-sympsiium.shtml>

- The IUPUI Alumni Council and the Student Organization for Alumni Relations annually sponsor the Top 100 student recognition at IUPUI. More than 2,100 students were nominated for the prestigious recognition of IUPUI's top 100 students for 2015. From the top 100 students, the top 10 female and male students were chosen by a panel of alumni, faculty and staff.

Nine of the Top Ten Female Students were IUPUI Honors Scholars and five of the Top Ten Male students were IUPUI Honors Scholars. Over half of the 2015 IUPUI Top 100 juniors and seniors recognized for scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities on campus, and civic and community service are IUPUI Honors Scholars.

<http://news.iupui.edu/releases/2015/04/outstanding-iupui-students.shtml>

- Leandro Moretti, Biomedical Engineering major and Plater International Scholar in the IUPUI Honors College, was selected as the IUPUI Honors College Chancellor's Scholar for 2015. 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. This student also serves as the keynote speaker at the annual Honors College Graduation Dinner and Medal Ceremony.
- The IUPUI Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD), National Honor Society for First-Year Students, was recognized with the Order of the Torch Award. This is the annual award for the most outstanding chapters of Alpha Lambda Delta in the nation. Each year, up to five chapters may be awarded the Order of the Torch. In 2015, over 60 percent of the ALD officers are Honors Scholars and over 58 percent of its new members are Honors Scholars. They are advised by Lisa Ruch, Director of Academic Affairs in the Honors College.

Honors Advising Best Practices

Staff of the IUPUI Honors College continued to identify, implement, and share developmental academic advising and co-curricular programming best advising

practices for high-ability 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 in its fourth year with additional training.
- The Honors Peer Mentoring Program, matching current scholars with incoming scholars, was enhanced and expanded for its fourth year to include all incoming Scholars Fall 2014. Mentors receive in-depth training from a variety of campus resources to prepare them as Honors Mentors. On-going assessment of this high-impact 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 Fifth Annual IUPUI Academic Bowl was held in November 2015 with 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.
- The IUPUI Honors College initiated a student leadership training event spring semester 2015. Focusing on emerging leaders in the Honors freshman class, the one day program addressed the characteristics, skills and responsibilities of high-potential leaders. Students also investigated their own personalities and leadership profiles using interactive exercises based on a personality assessment tool. The event also features an etiquette luncheon presented by professional butler Anthony Cawthon.

<http://news.iupui.edu/releases/2015/02/emerging-leaders-honors-college%20.shtml>

- 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 RISE to the IUPUI Challenge initiative, advising strategies, and retention plans. Ongoing assessment indicates that regular and intentional contact between Honors Advisors and Scholars is key to its success.

<http://due.iupui.edu/center-for-coordinated-initiatives/iupui-rise-program>

- The Honors International Experience developed in Costa Rica as an alternative spring break program continued for the fourth year in 2015 with increased participation. The Costa Rica program provides Scholars with service learning experiences in community and government organizations in the Cartago area. This experience serves Honors Scholars seeking the Service designation (S) of the RISE initiative through an international experience.

- In its second year, the Honors Healthcare in the Kingdom of Swaziland program is a three-week summer service learning program based in Swaziland. This Honors College program is offered in cooperation with the Fairbanks School of Public Health and IU School of Nursing, providing field placements at community organizations with direct connections to healthcare and organizations that highlight the importance of healthcare access in the Kingdom of Swaziland. Students also have the opportunity to learn about the culture, history and wildlife of the Kingdom of Swaziland through tours and excursions scheduled throughout the program. This experience serves Honors Scholars seeking the Service designation (S) of the RISE initiative through an international experience.
- The Fifth Annual IUPUI Honors College Showcase was held April 23, 2015. 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.

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- The Honors Upper Division Residential Learning Community in the Riverwalk Apartments continued to expand to include three apartment buildings. Two floors of University Tower serve as our First-Year Scholars' Honors Residential Community. These communities offer co-curricular leadership and service opportunities to our 200 residential Scholars, as well as class appropriate programming aimed at enhancing the success of our students.

<http://housing.iupui.edu/explore/residential-learning/honors-house/index.shtml>

- The IUPUI Honors College continued to work with Schools at IUPUI to develop upper division school-based programs coordinated under the IUPUI Honors College. These programs offer continuing and transfer students the opportunity to build on their school's challenging curricula through deeper, more engaging learning experiences.

Four new programs joined Honors in fall semester 2014: Informatics and Computing, the School of Science, the School of Liberal Arts, and the School of Engineering and Technology. The School of Physical Education and Tourism Management, the Herron School of Art and Design, and the Fairbanks School of Public Health begin new programs fall semester 2015, bringing the total to eleven schools.

<http://honorscollege.iupui.edu/admissions/>