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The Dialogue

SPRING AND SUMMER 2011

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Let's Talk!



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM



The Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS), begun by Honors Student Ambassadors in 2008, provides a forum for all undergraduate students to present their research in a conference setting so that they can gain professional experience in a congenial and positive environment. It also affords students the rare opportunity to receive constructive feedback from faculty members who evaluate students' presentations. Unlike most symposia, registration is free, and complementary meals are provided.

For more information, visit :
shsu.edu/~honors/symposium/index.html or
e-mail Dr. Kimberly Bell
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Spring and Summer 2011 Honors Graduates

- Shae Adams, History, “Highest Honors”
- Mario Aguilar, Music Education
- Arlen Alanis, Accounting
- Christina Allen, English
- Mark Amann, Chemistry
- Jeremy Angus, Psychology, “Highest Honors”
- Cecily Ann Batiste, Political Science
- Erica Beason, Health Education
- Mark Blakeman, English
- Kristen Bowers, Forensic Chemistry, “Highest Honors”
- Michelle Bryant, Interdisciplinary Studies
- James Chadwell IV, Accounting
- Nicholas Cheek, Agricultural Engineering
- Candice Combs, Psychology
- Victoria Cordova, Criminal Justice
- David Courtade, Accounting
- Amanda R. Crowley, Finance
- Michael Deane, Accounting
- Emily Dimick, Animal Science/Pre-Vet
- Brittany Disiere, Forensic Chemistry
- Lindsay Erck, Interdisciplinary Studies
- Sophia Garee-Boyles, English, “Highest Honors”
- Courtney Leigh Goffinet, Finance/Banking & Financial Institutions, “Highest Honors”
- Deborah Hendrix, English
- Kayla Hughes, Animal Science
- Morgan Jenks, Composition
- Jatricea Johnson, Criminal Justice
- Jessica Kern, Finance/Banking & Financial Institutions
- Keri Kershaw, Biology & Psychology, “Highest Honors”
- Brittany Kiser, Mass Communication
- Ren Kiser, Interdisciplinary Studies
- Katlyn McDonald, History
- Michael Meiners, English, “Highest Honors”
- Jeanette Mojica, Art – Advertising Graphic Design
- Elizabeth Nesselrode, Chemistry for Professional Chemists
- Tessa Pearson, Mass Communication – Public Relations
- Anne Powell, Interdisciplinary Studies
- Jessica Priest, Mass Communication
- Tamar Raja, Animation
- Lauren Roehr, Mass Communication – Broadcast Production
- Ayomide Shittu, Criminal Justice
- Elizabeth Sneed, Criminal Justice & Forensic Chemistry
- Katelyn Stafford, Professional Chemistry, “Highest Honors”
- Zachary Stuckwisch, Kinesiology – Exercise Science
- Lidiya Tsurkanu, Finance/Banking & Financial Institutions, “Highest Honors”
- Tyler Watson, Computing Science
- Cody White, English



Graduating Honors Ambassadors

**CONGRATULATIONS
EVERYONE!**

Parent's Weekend Luncheon

We look forward to seeing new faces this year at our Parent's Weekend Luncheon!

Bearkat Family Weekend takes place September 16-18. The early registration deadline is August 12th, and the final registration deadline is August 26th. The price of attendance includes a Welcome Gift, Continental Breakfast, Coffee with Administrators, Catered Lunch, Carnival on the Concourse, Tailgating at Bowers Stadium, and a Classic Car Show. The theme for this year is Mardi Gras.

The Honors College goes a step further and provides a special Luncheon specifically for Honors College students and families. They will have the opportunity to meet other parents, their student's friends, and numerous Honors faculty. This year, we will also have a spot for tailgating at the football game. Tickets for the football game are available through the Athletic Department.

New Courses for Fall 2011

BIOL 1313 (formerly BIO 162). General Zoology. Section 02 – CRN 85014. 8:00-8:50 MWF. LDB 213. Tamara Cook.

ENGL 1301 (formerly ENG 164). Composition I. Section 09 – CRN 86094. 9:00-9:50 MWF. Evans 262. Janet Fair.

ENGL 2331 (formerly ENG 265). Literature of the Western World. Section 11 – CRN 85981. 2:00-3:20 TR. Evans 313. Kimberly Bell.

ENGL 3330 (formerly ENG 330). Technical Writing. Section 02—CRN 85525. 10:00-10:50 MWF. Evans 360. Carroll Nardone.

HIST 1301 (formerly HIS 163). United States History to 1876. Section 15—CRN 84823. 9:00-9:50 MWF. AB4 302. Katherine Pierce.

KINE 2333 (formerly KIN 233). Honors Fitness for Living. Section 01—CRN 85737. 12:30—1:50 TR. HKC 239. Matthew Wagner.

MATH 1332 (formerly MTH 164). College Mathematics. Section 20—CRN 84408. 1:00-1:50 MWF. LDB 401. Jacqueline Jensen.

POLS 2301 (formerly POL 261). Principles of American Government. Section 09—CRN 84343. 10:00-10:50 MWF. CHSS 242B. Melinda Kovacs.

POLS 2302 (formerly POL 285). American Public Policy. Section 05—CRN 84592. 9:30-10:50 TR. Teacher Ed Center 113. Jeongwoo Kim.

PSYC 1301 (formerly PSY 131). Introduction to Psychology. Section 05—CRN 87050. 6:00-8:50 Monday nights. John De Castro and Lisa Kan.

Great Plains Honors Council Conference

The first weekend in April, Dr. Young and four Honors College Students attended the GPHC Conference in Arlington, TX. Two of these students, Shae Adams and

Katelyn Stafford, gave presentations. The conference gave the students and Dr. Young the opportunity to communicate with

members of Honors Colleges in the Great Plains Region. It was a great experience!



Dr. Young and Students

In association 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. The spring regional conference always emphasizes student presentations and the region-as-text.

To find out more, visit greatplainshonors.com

From and For the Students

Alvarez & Marsal Internship by: Will Caron, Senior Banking and Finance Double Major

Alvarez and Marsal is a global professional services firm with over 1,200 employees with corporate offices in almost forty major cities around the globe. The firm is currently managing the unwinding of Lehman Brothers Holdings, and its recent clients included Chase, Bank of America, Levi Strauss, Times, and Charles Schwab. The majority of my internship was with the FIAS (Financial Industry Advisory Services) division of Alvarez & Marsal. My time and experience with FIAS has given me an incredible insight into the causes of the current financial crisis, its beginnings in the Savings and Loan crisis, and the bailout of Long Term Capital Management. The most remarkable aspect of the internship was my first-hand exposure to the recent efforts by both the U.S. Government and private firms such as Alvarez & Marsal in order to avert additional bank failures.

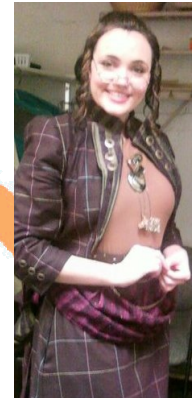
During this internship, I participated in regular meetings with several clients and with managing directors working throughout the firm's United States offices. These meetings gave me an insight into the thought processes and preparation behind several major business transactions. Additionally, I was introduced to numerous important business clients and was able to significantly increase my business communication and networking skills. I would never have received this experience without this internship; knowing how to conduct oneself in a meeting and being able to think quickly while responding to a client's questions are skills that would be nearly impossible to gain while in the classroom.

Throughout the summer, I worked in conjunction with both senior and junior management on several projects involving multiple clients and several component parts that all must be assembled in a relatively small timeframe. This enabled me to effectively utilize my time management skills while learning how to construct memos, bank reports, summaries, and project reports in a proper business format. Additionally, I was issued my own projects, without management supervision, and was expected to conduct proper research including investigations into company files, government databases, and client-provided information. These projects enabled me to make important decisions regarding the information provided and specific formatting. I always sought to complete my tasks ahead of schedule in order to receive additional comments and information from management.

All internships are created as learning experiences. Throughout my work with Alvarez & Marsal, I have increased my knowledge of both the banking sector in general and the relationships between the various government agencies and private firms. This experience has given me significant insight into the policies of both the OCC and the FDI in addition to a better understanding of the inner workings of both investment banks and private equity firms. I look forward to applying my newfound knowledge to my chosen career.

Professional Debut by: Laura DuBose, Student Editor

When I auditioned for the Internship at Stages, I was excited to just get a call back. Unique to this opportunity, I was auditioning for a show that was not limited to students from Sam Houston. In fact, it wasn't limited to students at all. I auditioned for a role against hundreds of others, and I got a lead role. Not only was I in my first professional show, I was a major part! This was definitely one of the best experiences. I was able to work with people in the business, and I made really good connections to people in my field. This opportunity has already opened many doors. I have done a couple of auditions in Houston, and I am recognized from the show!



Legislative Internship by: Ayomide Shittu,

I found out in Early November that I was not selected to participate in the internship that I dearly wanted, for the opportunity and somewhat for the reality of being paid. I was disappointed, but after getting over the blues, I was blessed to have a friend who knew of a position as a Legislative Intern doing the EXACT same thing the other internship offered, except without the pay. I applied and interviewed and as of Thursday, Dec. 23rd, 2010, I am a Legislative Intern for the Office of Rep. Eric Johnson. I am elated at this exceptional opportunity and grateful to Dr. Young and everyone else who helped me in this process.



Abroad in Japan by: Morgan Foulkes

I am an international student from Mexico, and studying here has opened my eyes to a new place and different culture; experiencing new things such as this has become something of interest to me. So I took advantage of a program offered by the economics department here at Sam Houston for a summer session in Osaka, Japan. After two planes and 16 hours of flying we finally arrived in Osaka, a place where the signs are made up of enigmatic symbols and where people speak in a tongue which is indecipherable to a foreigner's ears.

Upon our arrival to Momoyama Gakuin University, our partner university, we were greeted by our host families, who immediately embraced us as one of their own. For the following month, I was living, eating, breathing Japanese culture, food, and life. Although it was an intense summer session, taking six hours in only four weeks, we also visited historical sights and experienced the local night life. The many relationships we developed, not only between us as a group of students but also with the families that al-

lowed us to live in their homes, will be something that will stay with us for the years to come.

Getting to see the sights as a tourist as well as living there as part of a Japanese family was a unique experience; I not only saw the sights with those who live there but became immersed in the culture that felt more like a completely different world. It is a culture nothing like one could experience in the western world. Also, getting to see the sights of a foreign country while taking classes is an experience I would encourage students to take while in college.



Student Spotlight

Elizabeth Nesselrode graduated this May with a major in Chemistry for Professional Chemists and with a minor in Biology. She has been in the Honors College since Fall 2007, her first semester here at Sam Houston.

She has been extremely involved in multiple organizations, including the Orange Keys, Alpha Lambda Delta National Honors Society, J.C. Stallings Chemistry Club, and Alpha Chi National Honor Society. Elizabeth is also an Honors College Ambassador.

This spring, Elizabeth received the Sammy Award! This award recognizes her for the outstanding contributions and service given to the university during her time here.

Upon graduation from SHSU in May 2011, she will be moving to Dallas, TX, to begin preparing for graduate school in the Fall. Elizabeth was accepted into the PhD program at The University of Texas at Dallas where she will pursue of her PhD in Chemistry. Her long-term goal is to be a professor.

“After my experience here at Sam, I want to give back to students and give students what my professors have given to me and my education.”



“We teach what we like to learn and the reason many people go into teaching is vicariously to reexperience the primary joy experienced the first time they learned something they loved.”

~Stephen Brookfield

Professor Highlight

Patrick Lewis received his PhD in Biological Anthropology and Anatomy from Duke University in 2003. His journey to PhD was unique, in that he spent 8 years in the Air Force as a weather forecaster, earning an Associates in meteorology before returning to Texas Tech where he was a part of the Honors Program for his BS in Anthropology and MS in Evolutionary Biology.

In 2009 Lewis received an NSF grant (National Science Foundation) to search for fossils in Botswana, and he was named a research associate at the Museum of Texas Tech University for his research on North American bison evolution.

Lewis has been teaching Honors courses for about two-and-a-half years.

He helped to organize the Difficult Dialogues seminar, and he teaches an Honors section of zoology. He wishes to help the Honors students in the same way that Honors pushed him to succeed.

This is what he likes best about the Honors College— “helping a student achieve their potential, and getting them a step closer to realizing their own dreams.”

“Set your goals high and pursue them with a fierce determination. You can’t be satisfied with just doing well, but rather must strive to do your best so you will be ready to compete after you leave Sam.”



Want to be featured in the next Dialogue?

Recommend yourself, a friend or a professor to the Honors College to be featured in the next newsletter. Please email or stop by with a name and a reason why that person should be in our featured section.



Honors College Events

August 8–14 Bearkat Camp for Incoming Students

August 20 Residence Halls Open

August 22 Monday Funday

6:00 pm Honors Lounge

August 24 First Class Day

8:00 am – 10:00 am Wake Up with Honors, Honors Lounge

August 28 Honors Luau

6:00 pm at the Elkins Lake Olympic Pool

September 8 Honors Assembly

4:00 pm Olson Auditorium

September 9 Twelfth Class Day

Honors Contracts, Thesis Proposals and Graduation Applications Due

September 17 Parents Weekend Luncheon

11:30 am LSC Ballroom

October Honors Cultural Outing TBA

October 3-7, 10-14 Honors Advising

October 13 Sam Houston Homecoming Parade

October 15 Homecoming Football Game

Alumni Event and Tailgating

October 19-23 NCHC Conference in Phoenix, Arizona

December 9 Last Class Day

Contract, Thesis, and Community Service Due

December 12-15 Final Exams

December 16 Elliott T. Bowers Graduation Medallion Luncheon

11:30 am LSC Ballroom

The Dialogue?

The title of *The Dialogue* was inspired by the efforts of the Honors College to enhance communication. Many of our efforts include interaction between people, including the Let's Talk Series and Difficult Dialogues Seminar.

The Dialogue fits the Honors College standards for this newsletter. We want to provide the best news and information about the Honors College.

Let us hear from YOU!

If you have anything you would like to share with the Honors College, let us know!

We are looking for pictures and articles from everyone. Are you going abroad? Have you found an internship? Share your experiences!

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