

Honors Program Student Council

With less than a month left in the semester, the Honors Program Student Council has accomplished a lot in its first semester under the direction of the new constitution. HPSC has held bi-monthly open meetings and several other successful events.

One of HPSC's many goals is to increase the social interaction among students within the Honors community, and in an effort to do that, Social Chair Binh Tran and his committee held two ice-cream socials this semester, one on North Campus and one on South Campus.

Members of the council have also been organizing service projects led by Service Chair Elizabeth Keller, and to get the Honors

community into the holiday spirit, coordinated the Holiday Shoe Box Project to benefit children in poverty through the Operation Christmas Child organization. A challenge was issued to all Honors classes to donate enough items and money to make and send a box filled with hygiene items, toys, and school supplies. With the generous donations received, the group was able to put together 24 boxes. Dr. Woods's 101-5 class won the challenge and will receive an in-class meal provided by HPSC, and Kristin Sherard was the lucky winner of a Starbucks gift card for participating in the project. Thanking everyone who donated or participated, Elizabeth Keller said of the project,

"Thanks for your generosity! With your help, we were able to send 24 boxes of holiday cheer to some children in a third world country that would otherwise receive nothing."

In its capacity as the student advisory council to the Honors Program, HPSC also hosted an open forum this month for students to come and voice their opinions about the program. During this event, students gave input on the positive and negative aspects of their experience thus far in the Honors Program and talked about possible ways of improving such aspects as recruitment and priority registration.

Questions or comments about HPSC?

Feel free to contact the officers at uk.hpsc@gmail.com

HPSC Announcements for this month:

HPSC will host an **Honors Fun Night** on **Wednesday, December 5th**. Take a study break and come play games and hang out with other Honors students in the Patterson Hall lobby.

Make a note on your calendars for next semester! HPSC will be volunteering at **God's Pantry** on **Wednesday, January 30th**.

Get your Honors t-shirt!

HPSC is currently selling long-sleeved t-shirts for only \$15.00! The t-shirts are athletic style and gray with blue print.

They are available in sizes S-XL and can be purchased in the Honors office or by contacting Fundraising Chair Michael Kasten at M.Kasten@uky.edu.



Get to Know the Faculty

In a typical Honors class, you spend about three hours a week with your professor, and maybe a little more time if you take advantage of his or her office hours. Have you ever wondered what the faculty is like outside of the classroom? With two programs, Faculty Dinners and Faculty without Class, you are given a valuable opportunity to find out.

Faculty Dinners are held in the evenings at Blazer Café on North Campus and are available for a limited number of student reservations. This semester's dinners were hosted by Dr. Glixon, Dr. Jennifer Tunberg, and Dr. Terry Tunberg. Next semester, students will have the chance to eat and chat with Dr. Ettensohn, Dr. Hersh, and Dr. Leaman. Faculty without Class provides interesting seminars without the pressure of homework and tests. This semester's discussions featured UK doctoral candidates and covered two fascinating and important topics. The first, presented by Mary Beth Holbrook of the Von Allmen School of Accountancy, focused on "Corporate Social Responsibility." The second, held in October by the Department of History's Jodie Mader, was entitled "What Goes Around Comes Around in Iraq" and covered the decisions and consequences of war. Be on the lookout in the near future for your chance to share which topics would be interesting to you and which faculty members you would like to see participate in this exciting program.

External Scholarships, continued

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letters of recommendation make completing graduate applications much more manageable when that time comes. An almost equal number of students have commented that applying for external scholarships early in their college careers has helped them plan their course selection for future semesters better. The essay prompts for many of the scholarships below may help you shape your Honors Program Independent Project because they ask you to define possible solutions to problems in your field of study. Both HON 395 and scholarship essays offer you opportunities to delve into topics that fascinate you and to develop some expertise on them. Some of the opportunities OES helps students compete for include

- the Goldwater Scholarship (\$7,500 for sophomores or juniors planning careers in STEM disciplines research);
- the Udall Scholarship (\$ for sophomores or juniors pursuing careers related to the environment, or to Native American students pursuing careers in tribal public policy);
- the Truman Scholarship (\$30,000 for graduate studies leading to a career in public service, awarded during junior year);
- the Marshall Scholarship (providing handsome support for any program of study at universities in Great Britain, awarded to seniors and recent graduates); and
- the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship (up to \$50,000 per year for up to 6 years of gradu-

ate or professional study in any field, any where in the world, awarded to seniors). UK Honors Program students have earned every one of the above awards, and are competitive for many more. The OES is also eager to assist students in preparing applications for *any* scholarship funded externally. Announcements about myriad opportunities are posted on the Honors Program listserv, as well as in the UK External Scholarships group on Facebook.

OES will gladly assist you in applying for scholarships that you identify on your own. Applying for a \$500-1,000 scholarship awarded by an organization related to your field of interest is excellent preparation for later opportunities that may provide greater funds for education abroad and/or graduate study, and it provides evidence of excellence and potential for continued success in the field.

How do you find scholarships and related opportunities, and when should you begin looking for them? Ask faculty members in your discipline. When appropriate, join the local, state, and national organizations supporting work in your discipline (e.g., the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists may have an award for you!). Join mailing lists of these societies and scan departmental bulletin boards where award announcements are posted. Create a profile on web-based scholarship search engines (e.g., Fastweb) and sift through multiple opportunities to find ones that serve you best.

It is never too early to begin thinking about these opportunities. National Science Foundation-funded summer

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