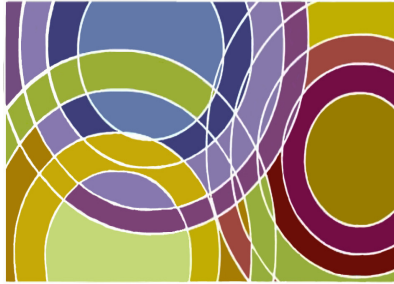


Kentucky Honors Roundtable



The Fall Kentucky Honors Roundtable was held the weekend of September 29, 2007 at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. It is an exciting event where students from honors programs across Kentucky get together and discuss their papers or projects to each other in small groups. At this event, students have the opportunity to conduct a workshop, serve on a panel, or discuss their projects, research, or papers in small groups. This is a great opportunity to share ideas and meet other students from across the state. The Honors Program pays for hotel and conference fees. If you did not attend the Roundtable this semester, be sure to register early and attend next semester.

Honors Program Student Council

As you have probably been told many times before, the University of Kentucky boasts more than 250 student organizations, among which there is something for everyone. Whether your interest is socializing with your peers, doing community service, or honing your leadership skills before you enter the “real” world, it’s a pretty safe bet that you will find an organization that suits your needs. But, are you aware that you can find all this and more by looking no further than the Honors Program? The Honors Program Student Council (HPSC—you may

have heard it pronounced as “hipsack”) is the student advisory council to the Honors Program, and perhaps more importantly, provides opportunities for Honors students to come together outside of classes.

HPSC’s many activities include social events, such as ice cream socials and “fun nights” with games and food, and service events, which in the past have included volunteering at the Buddy Walk and participating in the Boyd/Patt Haunted House. Two of the biggest annual events are the summer Luau, hosted for incoming

freshmen, and the Carnegie Center 5K Run/Walk.

Just last semester, HPSC underwent a restructuring with the drafting of a brand-new constitution. The constitution, composed by a committee of chairpersons and members, changed the leadership formation of the HPSC by creating a board of officers and chairs and also set guidelines for procedures such as voting. Basically, the goal of the constitution is to make HPSC a more organized group that will be beneficial for all members of the Honors community.

The current leaders of HPSC were elected last spring. They are:

David Nelson: President
 Lesley Mann: Vice President
 Laura Crawford: Secretary
 Daniel Cayse: Treasurer
 Binh Tran: Social Chair
 Elizabeth Keller: Service Chair
 Melissa Bone: Public Relations Chair
 Michael Kasten: Fundraising Chair

HPSC Announcements for this month:

Our meetings are held every other Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Student Center, room 206. Members are welcome to join at any time. Meeting dates this month are Oct. 2nd and 16th. Next month they will be on Nov. 13 and Nov. 27.

Questions or comments about HPSC? Feel free to contact the officers at uk.hpsc@gmail.com

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who admits to being in his office “way too much of the time,” is also looking forward to meeting and interacting with all of the students in the Honors Program, particularly upperclassmen. He wants students to know that “people don’t bite” and that he is “here to help.” Specifically, he would love to talk to upperclassmen about grad school, and even get advice from them about Honors classes.

In his spare time, Dr. Bailey enjoys bike riding and long-distance touring, reading, and spending time with his eighteen month-old son. Be sure to stop by the 11th floor of POT to welcome Dr. Bailey to the Honors community and get to know our newest faculty member.

Honors Program Staff Updates

Having the longest tenure in the Honors Program, Connie Duncan is celebrating her 10th year with us. She serves as the program’s budget officer and unofficial program historian—she can tell you almost anything you would want to know about the history of our program. Prior to joining us, Connie worked in the Academic Scholarship Office for a number of years. The Academic Coordinator for the Honors Program is Meg Marquis. She provides academic programming and advising services for students. Meg is also the founder of the Knit Club. In her first semester with the Honors Program, the newest member of the staff is JoBeth Jordan. She manages the applications process, maintains student records, and is the staff advisor to *Tidings* in addition to her other administrative support functions. She is working towards a Masters of Science degree in Instructional Systems Design here at UK.



Knit Club

Interested in knitting or learning to knit? The Honors Program Knit Club meets every Thursday in Patterson Office Tower Room 845 from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. The club, which has been going on for just three years, is an informal group where anyone can come to crochet, needlepoint or knit. Beginners are also welcome to come and get some basic knitting instruction.

Honors Program Scholarship Reminders

The Independent Project Grants provide limited

funds to assist HP students who will be working on their Independent Project during the Spring semester of 2008. These grants are intended to support anticipated expenses of work (photocopying, purchasing materials, travel related to research, etc.) conducted in carrying out the Independent Project. **A completed Independent Project proposal (contract) must be on file or under consideration by November 1, 2007.** Applications for Independent Project grants and Student Skills Development Awards are now available on the Honors website and in the office.

Student Skills Development Awards are for use during Spring 2008. Amount and numbers of the awards will vary depending upon the proposals received. These awards help HP students to participate in an activity to develop skills—such as an intensive language workshop—or, to participate in some type of field-based academic effort—such as an archaeological dig.

Students in Honors are encouraged to pursue independent research or creative projects because they are intellectually exciting; because they give students a preview of the sort of work they might pursue in various professions; because they let students use their critical skills working with much more independence than in typical courses; and because they strengthen student’s qualifications for future graduate and professional schools or employment.

For more information, come to designated Honor’s IP Orientations (scheduled throughout the year) or visit the Honor’s Department in Room 1153 of Patterson Office Tower.

Spring Priority Registration

Don't forget that now is the time for you all to be contacting your academic advisors to get your holds lifted to register for Spring. **Registration for Honors students begins Oct. 30**, so you need to be sure to get your holds lifted.

