



# The Honors College Annual Report 2018-2019

## HONORS COLLEGE



### Oklahoma State University Honors College Continues to be Top-Ranked Honors Program in the State of Oklahoma

The Honors College earned a 5 star curriculum rating in the comprehensive guide, “Inside Honors: Ratings and Reviews of 50 Public University Honors Programs”. The publication looked at various areas including Honors curriculum, Honors courses offered, special experiences, prestigious scholarships, admissions statistics, and Honors housing. This places Oklahoma State University’s Honors College as the highest rated Honors College or Program in Oklahoma.



**Honors Student  
Mikayla Doty**

Worked on a new research project as part of her DNA Barcoding class. In the class, students obtain hands-on experience with PCR amplification, sequencing technology, and analysis of DNA barcoding information.



**Honors Student  
Hunter Yell**

Stopped to pose for a picture with the Neuschwanstein Castle in southern Germany while studying abroad.



**Honors Students  
Aubry Hensley**

Gained valuable knowledge during her summer pre-veterinary internship.



**Honors Student  
Alexis Vance**

Interned for an entire year at the Johnson Space Center as a Flight Controller Trainee.

# Honors College Student Accomplishments



*The OSU Honors College Celebrated 50 Years in 2019*

## Niblack Scholars

(7 out of 14 recipients were honors students!)

Adrienne Blakey	Natasha Prentiss
Olivia Davis	Sarah Soliman
Samantha Howe	Fatama Sornaly
Katie Mueller	

## Freshman Research Scholars

(56 out of 91 selected were honors students!)

Phoebe Austerman	Eliza Hale	Elizabeth Oak
Kelsie Ballew	Matthew Hamilton	Lindsay Owens
Blake Bartlett	Luke Harper	Isabelle Posey
Savannah Basco	Matthew Harter	Jadyn Powell
Christina Baxter	Conner Heffernan	Ryan Pruitt
Nathan Brooks	Kierston Holstine	Joel Quarnstrom
Madison Brown	Emily Johnson	Anusha Saraf
Randall Butt	Hayden Karlak	Ridley Shelby
Caroline Carson	Austin Kirk	Ryan Sloan
Rachel Dolan	Brice Koons	Madison Stessman
Elysa Donoho	Kaitlyn Lane	Stephen Stumpf
Elizabeth Dworkin	Rachel Madden	Sophia Taliaferro
Natali Edwards	Abbigayle Marion	Collin Thornton
Carson Elmore	Sydney Markham	Emma Turner
Katherine Ethridge	Caitlin McBride	Karen Weckler
Dara Evans	Wyatt McCoy	Tyler Wedel
Natalie Evans	Jayla Melvin	Joshua Wood
Allison Fredman	Adam Morey	William Yadon
Ashley Gin	Sarah Northcutt	

## Wentz Research Grants

(17 out of 37 recipients were honors students!)

Sage Becker	Jackson Jandreau
Lydia Bunting	Larissa Kozlowski
Elizabeth Bunting	Ryan McIntire
Jordan Cowger	Jacob Osborne
Avery Dutcher	Samantha Shafer
Allye Gardner	Patrick Steichen
Emily Gietzen	Colton Tubbs
Cody Green	Taylor Walton
Lauren Guthridge	

## Oklahoma State Society Scholars

### Society Fellows

Landon Bakhsh  
Rio Bonham  
Mary Erdmann  
Carinna Marling  
Karley White

The Oklahoma State Scholars Society (OSSS) is the university's premier scholar development program that offers major financial support and broad scholarly opportunities to top-performing in-state students.

### Society Members

Gabriel Barber	Reece Harrel
Angela Cantrell	Lara Hays
Marshall Clune	Kyle Humphreys
Addie Coody	Emily Johnston
Riley Dunham	Emma Rich
Trent Gibbs	Jeffrey Stockel



# Honors College Student Accomplishments



Honors student Wade Yoder interned for Senator Cory Gardner

## Phi Beta Kappa

(21 out of 32 inductees were honors students!)

Christian Blacet	Tanna Newberg
Charles Cirocco	Sarah Oliver
Rebecca Dempewolf	Jacob Osborne
Victoria Denny	Kiaralexis Rogers
Kaylen Gurwell	Joshua Ross
Nikole Heon	Ashlyn Ruley
Samantha Homann	Sarah Soliman
Chase Laspisa	Dyonna Starr-Ramos
Maddie McClain	Addison Van
Caitlyn McDowell	Zandbergen



Honors student Mallory Brookover with U.S. Representative Kevin Hern

## Seniors of Significance

(22 out of 44 were honors students!)

Sage Becker	Becca Lane
Danya Brewer	Brittany Lippy
Jordan Cowger	Luke MacNaughton
Kayleigh Crane	Rachael Merkel
DaLacy Dockrey	Adam Morgan
Emily Gietzen	Sarah Oliver
Caroline Graham	Joanna Quiah
Madeline Hawkins	Samantha Shafer
Samantha Howe	Patrick Steichen
Anna Hurlbut	Colton Tubbs
Zachary Kensinger	Rachel Williams

## Goldwater Scholarship

Honors student Cole Replogle was selected as a 2019 Barry Goldwater Scholar. This is one of the most prestigious honors in the nation for students seeking careers in the natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering. ([news.okstate.edu](http://news.okstate.edu),



## Honors Top 40 Freshmen

(\* indicates a Top 10 winner)

Jacob Auer*	Tegan Maxson*
Georgia Blackwell	Nyla Maere
Bailey Clawson	Luke Muller*
Grant Eaton	Johna Pulliam
Andee Fitts	Sydney Ruder
Alyssa Hoyle	Caleb Smith
Sara Humphrey	Kelly Steichen
Jaden Kasitz*	Parker Strickland
Jennifer Litchfield*	Jacob Thorley*
Sergio Mares*	Wade Witcher*

## Honors Experiential Learning Reflective Essay Winners

Spring 2019 - Rebecca Dempewolf  
Summer 2019 - Meredith Bush

## Undergraduate Library Research Award

Honorable Mention - Jonathan "Ty" Derouen  
"Protein Kinase A Manipulation by Chlamydia trachomatis During Infection"

## Truman Scholarship

Honors student Allison Wilton was announced as a finalist for the Truman Scholarship. ([news.okstate.edu](http://news.okstate.edu), Mon, Feb. 25, 2019)



## Women for OSU Scholars

Honors students Alison Booth, Rachel Terry, and Alexis Vance were named Women for OSU Scholars in recognition of their outstanding philanthropic activities and dedication to making a positive impact on the community.

# Honors College Student Accomplishments

## Phi Kappa Phi

(80 of 204 undergrad initiates were Honors students!)

Caleb Bengs	Leah Kafer
Madeline Betts	Reagan King
Taryn Blackstock	Amelia Kirkland
Georgia Blackwell	Madison Kirkpatrick
Molly Bloom	Zackary Krawczyk
Alison Booth	Max Lewis
Thomas Bourke	William Linihan
James Borgerding	Jennifer Litchfield
Emily Boyer	Shelby Little
Valentin Brito	Alessio Lozzi
Rachel Brown	John Manna
Elizabeth Bunting	Austin Medlin
Megan Burke	Alexandria Miller
Meredith Bush	Michael Moore
McKenzie Cady	Madison Morris
Emma Calhoun	Cole Mulkey
Brinley Cannon	Amber Niebruegge
Mariah Carter	Kevin Norris
Mckenzie Carvalho	Jacob Osborne
Nicole Clapp	Natasha Prentiss
Nancy Clary	Amanda Robertson
Kayla Cuba	Kelly Rogers
Aidan Dartlon	Sydney Ruder
Rebecca Dempewolf	Maria Savino Diaz
Lauren Eberhart	Ellie Scheaffer
Krista Eldridge	Sotheby Shedeck
Abbie Etter	Eleanor Shore
Taylor Evanko	Melanie Sokolowski
Grant Evans	Ryan Solomon
Benjamin Fulcher	Gage Strin
Kambri Gabel	Alannah Templon
Zachary Gassaway	Julia Terrell
James Gragg	Peyton Tuttle
Urbane Hanon	Amanda Upton
Hallie Hart	Addison Van Zandbergen
Kelsie Hedges	Jacob Ventris
William Henderson	JW Wallace
Benjamin Hodges	Carley Walstad
	Hannah Weilert
	Hunter Westfahl

## Honors Orange Gown Graduates

<b>Sage Becker</b> B.S. Animal Science
<b>Kathryn Biehl</b> B.S. Zoology
<b>Sydney Fleming</b> B.S. Applied Exercise Science
<b>Madeline Hawkins</b> B.S. Industrial Engineering Management
<b>Anna Grace Hurlbut</b> B.S. Business Administration
<b>Sarah Oliver</b> B.S. Biochemistry



Honors student Taryn Blackstock lounging with one of the Trafalgar Square Lions in London

## Outstanding Seniors

(9 of 15 students selected were honors students!)

<b>Danya Brewer</b> Psychology
<b>DaLacy Dockrey</b> Agricultural Economics and Accounting
<b>Caroline Graham</b> Microbiology/Cell & Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
<b>Madeline Hawkins</b> Industrial Engineering and Management
<b>Becca Lane</b> Chemical Engineering
<b>Rachael Merkel</b> Mechanical Engineering
<b>Sarah Oliver</b> Biochemistry
<b>Joanna Quiah</b> Biosystems Engineering
<b>Colton Tubbs</b> Mechanical Engineering



# Honors College Notes and Highlights

## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

This year has been an important year for the Honors College at Oklahoma State University as we celebrated 50 years of Honors degrees. The first mention we can find of an Honors program at Oklahoma State University is a specialist program in the School of Business in 1963. The following year we see a similar program in the College of Arts and Sciences; both these programs are quite unlike Honors today. It was not until later in the 1960s that the university started to develop an actual Honors degree and the first recipients of the Honors degree graduated in 1969. There have been many changes over the 50 years, moving from initially a small program primarily in Arts and Sciences to a university-wide program, then ultimately becoming a College in 2009. Today with over 2000 students in the Honors College, representing almost every major at the university the College is truly university-wide endeavor.

At the Honors Hooding Ceremony this year we were able to honor the first three graduates from the Honors program. Three graduates, Drs. Allan Edmonds, Robert R. Edgar and F. Alan Barber — all came to OSU from Bartlesville (Oklahoma) High School. They have gone on and done quite remarkable things. One is a math professor, one's a professor of African history, and the other's an orthopedic surgeon. Not bad. We honored them by hooding them with their own honorary hoods, since hoods were not received in 1969 when their degrees were awarded.



Looking forward the Honors College continues to develop and grow. This was the first year of our experiential learning program, for more information see Dr. Frohock's comments (next page). We introduced the first set of, what we hope will be, several new honors seminars. We received a strong response from faculty to submit course ideas that could be developed into an honors seminar. Three proposals from this competition advanced into the design phase over the summer in 2018 with the new courses to be offered in Spring 2019 for the first time. These courses designed within the Honors ethos of multidisciplinary and intellectual challenge came from all across the university. The three courses are:

"Active Aging for L.I.F.E.," taught by Dr. Emily Roberts from Design, Housing and Merchandising. Active aging is a framework first developed by the World Health Organization in order to optimize opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age. In this seminar students acquire a great deal of information on a wide range of topics in order to build a personal understanding of the relationships between Longevity, Independence, Fitness and Engagement for active aging. This requires the overlapping of several domains such as environmental psychology, cognitive science, sociology, physiology, architectural and interior design, human geography, assistive technology, nutrition and physical and cognitive fitness.

"The US Presidency (as seen on TV)," taught by Dr. John McGuire from Media and Strategic Communications. This course focuses on the relationship between the U.S. Presidency and the media, starting from the Roosevelt administration. The course examines the unique communication opportunities Presidents (and those seeking the office) can utilize, from news conferences to debates. Special consideration is given to the impact of new and social media and whether it is diminishing the impact of television on coverage of the office.

"The Mind," taught by Drs. Jason Brick and Don French. Through a biopsychological approach this course explores the human mind at the levels of sensation, perception and reflection. "The Mind" will equip students to understand how their own biological and psychological predispositions affect their perceptions of the world. The course will empower students to confront biases as social and natural scientists, as well as informed citizens in a world increasingly subject to misperceptions and manipulations.

As we move towards the fall of 2019 we look forward to the continued development and growth of the Honors College at Oklahoma State University.



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## John Andrews, K-12 Outreach Coordinator

Over the past year the Honors College developed several exciting new K-12 partnerships and experiences. In the spring, 25 students took a brand-new honors seminar (Judging U: A Practicum in Science Fairs) with Dr. Julie Angle on the history and importance of science fairs. These students then helped Dr. Angle not only run the Oklahoma State Science and Engineering (OSSEF) here at OSU, but also went out to help judge science fairs across the state. Another group of honors students embarked on a journey to the world finals of Odyssey of the Mind (OM), a K-Collegiate competition for creative problem solving and took home 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their problem. After the team's success on the world stage, the Oklahoma Board of OM asked to partner with the Honors College, and we will host the state finals here on campus in Spring 2020. And finally, over this past summer our home, Old Central, opened its doors to the Native Youth Leadership Camp and Upward Bound programs to provide honors style mini classes to future scholars and leaders from across the state. Looking to the future, a group of students will be going out to schools around the state to participate in our new program "Honors in the Schools" which will connect our current students and their research to K-12 teachers and students.



## Dr. Rich Frohock, Associate Dean



Starting in Fall 2018, the Oklahoma State University Honors College implemented a new experiential learning program whereby students can earn honors credit for educational activities completed outside the classroom. The experiential learning program allows for a truly immersive honors experience, integrating students' extracurricular activities into their formal education. It also creates a viable path to honors degree completion for students whose schedules preclude fulfillment of breadth requirements through traditional coursework. The experiential learning process begins with a formal proposal. Students describe their activities, estimate their time commitments, and anticipate what they will learn. Honors faculty review the proposals then add qualifying students to an online community, which provides a means of communication, relevant documentation, assignment dropboxes, a calendar, and other resources. We host a welcome workshop for first-time participants and collaborate with the university Writing Center to host writing workshops for all participants later in the semester. To complete their experiential learning requirements, students write essays reflecting on their experiences, which we assess using a custom rubric. In the 2018-2019 academic year, honors students generated the equivalent of 426 honors hours through experiential learning. Impressed by the quality of the students' reflections, we instituted a Best Essay prize for experiential learners in Spring 2019. The inaugural prize went to Rebecca Dempewolf, an Architectural Engineering student, for her essay on her experiential learning in an OSU engineering lab. The Summer 2019 prize was awarded to Meredith Bush, who reflected on her learning through her internship in the food science industry.

# Honors College Staff Updates



Stephanie Miller is a Teaching Assistant Professor in the Honors College. Her home department is English. She completed her BA in the Honors Program at Denison University (Granville, Ohio) and her PhD at the University of York (York, UK). Dr. Miller's scholarly work focuses on modern and contemporary American literature and culture. She has taught Introduction to Literature, American Literature (1865-Present), British Literature (1910-Present), Literatures in English (1910-Present), The Short Story, Composition I and II, Critical Analysis and Writing I and II, The Story of Lizzie Borden: Axe Murder in American Culture, and Flash Fiction. Her role in the Honors College entails teaching, advising, and administrative responsibilities, such as assisting with the implementation and evaluation of experiential honors credit.



Samuel joined The Honors College Staff in June 2019. They attended OSU and earned an Honors College Degree in Political Science. Following that, Samuel completed their Masters in Educational Leadership Studies (College Student Development) at OSU in May of 2019. During their undergraduate years at OSU, Samuel served as a Leadership Mentor in Stout Hall, supporting Honors students living on campus. This support continued during Samuel's graduate work, as they served as the Assistant Residential Community Educator for the Honors Living Learning Program in Stout Hall for three years. Samuel is excited to continue their goal of advocating for and assisting Honors students at OSU, paying forward the great experience with the Honors College.

## Honors Community Events & Experiences



Honors Odyssey of the Mind team won third place at the World Finals hosted at Michigan State



Dr. Frohock's Humanities Research Group presented at the Great Plains Honors Council Conference



Honors students enrolled in "Judging U: A Practicum in Science Fairs" helped organize and run the state science fair competition



The Honors LLP showed once again that they are "Stout of this World" with their 3rd consecutive homecoming victory



# 2018-2019 Honors Degree Recipients

Breann Barfield  
Sage Becker  
Austin Bennett  
Meredith Beyl  
Kathryn Biehl  
Ashley Black  
Sofia Blanco  
Amanda Botts  
Sarah Bowlin  
Abigail Brandvold  
Alyssa Brashears  
Danya Brewer  
Justin Briles  
Sophia Brown  
Mekaila Carey  
Charles Cirocco  
Jessica Clough  
Addison Collins  
Anna Condacse  
Tanner Cowan  
Jordan Cowger  
Erica Crain  
Melissa Crouch  
Riley Curtis  
Tyler Danielson  
Sam Dannels  
Lindsey Dawson  
DaLacy Dockrey  
Carley Eastep  
Jessica Eastep  
Casey Easter  
Hannah Edmondson  
Madison Ellis  
Kennedy Essmiller  
Arielle Farve  
Jessica Filson  
Marissa Finch  
Bridget Flynn  
Kassidy Ford  
Kelsey Frank  
Kyle Frank  
Aaron Frerichs  
Mary Gabriel  
Alexander Garcia  
Desinya Garza  
Emily Gietzen  
Emily Glotfelty  
Michael Goldbeck

Caroline Graham  
Angelica Gregory  
Zoe Haddad  
Kylie Hagerdon  
Lindsey Hancock  
Nikyla Hatfield  
Madeline Hawkins  
Kathryn Hearn  
Layton Heitfeld  
Katherine Henry  
Jessica Henson  
Nikole Heon  
Rachel Higgins  
Samantha Howe  
Emily Hughes  
Anna Hurlbut  
Jackson Jandreau  
Kaitlyn Johnson  
Lauren Jones  
Leah Kafer  
Cole Kelly  
Becca Lane  
Joseph Lanza  
Michelle Leonard  
Can Lieu  
Brittany Lippy  
Antonio Loper  
Caroline Lowery  
Sean Lucas  
Jared Mackey  
James Macnaughton  
Colleen Maher  
Jackson Mayberry  
Morgan McCaskey  
Madeline McClaran  
Charles McDonald  
Ryan McIntire  
Reagan Meagher  
Rachael Merkel  
Russ Messenger  
Katherine Metzinger  
Alexandria Miller  
Ashley Moore  
Adam Morgan  
Ryan Morgan  
Mary Morrissey  
Katherine Mueller

Duncan Mullins  
Lauren Oliver  
Sarah Oliver  
Miranda Parr  
Devin Peck  
Kori Pendergraft  
Raegan Peters  
Victoria Pickens  
Sydney Pinegar  
Natasha Prentiss  
Logan Price  
Sarah Rechten  
Sarah Riley  
Kendra Robbins  
Timothy Sakabu  
Tiana Sanders  
Maria Savino  
Aspen Schmidt  
Mitchell Scott  
Tara Sepulveda  
Samantha Shafer  
Alyson Smith  
Dyonna Starr-Ramos  
Patrick Steichen  
Bailie Stine  
Tanner Stokes  
Brittanie Stowers  
Savanna Stoy  
Morgan Strawn  
Mitchell Sullivan  
Guo Thai  
Taylor Todd  
Colton Tubbs  
Taryn Valentine  
Andrew Walsh  
Taylor Walton  
Onellah Weerakoon  
Hannah Weilert  
Haley Welch  
Brandon White  
Saralynn Willhite  
Kayna Williams  
Rachel Williams  
Abigail Wilson  
Zachariah Wilson  
Daniel Wood  
Wenjian Yang



Honors student Samantha Price enjoyed 6 months working in Orlando as part of the Disney College Program

**142 students were  
awarded Honors College  
Degrees**

**271 students received  
General Honors Awards**

**152 students received  
Departmental or College  
Honors Awards**

