Honors Enrollment 2015-2016
Once again, the 1,670 active students in this year’s Honors College program set a record as the largest class in the 46-year history of Honors at Oklahoma State University.

Honors Student
Andrew Schulz
Participated in the CEAT Scholars International Experience. Here he is atop the Great Wall of China.

Honors Student
Taylor Todd
Spent time with International Student Volunteers working on conservation efforts at a wallaby refuge center in Australia.

Honors Student
Sadie Clewien
Took part in a Research Experiences for Undergraduates program, focused on declarative programming at Texas Tech. Her project was focused on adaptive security modeling.

Honors Student
Wendy Lau Wong
Interned as an Industrial Engineer at Triumph Aerostructures, building the wings for a Gulfstream jet.

Honors Student
Jay Moore
Interned at the Center for AIDS Research at the University of California, San Diego.
Honors College Student Accomplishments

Honors Top 40 Freshman
2015-2016
Timothy Burchard
Dalacy Dockrey
Emily Fry
Shelbi Gambrell
Blake Giles
Christian Griffith
Peyton Hillery
Zachary Kensinger
Becca Lane
Luke Macnaughton
Mason Martin
Madison Reasnor
Mason Russell
Stephanie Rojo
Patrick Steichen
Bailey Thornburg
Colton Tubbs
Amanda Upton

Honors Phi Kappa Phi Inductees
2016
(28 out of 146 inductees were Honors Students!)
Alicia V. Aguilar
Jessica L. Blodgett
Allison M. Bordy
Hannah Nicole Cox
Joshua A. DeWitt
Elisa Duell
Addison K. Freiner
Jaime L. Goolsby
Stephanie Grimes
Brent Hollrah
Alex Kirkpatrick
Kallie Lampe
John X. Livers
Joshua Martin
Abigail McFadden
Ryan Neal
Charles Pendleton
Kelsey M. Provence
Taylor J. Reece
Gerardo Rico Cervantes
Taylor J. Roblyer
Anne W. Rumpf
Marissa Schmidt
Tiffany Thurmord
Stephen E. Tinker
Sierra White
Erin Wood
Stephen Ziske

Honors Phi Beta Kappa Inductees
2016
(23 out of 28 inductees were Honors Students!)
Brooke Lindley Bastie
Amanda Nicole Brown
Robinson James Clower
Emily Katherine Doyel
Kelsea Mykalia Hull
Carson Andrew James
Sarajane Koehler
Lucy Jeanette Lehoczky
Kameron Todd McCombs
Mitchell Dean Meyer
Samantha Jean Mori
Wesley T. Prater
Connor Colby Reece
Lawrence D. Schaeffer
Ashley Jean Simenson
Matthew James Stapleton
David Alan Thompson
Kristen Valenski
Austin Jay Warner
Whitney Nicole Walbeck
Derek Christian Wietelman
Scott Alan Woodbury

Honors Orange Gown Graduates
2015-2016
Sydnee Homeyer, physiology
Brett Johnson, horticulture, soil sciences and botany
Joshua Whitman, mechanical engineering and mathematics
Kaeyley Yumul, English, political science and philosophy

Honors Seniors of Significance
2015-2016
(21 out of 49 were Honors Students!)
Stephanie Braine, interior design
Robin Clower, secondary education
Madison Cotherman, marketing and management
Aaron Cromer, sustainability management and finance
Charlie Gibson, finance and economics, pre-law option
Shanlyn Heffey, agribusiness
John Hiett, chemical engineering, pre-med option
Kyle Hilbert, agribusiness
Emmie Humphrey, human development and family science
Taylor M. Jones, psychology
Lindsay Vee King, animal science and agricultural communications
Connor Mojo, industrial engineering and management
Gretchen Moore, biochemistry and molecular biology and microbiology
Alli Owen, multimedia journalism
Jeffery Cole Parsons, finance and accounting
Carlie Pearson, physiology
Rafael Rodriguez, accounting
Rebekah Sook, biochemistry and molecular biology
Mary Dwayna Temple-Lee, animal biotechnology and biochemistry and molecular biology
Kaeyley Yumul, English, political science and philosophy
Tyler Zander, entrepreneurship, pre-med

Honors Outstanding Seniors
2015-2016
(8 out of 15 were Honors Students!)
Charlie Gibson, economics and finance
Kyle Hilbert, agribusiness
Aaron Cromer, finance and management
Tyler Zander, entrepreneurship
John Hiett, chemical engineering
Gretchen Moore, biochemistry and molecular biology, microbiology
Connor Mojo, industrial engineering and management
Kaeyley Yumul, English and political science

Udall Scholar
2015-2016
Honors Student Tori Coates was named a 2016 Udall Scholar in the category of Tribal Public Policy. Coates is now a senior majoring in Management with a minor in American Indian Studies. (news.okstate.edu, May 2, 2016)
FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

During 2015-2016 we made significant progress in implementing the suggestions of the National Collegiate Honors Council review team. The hard work of the members of our Honors Council has helped to strengthen the program and the degree. In particular the increase in the number of hours required for the Honors creative component (the Honors thesis) was important in bringing us in line with best practice in this area. The creative component is the cumulative experience for students in the Honors College. It requires the student to act as an independent learner and to bring together the skills they have been developing over the previous four years. One of the most delightful times of the year is when we review the wide range of projects produced by this requirement. Whether it is that glorious musical performance of the music major or the intricacies of research in molecular genetics, the Honors thesis exemplifies the creativity and academic excellence of our students.

The development of the Honors College Student Association has been a joy to watch. The enthusiasm and energy first officers, who accompanied us to the NCHC national meetings in Chicago, have put into the development of the HCSA is infectious and we look forward to this new group, focused our Honors community, becoming an active and important part of the life, not only of students in the Honors College, but of the whole University.

Finally, I would like to use as opportunity to thank the Lew Wentz Foundation for their generosity in providing a new need-based scholarship for students in Honors. It is sometimes erroneously assumed that Honors students have all the financial aid they need where in fact many of our students are struggling financially and the help of the Lew Wentz Foundation is truly appreciated.

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Change to Honors College Requirements

The University Honors Council spent much of the 2015-2016 academic year updating the “Policies & Procedures of the Honors College” document. In 2014, the Honors College was reviewed by a team of visitors from the National Collegiate Honors Council. The overall review was exceptionally positive but they did point out areas we could improve and come in line with national practice. Significant changes include: reducing the number of Honors hours required to earn the General Honors Award from 21 to 18, increasing the number of hours required to earn the Departmental or College Honors Award hour to 15 hours, to allow room for 6 hours of thesis work, and reducing the hour requirement for the Honors College Degree from 39 to 36 hours.
Honors Student Association

The 2015-2016 University Student Honors Council worked very hard to start the first ever OSU Honors College Student Association (HCSA). The first meeting was held on February 18, 2016 in Old Central. It is clear from the first HCSA meeting of the 2016-2017 school year — when the Old Central Assembly Hall was packed with honors students — that the Honors community is excited about this group.

Honors College Student Association 2015-2016 First Officer Profiles

Mercedes E. Harris
Honors College Student Association, Vice President
Bachelor of Architecture, Class of 2017

Mercedes thoughts on the HCSA: “Honor students embody the hard working and ambitious attitude that comes with an academic focus. Yet, Honors students are also the most passionate, nerdiest people I have ever met. Whatever that passion may be, from biology to Dr. Who and everything in between, Honors kids love what they do. Which is why we started the Honors College Student Association. We wanted to bring together all of those different interests for students to be able to find their people, meet new people and expand their development beyond the classroom. In the future, I hope to see HCSA become a platform of activity to broaden all areas of a student’s academic, professional, cultural, physical and social life.”

Ashley Donovan
Honors College Student Association, Communications Chair
Psychology and Applied Sociology, Class of 2018

Ashley’s passion for being active in the Honors College stems from her dream to understand the world from differing viewpoints. The Honors College allows Ashley to study in a more interdisciplinary fashion and incorporate diversity into her degree plan. Ashley’s hopes for founding the Honors College Student Association is that a camaraderie will establish itself through all students studying in honors. HCSA will become a social and professional developmental association that elicits response from the student body for direction. With this being a student powered organization, HCSA can provide distinct programs for the enhancement of the honors college experience.
Amanda Booth
Honors Academic Counselor

Amanda joined The Honors College Staff in August of 2015. She attended OSU as an undergraduate and earned an Honors Degree in History, as well as a Bachelor of Art in Studio Art. She plans to complete her MA in History from OSU in 2017.

As an undergraduate, Amanda lived in the Honors College residence hall for four years — an experience that helps her to serve as the Faculty Associate for the Honors College Living Learning Community in West Bennett Hall. Teaming up with Dean Garbutt, she helps plan co-curricular, cultural, and academic activities for Honors residents to further enrich their college experience. Amanda is thrilled to be back home at OSU, helping Honors students achieve academic success while making the most of their undergraduate years.

O’donna Dean
Honors Academic Counselor

O’donna joined The Honors College Staff in August of 2015. She attended OSU and earned an Honors College Degree in Hotel & Restaurant Administration. She is excited to be back on campus and working with Honors students. She is grateful to be giving back to the University who helped her develop confidence in her abilities, and helping students reach their full potential. She is married and has three children.

Shelley Schauer
Administrative Assistant, Honors College

Shelley joined The Honors College Staff in August of 2015. She is from St. Paul, MN and graduated from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. She is happy to be settled in Stillwater, OK with her husband, an OSU Assistant Professor of History, and dog after the academic job path moved them 7,600 miles in 3 years. She very much enjoys working in the Honors College and being surrounded by the honors students and their excitement for learning.
2015-2016 Honors Degree Recipients

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151 students were awarded Honors College Degrees.

202 students received General Honors Awards

155 students received Departmental or College Honors Awards.