

Honors Program

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The Honors Program provides the opportunity for students to get more out of their education...

Through close student/faculty cooperation, small discussion-oriented classes, an emphasis on reading and writing, and an interdisciplinary approach to education, students move beyond the traditional college education and into a stimulating world of learning, thinking, research, and creativity. Built around student interests, Honors immerses you in an exciting learning community.

Program Options...

Honors is a student-centered program compatible with any major on campus.

We work closely with students to make Honors work for them and to help them accomplish their individual goals.

Most students take about one Honors course per semester and use Honors to fulfill their Essential Studies requirements.

Honors students quickly become connected to the Honors community of fellow students who are excited about learning, and to faculty and advisors who are eager to guide students through their college experience.

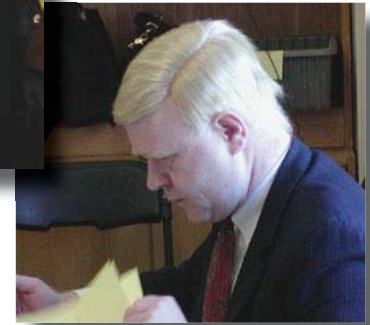
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The Honors Program greatly appreciates the generous donation from the estate of Mr. Wayne Drugan, an alumni of our program. This donation has allowed us to provide new computer updates for our current Honors students along with updates to our current classrooms.

Wayne A. "Rusty" Drugan, the executive director of the New England Independent Booksellers Association from 1992 until his resignation in August due to illness, died on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at his home in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was 59. Drugan was born on August 11, 1947, to Nora K. Marcks of Valley City, North Dakota, and the late Wayne Drugan. He received a B.A. from the University of North Dakota, where he was Summa Cum Laude, in the Honors Program, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Drugan then continued his education as a Rhodes Scholar at Exeter College, Oxford University. While there, he received the Exeter College Academic Award.

*Wayne
"Rusty"
Drugan*



*The Honors Program
thanks...*
Wayne A. Drugan

Honors Program - Drugan Endowment

Funding provided to the Honors Program from the Wayne Drugan Endowment has allowed the Honors Program to update our student computer lab with four new Dell computers as well as two Apple computers. Our goal is to continue providing students with updated resources in order to make their Honors college experience the best that it can be.

In addition to updating our student computer lab, the Honors Program was also able to update our lounge area with new storage cabinets and counters for use by staff and students. This update makes Honors an even more inviting space for our current staff and students, as well as provides space for events for incoming or prospective students.

Stop by our offices
to see our recent
updates in person.

To continue the
benefits of "Rusty"
Drugan's generous
gift, a yearly speaker
series, in his Honor,
is planned.



Service-Learning Flourishing at Honors!

"Man can move (build) mountains."

"We turned a potentially bad situation into something fun, thought provoking and meaningful."

"Communities coming together can be quite powerful."

"I was proud to be a UND Honors student."

"I strongly believe now that there is nothing more important or valuable to one's life, than to perform selfless acts for others."

"Never underestimate the joys to be found in a shovel or a pile of dirt."



Reflections from the flood fight

Service-Learning is flourishing at Honors! Both within and outside of classes, students are broadening their education with real-world experience as they benefit the community. Our students put in 6000 hours a year working with agencies such as the Global Friends Coalition, the Northlands Rescue Mission, St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, and the Community Violence Intervention Center. And when the Red River began threatening the valley, 150 Honors students put in an amazing 1500 hours in one week to hold it back. Service-learning has become so much a part of our students' lives that in 2009 four students completed



their senior theses in this field. And we've even taken home an armful of awards lately, including the Founders' Day Departmental Excellence in Service Award and the Center for Community Engagement's Engaged Department Award. All this shows why Honors students recently ranked Civic Engagement as the best promoted goal in the Honors

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It's A Fact...

Honors offers students a home-away-from-home. Students in the program take advantage of our computer lab, lounges, and film viewing facilities for both socializing and academic work.

The Honors Program offers a limited number of partial tuition waivers (worth up to \$1,000/year, for up to four years) to incoming students. There is no separate application process for the tuition waiver; all applications to the Honors Program submitted by February 15 will be put under review for a tuition waiver.

Students in the program have the option of living in Honors Housing in Johnstone/Fulton Hall, where they can be involved in special Honors residence hall programming.

Honors courses are usually capped at 18 students.

Approximately six core Honors instructors and about ten faculty from other departments teach in the Honors Program each year.

The Honors Program serves about 500 students from majors across campus.

Honors has a significant Service Learning program that provides hands-on learning as students work to make a difference in their community.

The Honors Program Student Organization arranges activities and service projects for students in the Honors Program.

The Forum is the literary journal of the Honors Program.

Approximately 40 students per year graduate as "Scholars in the Honors Program" after successful completion of a Senior Honors Thesis. This is an intensive, two-semester research project that prepares students for the rigor of graduate school, profession school, or their career.

Unique characteristics of UND's Honors Program...

ENGAGING CLASSES, SMALL, DISCUSSION-BASED CLASSES WHICH EMPHASIZE READING AND CRITICAL THINKING.

CLOSE CONTACT WITH FACULTY

CAREFUL ADVISEMENT

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

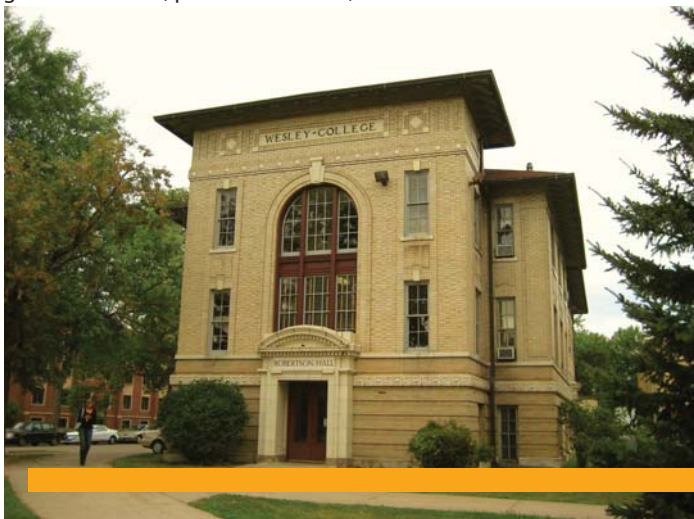
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LASTING FRIENDSHIPS



Pictured above: Honors students making friends while on the Pay It Forward Tour 2008.

Pictured left: Robertson/Sayre Hall houses the UND Honors Program.



Undergraduate Research Info

Perhaps the most significant news to report in this inaugural Honors newsletter is how the transition to "Essential Studies" (ES) at UND affects Honors. In order to better align the Honors 489 Senior Honors Thesis with the UND's recent transition to Essential Studies, Honors has updated and restructured its thesis credits to make them "capstone" eligible. Our primary revision to the credits involves requiring that seniors attend three sequential "norming" sessions, each with a different emphasis for outgoing Honors students: critical thinking, leaving the university, and ethics/leadership. Following these revisions, it is our belief that thesis-writing seniors will be better aware of our program's expectations of their thinking and communication skills, especially in the context of ES, and be better prepared to reflect on themselves and the institution granting them a degree in order to exit the university and transition into the next phase of their lives more comprehensively. These sessions began during the Fall 2008 semester. As an established interdisciplinary program with students from countless majors across campus, the Honors Program hopes to be the hub of ever-expanding undergraduate research efforts at UND, and it is our goal to eventually introduce the above model to other departmental "489" courses, pending their approval. Such an effort, however, will require cooperation among all divisions and departments, and leadership at the administrative level. With the aid of President Kelley and the Deans, the University of North Dakota, with the Honors Program leading the way, can become the State leader in undergraduate research we are already well positioned to be.

With the above changes in mind, it should be noted our program's Undergraduate Research Conference continues to thrive and expand. The 12th Annual Honors Program Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) was held on 26 April 2010. At this event, 20 Honors students and 3 non-Honors seniors presented research projects. Next year's 13th annual URC will be held on 18 April 2011 in the UND Memorial Union, and it should be noted that Honors is vigorously exploring ways to better engage the entire UND campus in our celebration of undergraduate research.

Finally, with much support from the Office of Instructional Development and the UND Provost, Honors is entering its 3rd year as a member of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), a national organization dedicated to engaging undergraduates in research opportunities and broadening the scope of such research at institutions nationwide. Honors faculty attended the 12th annual CUR National Conference in June 2008; we will also represent UND at the 13th CUR Conference in June 2010. Honors also continues to be a member of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) and sends its Director to that program's annual conference each year.

Brian James Schill has coordinated the Honors Undergraduate Research Program since 2006. He has a graduate degree in English from the University of North Dakota, with emphases on literary and media theory and criticism. His recent research has focused on Lacanian psychoanalysis and its relation to "punk" literature, particularly fiction.

A Blast from the Past! (NEW every month)

(HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 23, 1962)

"If you are close to a television set on Sunday night, we would strongly recommend Howard K. Smith's News and comment at 9:30 on Channel 10. Smith is one of the most stimulating and provocative commentators in American journalism. You will remember him as an intellectually oriented member of the highly competent CBS news staff and as the skillful moderator of the "Great Challenge" series. But Smith was too outspokenly critical and independent minded for the editorial policy of CBS management, and was relieved of his duties. He joined ABC with the express understanding that he alone would determine the content and slant of his own program. The result is a deeply analytical weekly half hour in which no punches are pulled. Recent programs have dealt vividly with such social issues as race prejudice, the congressional failures of President Kennedy's administration, the high cost of political campaigning which may be tearing the fabric of our democratic society, and the baneful influence on our society of the Detroit auto makers. For those who value courage in journalism, Howard K. Smith is rewarding."

(HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER, APRIL 1, 1979)

"The Columbia Road Overpass seems to be yet another example of abominable planning and inept foresight. The steamrollers will soon be rolling unless students and any other informed citizenry that might be present display some righteous indignation to the powers that be. Luckily the student body voted into the power of the presidency a man of estimable character. A core group of students are attempting to rally excited opposition to the overpass among the general student body. Your help is needed if we are to maintain the aesthetic appeal of the campus skyline, the cleanliness of our atmosphere, the absence of noise level in our classrooms, etc., ad infinitum. If you are interested and would like further information, which we are still collecting, please contact the Honors House."

(HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER 1, 1995)

Sept. 14 - "Internet Night. Join us at the Memorial Union, 2nd floor, for a casual introduction to Internet. Don't be left behind on the information superhighway!"

Looking Forward to 2011...

The UND Honors Program celebrates it's 50th Anniversary

We look forward to working with current and past faculty, students, graduates, staff, and alumni in planning our celebration. We welcome ideas, suggestions, and financial support. Please feel free to e-mail, call, or write our office at any time to visit or share information that you may have regarding your experiences with the Honors Program.

In order to have a successful celebration,
we'll need your help!

Contact us at: 1-800-CALL-UND ext: 2219 or 701-777-2219

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Your gifts have contributed to the growth and improvement of our current Honors Program through scholarships, service-learning opportunities, leadership training, conferences, and travel for students, faculty, and staff.