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UIC Honors College

April 2003

Important Upcoming Dates

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5/11	University Commencement

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An Evening in the Gardens

by Jennifer Baek

The 10th Annual Honors College Ball was a great success! With over 420 people in attendance and a remarkably productive silent auction, one could not think otherwise. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the local charity Dreams for Kids, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to improve the lives of children who have disabilities or have suffered extreme hardships. In addition, the Honors College Advisory Board will be engaging in a volunteering activity with Dreams for Kids this April at a special program designed to offer children education and recreational assistance.

After months of investigating possible sites for the Honors College Ball, it was finally agreed upon that the Crystal Gardens of Navy Pier was the best place for such a special evening. The Honors College Advisory Board invested much time and effort into planning out the details as well as raising money to fund the ball, looking into numerous options for decorations and dinner entrées and holding bake sales regularly. With great support from the Alumni Association, everything started falling into place.

The Crystal Gardens of Navy Pier provided the perfect setting for such an occasion. The picturesque ambiance of the six-story glass atrium made the evening simply magnificent with over seventy full-size palm trees, a variety of seasonal flowers and plants, and dancing 'leap-frog' fountains accompanying the spectacular views of the Navy Pier ferris wheel and the Chicago skyline. The Evening in the Gardens began with a cocktail hour, during which a string quartet set the mood for a warm welcome from Dean Madia and Honors College Advisory Board Vice President Kamala Saha. Among those in attendance were Honors College donor Tamara Hoover of Sun Microsystems, Dr. Lon Kaufman, Dr. Howard Buhse, Dr. Robert Malchow, Associate Dean of LAS Emmanuel Pollack, Professor Helga Kraft of the Germanic Studies Department, and other faculty from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. In addition, groups such as the Asian American Intersvarsity made up a significant portion of those present.

Arlene Norsym, the Vice President of the University of Illinois Alumni Association and Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations, gave an extremely inspiring speech for current students encouraging us to be active alumni. Thereafter, Donald Chambers was named Fellow of the Year, and David Schultz was presented with the Alumni Award. David Schultz graduated from UIC in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. He was a member of the Honors College, was a University Scholar, and the President of the Honors College Advisory Board during his time at UIC. Upon graduation he entered Rush Medical College and graduated with an MD

A Truly Alternative Spring Break

by Kamala Saha

During last month's Spring Break while most of us either took vacations or lazed about in front of the TV at home, Honors College student Fatima Ali spent the week carrying out numerous volunteer projects in New Orleans as part of UIC's Alternative Spring Break.

Alternative Spring Break (ASB) is unique in that students themselves both plan the volunteering trips across the U.S. and also lead these missions in hopes of engaging others in service-oriented learning. ASB organizes volunteers into teams that travel, often across the country, to volunteer together during Spring Break or Winter Break. Led by site leaders, the college students become immersed in new communities as they challenge each other to make a difference volunteering to help others who may be poverty-stricken, suffering from HIV/AIDS, or are homeless.

Fatima Ali decided to apply to volunteer through ASB just to see what the trips were all about and to spend her time impacting a community through her volunteer efforts. She couldn't have made a better choice. Looking back on her ASB trip, Ali says, "The only reason you're going is to help people and do community service...is a great way to see how your image of poverty matches up with reality." This is exactly what Ali, along with her 8 team members, found out on their trip to New Orleans as they worked on their Homelessness Project.

Every day meant a new place and a new task set in front of Ali and her teammates. One day, she spent time at The Arc, a community organization that works to help people with mental retardation develop, function, and live to their fullest potential. She played with children in the childcare center and even helped some adults out in the gardens of their organic farm that they are responsible for maintaining. The next day, she and her group made and packaged meals for people in the New Orleans who are homeless and suffer from AIDS. Since the people are unable to take care of themselves or make their own food, it was the group's task to deliver the meals all over the city that day. Traveling into some of the city's poorest areas, Ali and her team were seeing and learning firsthand what it means to be homeless and to suffer from extreme illness.

Other days were spent volunteering through various church programs, food banks, and soup kitchens. On one of these days, Fatima and the group were sent to clean a large parking lot that had been purchased by a church in order to build homes for needy families there. Looking around, Fatima found herself fully immersed in enormous mounds of trash covered with slugs. For a moment, she asked herself, "What am I doing here? We've really come here to do this?". Quickly putting those thoughts aside, she motivated herself and the others to start working and cleaning up the garbage surrounding themselves. After hours of tedious work, she stepped back to see that a major transformation had indeed occurred. Throughout the afternoon, people from the neighborhood had wandered over, asking if they could help clean up or encouraging the group with their kind words. Even young children ran over, asking if they too could help out. Touched by the community members and the realization that a welcomed change had been made in this low-income area, Fatima was amazed at what their efforts had helped to accomplish.

Putting the work aside for awhile, the group had plenty of time to explore New Orleans and spend fun nights in places like the French Quarter. They took in many tourist attractions, ate at some of the excellent seafood restaurants, and walked and shopped along Bourbon Street. At night, they stayed in cabins at a state park

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The Life of an Honors College Student

by Joseph Morgan

And they say freshmen year is bad...nothing compared to the life of a sophomore. The 2002-2003 school year was probably one of the most trying years I have ever experienced in my life. Throughout it all, I have been in and out of therapy trying to deal with what my doctors have diagnosed as recurring major depressive disorder. I have been placed on medication, and been going through a multitude of different types and places of therapeutic support. I dealt with suicidal tendencies and thoughts that were at times so scary that I could not sleep. I have also taken 19 and 18 hours (respectively) each semester, carried two jobs (one with as a Student Orientation Director and one with the Office of Special Scholarship Programs), served on the board of three organizations (RHA, HCAB, and NLVS) and taken on many outside volunteering commitments. On top of all of that, I have tried to maintain a picture of a social life, and of course, attempted to do some of my homework. Needless to say, it has been hard to get it all done. My family has dealt with many personal and financial issues, but we are still standing through it all. It has been difficult, but here I am to tell my tale.

Now, I do not want to be the poster child for depression, and I do not want sympathy from my fellow Honors College students and the faculty. I feel though, that I have learned some of the most valuable lessons in my life during this time when I was in my darkest mood. This is a story that I am not ashamed to share, and this is a story that I hope can reach other students who have been in the place where I have been in. I want to share with you what I have learned, and the things that have changed my life, that have brought me to this crossroads at which I now stand. I cannot say that I have everything figured out, but I can tell you

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that I have a pretty good idea as to where I am headed.

I have learned that it is not wrong to ask for help. Sometimes, we get ourselves in over our heads without even knowing that we have. The strongest people in the world are the ones who can admit that they cannot do everything on their own, and they ask for the hand of other people to lift them back to their feet. I went through an entire semester without admitting to anyone that I needed his or her assistance, and in the end, I was really of no major use to anyone. Ask when you need it!

I have learned that it does not make you a failure if you have to step down. At the midpoint of the year, I decided to resign from my position on NLVS. This was a decision that I had such difficulty making and I was so afraid that the board would hate me when I did. But they didn't – in fact, President Alisha Bhatia has turned into one of my staunchest supporters and for this I am forever grateful to her. The world will go on without you taking part in everything. You have to remember that you also need to live.

I have learned the power of laughter. Smiling and enjoying life can be two of the most positive things that can ever occur. I have learned that it is important to take the time to stop and tell a joke or listen to a child. These are the times when our hearts feel the most at rest. Even the most professional people in the world laugh every once in a while.

I have learned the power of a tear. Crying has been my biggest release. I have also learned that NO ONE should be afraid to cry. When the world seems to be weighing in on you, the only thing you have to do is just let it all out. I can proudly say that I have cried in public, in class, in my room, almost everywhere. And it has been one of my biggest aids.

I have learned the importance of the Honors College. At times, when I was at the end of my leash and I could do no more, Assistant to the

Dean Josephine Volpe stepped in and said "It's okay. We will work it out." Dean Madia, Dean Williams, and Joey served as my lifelines in times of need and struggle. Financially, academically, and personally, the staff of the Honors College stepped in and helped me take control. I want to thank Jennifer Kosco especially for understanding when my tutoring program did not take seed like we had hoped it would. All of you will forever hold a special place in my heart and mind. Students – use these people. They were in your position at one point, and they understand what you are going through. They are here to help us, and they are good at their jobs.

I have learned the vitality of mental health. I was ashamed to say that I was in counseling, or that I was on medication. But you know, if life was relaxed and simple everyday, nothing would be interesting. There is nothing wrong with admitting that there IS something wrong. This takes precedence over persona and public appearance. Take advantages of the resources there are for you when you just need to talk. Go to the Counseling Center, seek out psychologists. They can truly help you through dark times.

I have learned that my family will stand behind me no matter what the circumstances. My mom woke up multiple times at 3 AM just to listen if I needed to talk. She herself lost much sleep worrying over what was going on with me. My sisters, my brother, my entire family, have tried to provide way in which I may regain the composure my life once had and have rallied around me in order to support me in my time.

I have learned the meaning of "true friend." I felt so alone, and so empty for the majority of this year, but I realized that I have had people around me from the start. Jamie, Christina, Bijoy, Tenyson, Saji, Leena, Tonia, Sibil, Charlie, Sunil, Sam, Kurian, and Sanoj have stood beside me, attended meetings with me, put up with me when I ran away, and listened. I love all of you from the bottom of my heart – thank you for rallying around me.

I have also learned the joy that comes from having "best friends" because I have two of the best there is. Michael – you have come to me at late hours, listened to me, cried with me, prayed with me, and worried for me. You have made me laugh and you have made me listen, and you have provided me with a reason to live. I love you bro for all of this and more. And last, but certainly not least, to Shiji. I remember a time when it was raining and cold, and I wanted to leave and be alone. But you chased me down the street and told me not to go anywhere. You had no jacket on, and sandals, but it didn't matter to you. You have been my support, my strength, and my life through it all and I want you to know how much I appreciate everything you have done for me. People meet friends who complete a part of their lives infrequently. I am glad mine has been Shiji Mathew.

Finally, I have learned the power of spirituality (whatever yours may be). In the times when I thought I would never get up again, and the times when I thought the world was against me, my faith has kept me tall, and standing straight. When I have been up against a wall with nowhere to turn, my faith has opened a door. When it seemed like there was nothing to live for, my faith gave me purpose. And when it seemed like I could do no more, my faith gave me the strength to go the extra mile.

This is my message to you all: you are all people, bound to fail, and bound to deal with issues that are bigger than you can handle. But help is always there – you must seek it. College is supposed to be the best times of your life. By getting over involved, underslept, and just plain out stressed, you are giving yourself more than you can handle. Take the time; find joy in your heart. People are here to help you – let them. To those of you graduating this semester, I want to congratulate you on making it this far, and I want to wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. To those of you still here, just be patient. Your time will come. Until it does, take the time to live.

in 1998. He began residency in General Surgery in 1998 with the Medical College of Wisconsin and Froedtratt Hospital and is currently in his fifth year of residency.

Shortly afterwards, a scrumptious dinner courtesy of Phil Stefani Signature Restaurants was served. Non-stop fun and dancing ensued as the stunningly dressed students, faculty, and alumni then joined in dancing to songs of the ages from Van Morrison's *Brown-Eyed Girl* to Missy Elliott's *Work It*, only taking breaks to diligently make bids at the silent auction tables as well as to purchase beautiful roses. Deans and other faculty were spotted enjoying themselves immensely on the dance floor throughout the evening. Honors College Advisory Board Advisor Joey Volpe and Dean Williams even ventured out to the front of the dance floor and partied heartily with students.

How amazing it was to see hundreds of gleaming, smiling faces. Many lingered to take one last look at the gorgeous scenery as the lights were turned up at the close of the evening. When asked about her experience at the ball, UIC Honors College student Nan Sethakorn immediately smiled and said, "It was a lot of fun, and the scenery was so beautiful. I am so glad I went." Additionally, UIC Honors College student and Honors College Advisory Board Freshman Representative Katie Niebur replied, "It was cool to see the deans let go and get down."

What a wonderful way to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the UIC Honors College! I believe I can speak for the hundreds in attendance when I say I am so glad I was able to partake in such a splendid occasion. Thank you to all those involved in making this unforgettable evening possible.



Fascinated by Mafia

by Marika Wrzosek

In March Honors College students gathered in the lounge of Burnham Hall for another social. The speaker? Professor Chris Messenger from the English Department. Socials where professors are invited to speak about their research is a new trend in the monthly gatherings. Prof. Messenger spoke on his work about the *Godfather* saga.

About forty people showed up to hear Prof. Messenger share his findings on both the book and film. After only a few minutes of speech, the influence the saga has had on American culture was easy to see. Messenger focused his talk around the central character of the novel, Michael Corleone; he also focused on the family values and male/female roles exemplified by the work. Tying the works together by such universal themes made the relevance of this literature clear. Messenger drew interesting analogies between the novel and other epics, such as *Gone With the Wind*, and current gems, such as *The Sopranos*. In doing so, it was easy to see the fascination of our culture with the family and its inherent dynamic.

Most of the audience had seen the film version of the *Godfather*, and some had read the novel itself. The few that hadn't done either deciphered from the discussion at hand the saga's end. The overall reaction to the talk was overwhelmingly positive: people who hadn't been familiar with the work left with increased interest, while people who were familiar left with the sense of rediscovering a literary treasure.

It was refreshing to see professor so keenly aware of his passion and interest. It was a treat to hear him share his work about a pop-culture trademark. Student response to the professor-focused socials has been positive, if only because it offers the opportunity for students and staff to center around a common interest, in this case, a popular novel that has captivated us for years.

Summertime in the Honors College

by Jenniann Yi

As UIC enters the final stretch of this academic year, many students of the Honors College have begun looking ahead toward the promising months of summer and the long-awaited break. Plans of studying abroad, developing research, traveling, or simply enjoying the city have added to the steadily growing excitement as the countdown begins till finals week.

Many upperclassmen are preparing to study abroad this summer through various UIC programs. Sophomore Greg Calip, a pre-pharmacy student, will be participating in the Great Cities London program. This specially designed program sends a group of 20 students each year to London to develop research projects in a specific area of urban planning and policy issues. "I'm really excited about being able to experience London and the opportunity to immerse myself in a foreign culture," says Calip, who will be researching health and social services during the five weeks in England.

Other students have chosen to remain in the city for the summer and enroll for classes during UIC's summer session. Second-year student Jennifer Baek is taking Organic Chemistry Laboratory I in preparation for her upcoming Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), along with many other pre-medicine students this summer. In addition, several freshman have chosen to take advantage of this year's summer session to get a head start on for next year. Still others have taken the option of furthering their studies through research, several through the Honors College Undergraduate Research Assistant program.

Yet among all of us, the most excited and, consequently, tortured students for these last few weeks of school are the members of this year's graduating class. Senior Johnathan Chung, a biological sciences student, will be celebrating his graduation by traveling to Europe and also possibly Australia this summer. "I know I've got a lot of great things to look forward to, but I'm just trying to enjoy myself for now," he says of his final weeks as an Honors College student. As for long-term post-graduation plans, Chung will be entering the UIC College of Medicine this fall as an M-1.

Even without any big plans for the summer, all students are anxiously looking forward to the upcoming break. Summertime in Chicago is always bustling with activity, what with the many festivals, shows, and celebrations throughout. Students never forget to go to the annual Taste of Chicago, Venetian Night, or Air and Water Show, to list a few. So hopefully, whatever your plans are, good luck surviving these last few weeks and remember to enjoy the summer!

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and took in an amazing view of a lake right outside their windows.

Looking back, Fatima says it was not only a trip, but an experience she can never forget. She believes that when people volunteer on their own at school or in the community, they often miss out on a team effort or a real view of what people are going through. Going on an ASB trip, Fatima says she experienced something that was definitely "hands-on." She said she felt like she was really "out there...interacting with what people are doing in their communities." Instead of the usual days of studying or sleeping, volunteering trips make people realize that they are making a difference as well as benefiting from a great experience. Fatima concludes, "Everyone should definitely go sometime to see what this is all about. It is something that all of us should try at least once!"

Great Cities in the Summertime

by Cynthia Kay

Summer! Who doesn't look forward to it? It's the supposed start of the warm weather season. The time to travel, work, sleep, and to most, it's a time of no classes. As many students say, summer and school just don't mix. But what do college students do with their summer break? Surely their summer can't revolve around sleeping and eating...

For some students who have to take summer classes, but still want to have some fun, studying abroad is the perfect solution. They get to live in and explore another country, while earning course credit. My dorm neighbor, Katie, decided to use the first month of her summer break to study abroad with the Great Cities London trip through UIC's study abroad program. "I really wanted to go because it's during the summer and for only five weeks...which in my opinion is the perfect time to spend in another country. I love to travel and have never been to another country."

GCL is made up of various smaller groups assigned to compare specific aspects of London and Chicago. Katie's group is focused on education. "We'll be comparing parental involvement in the school system between a lower-class and upper-middle class public school for both Chicago and London (although public school in London is called private)." Other groups will concentrate on health services, government, economics, and urban development. The point of this program is to see and learn firsthand how these two great cities, London and Chicago, compare.

"The first two and a half weeks the whole group will have trips and lectures to various parts of London based on our research subjects. The second two and a half are left to us to get our papers done." It's fairly easy to forget that this trip is a class in itself. However, the GCL group will be visiting and seeing all of London's historical landmarks, not, as Katie nicely puts it, "ever being stuck in a classroom."

The GCL group will be living in the Chelsea district of London in a recently built residence hall, equipped with furnished kitchens, double and single rooms, and private bathrooms.

Other study abroad programs for this summer include: China-Contemporary Issues, Germany-European Studies, Ireland-Brain, Mind, & the Artistic Imagination, Italy-Italian Language and Culture, and Mexico-Latin American Literature and Culture.

While it's too late to apply to these summer programs, it isn't too late to start planning to study abroad for the upcoming school year. Katie and other students, who are studying abroad this summer, are rightfully enthusiastic about their upcoming trips. What could be better than getting to live in a foreign country and earn course credit all at the same time?

For more information about studying abroad, either during the fall/ spring semesters or summer, check out their homepage at: http://www.uic.edu/depts/spec_prog/studyabroad/HOMEPAGE.html

The Start of Something Bigger

by Judy Liu

Just a few days ago, or so it seems, high school was just ending and you were waiting in your seat at graduation, waiting anxiously for your name to be called. Then after a few fast years of confusion immersed in late night fun, AIM, "study" (play) nights, and the lesser-known joy of class and homework, you wonder how you are once again graduating.

All graduating U.I.C. students will wear their blue cap and gown at the University Commencement, May 11 in the Pavilion. In addition to commencement, most colleges on campus will honor their students with a separate convocation, including the Honors College. Two days before the University Commencement on Friday, May 9, the fourth annual Honors College Convocation will acknowledge Honors College students graduating in May 2003, as well as Summer and Fall 2002 graduates.

The recognition ceremony begins as students in their caps and gowns process into the CCC Illinois Room accompanied by classical string music. After a formal introduction, welcome, and a student address, each senior (about 200 graduates) is called individually onto the stage to receive a certificate of completion of honors work and a gold stole, the hallmark of Honors College students. Following a faculty address, closing, and then the recessional accompanied by the string quartet, the senior class picture is taken at the end of the ceremony. This year Honors College has also requested a professional photographer to take individual souvenir cap and gown portraits for students.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Phi Eta Sigma Induction Ceremony



The 2003 Phi Eta Sigma Induction Ceremony took place on Tuesday, April 25th in the Illinois Room of CCC. 185 new freshmen who earned a 4.5 or higher their first semester were inducted this year. Guest speaker Criminal Justice Professor **Matthew Lippman** addressed the audience, urging students to continue their success throughout their undergrad years and beyond. Scholarships were presented to senior computer engineering major **Ryan Cekander** and junior biological sciences major **Aparna Vemuri**. Later, new Phi Eta Sigma members and their families enjoyed a reception in the adjoining room. To see photos from the ceremony, visit the Phi Eta Sigma link on the Honors College web page.

Congratulations to all the new initiates. Keep up the good work! Listed below are Honors College freshmen who were inducted into Phi Eta Sigma:

Rose Adamczyk, Adam Anderson, Veronica Arauz, Alexandra Baluka, Swati Bhat, Tara Brennan, Jennifer Carbonara, Agnes Cha, Jeffrey Chan, Rani Chovatiya, Megan Dragonuk, Peter Drahos, Sherr Ann Elope, Earl Vincent Gatdula, Deborah Goldberg, Nadia Halim, Jennifer Huegel, Sulman Hussain, Joyce Joseph, Marty Kosztowski, Christina Kwong, Ilyas Lakada, Keith Lattie, Eunice Lee, Mike Liss, Jose Lopez-Lago, Maximiliano Luna, Jr., Rose Middleton, Raghuvveer Muppavarapu, Keith Nguyen, Daniel Park, Hitash Patel, Sneh Patel, Megan Riley, Payal Sanghani, John Saraceno III, Avni Shah, Shawna Sheber, Deepa Sheth, Abhishek Solanki, Ann Srodulski, Ronen Stein, Jubilee Tan, Rani Upadhyay, Almae Uy, Melissa Villaverde, and Stephen Watson.

Phi Beta Kappa Inducts

LAS Honors College Students

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most respected undergraduate honors organization in the United States. The Society has pursued its mission of fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences since 1776.

For more information, go to: <http://www.uic.edu/las/college/text/info/phibetakappa.htm>

The following Liberal Arts & Sciences/Honors College students have accepted an invitation to join the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Society:

Rehan Ahmed, Suresh Alla, Shifali Arora, Joyce Chen, Daniel Choi, Kwang Choi, Johnathan Chung, Steven Ciciora, Shawn Clybor, Colleen Correll, Dimple Damani, Melanie Davis, Amol Desai, Lisa Franckowiak, James Huang, Sujay Kapadia, Charlene Kiang, Andrew Kim, Jennifer Larson, John McSurley, Rupal Mehta, Shoshana Morgenstern, Grace No, Nafisa Patel, Matthew Peterson, Kamran Riaz, Monika Rut, Justin Sadhu, Patrick Sanvanson, Nirav Shah, Smiresh Shah, Aditya Shetty, Tiffany Shu, Vasisht Srinivasan, Pavan Srivastava, Laura Swanlund, Lionel Tan, Ana Turck, Madhuri Verma, Anthony Workman, Darrell Wu, Jane Yu, and Ying Zhu.

Congratulations!

Honors Day Awards

On Wednesday, April 23rd, students, faculty, and administration gathered for Honors Day, the annual recognition ceremony of students' accomplishments, awards, scholarships, and prizes. Starting below, and continuing on the next two pages are listings of Honors College students who received awards. Congratulations to everyone!

HONORS COLLEGE AWARDS

Honors Council Awards

Natalie Dejesus
Daniel Giles
Anthony Meis
Jessica Moody
Monika Nowak

Kunjali Padhya
Todd Schwier
Lavinia Sereseanu
Laura Tan
Jeniann Yi

John Curtis Johnson Award

Elisa Green

Sr. Dorothy Drobis Award

Maria Del Carmen Patino

Scholarship Association Endowed Awards

Jennifer Baek

Sylvia L. Saffrin Memorial Award

David Boren

Sylvia L. Saffrin Memorial Award

Natalie Cabernoch

Chicago Bar Association Entertainment Committee Award

Ryan Cekander

B. J. Merkle Award

Wen Chen

Hirsch Family Award

Peter Kelley

Dr. Thomas Beckham Memorial Award

Catherine Kuo

Judy Curry Award

Dimple Modi

Mays, Dineen, Nelson Award

Rena Patel

Leah and Donald Riddle Memorial Award

Laura Porro

Donald and Patricia Langenberg Award

Ivan Rasskazov

Bassett, Chiswick, Kosobud, Stokes Award

Justin Sadhu

Leonard Kotin Memorial Award for Physical Chemistry

Samir Shah

President's Award

Pinak Shukla

Norman Nachtrieb Memorial Award

Tassany Zimmerman

Judith Ikenberry Award

Departmental Awards

COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Department of Human Nutrition

Savitri K. and Krishna I. Kamath Scholarship

Farzeen Ogra

Elizabeth Predny

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Allstate Scholarship

Ewa Chartynowicz

Polk Brothers Scholarship

Maria Esparza

Department of Economics

Winifred Geldard Undergraduate Award

Daniel Jansen

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Irene N. Jones Estate Scholarship

Tian Ma

Olive Chacey and Alfred F. Kuehn Scholarship

Dhaval Desai

Dean's and Donors Awards

Rupal Mehta

Brian Sautter

Himabindu Vidula

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of Biological Sciences

Louis Pasteur Award

Neil Ahluwalia

Elmer Hadley Award

Tricia Stark

Mark A. Wyatt Memorial Award

Dimple Modi

Program in Biochemistry

Edward G. Rietz & Stanley K. Shapiro Award in Biochemistry

Justin Sadhu

Department of Classics

Tracy Prize in Ancient Greek

Jennifer Larson

Tracy Prize in Latin

David Morris

Department of Communication

Distinction Award

Jill Marie Aguado

Ingrid Carrascal

Department of Political Science

Milton Rakove Award

Brian Richey

John Echols Award

Nectarios Pittos

Special Scholarship Programs

UIC Candidates

Rehan Ahmed	Gates Cambridge Scholarship
David Boren	Fulbright Fellowship
Shawn Clybor	Mellon Fellowship
Ananda Fine	Fulbright Fellowship Gates Cambridge Scholarship Marshall Scholarship Rhodes Scholarship
Gaurav Gaiha	Fulbright Fellowship Rhodes Scholarship Marshall Scholarship
Michelle Gentile	Fulbright Fellowship Gates Cambridge Scholarship Marshall Scholarship USA Today All USA Academic Team
Jackie Dee Grom	Udall Scholarship
Neil Iyengar	Goldwater Fellowship
Pia Johnson	Fulbright Fellowship
Catherine Kuo	Fulbright Fellowship NSEP Scholarship USA Today All USA Academic Team
Andrea Martinez	Truman Scholarship
Monica Mazda	Goldwater Scholarship
Dimple Modi	Truman Scholarship
Joseph Morgan	Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship
Steven Naranjo	Udall Scholarship
Rena Patel	Fulbright Fellowship Gates Cambridge Scholarship Glamour's Top 10 College Women Marshall Scholarship Rhodes Scholarship Soros Fellowship USA Today All USA Academic Team
Laura Porro	Goldwater Scholarship
Brian Richey	Fulbright Fellowship NSEP Scholarship
Samir Shah	Goldwater Scholarship
Scott Wilson	NSEP Scholarship
Duri Yun	Fulbright Fellowship

Phi Kappa Phi Awards Grants

On Tuesday, April 8th, the UIC Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi held its annual induction ceremony. In addition to the new students initiated, the society welcomed new faculty inductees Mitra Dutta, Michael Jedel, Norman Lieska, and Beth Richie.

Additionally, 5 Honors College students received grants to support scholarly projects. The students and their projects are listed below:

*Elizabeth Edwards: "International Vacuum Microelectronics Conference"

*Parham Khalili: "Picotoxin Accelerates Relaxation of GABA_A Receptor"

*Ada Moadsiri: "Factors Which Influence MSC Migration in Response to Tissue Injury"

*Dimple Modi: "Student-Run Free Health Clinic/Health Education Program"

*Jeffrey Ryan: "Real Estate Price Modeling"

A highlight of this year's ceremony was the keynote address, given by new faculty initiate Beth Richie, Associate Professor & Dept. Head of African American Studies. Professor Richie gave an inspiring and moving speech, in which she encouraged students to overcome obstacles and never forget to acknowledge their families' support. After her remarks, the grant winners, and the new faculty and student inductees and their guests enjoyed a reception and refreshments. To see photos from the ceremony, go to the Phi Kappa Phi web site: <http://www.hc.uic.edu/PKP/pkp.htm>

The following Honors College students were inducted into Phi Kappa Phi. Congratulations to everyone.

Elaine Aguinaldo, Sana Ahmed, Rossenie Almazan, Rachel Alvarez, Jennifer Baek, Guilherme Baptista de Faria, Joanna Brylewski, Natalie Cabernoch, Sae-Rom Chae, Katie Charland, Donald Cheatem, Johnathan Chung, Caroline Conlon, Alexis Cramer, William Cross, Sarah DelMonaco, Jackie Grom, Bibiancy Gutierrez, Jennifer Holder, Kristin Huntoon, Neil Iyengar, Tim Jankowiak, Daniel Jansen, Pavan Jhaveri, Pia Johnson, Andrea Karrick, Maryann Kattezhm, Michele Katzenmaier, Cynthia Kay, Julia Kemerer, Charlene Kiang, Andrew Kim, Jenna Kim, Alexander Konetzki, Sonia Krishnan, Christos Lampropoulos, Jennifer Larson, Jennifer Liu, Jeffrey Masson, Kaori Matsumoto, Monica Mazda, Erin McGrath, Erin McIntyre, Rupal Mehta, Anthony Meis, Shoshana Morgenstern, Hilary Mottl, Therese Moussa, Sandy Murad, Kunjali Padhya, Alison Palumbo, John Park, Ivan Rasskazov, Leticia Rojas, Thephil Russelliah, Wayne Ryan, Jeffrey Ryan, Bethlynn Saberbein, Justin Sadhu, Kamala Saha, Lisa Sanzenbacher, Steven Schoenfeld, Nan Sethakorn, Samir Shah, Tristan Shankara, Tiffany Shu, Kevin Silvestre, Tricia Stark, Moe Tun, Aman Upadhyay, Monica Wallace, and Daniela Witkowski.