

The Ampersand

UIC Honors College

Special New Student Edition - Summer 2001

Important Upcoming Dates

<i>New Student Day</i>	<i>Aug. 17</i>
<i>Chancellor's Reception</i>	<i>Aug. 19</i>
<i>Fall Semester Classes Begin</i>	<i>Aug. 20</i>
<i>Last Day to Drop/Add Classes</i>	<i>Aug. 31</i>
<i>Agreement Forms Due</i>	<i>Sept. 7</i>

Come Meet the Chancellor!

You and your parents are invited to attend the Chancellor's Reception for new Honors College students, which will be held in the afternoon of Sunday, August 19th. You will have the opportunity to meet UIC Chancellor Sylvia Manning, who will be co-hosting the reception, along with Interim Honors College Dean Janet Madia.

Mark your calendar for this special event!

A Special Welcome from Dean Madia

On behalf of the Honors College faculty and staff, I want to welcome all of you new students to the UIC honors community. I look forward to getting to know you, and to helping you make your UIC experience exciting, challenging, and rewarding. I encourage all of you to take full part in the activities planned by your Honors College Advisory Board (HCAB), including the semesterly student/faculty luncheons, the tutoring service, the Honors College Ball, and other events. Check out the display case in the lobby of Burnham Hall to learn who your HCAB members are, and some of the activities they have planned for you.

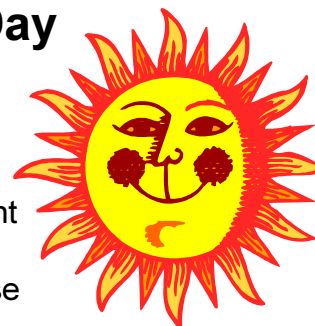
All of the staff—Jeff Lewis, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Stacie Williams, Assistant Dean for Student Services; Randi Zillmer, Assistant Dean for Operations; Jennifer Kosco, Assistant to the Dean; and Johnette Foster, Departmental Information Supervisor, as well as our team of Honors College student workers—join me in welcoming you and in wishing you a successful 2001-2002.

Janet Madia, Interim Dean

Celebrate the End of Summer at New Student Day

All new Honors College freshmen are invited to attend New Student Day, on Friday, August 17th. Sponsored by the Honors College Advisory Board, this event is a chance for you to meet other new students, as well as your fall honors course professor.

You will enjoy tours of the campus, games, and a picnic on the lawn in front of the Science & Engineering Offices building (just west of Burnham Hall). So watch your mailbox for your invitation to this fun-filled day!



The Ampersand Wants YOU!

The Ampersand is the Honors College monthly newsletter. Published jointly by the Honors College Advisory Board, and the staff, this publication is an important communication vehicle for all Honors College students. Honors course offering information, event coverage and candid photos are regularly featured in its pages. In addition to a limited number of printed copies available in the Honors College office, *The Ampersand* appears on the web. In fact, expanded issues are often viewed exclusively on the web site. Point your browser to: <http://www.hc.uic.edu> and follow the link to *The Ampersand*.

We encourage all Honors College students to submit their work for consideration. For article ideas and submission guidelines, contact **Jennifer Kosco**, 105 BH (413-2260) or at: jkosco@uic.edu



Need a Job?

If you are seeking employment on campus, a good resource is the Student Employment office, located in 2200 SSB. The Job Center posts positions on campus for student workers. Many offices on campus hire students to do basic office work, run errands, answer phones, and do light typing. And, they often prefer to hire dependable, resourceful Honors students. You can contact the Job Center by calling 996-3130.

Additionally, check the bulletin boards in the Honors College office, located just outside of the Student Lounge (121 BH). We regularly post job opportunities here, as well as in the Ampersand, and on the Honors College listserv. So don't forget to check your e-mail often!

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A Note from Your HCAB President:

Jeffrey Meier

Greetings to all incoming students! On behalf of the Honors College Advisory Board (HCAB), we would like to welcome you to UIC and the Honors College. We're sure that most of you are both excited and anxious about beginning your first year at the university. However, don't let your apprehension overshadow your enthusiasm. Before you know it, you will be sitting in classes taught by world-class faculty, meeting students from all different backgrounds, and exploring the different opportunities that UIC and the city have to offer.



Most importantly, you will begin to see what makes the Honors College and being a member of it special. The Honors College provides the personal atmosphere of a small college within the big university. You will always find dedicated faculty, staff, and students who are willing to help you to make the best of your experience at UIC. No matter what your dilemma—from housing to registration—you can always turn to the Honors College for help. And if you ever want to speak with another student, remember that you can always turn to HCAB. As an advisory board, HCAB serves the role of being the link between students and faculty here at the College. Every member of the board is willing to listen to any and all of your suggestions and concerns.

These are just a few of the benefits of being a member of the Honors College. As you will soon find out in all aspects of college life, including the Honors College, you must actively go after an opportunity, for it will not seek you out. With this in mind, we are confident that the Honors College will provide a strong foundation for the furthering of your independence and intellectual goals. We wish you the best of luck in the coming year and hope to meet all of you on August 17th at New Student Day.

Jeff Meier

Take Advantage of Campus Union Facilities

As an Honors College student, you will need to spend many hours a week studying, doing homework, writing papers, preparing for exams and the like. But, all work and no play makes Jack and Jill dull boys and girls!

When you need to blow off steam, want to stay in shape, or learn a new dance, check out the Campus Unions. Located on the east (Chicago Circle Center) and west (Chicago Illini Union) sides of campus, the unions house everything from book stores to workout facilities to pool tables to photo darkrooms. You can work out with a personal trainer, perfect your bowling game, take an aerobics class, get a haircut, use the ATM (*when it works!*), mail a package across the globe, buy that perfect UIC sweatshirt, lift weights, stay hopped up on caffeine, or satisfy your sweet tooth.



To find out about what is available to you, visit the Campus Unions web site at: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/chcc/home.html> Better yet, visit in person and see all that is waiting for you!

Have Your Own Website?

If you have your own website (non-commercial, please!), let us know and we will be happy to include it as a link to the Honors College student web pages.

Send your URL to: Jennifer Kosco at jkosco@uic.edu

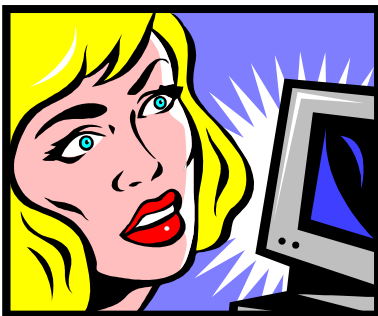
Computers @ the Honors College

The Computer Lab (109 BH) is reserved exclusively for Honors College students. You may be asked to show identification by a lab assistant; the sticker on your student ID identifies you as an Honors College student. Stickers are available at the H.C. front desk at the beginning of the fall semester.

Summer lab hours are 8:00 - 4:45 p.m. (Monday - Friday). The fall semester lab hours are 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Monday - Thursday) and 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. (Friday).

Our lab is equipped with 24 Pentium computers and a high-speed laserjet printer, using the Windows 98 operating system. With more than 30 different software applications running, including Microsoft Word and Excel, there is bound to be one for your particular needs.

Visit the Computer Lab link on the Honors College web page to find out more about the Lab, and the warped minds of our Lab personnel!



Don't Forget to Check Your E-Mail!

If you're not computer literate now, you will be soon! Once you activate your free UIC computer account when you're here for orientation, you'll be able to send and receive e-mail, surf the web, and take advantage of the multitude of software packages available for student use.

You can check your e-mail from any computer on campus, including the Honors College computer lab (Room 109 Burnham Hall) or from home if you have a modem-equipped computer.

As you will soon learn, UIC is a very computer-oriented campus, and the Honors College is no exception. We depend on e-mail to communicate important information to you, and as such, it is your responsibility to check your e-mail regularly.

As an Honors College member, you will be automatically added to the Honors College listserv. We will be sending you important information via e-mail on a regular basis. Course information, job opportunities, and event reminders are just a few examples of some of the messages that will come your way.

Honors College Computer Lab Rules

1. Academic work always takes priority over personal computer use. This includes personal e-mail, web surfing, playing games, etc..
2. Do not print more than one copy of a paper. Do not print out lengthy web pages.
3. If the printer becomes jammed, or runs out of paper, immediately contact one of the computer lab personnel who will rectify the problem. Do not attempt to fix it yourself.
4. If printer privileges are abused, your computer use in the lab will be taken away.
5. No food or drinks of any kind are allowed in the computer lab at any time.
6. Make sure you have your student ID (affixed with your Honors College sticker) with you at all times. You will need it to use the Honors College Computer Lab printer, and periodically, the Honors College staff conducts random ID checks.
7. Excessive noise will not be tolerated. Many people are in the lab trying to concentrate on writing a paper, etc. If you are waiting for a computer, please do so quietly. Be considerate of others.
8. Be considerate of others who may be waiting to use a computer. Remember that these facilities are for **all** Honors College students.

All Honors College students will be subscribed to the Honors College listserv, through which a lot of important information is sent. It is your responsibility to check your e-mail regularly (at least twice a week) for any pertinent Honors College information. The list is moderated, so if you are interested in posting something to the entire list, send it to one of the following individuals:

jmadia@uic.edu smcccloud@uic.edu jkosco@uic.edu

Additionally, many students have other e-mail accounts, i.e. Hotmail, AOL, etc. If you would prefer to check e-mail at another address, simply forward all of your incoming mail from your UIC account to any other address. This is a simple process; details are available at: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/acc/index.html/EMAIL.html> - and follow the E-mail forwarding link.

What Does it Mean to Be an Honors Student?

Being an honors student means much more than earning good grades or having an honors notation on your transcript. It means conducting oneself honorably and with respect for others. It means maintaining personal integrity without other obligation.

You have been identified as an honors student as a result of both your past accomplishments and your potential. As such, you are expected to hold to the highest standards, not only academically, but in all areas of your life.

Give back to society and your community through volunteer work or community service, and not just because it looks good on your resume. Honors students genuinely care for others and show this in many ways.

Challenge yourself to do your best at all times and dedicate yourself fully to whatever you are doing, not just in the classroom, but at home, on the job, and in your personal relationships. A strong work ethic coupled with drive and ambition will take you far in the future.

Act at all times with class, and yes, maturity.

Honor your parents and others who have had a strong influence on your character. The attributes that qualify you to be in the Honors College did not appear overnight; more than likely, these significant individuals instilled them in you. Respect your family, friends, teachers, advisors, and those less fortunate.

Pride, personal integrity, honesty, and maturity are all hallmarks of a true honors student. UIC's Honors College students live up to these words and more.

Office of Special Scholarship Programs is Here for YOU!

It's never too early to start planning for your academic future!

The Office of Special Scholarship Programs assists students in applying for nationally competitive scholarships, fellowships and awards. The office provides information about these awards, advice on preparation for competition and assistance in the application process. Director **Beth Powers** will be happy to meet with you to discuss any potential scholarships for which you may be eligible. Beth may be reached at 355-2477 or via email at: bpowers@uic.edu The Office of SSP's web site is: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oa/ssp/>

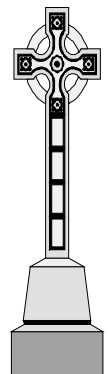
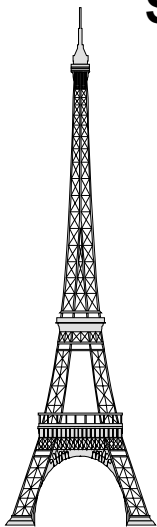
Though few scholarship deadlines occur over the summer, many deadlines are early in the fall and in order to put together a strong application, it is essential to begin preparing early.

Additionally, check out these websites: <http://www.iae.org/fulbright/>; <http://www.rhodesscholar.org>; <http://www.marshallscholarship.org>; <http://www.truman.gov>; www.act.org/goldwater; <http://www.udallfoundation.org>

Study Abroad Opportunities Await You

Have you always wanted to spend a year in France or a semester in Ireland? It's never too early to start planning for studying abroad. Many Honors College students successfully work studying abroad into their curriculum, no matter what their major.

The helpful staff of the Study Abroad office will be happy to assist you if you have questions about courses, financial aid, registration, billing, or anything important regarding your study abroad program. The office is open all summer; stop by or call them at: 502 University Hall, 413-7662.



Show Off Your Honors College Membership!

Are you wondering what the Honors College t-shirt says? Do you want to know what's behind the twisted minds of the designers? The Honors College Advisory Board has premiered a new t-shirt for you!

We designed a t-shirt that shows how special the Honors College is within UIC, and also how the College fits within the entire University. We wanted to show these principles on various levels, literal and symbolic. The t-shirt has a two-sided design with a small logo on the front and detailed design on the back. The shapes on the logos filled in with black correspond to the shapes on the back that are filled with words. All the shapes interconnect to form a circle. To see a larger version of this logo, follow the HCAB link on the Honors College web page: <http://www.hc.uic.edu> The design is based on the concept of the circle. First, because UIC is still referred to as "Circle Campus" by many people. Secondly, the circle is a symbol of unity, because the Honors College encompasses a diverse group of people in a variety of majors from all different colleges. The Honors College is the only college that includes every type of major within UIC. It is one of the most unique advantages of the Honors College.



On the back of the shirt, the shapes are filled with words. These words represent major components of all the different subject matter studied by Honors College students. We were not able to include as many as we wanted, and thus chose subject matter fundamental to almost all majors within the undergraduate colleges.

The concepts or formulas and corresponding subjects (starting from the top of the swirl and moving into the center) are: $F=mv^2/r$ -PHYSICS, Mnemonic Technique-PSYCHOLOGY, $Kw=10^{-14}$ -CHEMISTRY, Contrapposto-ART HISTORY, B.C.E./A.C.E.(is equivalent to B.C. and A.D.)-HISTORY, Kinesiotherapy-KINESIOLOGY, Social Contract-PHILOSOPHY, $A+G=C+T$ -BIOLOGY, $n=-\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta P}$ -ECONOMICS, $A=(\pi)^2$ -MATH. The formula for the area of a circle composes the center of the "circle" and then encompasses all of the information inside the borders of that circle. The Honors College encompasses all different majors in the same way.

To purchase one of these stunning, one-of-a-kind fashion statements, see any HCAB member. The price is only \$10 for large & x-large sizes and \$12 for an xx-large. Get yours while they last! *(They also make great gifts!)*

Agreement Forms Due September 7th

The Agreement and Completion forms are important, as they are the indicator to us that you have registered for (Agreement form) and successfully completed (Completion form) your honors coursework for the semester. They also generate your HON 222 grade.

Think of these forms as your two-part contract with the Honors College. The Agreement form must have your honors course instructor's signature, along with the call number and the title of the course. This must be turned in to the Honors College office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 7th.

At the end of the semester, you must obtain your honors course instructor's signature again on the Completion form, which indicates that you successfully completed your honors course. Turn the Completion form in to the Honors College no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday of Finals week (December 7th).

Get to Know YOUR Honors College

We want you to get to know the Honors College - both the people and the place. You are welcome to stop by any advisor/staff member's office any time - if you have a question or problem, or if you just want to say hello. Our doors are always open to you. If you need to make an appointment to discuss something specific, you can generally see someone the next day.

Additionally, get to know the Honors College facilities. They are here for you. The student lounge (121 BH) is equipped with couches, tables and plenty of chairs so you can relax, eat your lunch, or socialize. Student organization mailboxes are also located here (HCAB, Society for Future Physicians, and Alternative Spring Break).

Just outside the lounge are bulletin boards where information on jobs, volunteer opportunities, scholarships, and other pertinent information is posted and regularly updated. Check here often for the latest news.

The literature racks on the wall just across from the main reception desk are chock-ful of information. Following is a partial listing of what's available here: change of address forms, petition forms, copies of *The Ampersand*, scholarship brochures, letters of recommendation request forms, course offerings, tutoring schedules, volunteer program applications, and various others.

On our lower level, you will find our Academic Resource Room/Quiet Study Area (B-11 BH). This room is available for study and student meetings and is also equipped with laptop computer connections. After 6 p.m., this room is designated as a resource for students who need quiet for their study. For after hours access, please see Johnette Foster. Additionally, the lower level houses the Honors College Tutoring Center (B-15 BH). Honors College Advisory Board tutoring takes place in this room. See the front desk for a current tutoring schedule.

We encourage you to take advantage of all of the opportunities here for you. Remember: this is YOUR Honors College!

The Honors College Code of Conduct

Please read this document carefully. It details the rights and responsibilities of Honors College students. Students who violate the Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from the College. Violations of the Code include any intentional misuse or abuse of Honors College privileges or resources.

The Honors College is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination in any form. While the college defends free speech and freedom of expression, students must respect their honors colleagues. They should be aware that what might not be offensive to them may be perceived as offensive, discriminatory or harassing by others. This can occur because of such differences as gender, sexual orientation, culture, race, religion, age, class and communication style. As the Honors College is a microcosm of UIC and a diverse multicultural community, its members are expected to be sensitive to the impact of their words and actions on others.

The Honors College occupies elegant, comfortable quarters that we must keep in excellent condition. Everyone is therefore asked to respect Honors College students, faculty and staff, and also the furnishings and equipment.

The following rules, consistent with the principles of individual responsibility and mutual respect, must be observed:

1. Please! No shoes on the furniture.
2. No writing on furniture or walls.
3. No music in public areas except walkman-type private units.
4. Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and must not leave trash or food behind when they leave the College.
5. Food stored in the refrigerator must be removed promptly.
6. No smoking or chewing of tobacco.
7. Fliers may be posted on bulletin boards, but no tape may be used on walls, doors, or furniture.
8. No cell phones.

FACILITIES

The use of Honors College facilities is reserved for members of the Honors College.

Honors College Computer Lab (109 BH)

Computer lab users are responsible for leaving their workstations clean. No food or drinks are permitted. The use of cell phones is not permitted. The Honors Computer labs are intended for academic work. Priority is given to users doing classwork. Students using computers for games, social e-mail, net surfing, or other nonacademic work when other students are waiting to use the lab for their class assignments will be asked to cede the station. Only Honors College lab personnel can make modifications or changes to lab hardware or software, including loading or unloading software, plugging or unplugging peripherals, reconfiguring machines, or making any modifications to the printer, including refilling paper.

The Honors College lab personnel are not responsible for private computers owned by students. Hacking, excessive noise, excessive printing, violation of computer software copyrights or other disruptive behavior in the computer Lab can result in suspension or revocation of computer lab privileges or Honors College status.

Honors College Tutoring Center (B-15 BH)

No food or drink is allowed. This applies to tutors as well as those being tutored. Tutors may not bring friends to their tutoring sessions. Tutors who have no current clients should study quietly and refrain from distracting conversation.

Honors College Lounge (121 BH)

This is the only area of the college where food is allowed. Students are expected to clean up after themselves. To respect the sensibilities of others, no one should bring strong-smelling foods to the college. Students should be aware of their noise level and its impact on others.

Honors College Copy Room (125 BH)

Students must see the reception staff for copies. If the machine does not function properly, students must not attempt to fix it or reload paper.

Honors College Academic Resource Room/Quiet Study Area (B-11 BH)

After 6 pm, this room is designated as a resource for students who need quiet for their study. No talking is therefore allowed, and students using the room who wish to engage in conversation must move elsewhere.

Please follow these policies and procedures to help us maintain a clean, enjoyable environment for all students, faculty, and staff of the Honors College.

UNIVERSITY ETIQUETTE 101:

DO'S

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DON'TS

- 1. BE ON TIME FOR CLASS. COMING IN LATE IS DISTRACTING AND DISRUPTIVE, AND SHOWS A LACK OF RESPECT FOR BOTH THE INSTRUCTOR AND OTHER STUDENTS.*
 - 2. ADDRESS YOUR INSTRUCTORS AS "PROFESSOR ____" OR "DR. ____," UNLESS YOU ARE CERTAIN THAT THEY DO NOT HOLD PHD'S, IN WHICH CASE, USE "MR." OR "MS."*
 - 3. TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE AND PAGER WHEN YOU ARE IN CLASS.*
 - 4. BE AWARE OF THE NECESSITY TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WHEN YOU NEED TO SEE FACULTY OR ADMINISTRATORS, UNLESS IT'S DURING CLEARLY DESIGNATED OPEN WALK-IN OR OFFICE HOURS.*
 - 5. INFORM INSTRUCTORS, ADVISORS, AND OTHER STAFF IN ADVANCE IF YOU CANNOT MAKE A CLASS OR AN APPOINTMENT; KEEP YOUR WORD.*
 - 6. CHECK YOUR UIC EMAIL ACCOUNT REGULARLY SO THAT YOU'LL BE INFORMED ABOUT IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE HONORS COLLEGE LISTSERV AND OTHER CAMPUS ENTITIES' LISTSERVS.*
 - 7. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE VERIFICATION FOR MEDICAL OR BEREAVEMENT ABSENCES.*
 - 8. BE COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL WITH FRONT OFFICE PERSONNEL WHEN YOU NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT; CHECK ON YOUR FINANCIAL AID, MAKE A HOUSING CHANGE, ETC.*
- 1. EAT, DRINK OR CHEW GUM IN CLASS. SOME INSTRUCTORS MAY NOT BAN SUCH ACTIVITY OVERTLY, BUT IT IS RUDE & DISTRACTING TO DO SO IN CLASS.*
 - 2. SLEEP DURING CLASS. IF YOU ARE SO TIRED THAT YOU CAN'T STAY AWAKE, EXCUSE YOURSELF AND ASK SOMEONE TO SHARE NOTES; WHILE THIS IS NOT DESIRABLE, AND WON'T EARN YOU ANY POINTS WITH THE INSTRUCTOR, IT'S LESS RUDE AND DISRESPECTFUL THAN SLEEPING DURING CLASS.*
 - 3. HOLD PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER STUDENTS DURING CLASS. IT'S RUDE AND DISTRACTING TO NO ONLY THE INSTRUCTOR, BUT TO OTHER STUDENTS IN THE CLASS.*
 - 4. ATTEND A CEREMONY OR CONVOCA-TION AT WHICH YOU ARE RECEIVING AN AWARD IMPROPERLY DRESSED. "SUIT AND TIE" LEVEL OF ATTIRE IS NOT ALWAYS NECESSARY, BUT JEANS, SHORTS, SPORTS SHOES, ETC., SHOULD NOT BE WORN.*
 - 5. INTERRUPT FACULTY OR STAFF IF THEY ARE ON THE PHONE, EVEN IF YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT. WAIT OUTSIDE INDIVIDUAL OFFICES UNTIL THE INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM YOU WANT TO SPEAK ARE FINISHED WITH CALLS.*
 - 6. IGNORE DEADLINES, POLICIES, AND OTHER REGULATIONS. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING YOURSELF INFORMED.*