Honors College

2013 IN REVIEW

ENGAGING JOURNEYS

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Dear Honors College students, alumni and friends,

It’s amazing to think another year has gone by and to reflect on the accomplishments fulfilled by the students, staff and alumni of the Michigan State University Honors College. From the student photographs on the cover of this magazine and accompanying stories to the last page of alumni updates, you will find a treasure trove of narratives that comprised another successful year.

In 2013, students in the Honors College continued the university’s strong tradition of winning major awards, including the Goldwater Scholarship and Fulbright Scholarships.

An Honors College student was also the first place winner for this year’s MLK Jr. Advancing Inclusion Through Research Award. This award recognizes students for sharing the inclusive, out-of-the-box thinking of Martin Luther King Jr. We welcomed two new co-directors for MSU National Fellowships & Scholarships (NIFS) office and relocated the suite of offices to Bessey Hall. Ashley Greens serves as the NIFS director and coordinator of scholarships and Kristin Janka Millar serves as director of international engagement.

The MSU Debate Team capped off another successful year by qualifying two teams to the National Debate Tournament and holding other major public events. The team hosted its first-ever middle school debate championship for the Capital Area Speech & Debate League. This year also marked the beginning of the first study abroad program exclusively for Honors College students. Students studied urban sustainability this fall and are taking what they’ve learned and applying it to research being conducted over the winter break in Havana, Cuba. They will continue their experience in 2014 with the goal of presenting their research at the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum in April.

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While the Honors College is proud to speak of these accomplishments, as is in life, we also experienced some sorrow in our year. Two former Honors College directors, Dr. Stan Idzerda and Dr. John Delane Wilson, died. As we look forward to 2014, we hope you will continue to stay in contact both left the university, the Honors College and its students in a better place.

As we look forward to 2014, we hope you will continue to stay in contact with the Honors College and tell us about any new experiences you encounter and how the Honors College has touched your life. Best wishes for a fulfilling 2014.

Warmly,

Dr. Cynthia Jackson-Elmore
MSU Honors College Dean and Professor

Jolisa Brooks

In March, Jolisa Brooks, a political theory and constitutional democracy junior in the James Madison College, participated in the Residence Education and Housing Services spring break trip to China.

“The mission of the trip was to meet professionals from Chinese universities in order to understand how we can best serve our international students,” Brooks said.

In this picture, Brooks is summiting the Great Wall of China.

Melissa Seyerle

Before her public health internship this summer with Global Brigades in Panama, psychology senior Melissa Seyerle spent two weeks volunteering in Ecuador. Seyerle is a student in the College of Natural Science.

“I lived in the city of Quito with volunteers from around the world. During the days, I worked just south of the city in the impoverished Mena Dos neighborhood at the Tierra Nueva day care center,” Seyerle said. “My placement was with the one and two year-olds, and before day one was over, I had a room full of new, little friends. Immediately, the youngest girl, Milena, attached herself to me and the teacher began calling her ‘mi hija,’ which translates to ‘my daughter.’”

In her picture, Seyerle holds a baby from the day care center.

Rami Janoudi

During the summer, mechanical engineering senior Rami Janoudi completed his third internship with BP. This opportunity involved working on a subsea equipment inspection vessel in the Gulf of Mexico. Janoudi is a student in the College of Engineering.

“I first took a helicopter and landed on the vessel, which was already doing work in the Gulf. I then lived and worked on the vessel, assisting the engineers with inspections of subsea oil and gas equipment on the ocean floor. Through this experience, I applied my technical background, but also got a chance to build great relationships with the others on the vessel, who came from diverse backgrounds and were of all different ages,” Janoudi said.

In his picture, Janoudi is standing on the helideck of the vessel as it pulls into the Port in Louisiana for a brief stop prior to returning to the Gulf of Mexico.
New Co-Directors Help Students Pursue National/International Fellowships & Scholarships

The NIFS Office helps students produce a competitive application for more than 20 prestigious awards and scholarships.

The process of preparation provides exceptional opportunities for learning and personal development.

Ashley Green and Kristin Janka Millar have been appointed the new co-directors of Michigan State University’s National/International Fellowships & Scholarships (NIFS) Office.

The NIFS Office helps all interested undergraduate and graduate students pursue major national and international opportunities. Providing information and direct support throughout the fellowship application process, the NIFS professional staff assists applicants with over 20 competitive awards, including the Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Churchill, Gates Cambridge, Carnegie Jr. Fellows, Beinecke, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Presidential Fellows Program, Ioren, Truman, Goldwater, and Udall competitions.

Green serves as director and coordinator of scholarships. Janka Millar serves as director of international engagement.

“I am really excited about the opportunity to help students achieve their goals. Applying for a prestigious award entails many elements and it is important for the student to embrace the entire process,” Green said. “The student learns so much about themselves during the application process and I am happy to be able to assist them in that personal, academic, and professional development.”

Prior to joining the NIFS office, Green served as program manager for the Center of Advanced Studies in International Development (CASID) at MSU, assistant director of Career Services at Grand Valley State University, as well as career program manager and adjunct career instructor for the Eli Broad College of Business at MSU.

Prior to joining the NIFS Office, Janka Millar served as associate director for MSU’s International Studies and Programs, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS).

Prior to that, she served as outreach and academic coordinator for CLACS, adjunct assistant professor at Siena Heights University, instructor for the College of Education and College of Social Science at MSU, co-director of the Partnership to Prepare Global & International Educators, co-director of Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-cultural Education (LATTICE), and was an elementary teacher.

She is co-primary investigator for the Graduate Learning, Experiences, and Outcomes (GLEG) project which involves 14 CIC universities and NYU. Janka Millar serves as a grant reviewer for the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Her research focuses on understanding opportunities to learn and outcomes of international professional development, including Fulbright Hays Group Projects Abroad.

Janka Millar obtained her degree in curriculum, teaching, and educational policy with an emphasis in international education and professional development from MSU. She earned her bachelor’s degree in international development and Latin American Studies.

Prior to joining the NIFS Office, Green served as program manager for the Center of Advanced Studies in International Development (CASID) at MSU, assistant director of Career Services at Grand Valley State University, as well as career program manager and adjunct career instructor for the Eli Broad College of Business at MSU.

Green is currently pursuing her doctorate in education administration. She obtained her master’s degree in higher education from the University of Toledo and her bachelor’s degree in psychology from MSU.

“I am so pleased to join the Honors College and NIFS team and look forward to helping MSU’s undergraduate and graduate students pursue their goals and engage in meaningful ways globally,” Janka Millar said.

The NIFS Office has moved to a new location on campus:
National/International Fellowships & Scholarships
434 Farm Lane, Room 186
Bessey Hall
East Lansing, MI 48824
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Research Passions Rewarded

Two Michigan State University students were named 2013-14 Goldwater Scholars. Both are in the Honors College and the College of Natural Science.

Erik Bates, advanced mathematics major

Erik Bates of Ada, Michigan, and Kayla Felger, chemistry and human biology major

Both are in the Honors College and contribute to the College of Natural Science. “The Goldwater Program plays an important role in helping MSU and MLK Jr. ideals of inclusive excellence. MSU students follow King Jr.’s legacy, using their critical and creative skills to understand and re-envision the world. It continues to showcase student research that supports the MSU and MLK Jr. ideals of inclusive excellence.”

“Studying here has been most enriching for me because of the knowledge I’ve gained and the relationships I’ve built with the professors and other students who have shared their passion to continue this work.”

Kayla Felger, chemistry and human biology major

“...I am grateful to the professors and fellow students who have helped me learn, and I look forward to continuing this work.”

Erik Bates, advanced mathematics major

Bates, a graduate of Forest Hills Eastern High School in Ada, is majoring in advanced mathematics. He plans to obtain a doctorate in mathematics and perform research in a pure or applied mathematical discipline while teaching at the collegiate level.

“This award is a reflection of the opportunities I’ve had to work with excellent MSU faculty on interesting and important problems.”

Erik Bates, advanced mathematics major

Both these students were recognized with Scholarships and Awards.

Goldwater Scholars

Eight Michigan State University students have been recognized for sharing the inclusive, out-of-the-box thinking of Martin Luther King Jr. The MLK Jr. Advancing Inclusion Through Research Award was created in 2010 to highlight the ways in which MSU students follow King Jr.’s legacy, using their critical and creative skills to understand and re-envision the world. This year’s competition followed the original principles of eligibility, requiring students to be members of the Arts and Humanities, the Honors College, or the Lyman Briggs College and to submit research papers and creative projects completed during 2012 that were on topics of inclusion, diversity and marginalized populations. Faculty, staff, and students from the sponsoring colleges comprised the selection committee.

For more information on the MLK Jr. Award, visit honorscollege.msu.edu/researchthedream.
The following Michigan State University graduates were awarded 2013 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships to continue their study at the institution listed below. This generous award supports graduates in their educational goals in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Graduate Research Fellowship Program recipients earn three years of support, a $30,000 annual stipend, a $10,500 cost-of-education allowance, international professional development opportunities and TeraGrid Supercomputer access.

Kenji Aono (MSU-HC)  Engineering/Electrical  Michigan State University

Jeffrey Cain  Materials Research/Electronic Material  Northwestern University

Robin Jeffrey Green (MSU-HC)  Life Sciences/Molecular Biology  University of Washington

Christopher Cullen Heffner (MSU-HC)  Psychology/Psycholinguistics  University of Maryland

Nathan Joseph Parker  Life Sciences/Neurosciences  Princeton University

Hans Stuart Schroder (MSU-HC)  Psychology/Clinical  Michigan State University

Sandra Troxell-Smith  Life Sciences/Ecology  University of Illinois at Chicago

The National/International Fellowships & Scholarships Office at MSU, administered by the Honors College, helps interested students pursue prestigious awards and scholarship opportunities. See page 2.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Program is the U.S. government’s flagship international exchange program.

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A part of the Honors College, the 2013 MSU Debate Team’s competitive success included qualifying two teams to the prestigious National Debate Tournament in Ogden, Utah.

Kaavya Ramesh, an Honors College international relations, comparative cultures and politics, and Chinese student from Alpharetta, Georgia, and Evan Hebert, an international relations student from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, advanced to the elimination rounds, extending MSU’s streak of placing teams among debate’s elite to 18 consecutive years. The pairing of Hebert and Ramesh also finished the season with a 9th place individual ranking, an impressive accomplishment around the country (Atlanta, Georgia; Dallas, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; and East Lansing, Michigan). The teams included a public viewing and discussion of each debate, along with expert commentary from MSU coaches, debaters, and alumni.

Also representing MSU at the tournament were Pablo Gannon (psychology, Rancho Cucamonga, California) and Tyler Thur (Honors College, international relations, Milwaukee, Wisconsin). Those two teams and a third pairing of Aniela Butler (international relations, Draper, Utah) and Jack Caporal (international relations, Lexington, Massachusetts), frequently compete in the elimination rounds of major national tournaments, demonstrating the team’s depth and strong prospects for future success.

Hebert, Thur, Butler and Caporal are students in James Madison College. Ramesh is a student in James Madison College and the College of Arts and Letters. Gannan is a student in the College of Social Science.

In addition, the team held several major public events. Timed with each of last fall’s Presidential and Vice Presidential debates, the team hosted the Spartan Presidential Debate Series in four cities around the country (Atlanta, Georgia; Dallas, Texas; Chicago, Illinois; and East Lansing, Michigan). The series included a public viewing and discussion of each debate, along with expert commentary from MSU coaches, debaters, and alumni.

In the spring, team members Hebert, Butler, Caporal and Quinn Zemel (international relations, Hollywood, Florida) headed to Scottsdale, Arizona, for a debate about nuclear power for MSU’s Winter University. The event drew local alumni and paired a public debate with a presentation by Dr. Bradley Sherrill, chief scientist at the MSU Cyclotron, about nuclear physics and radiation.

Finally, the summer camp run by the MSU Debate Team, the Spartan Debate Institute (SDI), reached record levels of attendance and quality of competition in 2013. The SDI continued its Hoya-Spartan Scholars program in conjunction with Georgetown University, which brings together two summer programs in Washington, D.C. and East Lansing for an outstanding seven week experience. Over 250 students from 26 states attended the Spartan Debate Institute.

“Our summer camp programs hope to introduce these students to a range of viewpoints on public policy controversies,” said Head Coach Will Repko.

Finally, continuing the team’s focus on outreach and community engagement, the MSU Debate Team led two new initiatives. In April, the team hosted the first middle school debate championship for the Capital Area Speech & Debate League, which was attended by 60 students from six area middle schools. Also, in conjunction with the SDI and the Detroit Urban Debate League, the team ran a training clinic for new coaches, which was well-attended and should help keep forensic activities strong in Michigan.

With its strength in competition, public debates, service, and high school instruction, the team has seen broad success and is poised to continue to be ranked among the top debate programs in the country.

Debate Team Recent Results

GEORGIA STATE
Hebert/Ramesh - Octafinals
Gannon/Thur - Double Octafinals

KENTUCKY ROUND ROBIN
Hebert/Ramesh - 3rd Place

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
Hebert/Ramesh - Quarterfinals,
Gannon/Thur - Double Octafinals

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Hebert/Ramesh - Octafinals

Wake Forest University
Hebert/Ramesh - Double Octafinals

University of Southern California
Hebert/Ramesh - Octafinals
Butler/Caporal - Double Octafinals

California State University, Fullerton
Hebert/Ramesh - Quarterfinals,
Butler/Caporal - Double Octafinals

Northwestern University
Hebert/Ramesh - Quarterfinals,
Butler/Caporal - Double Octafinals

National Debate Tournament
Hebert/Ramesh - Double Octafinals

“More than anything, the Spartan Debate Camps strive to teach the value of competing perspectives. Learning both sides of an argument, even if one does not initially agree, improves understanding.”

Will Repko, head coach, Spartan Debate Team
When first-year students arrive at Michigan State University, they might not expect to begin nurturing their leadership skills; however, the First Year Council (FYC) provides a group of Honors College students with just that opportunity. Established in 2011, the FYC creates an enhanced leadership experience through self-reflection, professional development, and connections with Honors College peers. Through this involvement in a smaller learning community, the group thereby seeks to support students in their transition to MSU.

In the first weeks of the year, Honors College staff, student organization leaders, and residential advisers in the Honors floors nominate students to the FYC who have already made an impression as potential future leaders in the Honors College. The students attend bi-weekly meetings addressing a variety of topics, ranging from personal values and goal-setting to résumé critiques and effective ways to work with diverse groups. Two of the most popular components have been a leadership panel—including the Dean of the Honors College, University administrators, and leaders of the Honors College student organizations—as well as local service learning experiences. Additionally, FYC members choose an Honors College student organization in which to get involved.

The first two groups of First Year Council members are second- and third-year students, and many of the students now hold leadership roles in the various Honors College student organizations. Deanna Christy, for example, is a member of the leadership team for H-STAR, whose members connect with high school seniors who are considering MSU and interested in being a part of the Honors College. She recalled, “First Year Council was a way for me to feel significant as a freshman coming into a (big) school. Through leadership development, outreach events, and volunteer opportunities, I was able to form relationships that made me feel like I belonged at MSU. Thanks to FYC, I began to see that I really could make a difference.”

Florence Otaigbe, now a student leader in the HC Dean's Advisory Council, stated, “Being on the First Year Council really added to my first year experience as an MSU and HC student by connecting me with tools and resources that are beneficial now and will be in the future.” As suggested by these students’ paths and reflections, the FYC is already creating a sustainable system of leadership.

As the third group of First Year Council members enters, the organization is piloting new components. At the request of past students, each new member will be matched with an FYC “alumna/us” for informal mentoring. Additionally, in the second semester, committees of FYC members will take responsibility to plan and run several of the regular meetings in an effort to gain first-hand insights into leadership of a college group.

smart connections
new opportunities
self-reflection

Honors College
Student Organizations
Nurture Leaders

HC Dean's Advisory Council (HCDAC) • www.msu.edu/~hcsac
“The Honors College Dean’s Advisory Council (HCDAC) serves as a liaison between the HC student body and the dean in order to help make the HC experience better for students,” said Florence Otaigbe, an international relations sophomore. “We meet periodically with the dean to get a sense of where she wants to take things, and we aim to get as much feedback as possible regularly from the student body so she can know what the students want. We seek to improve the Honors College day by day in order to make it better and stronger.”

HC Programming Board (HCPB) • www.msu.edu/~hcpb
“The Honors College Programming Board (HCPB) is a great way for students to get involved with the Honors College and to meet other honors students,” said Kiran Samra, a hospitality business senior. “HCPB is dedicated to bringing events to the Honors College, such as Broomball, Euchre tournaments, and the Honors College Ball, in order to enhance the honors experience.”

MOSAIC • mosaic@msu.edu
“MOSAIC is a student organization dedicated to promoting diversity and building a multicultural community within the Honors College,” said Kanishma Chopra, a human biology senior.

H-STAR (Honors Students Actively Recruiting) • honors@msu.edu
“H-STAR (Honors Students Actively Recruiting) reaches out to prospective students and incoming high school students who have been accepted to the Honors College, hosting overnight visits and student and parent panels, mentoring through emails and phone calls, offering tours of the campus, and more. We also facilitate the Alumni Distinguished Scholarship competition in the spring semester. There are no weekly meetings, giving you more flexibility to make your H-STAR experience exactly what you want,” said Jesse Sun, a supply chain management junior.

Honors Times Two • honorstimetwo@gmail.com
“Honors Times Two gives Honors College students an opportunity to be mentors for local gifted elementary students. Together, the mentors and students work on projects in subjects the students are interested in. Honors Times Two helps keep bright young minds engaged and challenged through a positive mentoring experience,” said Valérie Morel, an earth science senior.

HC Student Service Council (HCSSC) • honorscollegessc@gmail.com
“The Honors College Student Service Council is a student-run organization devoted to providing Honors College students with numerous community service opportunities throughout the year both on and off campus,” said Alex Parker, a human biology junior. “We work in a variety of different settings from food banks to urban areas, but are also very flexible and open to suggestions from members.”

Honors Times Two
What do Havana and Detroit have in common?

The new Honors Research Seminar and Freshmen Seminar Abroad program concerning urban sustainability asks this question—and at first, it’s hard to see the similarities. This means envisioning Detroit’s potential for urban farming and redevelopment, as well as discovering what it means to be a conscious citizen in a big city.

The study abroad portion of the program allows students to interact with the unfamiliar city of Havana in these same ways, combining research skills learned on campus with research in the field. Havana, Cuba’s capital, has a thriving urban farming atmosphere which provides a rich produce source for the city.

Havana can be seen as a model for the potential in urban sustainability. Over 50 percent of Havana’s fresh produce is grown within the city limits. In contrast, over 25 percent of the land within Detroit’s city limits is vacant due to population decline. There are more than 26,600 garden plots in Havana, compared to fewer than 2,000 in Detroit. The creation of urban farms and gardens in Detroit has the potential to provide residents with more than three quarters of their vegetables and almost half of their fruit.

For over 50 years, Cuba has been all but closed off to American visitors. Students participating in this seminar have a chance to help break down the barriers between the two countries by engaging in meaningful research about urban sustainability: an important topic as cities and the world’s population expands.
Some minority groups are underrepresented in the biomedical sciences, but a new federally-funded program at Michigan State University—the first of its kind in Michigan—could help boost those numbers.

The National Institute for General Medical Sciences, a division of the National Institutes of Health, has awarded MSU a three-year $500,000 grant to encourage more minority students to pursue doctoral study in the biomedical sciences and engineering.

NIH is targeting underrepresented minority students, which it defines as African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and U.S. Pacific Islanders.

Modeled after the Honors College’s Professorial Assistantship program, Spartan Minority Access to Research Careers - Undergraduate Student Training for Academic Research (MARC U STAR) launched this fall, eventually providing four undergraduates per year with tuition, fees, and a stipend.

“MARC scholars will have a unique preparatory experience for graduate school,” said psychology professor Cheryl Sisk, program director of the Interdisciplinary Pre-doctoral Training Program in Neuroscience in the College of Natural Science. “It provides not only intensive research experience and training in the scientific process, but also the honing of critical communication skills that are predictors of success in graduate school.”

There are two phases of the program: pre-MARC and MARC. As part of the grant, MSU will develop a pipeline of potential MARC fellows through the pre-MARC program, which focuses on exposure to research through seminars, courses and workshops, said Justin Micomonaco, academic specialist for the Honors College.

In the spring of a student’s sophomore year, they can apply to be a MARC fellow. MARC fellows are placed in a research position working for a faculty member during their junior and senior years. Micomonaco will focus on programming and evaluation, and Jerry Caldwell, director of the Charles Drew Science Scholars program, will lead student support efforts, helping to link MARC U STAR to MSU’s research community.

“We have the faculty and facilities to provide quality research opportunities to students, combining these resources with the MARC grant will position MSU to make long-term change,” said Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore, dean of the Honors College. “Equally important is that MARC is consistent with MSU’s overall goal of providing a steady pipeline of STEM Ph.D.’s in biomedical sciences.”

Kelly Montgomery, human biology, junior, MARC U STAR Fellow

Creating a more diverse future for biomedicine
Leading through design, research, invention

In addition to being recognized for their academic accomplishments and work at MSU, Honors College students are lauded around the nation and world.

Brianne Feldpausch, Kristen Kelsey, Christian Roeher, Mike Sadler, Jana Sedlacek, and David Zolowski were awarded the Big Ten Distinguished Scholar Award, which recognizes students athletes with a 3.7 or higher grade point average. MSU has the 4th most honorees among conference schools.

John Groetsch volunteered over the summer at a hockey school for low-income children.

Karin Hanisch conducted research for the Trichrome Project (trichrome.msu.edu) in the Robert Last Lab in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department over the summer.

Several Honors College students presented at the 2nd Annual Learning Abroad Conference. Presentation themes included advocacy, cultural awareness, personal growth, professional growth and overcoming obstacles. The Honors College presenters were: Jessica Hernandez, Ali Sanchez, and Jesus Vega (Mexico); Julia Miller (Malaysia); Melissa Motz (United Kingdom); Humphrey Petersen-Jones (United Kingdom); Caitlin Riddle (South Africa); Hiu See (Cecilia) Tang (United States); Melissa Vader (South Africa); and Caroline Williams (Nepal).

Morgan Hoxsie traveled to Chennai, India, where she performed research at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT). She also had the opportunity to travel through Europe over the summer.

Barbara Kotei was selected as one of the first recipients of the MasterCard Foundation scholarship at MSU for the 2012-2013 academic year. She is currently majoring in biochemistry and, after college, hopes to improve the public health system in her home country of Ghana.

Morgan Hoxsie researches in India

Sam Herzog was a program assistant for a marketing and international business European study abroad program. She also interned at Netvantage Marketing, a search engine optimization firm.

Erich Hoffman worked as a software engineering intern at Facebook in Menlo Park, California.

Shan Kothari was involved in a research project at the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest in central Oregon, in which he compared different methods of restoring montane meadows.

Adam Liter was awarded the Genevieve Gillette Fellowship from the Honors College, which he used to begin working on his senior thesis in linguistics—an investigation into children’s acquisition of passive constructions.

Mike Malloy interned for Chicago’s Department of Innovation and Technology as a Roosevelt Institute Summer Academy Fellow. He also studied the development of Cuban music on a summer study abroad trip.

Sarah Miller, Eileen Stefansky, and Maxwell Winkler presented their Honors projects in the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) Symposium, held at MSU in April. Each project was a visual narrative outlining a short story written by Gabriel García Márquez and was part of a course taught by Rocio Quispe-Agnoli, associate professor of Latin studies.

Joe Nutter participated in a Department of Energy program at Fermilab in Batavia, Illinois, where he helped with the design and construction of a prototype for a new type of calorimeter.

Aaron Oom spent his summer researching the role of androgen receptor and integrins in prostate cancer cell survival at the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Steve Price was a quarterfinalist on America’s Got Talent. He built Rube Goldberg machines that performed a simple task.

Irina Pushel was awarded the DAAD RISE fellowship, which she used to travel to Dusseldorf, Germany, on a study abroad that included research on gene regulation in plant development in the Schubert lab at Heinrich-Heine Universitat Dusseldorf.

Kellee Rowe was hired full-time as an enrollment clerk in the House of Representatives in Michigan. She is also interning at USA Today, where she writes for the newspaper’s college section.

Brady Ryan and Caroline Hron Weigel studied intensive Arabic at the University of Texas Arabic Summer Institute.

Adam Scarchillli researched the mathematical and graphical game of cops and robbers in his professorial assistantship with Dr. Robert Bell from the Lyman Briggs College math department.

Marty Scherr interned in the Department of Defense in the High Performance Computing Modernization Program Office, where he assessed the capabilities of a miniature Beowulf computing cluster.

John Suddard-Bangsund researched organic photovoltaics in Dr. Linda Lunt’s lab through the EnSURE program.

Eric Vasko worked as an engineering/manufacturing intern with ConAgra Foods, Inc. in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Kara Brewer, Mairin Chesney, Audrey Mabiza, Craig Pearson, Jessica Pederson, and Lexi Zeidan were selected as members of the 2013-2014 Homecoming Court.

Alec Dutch worked as a mechanical engineering intern for a Nestle food research plant in Fremont, Michigan. He was responsible for designing and assembling an “acoustic mixer,” allowing for extremely fast and efficient mixing.

Jona Vega working on an alternative sprout bean service app in Mexico
The Honors College at Michigan State University serves academically talented, committed students who wish to pursue and achieve academic excellence. We strive to ensure an enriched academic and social experience for our members and create an environment that fosters active, innovative learning.

New HC Staff

Ryan Arey joined the Honors College as the admissions counselor in October. Prior to that, Ryan was a Recent Graduate Trustee for the Albion College Board of Trustees. Ryan earned her MS in education and higher education administration from the University of Pennsylvania and her BA in communications studies and management from Albion College.

Stephanie Capak joined the Honors College as the new communications manager in August. Previously, she worked as an account executive at Byrum & Fisk Communications. Prior to that, Stephanie covered Michigan politics as a reporter for Gongwer News Service in Lansing. Stephanie earned her BA in journalism from Michigan State University.

Christine Gajda recently joined the Honors College as the new director of advising. Previously, Chris worked as an academic specialist in MSU’s College of Education and the Eli Broad College of Business. She earned her MA in college and university administration from Michigan State University and her BA in psychology from the University of Michigan.

Sadiq Mohammed joined the Honors College as an academic specialist/adviser in November 2012. He previously served as academic adviser at Central Missouri State University. Sadiq earned his MS in higher education/higher education administration and BS in mathematics from the University of Central Missouri.

Andrew Murray joined the Honors College as an academic specialist/adviser in February. Andrew has been a part of the MSU community since 2006, serving in various roles on campus. He earned his MA in student affairs administration, as well as a BA in English and teaching certification in secondary education English and history, all from Michigan State University.

Book Chapters


Conference Presentations


HC Staff News

Dr. Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore served on the planning committee for the inaugural conference on Honors Education at Research Universities. The conference was held in State College, Pennsylvania, in May 2013.

Dr. Bess German earned the Patricia Enos Mentoring Award from the Student Affairs Administration (SAA) department in the College of Education. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to master’s students in the SAA program.

Bess was named assistant dean for the Honors College in the summer. She has worked for the Honors College since 1997.

Dr. Bess German and Dr. Justin Micomonaco presented their research at the Honors Education at Research Universities conference held at Pennsylvania State University in the spring of 2013. Bess’ presentation focused on high achieving first-generation college students while Justin’s focused on group vs. individual research program models.

Dr. Bess German (left) and Dr. Justin Micomonaco.

Cristina Schmitt, associate professor of linguistics in the College of Arts and Letters at Michigan State University, has been honored with the 2013 Honors College Award for Distinguished Contributions to Honors Students.

The award was established by the Honors College Dean’s Advisory Council and the Honors College Alumni Association in 1999 to recognize faculty members who strive to make remarkable contributions through teaching, advising and mentoring Honors College students. Schmitt received a certificate, recognition at the Honors College Convocation in the fall, and an honorarium of $1,000.

Serving as an adviser and mentor for the Undergraduate Association for Linguistics at Michigan State (qUALMS), Schmitt has been instrumental in contributing to the growth, development and advancement of Honors College students. Her service as qUALMS mentor has resulted in two undergraduate research conferences being hosted annually, drawing participants from around the world. This opportunity has provided Honors College students with the chance to present their own research in a more competitive academic setting.

Schmitt also received the Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor of the Year Award at the 2013 University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum awards ceremony. This honor recognizes faculty members who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to mentoring undergraduate researchers. She has supervised more than 30 UURAF presentations since 2007, taught numerous honors courses and has mentored several professorial assistants.

Dr. Schmitt offered insights and advice to first-year students at the Fall Convocation:

“This is the moment of your life where you can actually try things and do things that you have never done before. Allow yourself to find the best fit. And maybe the best fit for you is actually something you don’t know exist yet. A university of this size has people doing things you have never imagined.”

“Innovation in technology—in everything—comes from our admission of ignorance. Permit yourself to be puzzled and to seek explanations for things you don’t understand. What seems useless to you now may be a source of innovation somewhere, and a source of new jobs.”

Stephanie Cepak, the new communications manager in the Honors College, speaks at the 2013 Honors College Convocation.

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HONORS COLLEGE
IN MEMORIAM

A Legacy of Leadership

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Founding Director
Michigan State University Honors College
1956 to 1965

John Delane Wilson
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Dr. Stanley Idzerda, who served as the founding director of Michigan State University’s Honors College from 1956 to 1965, died in August at the age of 83. Born in New York, he joined MSU in 1952 as assistant professor of humanities. Idzerda was well-known for doing whatever it took to help students succeed. He opened his home for Sunday brunch, loaned students money, and helped them find jobs. “He’s always been one of my heroes with my honors classes. I graduated with him. After that, I graduated with my honors and went on to a great medical school.”

"Stan helped instill that culture of confidence and achievement not just among his students, but into the very fabric of the university," Idzerda worked with Hannah, the MSU President at the time, to create the Honors College at a very critical time for the university and the country as a whole. The Vietnam War had begun and the nation was in the midst of the civil rights movement. While these were challenging times, Idzerda never wavered from his commitment to see it to that exceptional students succeeded. Dr. Paul Rockey, a former Honors College student; said idzerda took an individual interest in all Honors College students. Rockey participated in the Alumni Distinguished Scholarship competition, reflecting, "We’re all high school seniors and feeling like guinea pigs for two days. They selected 12 of us. We called ourselves the dirty dozen in 1962." Idzerda came to Rockey’s graduation in Jonesville, Michigan, to present him with the ADS award. "He personalized it; he wanted to make sure everybody did succeed," Rockey said. "I started out in these advanced classes I wasn’t prepared for; he smoothed a rough start for me. After that, I graduated with my honors and went on to a great medical school." (Idzerda) wasn’t sure how it was going to work (the honors program). He was there to help us make sure that whatever it implied, we benefited." Butterworth said of the inaugural class. “Here was a man who expected a great deal of his students. He showed us that it didn’t matter where you started; what you did was important.”

In addition to his time at MSU, Idzerda was a professor of French History and American literature at Western Michigan University, Wesleyan University, and Yale University. He served as Dean of the College at Wesleyan University before his post as the eighth president of the College of Saint Benedict in Minnesota.

Idzerda received his Ph.D. and master’s degrees from Western Reserve University. He earned his bachelor’s degrees from the University of Notre Dame and Baldwin-Wallace College.

In 1962, Idzerda was appointed to the Committee on Advanced Placement of the College Entrance Examination Board, and he served as president of the Society for French Historical Studies. He was a member of the Committee on Teaching of the American Historical Association and was a trustee of the American Society for Aesthetics and Art Criticism.

“Many Honors College alumni credit their successes in life to Dr. Idzerda’s commitment to the whole person, which he displayed at the top of his keen insight,” said Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore, dean of the Honors College. “His students knew he cared about them and admired how he encouraged them to stretch in their academic pursuits. We are fortunate to have Dr. Idzerda among the great legacies here at MSU and we send our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and students.”

John Delane Wilson received numerous awards and recognitions. He was inducted into OmniCon Delta Kappa in 1983, and Washington and Lee University awarded him an honorary doctorate of letters in 1996. In 2000, he received Virginia Tech’s Ruffner Medal, its highest honor, for service and dedication to Virginia Tech. In 2007, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Lapeer (Michigan) Community Schools.

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Shared Experiences in Honors

The experience cultivated for students at the Michigan State University Honors College is different for everyone, but in the case of one family, the transformation of this college over time is pretty clear.

Chuck Stavoe and his wife, Laurie Horznsy, reflect fondly on their years at MSU, but when asked whether their Honors College experience differed from that of their children, Andrea and Ross, the answer was an affirmative yes.

“When we came to Michigan State, we were automatically granted the initial (entrance) into the Honors College,” said Chuck, who was valedictorian of his high school class while Laurie, a 1977 alumna, was salutatorian for her high school class. The Honors College for Chuck and Laurie was limited to honors classes, said Chuck, a 1976 alumnus.

“We didn’t have the option of making a non-honors class into an honors class. Now it’s quite encompassing. Students can take a whole lot of classes by expanding the academic rigor;” he said. “The way it is now, people are very aware of (the Honors College) before they get to Michigan State but when I was coming into Michigan State it was very low-key.”

Chuck said the transformation of the Honors College made Michigan State “a more selective school.”

Andrea Stavoe, a 2008 alumna, said she was weighing going to Northwestern University outside of Chicago over MSU because that’s where the family was living at the time.

“My parents were always talking about how much they loved their time there (at MSU) and how nice it would be to carry on the tradition;” she said, recalling vague memories of MSU hockey and football games taken in as a child. “I wasn’t familiar with campus until I got there.” Eventually, she was swayed to head to East Lansing.

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2013 Graduates

Brandon Alberts, Jill Behrman, Megan Courtley, Ashley Hall, Andrew Paulsen, Travis Saari, Brittany Sims, and Qingue Wu were recognized as Outstanding Seniors for their academic excellence and engagement in the MSU community.

Dennis Bogatov and Christian Roehmer finished their college careers as members of the Men’s Tennis Team, the athletic program with the highest GPA at Michigan State. In addition, Roehmer received the Scholar Athlete Award for having the highest cumulative GPA on the team.

Ryan Groendyk presented his master’s thesis project, an “art car” that runs on waste vegetable oil, at the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum. He will be driving his creation to the ArtCar Museum in Texas and will document his journey through blogging.

Brenda Halloran was awarded a scholarship from the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Logan Matthews won first prize in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers 2013 Student Design Competition. His project involved the design of a chemical plant to produce bio-oil and liquid fuels.

2010s

Christopher Fan (2010) is currently in St. Louis, Missouri, pursuing a master’s of social work and master’s of public health from Washington University.

Sarah Hogarth (2012) is currently attending law school at Notre Dame.

Ashley Kulczynski (2011) is currently working towards a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering at Notre Dame.

Ambor Markay (2012) is currently pursuing an Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology at Michigan State University.

Alyssa Meyer (2011) worked in the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace’s Russian and Eurasia program, where she assisted in the creation of the al-Farabi Carnegie in Kazakhstan, Uzbak language editing for a new book on Islam in Uzbekistan, and general editing for a publication on the Tajik political economy. She accepted a 2012-2013 Fulbright scholarship in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, and is planning to begin graduate studies.

Cameron Paxton (2012) is currently pursuing a Master of Arts program in the Social Sciences at the University of Chicago.

2000s

Jenna Heitchue (2007) is dean of academics at Chicago Jesuit Academy in Chicago, an all-boys middle school, after teaching mathematics at the same school and participating in Teach for America in North Carolina.

Wanda Lau (2002) was recently promoted to senior editor of technology at Architect, the official magazine of the American Institute of Architects.

Jana LaBelle (2007) recently completed her M.Ed in Learning, Diversity and Urban Studies at Vanderbilt University and is currently working on her doctoral degree at the University of Minnesota.

Stephanie Mills (2008) will be joining Mayer Brown LLP as an associate attorney in October 2013 after graduating with a JD-MBA from the University of Illinois.

Kristen Pratt (2008) recently completed a Master’s degree in Urban Environmental Leadership from Lesley University and currently coordinates the Chicago Conserves Corports, which supports grassroots environmental leaders.

1990s

Judith Katz (1994) is the co-founder of the Connection Action Project, which stimulates civic engagement and empathy through deep listening.

Michelle Kimpie (1998) is an assistant professor in the Division of Endocrinology, Department of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin.

Randy Kimple (1998) is an assistant professor and radiation oncologist in the Department of Human Oncology at the University of Wisconsin.

1980s

Anil K. Lalwani (1981) recently joined the faculty of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was also elected president of the American Neurotology Society.

Debra N. McGuire (1983) director of communications and education of the Michigan Townships Association, has been named CEO of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)—the state’s largest specialty physician association. She will also serve as executive vice president of the MAFP Foundation. McGuire has served the Michigan Townships Association for the past 13 years.

Aryc Mosher (1989) works at the Care4r Center, focusing on eliminating blinding trachoma in Mali, Nigeria, South Sudan, and Ethiopia.

1970s

Mary Ann Cooper (1971) has retired from patient care at the University of Illinois, but is still active in raising awareness about lightning injury prevention.

Christina DeMoore (1974) practices law in Petoskey, Michigan, with a focus on mediation. She also co-chairs the Petoskey High School policy debate team that, under her tutelage, earned two back-to-back Tier 1 varsity state championships in 2012 and 2013.

Amy Hotspeloth (1978) has been named dean of the Labovitz School of Business and Economics at University of Minnesota Duluth.

Michael C. Sack (1976) invented a universal testing language—a quantified market research system of visual semantics that allows manufacturers such as Kraft, Unilever and Microsoft to test strategies, ads, and designs without words, thereby avoiding language barriers.

Jane Schultz (1978) recently began working as the director of financial management for the Michigan Department of Education.
Donor Societies

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No matter what form your planned gift to Michigan State University takes, a future commitment through your estate plans offers membership in one of MSU’s major donor recognition groups. While the greatest reward will be your personal satisfaction for the significant benefits your planned gift will provide for MSU, the university appreciates the opportunity to thank and recognize those individuals and families who have chosen to remember MSU in this thoughtful and visionary manner.

- **THE WILLIAM J. BEAL SOCIETY** recognizes the generosity of individuals, corporations, foundations, and associations who make a commitment of at least $10 million to MSU or a documented planned gift of at least $15 million. Beal was a professor of Botany at Michigan Agricultural College from 1880-1908. He designed the original format for the oldest continuously operated botanical garden in the U.S. and is considered the “father of seed testing in America” and a champion of reforestation. His outdoor laboratory has expanded to six acres and over 5,000 species and is acknowledged as the oldest of North American botanical gardens.

- **THE JOSEPH R. WILLIAMS SOCIETY** recognizes all donors who make a lifetime commitment of $5 million or more or a documented planned gift of $7.5 million or more. The Joseph R. Williams Society honors the first president of what was known as “The Agricultural College of the State of Michigan.” Williams, best remembered as a key advocate of a broader curriculum, stressed the importance of providing students with an education in modern science that could be applied to the practical business of life. Membership is open to individuals, corporations, foundations, and associations.

- **THE CLIFTON R. WHARTON SOCIETY** recognizes the generosity of donors who make a commitment of at least $2,500,000 or a qualifying deferred gift of at least $3,750,000. After a distinguished career in international affairs, Clifton R. Wharton became MSU’s fourteenth president in 1970. It was a tumultuous time on campus with numerous student demonstrations as well as fiscal problems resulting from budget cuts, yet his tenure was marked by successful efforts to maintain the quality of MSU’s academic programs, his commitment to the education of the economically and educationally disadvantaged, and the integration of the School of Osteopathic Medicine with the other medical schools. Membership in the Wharton Society is open to individuals, corporations, foundations, and associations.

- **THE FRANK S. KEDZIE SOCIETY**, named for MSU’s eighth president, recognizes all donors who make a lifetime commitment of $1 million or more or a documented planned gift of $1.5 million or more. The Frank S. Kedzie Society honors the president considered the pioneer for private support to MSU. During Kedzie’s tenure, the first private donation toward a campus building was made, and fundraising began for construction of the Union Memorial Building. Membership is open to individuals, corporations, foundations, and associations.

- **THE ROBERT S. SHAW SOCIETY** recognizes all donors above the $250,000 giving level and those who have made a documented planned gift of $1 million or more. The Robert S. Shaw Society honors MSU’s eleventh president who served in that role from 1928 to 1941. Shaw introduced new courses including hotel administration, public administration, geology, geography and physical education for women, and created an All-College Division of central offices. President Shaw oversaw MSU’s first significant expansion of the physical campus and was largely responsible for the development of several new and innovative academic departments and degree programs. Membership in the Shaw Society is open to individuals, corporations, foundations, and associations.

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- **THE JOHN A. HANNAH SOCIETY** recognizes donors above the $50,000 giving level and those who have made a documented planned gift of $100,000 or more. The John A. Hannah Society honors MSU’s twelfth president, who served the university for 46 years, 28 of them as president. Hannah is revered by many and credited with guiding the university through its period of greatest physical and philosophical growth. It was during Hannah’s tenure that MSU became a member of the Big Ten Athletic Conference. Membership in the Hannah Society is open to individuals only.

- **THE BEAUMONT TOWER SOCIETY** recognizes the generosity of individuals who make a commitment between $25,000 and $49,999 to MSU. Chartered during the university’s first capital campaign, it is named after the one landmark that so thoroughly symbolizes Michigan State University, its history and traditions. Made possible by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Beaumont, the tower embodies both the spirit of the university and the spirit of private philanthropy. Membership in the Beaumont Tower Society is open to individuals only.

- **THE PRESIDENT’S CLUB** is named in honor of the presidents who guided the university to its present eminence. It was established in 1983 and recognizes individuals who make a commitment between $10,000 and $24,999 to MSU. The President’s Club was the first donor recognition group established at Michigan State University and remains the largest. Membership in the President’s Club is open to individuals only.

- **THE LINDA E. LANDON LEGACY SOCIETY**, named for the first female instructor at Michigan Agricultural College, recognizes and honors all individuals and families who have established and documented a planned gift for the future benefit of Michigan State University. There is no minimum gift amount required for membership in the Landon Legacy Society.

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January 3-5
MSU Debate Team tournament at the University of Southern California

January 7-20
MSU Debate Team tournament at CSU Fullerton

March 13
Honors College First-Year Forum

March 26 - April 1
MSU Debate Team National Debate Tournament

April 4
University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum

April 8
Sharper Focus/Wider Lens Forum: What Divides Us/What Unites Us

April 11-12
Michigan High School State Championship Quiz Bowl Tournament, sponsored by the Honors College and Meijer, Inc.

May 2
MSU undergraduate Debate Team tournament at the University of Texas

May 15
School of Family Undergraduate Grant for Dire Needs Overseas application deadline

May 26-27
MSU Debate Team DS Districts

March 1
HC Study Abroad Scholarships application deadline

March TBD
National/International Fellowships & Scholarships (NIFS) internal application deadline for Presidential Fellowships

March 17-20
National/International Fellowships & Scholarships (NIFS) internal application deadline for Pickering Fellowship

January 31 - February 1
The 59th Annual Alumni Distinguished Scholarship Competition

February 3
Sharper Focus/Wider Lens Forum: Questioning Technology

February 7-22
MSU Debate Team tournament at the University of Texas

February 15
Honors College Annual Picnic

September 5
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October 15
HC Study Abroad Scholarship application deadline

November (TBD)
Honors College Student Recital (a partnership with the MSU College of Music)

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National/International Fellowships & Scholarships (NIFS) internal application deadline for Goldwater Scholarship, Truman Scholarship, Carnegie J. Fellows Program

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National/International Fellowships & Scholarships (NIFS) internal application deadline for the NSEP David L. Boren Fellowship and Graduate Fellowship and the Beinecke Scholarship Program

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