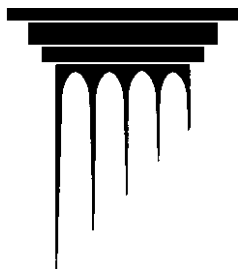


HONORS PROGRAM UPDATE

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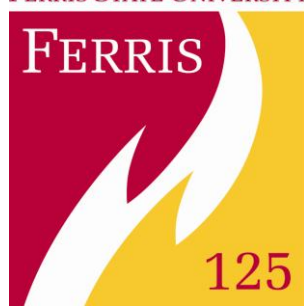
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Honors Facts:

Total Honors Enrollment: 593
Total First-year Students: 230
Total Service Hours Completed 2008-2009: 20,300
Students Enrolled in 80 Different Programs

Community Service History

To remain in good standing with the Honors Program, each student must complete a minimum of thirty hours of community service per year in the local community. Community Service hours are logged in and verified through the Student Volunteer Center. Over the years, students from the Honors Program have taken leadership roles in such programs as Ferris Idols, Ferris Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Ferris Recyclers and participated in many long-standing community service projects like Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross. Since 1997, students in the Honors Program have logged a total of 157,000 hours of community service.

Honors Student Summer in Italy

This past summer, Liz Albright, Hannah Henry, and Kristyn Metzgar went to Italy with Professors John and Lilia Caserta. They traveled to Rome, Milan, Venice and the island of Capri. Asked how she felt about visiting Michelangelo's tomb, the Coliseum and Vatican City, Liz Albright said, "You can sit in a class and learn about cultural differences but to actually experience those differences is so much better. Last summer was such an experience there honestly aren't words for me to describe it. It is something that you simply have to experience for yourself to truly understand."

The Honors Program awarded several scholarships for study away trips, conferences and class field trips to students during the 2008-2009 academic year. Some of the locations include:

Argentina	Louisiana
Chicago	Mexico
Columbia	Rome
France	Washington D.C.
Japan	

- [Alternative Spring Breaks/Study Away](#)
- [Other Honors Funded Travel](#)

Congratulations to Honors Students Entering the College of Pharmacy

Congratulations to those students from the Honors Program who will be entering the Pharmacy program this semester. Of the 150 students taken into this highly competitive program, 65 began their Ferris Careers in the Honors Program.



Slip-n-Slide, Welcome Week



The Honors Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Honors Program at Ferris State University is to provide intellectual challenges, resources and support to highly able and motivated students, while encouraging service and leadership for the public good.

Honors Peer Mentor Program a Success

This August, Honors freshmen returned to school several days early to participate in an extended peer mentoring program run primarily by Honors students Hope Kwapiszewski and Leanne Day, both of whom are enrolled in the College of Allied Health. Freshmen were partnered with experienced Honors students who will be living in the same residence halls as the Honors freshmen. These upper-level Honors students will provide advice and guidance to the freshmen throughout their first year. Kwapiszewski and Day said that choosing and training mentors and then running the summer program was exhausting work but they were sure they had helped many students transition successfully into their freshmen year. Dr. John Cullen, Assistant Coordinator of Honors, pointed out that getting off to a strong start in the fall is crucial to student success and that the mentoring program prevents students from experiencing the kind of confusion that often plagues students for the first few weeks of class. Cullen added, "I do not know how Hope and Leanne successfully completed such a heavy work load, but they really developed a program that could be a model for any campus seeking the best ways to integrate freshmen into campus life."

Honors Student in Argentina through the International Student Exchange

Honors junior, Leanne VanRemortel, left for Buenos Aires, Argentina on June 18 to continue her studies at the Universidad de Belgrano for six months. Her studies will keep her there until December 8. Leanne will be sharing her experiences in future editions of *The Endeavor* and the *Honors Program Update*. Leanne's major is Biology Education and her minor is Spanish.

If you would like to tune in to her fascinating experience, below is her blog address:

<http://ferrisstatebulldogs.blogspot.com/2009/08/notes-from-argentina.html>

Honors Events for Fall 2009

- Welcome Week, August 24-28
- Val/Sal Recognition, September 24
- Peer Marquette Streambank Stabilization service project, September 26
- Honors Advisory Board Meeting, October 6
- Honors Awards Night, October 9
- Honors Speech Contest, November 17
- Honors Variety Show, November 19

Honors Council Members

Maude Bigford, Honors Program Coordinator; Jeff Carney, CET; Dustin Carr, CAS Student; Terry Doyle, UC; Sarah Hinkley, MCO; Denise Mitten, COE; Steven Phillips, CAS Student; Bill Potter, Dean UC; Marilyn Skrocki, CAH; David Steenstra, COB; Kent Sun, CAS; Luzia Tartari, Admissions; Greg Wellman, COP.

Honors Advisory Board Members

Honorable Susan H. Grant, 77th District Court Judge; Derick (Sandy) Hulme, Alma College; Bret Muter, MSU Graduate Research Assistant and Honors Alumni; Helen Popovich, FSU President 1989-1994; Derek Quinn, Pharmacist, Honors Alumni; Randy Robinson, Radiology Imaging Solutions; Rex Schuberg, Schuberg Agency; Doug Searles, Whirlpool Corporation, Honors Alumni; Mary Jane Thomson, Alpena CC; Jessi Wortly Adler, Office of Senator Ron Jelinek, Honors Alumni.