

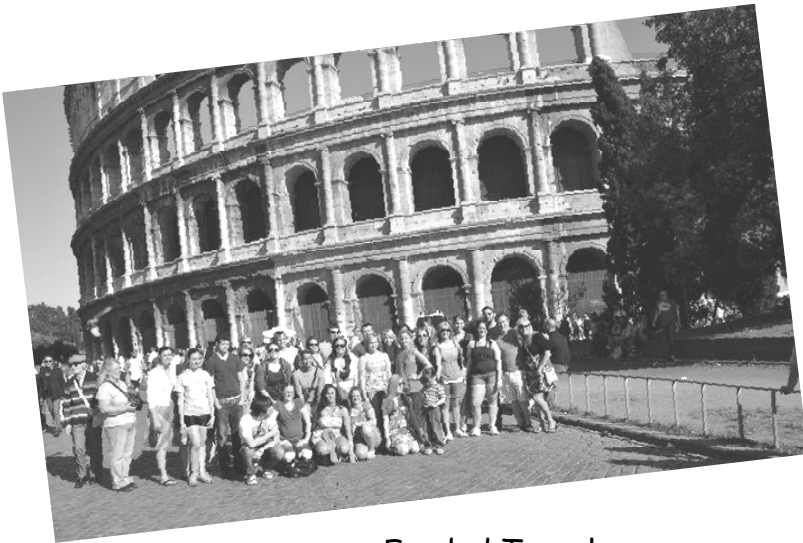
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY  
**HONORS**



Honors Art Show



Honors Formal



Funded Travel



Senior Symposium

2011-2012  
Student Handbook

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# Welcome

The purpose of the Honors Program is to enrich your life while at the University. As a result of being in Honors, you will be able to enhance your college years with activities which will prepare you for your future, whether it lies in postgraduate study or the career of your choice. We encourage you to take advantage of the many options offered to you by the program.

The hallmarks of Honors are personal attention, engaging faculty, enlightening seminars, exciting study, travel experiences, research options and career-building internships all designed to augment a college education. Honors programs have frequently been called the “alternative Ivy League.” That is because Honors programs—no matter where they are located—offer some of the same benefits as the Ivy League: discussion-oriented seminars, individual attention, residence halls full of driven and highly successful students, and the benefit of studying with dedicated faculty.

One of the keys to a great college experience is involvement, and in Honors you will be afforded many opportunities to become involved. Through involvement you will find your niche here at Ferris, and once you have found that, you will feel more grounded and secure. There is a very needy population in Mecosta and Osceola Counties so there are multiple ways of contributing your time and talents to make a difference. With the help of faculty mentors in your HNRS 100 section you will be encouraged to join an organization, contribute to worthy causes and get involved. Since we know involvement and expanding your social network are reportedly the keys to happiness for so many honors students who came before you, we will do all in our power to support you in your quest.

Please read this handbook carefully as it is full of important information, policies and procedures that will affect your continued success in Honors. Realizing that the information in this handbook is subject to change, we will do our best to keep you notified of any changes. A new handbook is published each year and inserted onto the honors web site for your viewing.

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

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

## FALL 2011

August 24-26.....	Late Registration
August 29.....	First day of classes
August 29-Sept 1 at 5:00 p.m. ....	Drop/Add
September 5.....	Labor Day (No Classes)
October 10-15.....	FSU Homecoming Week
October 24.....	Mid-term grades due
November 3.....	Last day to drop class with “W” grade
November 6.....	Set Your Clocks Back One Hour at 2:00 a.m.!
November.....	Honors Speech Contest (tentative)
November 17.....	Honors Variety Show
November 23-27.....	Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes)
December 9.....	Last day of Classes
December 9.....	Deadline to report community service hrs with SVC
December 9.....	Deadline for Honors cultural reports
December 12-16.....	Final Exam week
December 17.....	Commencement
December 19.....	Final grades due by 1:00 p.m.

## SPRING 2012

January 4-6.....	Late Registration
January 9.....	First day of classes
January 9-12 at 5:00 p.m.....	Drop/Add
January 16.....	Martin Luther King Day (No Classes)
January 25.....	Honors Art Show
February 25.....	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Honors Invitational Competition
March 3-11.....	Spring Break
March 5.....	Mid-term grades due
March 11.....	Set Your Clocks Forward One Hour at 2:00 a.m.!
March 22.....	Last day to drop class with “W” grade
April 5-8.....	Easter Break (No Classes)
April 21.....	Honors Formal
April 26.....	Honors Senior Symposium
April 27.....	Last Day of Classes
April 27.....	Deadline to report community service hrs with SVC
April 27.....	Deadline for cultural and RSO reports
May 2-6.....	Final Exam Week
May 4.....	FPW Commencement Breakfast for Graduates
May 4-5.....	Commencement
May 7.....	Final grades due by 1:00 p.m.



## **MAUDE BIGFORD**

Honors Program Coordinator & Associate Professor  
Helen Ferris 129

I received my B.A. in English Literature from the University of Rhode Island in 1970, and my M.A. in English Literature from Central Michigan University in 1987. I began my teaching career in Oregon in the public schools, but have been a professor at Ferris State since 1983, and the coordinator of the Honors Program since its inception in 1997. In the last 13 years Honors has grown from a program of 130 students housed exclusively in Helen Ferris Honors Hall, to our present 700+ housed in Helen Ferris, Henderson, Puterbaugh, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors Pickell, Ward and off-campus.

On campus I am active in Ferris Professional Women and I am Chair of Select Sixty (a women's mentoring group). Due to the mentoring I received from a college professor when I was an undergrad, I feel compelled to serve as a mentor today. My mentor changed the direction of my life simply by making the most subtle of suggestions, so I understand the power and support one can give.

One of my all-consuming hobbies is reading, and it has been so since I was a child. I read biographies, poetry, news magazines, contemporary novels, the classics, etc. It all holds appeal and broadens my world and keeps me engaged and interested. It deepens my empathy and enlivens my imagination, so if you like to read then drop by my office some time and we can discuss books, and movies, too, since I am a huge movie fan.

Honors has a mandatory residence requirement for the first two years. By living in the Honors halls you will be able to form deep friendships, and it is this strong community that can support you and see you through the challenges ahead. It is this community that has nurtured the hundreds of other Honors students who have gone before you and that so many valued during their time here. I hope to build that community in my classes, and I encourage you to look at all the benefits of being part of such a high-powered, energetic and academically able group. Four years from now it is the friends you have made, the clubs you have joined, and the professors who have rocked your world that will bind you to this place.

My task is to provide advice and support and to help you connect with the right organization or personnel. Come visit me in Helen Ferris 129 when you need help, or call me at x 2216, or shoot me an e-mail at [bigfordm@ferris.edu](mailto:bigfordm@ferris.edu)

*“If I were to wish for anything I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which ever young and ardent sees the possible.”*

**Soren Kierkegaard**



## KENT SUN, Ph.D.

Assistant Honors Coordinator & Professor  
ASC 2026 and PUT 100D, x2579

I grew up in the Northeast so I am used to the winters in Michigan. My educational background is in Electrical Engineering (Cornell University, B.S. and Polytechnic University, M.S.). I helped build radar detectors for the military before realizing that I did not have a passion for it. I went back to school to earn my Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics and Statistics (SUNY Stony Brook) and did a post doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before arriving at Ferris in 2000.

I teach courses ranging from Intermediate Algebra and Calculus to Mathematical Statistics and Complex Analysis. I advise pre-pharmacy students and help actuarial students pass the first actuarial exam. I am involved in more committees than is good for my health. I am keenly interested in learning how the educational system works (or does not) as well as how students can become effective learners. I enjoy studying various topics in mathematics when I have the time.

I dabble in numismatics and like reading biographies and histories. I adore art museums and historical sites.

Sign up for an appointment to see me on the sheet posted outside my office door in Puterbaugh 100D or call x 2579.

*“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”* **Theodore Roosevelt**



## **JANA PISANI, Ph.D.**

Assistant Honors Coordinator & Professor  
ASC 2083, x3699

I have taught History at Ferris State University since August of 2002, having moved with my family from the border city of Laredo, Texas. Born and raised in a suburb of Chicago, I have a B.A. (1983) and a master's degree (1986) in Ancient and Medieval History from the University of New Mexico and earned my doctorate in Medieval and Early Modern British History (1994) from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Here at Ferris I teach a wide variety of European and World History courses, including World Civilizations I and II, Contemporary Europe, Latin America, Modern Africa, Twentieth-Century Russia, Greece and Rome, the Impact of 1492, the Making of Modern Britain, and the capstone course for History Education majors. I also serve as the History Education Program coordinator.

I am married and have three children. For fun I hang out with the family, read, garden, cook, and play with our dogs.

Please call x3699 if you would like to make an appointment with me or email [pisanij@ferris.edu](mailto:pisanij@ferris.edu).



## **TAMMY BABCOCK**

Honors Program Support Staff  
Helen Ferris 131

Welcome to Ferris State University, and welcome to Honors! I have worked at Ferris since 1997 in various capacities and joined the Honors Program as Assistant in 2001. I received my Associates in Business at Ferris State University in 2005 and am currently working on my BIS, Bachelor of Integrative Studies – projected completion fall 2012.

For enjoyment I like to spend time with family, camp, boat, snowmobile and read.

How can students keep up to date with Honors news? Honors announcements will be posted on MyFSU under your Personal Announcements tab. Announcements from our office will begin with [HON]. I would suggest looking at these announcements a couple times a week to keep updated on information about cultural events, community service options, registration announcements, etc. Periodically you will also receive messages directly to your ferris.edu account although I try to avoid that as much as possible.

If you have any questions about the policies or procedures of Ferris State University or Honors, please call me at x 2216, email me [babcockt@ferris.edu](mailto:babcockt@ferris.edu) or stop by my office in Helen Ferris 131.

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## **LAURIE DASSANCE**

Honors Program Support Staff  
Helen Ferris 131

Laurie started working for Honors beginning fall 2011. She has an Associate Degree in Secretarial Science from LCC.

She has many years experience in the secretarial field and we look forward to working with her. Please feel free to stop in and say hello!

## ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS 2011-2012

The Honors Advisory Board serves as a think tank and a force for change for the Honors Program. The members are all external to the University and share a commitment to excellence in education and a willingness to act as necessary and important critics of Honors.

*Susan Grant* - 77<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge

*Ray Dickinson* - Emeriti

*Ryan Fewins-Bliss* - Program Director, Jackson College Access Center

*"Sandy" Derick Hulme* - Professor of Political Science, Alma College

*Bret Muter* - M.S. Candidate, Department of Fisheries & Wildlife, Michigan State University

*Helen Popovich* - FSU President 1989-1994

*Derek Quinn* - Pharmacist, Westlake Drug, Inc.

*Rex Schuberg* - Schuberg Agency, Inc.

*Doug Searles* - Category Manager, Whirlpool Corp.

*Mary Jane Thomson* - Instructor, Business & Computer Info Systems, Alpena CC

*Jessi Wortley Adler* – Communications/External Relations Specialist, Emergent BioSolutions

*“Help others get ahead. You will always stand taller with someone else on your shoulders.”*

**Bob Moawad**

# THE HONORS COUNCIL

## 2011-2012

The Honors Council is the internal advisory board for the Honors Program and serves as a think tank and a force for change. The members represent all eight colleges at Ferris State University, plus representatives from Admissions, Housing, and two Honors students.

*Maude Bigford* - Associate Professor, Honors Program Coordinator, Chair

*Paul Blake*-Associate Dean, College of Education & Human Services

*Theresa Buist* – Honors Student, Pharmacy

*Terry Doyle* – Professor, UC

*Sarah Hinkley* – Assistant Professor, MCO

*Megan Kuk* – Honors Student, Mathematics

*Russell Leonard*-Associate Professor/Automotive, CET

*Jana Pisani* - Professor/History, CAS and Honors Program Assistant Coordinator

*William Potter* – Dean, UC, ex-officio member

*David Steenstra* – Management Department Head, COB

*Kent Sun* – Professor/Mathematics, CAS and Honors Program Assistant Coordinator

*Charlotte Tetsworth*-Assistant Director, Admissions & Records

*Michelle Weemaes*-Program Coordinator, Assistant Professor, Dental Hygiene, CAH

*Greg Wellman* – Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Assessment, COP

*“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.”*

**Einstein**

# HONORS PROGRAMMING BOARD

## 2011-2012

The Honors Programming Board was established as an RSO in fall of 2007. They help organize the Honors Variety Show and the Honors Formal. They also create service opportunities to help students reach their service requirement. As a fundraiser, they create and sell Honors shirts.

The following are the e-board members:

*President* – Breeann Ovokaitys, Pre-Pharmacy

*Vice President* – Leah Kelly, Psychology

*Secretary* – Jordan Mullauer, Pre-Pharmacy

*Treasurer* - Vacant

*Social Chairman* – Anne Murphy, Pre-Molecular Diagnostics

*Advisor*- Tammy Babcock

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Honors Programming Board, please contact any of these members or you may email [honorsprogrammingboard@gmail.com](mailto:honorsprogrammingboard@gmail.com) or contact the Honors Office at x 2216.

*“The limits of my language are the limits of my world.”*  
**Wittgenstein**

## REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN HONORS STATUS

In order to be in compliance with the Honors requirements and retain your Honors status, you must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. *Maintain a 3.25+ cumulative GPA.* GPAs are audited by the Honors office at the end of each semester. If you fall below a 3.25 for one semester, you will be put on probation and will receive a letter to this effect. If you fall below a 3.25 two semesters in a row, you will be dismissed from Honors. Please be advised that if you receive less than a 3.25 for fall and spring semesters, and you take classes in the summer, we will not consider summer's grades to reevaluate Honors eligibility, even if your GPA was raised above a 3.25 after summer semester. Also, please note that those students who gain entry to the College of Pharmacy will have their freshman and sophomore year GPAs factored in with the P1 and P2 years.
2. *Honors Halls:* Freshmen must live in one for their first and second years of college. Transfers must live in one for a year, unless they are married.
3. *Arts, Entertainment and Lectures requirements:* In freshman year attend six art/entertainment/lecture events first semester and submit reports to HNRS 100 professor; in sophomore year attend three art/entertainment/lecture events each semester and submit an e-report to the Honors Office within two weeks of attending; in junior and senior years, instead of individual reports, write an assessment paper which is due at the end of the academic year.
4. *Community Service:* Complete 15 hours of service work to the campus and/or local community each semester. All service work must be reported in Honors OrgSync. (This is a group you have to join and someone from our office will give you permissions.) You must create an on-line account because all hours have to be verified. Please report them immediately upon completion since they must be reported within two weeks of doing the activity (ask your peer mentor for details).
5. *Join a campus club, group or organization:* Join a team or RSO (Registered Student Organization) first semester, freshman year; hold a leadership position by junior or senior year. Submit sophomore, junior, and senior assessments at the end of each semester.
6. *Peer Mentor:* Freshmen and transfers meet with your peer mentor at the designated times.
7. *Complete 10 hours of Honors credits.* You must attain a "C" or higher in Honors classes in order to get Honors credit. If you fall below a "C" in any Honors course you will be dismissed from the program.

- Enroll in two Honors courses totaling four credits at the freshman level: COMH 121 and HNRS 100.
  - Enroll in two Honors courses totaling six credits during sophomore or junior year.
  - If you drop an Honors class without the coordinator's or assistant coordinators' permission, you will be dismissed from Honors. There must be extenuating circumstances and it must be approved ahead of time. **For those in pre-pharmacy, dropping an Honors class would void your Honors/Pharmacy assurance.**
8. *Honors Senior Symposium*: Must attend in late April each year. Counts as a cultural event.
  9. *Senior Symposium*: Present your poster during April of your junior or senior year, depending on graduation date.
  10. *Honors Speech Contest*: Freshmen must attend this event held in the fall semester; it counts as a cultural event.
  11. *Citizenship*: Maintain a record of good citizenship in the residence hall and/or on the campus. If you are found guilty of academic misconduct or any serious violation of the Student Conduct Code then you will be dismissed.
  12. *Attend a Strategies for Educational Success workshop*: If your cumulative GPA falls below a 3.25 in fall or spring semester of your freshman or sophomore years you must attend workshops.
  13. *Leadership*: Attain a position of leadership in an RSO, a team or a group by your junior or senior year. Examples: serving as an RA; peer mentor; tutoring (if not being paid); team captain; founding an RSO; serving on an E-board; organizing a campus event.
  14. *Compose a junior assessment paper* at the end of your junior year and *compose a senior assessment paper* at the end of your senior year.
  15. *Attend a Senior Exit Interview* with the coordinator or co-coordinator your last semester on campus.

If you follow the preceding guidelines you will graduate with an Honors insignia on your diploma and will receive an Honors medallion that can be worn during the graduation ceremony.

# PEER MENTOR PROGRAM

1. *Why do I need a peer mentor?*

Your peer mentor is there to help ease you into the college routine; to help you acclimate to Ferris/Honors/Big Rapids; to keep you apprised of the requirements of Honors; to help guide you during the critical first year of college; to increase your bond to the community; and to lend you a helping hand if and when you need one.

2. *How often do we have to meet?*

You will meet a lot during Welcome Week. You will also meet every week during the first six weeks. After that you will meet at the discretion of the mentor.

3. *How long are the peer mentor/mentee meetings?*

During Welcome Week you will meet for multiple hours on different days; after that you will meet for one hour per week through September. You will attend cultural events together and may do a service project with your mentor and fellow mentees.

4. *What is the point of the Peer Mentor Program?*

To help you to succeed; to alert you to the traps that many freshmen fall into; to talk to you about any topics that interest freshmen such as classes, professors, social life, community service options, RSO options, cultural event options, how to keep up your GPA and how to manage your time.

5. *What are the benefits to me of having a peer mentor?*

It can make your life a lot easier if you come to the meetings with an open mind; you will have access to an upperclassman that you can trust and go to for advice; you won't need to "re-invent the wheel" about the challenges and the pitfalls of the freshman year for the upperclassman is there to give you advice/support.

6. *What should I do if my schedule changes and I cannot meet with my peer mentor at the assigned time/day that has been designated?*

Contact Jessie Monitz at [honorspmcoordinators@yahoo.com](mailto:honorspmcoordinators@yahoo.com) or [monitzj@ferris.edu](mailto:monitzj@ferris.edu).

7. *If I discover that I cannot communicate with my peer mentor, then what should I do?*

Either schedule a one-on-one meeting with your peer mentor and see if that helps or contact the Peer Mentor Coordinator, Jessie Monitz at [honorspmcoordinators@yahoo.com](mailto:honorspmcoordinators@yahoo.com) or [monitzj@ferris.edu](mailto:monitzj@ferris.edu).

# GUIDELINES FOR HONORS REPORTS

Submit all your reports to your HNRS 100 professor during first semester of freshmen year. **For your convenience and IF your professor approves, you may use a template which is located on the Honors web site under Current Students and then Forms and Events.**

**Format:** Please list the following at the top of each report:

1. Name
  2. Date
- Conventional margins
  - Double space
  - #10 font; 225 words

Please save copies of your reports in case they are needed for verification later

## **Arts, Entertainment & Lecture Reports**

When writing your 225 word report (if not using the template):

- Describe your reaction to the event/performance/art.
- Explain why you did or did not appreciate it.
- Discuss what you learned about yourself or others as a result.
- Would you attend another event of this genre? Explain why or why not.

## **Campus Organization**

One 225 word campus organization report is submitted during freshman year. It is due the week before spring semester finals, 2012, but feel free to turn it in anytime. When you compose your report address the following questions:

- What is the purpose of the organization/group/club?
- What have you learned by joining it?
- How has it helped you?
- How did you contribute to it?
- Why did you choose to join this particular organization/club/group?
- Do you intend to continue your membership next year?

# REPORTING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

## *OrgSync*

All Honors students are required to complete and report 15 hours of service each semester through the Ferris web site called OrgSync. It is highly suggested that you have your peer mentor show you how this site works and what you need to do to get credit for service hours with Honors. If you need additional help, call the Student Volunteer Center at 591.2140.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Create an OrgSync account at: <http://ferris.orgsync.com/JoinOrgSync>
- Request to join the **Honors Program** as one of your organizations

### TO REPORT HOURS:

You must know the email address of the person who can verify your hours before filling out your timesheet. You will be providing this information when reporting your hours. Your hours need to be verified by the contact person whose email you provided. Please be sure you let your contact know they will be receiving an email from OrgSync and to open this email and follow the directions so they can approve your hours.

- To report your hours, go under Events and select Timesheets
- Click Details for timesheet entry
- Complete the form and submit
- You can view your total hours pending and approved under the timesheet

If you are interested in Initiative 125, you will need to report your hours three times.

1. Through Honors Org Sync.
2. Through the Student Volunteer Center to receive a report number.
3. Through the Volunteer Center organization on OrgSync to track the hours for Initiative 125.

If your RSO is recording hours for you in order than your RSO will get credit for service, you will still need to report your hours through **Honors OrgSync** so you can get Honors credit. Someone from your RSO will need to approve.

## RESERVING A COMPLIMENTARY HONORS TICKET

Honors sponsored cultural events will be announced via MyFSU and show up under your personal announcements tab. Any announcement from Honors will begin with: [HON]. We will try to post upcoming events at least two weeks prior to the date. Information on how to reserve tickets will be posted with each announcement.

If you signed up for an event and then cannot attend, please call us so we can give your ticket away to someone else. If you are a no-show, you will be charged for the ticket and the charge will go on your student account. If you are placed on probation due to not meeting cultural event or service hour requirements, the Program has the right to deny you tickets.

## LUNCH AND LEARN

A popular visiting lecturer event we offer each semester is Honors “Lunch and Learn”. On various Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in Helen Ferris 102, administrators, alumni, advisory board members or faculty are invited to give a presentation on topics of their choice. Food and drink will be served at the beginning of the session and the presentation will end at 11:50 a.m. The guest speaker, topic will be posted on MyFSU. This is an RSVP event.

Here is a sampling of past topics:

- “*A Retrospective of Forensic Sciences: From OJ Simpson to Today*” with Dr. Mary Bacon
- “*Got Conflict? Community Dispute Resolution in Michigan*” with Dr. Beverly Demarr
- “*Tsunamis and Volcanoes*” with Dr. Jennifer Johnson
- “*Relationships*” with Dr. Robert Friar
- “*Positive Psychology: What Science Tells Us about Happiness and Strength*” with Dr. Lindsey Root Luna

## GRADUATING WITH AN ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE AND LEAVING FSU

If you plan to graduate in two years with an associate’s degree and you are not staying at Ferris to obtain a bachelor’s then you are not required to take Honors classes in the second year, nor do you participate in the Senior Symposium or the Senior Send-Off. Students graduating with an associate’s are only required to complete HNRS 100 and COMH 121.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

For personal announcements sent via e-mail we will only use your ferris.edu address. We will not use hotmail.com, yahoo.com, gmail.com, etc. If you do not know what your ferris.edu address is then please call our office. Although we will try and post most announcements and information regarding the Honors Program on MyFSU (under personal announcements), there may be some instances where special announcements will be sent directly to your ferris.edu account.

You may want to consider using your ferris.edu account for campus announcements only. We do respect your account, and try to limit our e-mails as much as possible; however, we have found that this is the best way to reach all Honors students who live in various locations.

## **REQUIRED MEETINGS WITH COORDINATORS**

Freshmen and new transfer students are required to meet with Professors Maude Bigford, Jana Pisani or Kent Sun at least once during their first year as an Honors student. Sign-up sheets listing available times may be posted by their offices, or you may email or call them.

## **RECOMMENDATION LETTERS**

The Honors Program coordinators will write recommendation letters for you if they are able, but they will need at least a two-week notice and a copy of your resume.

## **STRATEGIES FOR EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS**

If your GPA falls below a 3.25 during fall or spring semesters of your freshman or sophomore year then you will be required to attend a *Strategies for your Educational Success* workshop. This workshop serves as an intervention program and is designed to help you improve your grades. The assessment tools begin the discussion of why you are performing under par. The private, individualized approach is rated as the most effective portion of the program.

## ***THE ENDEAVOR***

*The Endeavor*, the Honors Program newsletter, will be published twice a year or more. It is created and written exclusively by Honors students. In it you may find facts about Ferris, opinions about various topics, jokes, cartoons, fiction and non-fiction. *The Endeavor* is for you and about you. If you win an award, make an interesting discovery, have a suggestion or want to include a news item, let us know and maybe we can include your story in our next issue. The *Endeavor* will be posted on the Honors Program web site ([www.ferris.edu/honors](http://www.ferris.edu/honors)) and we will make an announcement when a new issue is posted.

If you would like to join the staff of the *Endeavor* then please contact the *Endeavor* editor Erika Derylo at [deryloe@ferris.edu](mailto:deryloe@ferris.edu). Erica is a third-year Honors student and has been our editor for the past couple of years.

## **DEFERRED ENROLLMENT**

If a medical emergency, illness, study away, student exchange or the armed forces interfere with your ability to continue in the Honors Program with your “class”, you are eligible to defer enrollment. In order to qualify for this you must make an appointment with the Honors coordinator, Maude Bigford, well in advance for approval.

If you want to reserve an Honors room for your return you must make those arrangements through the Housing Office. There is a form you will need to fill out. Please realize that if you do receive college credit at another institution during your year or semester of deferment you forfeit many scholarships, since most are awarded to freshmen only.

## **INTERNSHIPS**

If you are not on campus due to internship(s), study away or student exchange you are excused from RSO, cultural events and community service requirements.

## **REGIONAL AND NATIONAL AFFILIATION**

The Honors Program at FSU is affiliated with the Michigan Honors Association (MHA), the Upper Midwest Regional Honors Council, and the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC). We encourage you to participate in these organizations, all of which offer opportunities for substantial student involvement, leadership training, travel and networking.

MHA and NCHC meet every fall and Upper Midwest during the winter. The Honors Program may be able to provide financial support to students who wish to attend these conferences.

Michigan Honors Association: <http://www.lssu.edu/honors/MHA>

Upper Midwest Regional: <http://und.edu/honors-program/>

National Collegiate Honors Council: [www.nchchonors.org/](http://www.nchchonors.org/)

## **PROCEDURES FOR MOVING OFF CAMPUS**

You must reside in one of the four+ Honors residence halls/rooms for your freshman and sophomore years, regardless of credits accumulated. After two years of living on campus, you may move off campus provided you are at least 20 years old. If you intend to move off-campus, please notify the Honors office as early in the semester as possible. This will allow us to accurately assess available openings in the Honors halls for the following semester.

## **HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAVEL**

The Honors Program has funds available to help finance events such as conferences, retreats, study away and foreign exchange programs.

- Scholarship request forms are available on the Honors Web Site under Current Students/Forms and Events
- If possible, attach a copy of any registration forms or informational material with your request form.

Any and all award monies issued will be deposited into your student account upon completion of travel or in the case of study away, upon verification from the Study Away Office. Please be advised that if you owe any balance on tuition, housing, parking fees, etc. the awarded

scholarship money will be used to pay your account balance first. Any remaining monies will then be issued to you at the time of FSU disbursement. If you are on probation due to not meeting cultural event or service hour requirements you will be denied scholarships from Honors. Please realize that there are no guarantees that monies will be available, for we are dependent on an ever-changing budget.

If you are a work study student, this may affect your financial package. Also, if you have the maximum amount of scholarships you can receive in a year, the scholarship you receive may go towards payment of a student loan. Contact the Financial Aid Office if you are concerned about how Honors scholarship monies may affect your scholarships and loans.

## **REGISTERING FOR CLASSES**

All Honors students get priority registration and register for classes through MyFSU. Please note that most colleges and/or programs require that you meet with your advisor prior to registration. You must make an appointment with your advisor well in advance of your registration date. During the meeting your advisor will help you create a schedule and/or endorse the one you have created. Your advisor will then lift your “hold” so that you will be cleared to register on the first day of registration. If you don’t get your hold cleared you will not be able to register.

Prerequisites for Honors classes have been waived as long as you have completed ENGL 150 or taken the CLEP exam. For the most updated list of classes, always check with the Honors office. The only classes you will take your first year are HNRS 100 and COMH 121. During sophomore year it is advised that you take a three-credit class in the fall and a three-credit class in the spring.

### **FIRST YEAR**

***Fall Semester 2011***

(All first year students in Honors *must* take HNRS first semester and COMH Fall ‘11 or Spring ‘12 semester.)

<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
COMH 121 Fundamentals of Public Speaking <i>(also offered in Spring 2012)</i>	3
HNRS 100 Orientation to Honors	1

## SECOND YEAR

**Fall Semester 2012** (All second year students in honors must complete **one** course from the following list during the first semester of the second year. However, these requirements do not apply to students who will conclude their Honors experience upon completion of an associate's degree. Also, certain program requirements may necessitate deferring the course to the third year.) **ANHH and SOCH are service-learning classes. Please make careful note of C, S, G and R designators.**

Course		Credit Hours
ANHH 371 Honors Medical Anthropology (GS)	K. Majumdar	3
COMH 121 Honors Public Speaking	various	3
FRNH 280 Honors Lit. of the French World (CG)	D. Noren	3
LITH 330 Honors Contemporary Lit. (C)	J. Cullen	3
PSYH 325 Honors Social Psychology (RS)	A. Karafa	3
PSYH 331 Honors Psychology of Personality (RS)	L. Root-Luna	3
THTH 215 Honors Intro to Theatre (C)	K. LaPietra	3

## FOURTH YEAR

All fourth year students in Honors must present a poster at the Honors Senior Symposium
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### **Spring Semester 2013**

ANHH 371 Honors Medical Anthropology (GS)	K . Majumdar	3
COMH 121 Honors Public Speaking	various	3
THTH 215 Honors Intro to Theatre(C)	K. LaPietra	3

**Any substitutions/changes must be approved by the Honors Program Coordinator.**

Keep in mind that a study away experience, with class credits affixed, may take the place of the cultural enrichment and/or social awareness Honors classes listed above. This must be approved by the Honors Program Coordinator, Maude Bigford.

## Nationally Competitive Scholarships

### **Fulbright - [www.us.fulbrightonline.org](http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org)**

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers opportunities for recent graduates to conduct career-launching study and research abroad.

Contact Professor Christine Vonder Haar at: [vonderc@ferris.edu](mailto:vonderc@ferris.edu)

### **Goldwater - [www.act.org/goldwater](http://www.act.org/goldwater)**

The Goldwater was designed to encourage students to pursue careers in the field of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering.

Contact Professor Cliff Franklund at: [franklc@ferris.edu](mailto:franklc@ferris.edu)

### **Jack Kent Cooke - [www.jackkentcookefoundation.org](http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org)**

The mission of the JKC Foundation is to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education. Financial need is a factor.

Contact Professor Connie Meinholdt at: [meinholdc@ferris.edu](mailto:meinholdc@ferris.edu)

### **Madison - [www.jamesmadison.com](http://www.jamesmadison.com)**

Junior Fellowships are awarded to students who are about to complete their undergraduate course of study and plan to begin graduate work.

Contact Dr. William Potter, Associate Provost at: [potterw@ferris.edu](mailto:potterw@ferris.edu)

### **Marshall - [www.marshallscholarship.org](http://www.marshallscholarship.org)**

Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the U.K.

Contact Professor John Cullen at: [cullenj@ferris.edu](mailto:cullenj@ferris.edu)

### **NSF - [www.nsf.gov/](http://www.nsf.gov/)**

The National Sciences Foundation (NSF) seeks to ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science, mathematics, and engineering in the United States and to reinforce its diversity.

Contact Professor Cliff Franklund at: [franklc@ferris.edu](mailto:franklc@ferris.edu)

### **Rhodes - [www.rhodesscholar.org/](http://www.rhodesscholar.org/)**

The Rhodes brings students to the University of Oxford.

Contact Professor John Cullen at: [cullenj@ferris.edu](mailto:cullenj@ferris.edu)

### **Truman - [www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov)**

The Truman Scholarship Foundation recognizes juniors with leadership potential committed to careers in government, non-profit/advocacy sectors, education, or in public service.

Contact Professor Jana Pisani at: [pisanij@ferris.edu](mailto:pisanij@ferris.edu)

### **Udall - <http://www.udall.gov>**

Applicants must be college sophomores and juniors who have demonstrated outstanding potential and a commitment to pursuing careers related to the environment.

Contact Dr. Karen Strasser: [strassek@ferris.edu](mailto:strassek@ferris.edu)

# Honors Societies

## **Alpha Phi Sigma – Criminal Justice**

Advisor: Kristin Walters – x2452, youn2@ferris.edu

## **Alpha Psi Omega – Theatre Honor Society**

Advisor: Katherine LaPietra – x2108, lapietrk@ferris.edu

## **Eta Sigma Delta – Hospitality Management**

Advisor: Julie Doyle - x2385, doylej@ferris.edu

## **Golden Key International Honour Society**

Advisor: Kent Sun – x2579, sunk@ferris.edu

## **Kappa Delta Pi - Education**

Advisor: Nancy Lashaway-Bokina – x5368, lashawan@ferris.edu

## **Kappa Kappa Psi – Band**

Richard Cohen – x2484, cohenr@ferris.edu

## **Lambda Pi Eta - Communication**

Advisor: Sandy Alspach – x2779, alspachs@ferris.edu

## **Lambda Sigma – Surveying**

Advisor: Carl Shangraw – x5365, shangrac@ferris.edu

## **National Residence Hall Honorary**

Advisor: Brittany Leslie – x7144, leslieb1@erris.edu

## **Omicron Delta Kappa – Leadership**

Advisor: Andy Karafa – x2738, karafaj@ferris.edu

## **Order of Omega - Greek Leadership**

Advisor: Sandy Alspach – x2779, alspachs@ferris.edu

## **Phi Alpha National Honor Society – Social Work**

Advisor: Michael Berghoef - x2765, berghoem@ferris.edu

## **Pi Kappa Delta – Debate**

Advisor: T.J. Lakin – x3501, lakint@ferris.edu

## **Phi Lambda Sigma - Pharmacy**

Advisor: Kim Hancock – x2234, hancockk@ferris.edu

## **Sigma Lambda Chi – Construction Management**

Advisor: John Schmidt – x0454, schmidtj@ferris.edu

## **Sigma Tau Delta – English Honor Society**

Advisor: Dr. Persak – x2918, persakc@ferris.edu

## **Sigma Tau Delta – English**

Advisor: Christine Persak – 2918, persakc@ferris.edu

# JUNIOR ASSESSMENT PAPER

This paper will take the place of your six cultural event reports, your RSO Report and your Leadership Report.

**Rationale:** As a junior in Honors we want you to reflect upon the year that has just passed. We want you to do this for your benefit and for the benefit of those who come to Honors after you. We want to know what's working and what's not; what's valuable and what's not; what you intend to continue doing and what you intend to quit. We need to know the "why" behind all of this so that we can deepen our understanding of the Honors cohort, and look at what others in Honors should embrace or avoid depending on your feedback. We will use this information so that we know what direction to pursue in the future, so that we can be better advisors to our students, and so that Honors can continue to grow/improve/ and make a positive difference on campus.

**Guidelines:** In 1,000 words analyze your junior year. Your audience for this paper consists of the three Honors coordinators (Professors Bigford, Pisani and Sun). When composing this paper create a cover page listing your name, date and major. Please utilize Times New Roman font size 11. Hand assessment paper in to the Honors Office, HFE 131, **before the semester ends in May 2012.**

***In your paper discuss-***

- Arts, entertainment or lecture events you attended this year
- Leadership position you have (if you have one) and what this means to you
- Service hours that you committed to and how they have impacted your life and personal development
- RSO or RSOs you have joined and how this membership has affected the quality of your life while at Ferris
- High points of the year from personal to academic to professional

# SENIOR ASSESSMENT PAPER

*Bring this paper with you when you attend your Honors Senior Exit Interview in spring 2012, or bring it in to your interview in December 2011 if you are graduating early.*

**Assignment:** As a senior you have the ability to take the long view. You have changed, matured, and grown over the last three or four years and we are interested in that growth and development. This is your opportunity to assess yourself; to assess Honors; to assess Ferris; to assess your particular major and minor. So take the time to compose a paper that focuses on where you started out and how you have evolved. Look at the high points and/or low points over the last years in terms of classes, professors, organizations, peers, mentor(s), campus employment, travel opportunities, internships, challenges of a personal nature, entertainment options, meaningful relationships, etc. Focus on those people or experiences that have had the greatest impact on your life while here at Ferris.

**Rationale for this requirement:** By taking the long view you will put your own house in order, may discover something new about yourself, may make connections that you would never have made otherwise, and may deepen your understanding of yourself. All of this is good and to be applauded. Also, by writing this you will help us to improve Honors for the future generations, and we can always use improvement.

**Format for this paper:**

- Title page with your name, date and major listed
- Number each page
- Times New Roman Font, size 11
- Double spaced
- 1,000 words
- Audience to whom you are writing: Honors Coordinators Bigford, Pisani & Sun

# SENIOR SYMPOSIUM

The Honors Senior Symposium is held on the fourth Thursday in April each year in the Dome Room from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All Honors students are required to attend. Each student who is in his or her final spring semester on campus must be an active participant in the symposium. This will be the last requirement in order to graduate as a bona fide member of Honors. Those graduating from Honors with an Associate's and leaving Ferris do not participate.

## **Description:**

The Honors Senior Symposium is an opportunity for graduating seniors to come together and share what they have learned with the campus community. It's a means of encouraging intellectual activity and allows all of us a chance to see what students have been working on in their various classes. Also, it allows freshmen, sophomores and juniors to see the "evolution of a student", and gives the graduates a chance to end their academic careers on a high note as they talk to undergrads, staff, administrators and professors about their projects.

In order to get credit for your presentation, your subject matter and poster must be directly related to your program major. Abstracts must be approved by the Honors Program Assistant Coordinator, Professor Jana Pisani.

After the Senior Symposium has ended some of the poster boards will be sent to FLITE and put on display in glass cases throughout the library for the coming academic year.

## **Guidelines for the event:**

- Dress: Jacket and tie for men; professional business wear for women
- Purchase: 36" x 48" project display board
- Submit: 200 - 250 word abstract to Jana Pisani at [pisanij@ferris.edu](mailto:pisanij@ferris.edu)
- Set-up: Have poster board in Dome Room by 10:30 a.m. on the day of the event



## FAQ's

1. *If my class requires me to attend a certain cultural event on campus, can I write a report on it and use it as a required Honors cultural event?* For first-year students, what will be considered a cultural event is up to your HNRS 100 professor. For sophomores, juniors and seniors turning in papers to the Honors office, it is always best to call our office if you have a question on whether or not an event will count.
2. *Do service hours and/or cultural event reports carry over into the next semester?* They will carry over from fall to spring but not spring to fall.
3. *Can service work I complete over the summer go towards my hours for fall?* There are so many opportunities around Big Rapids, we prefer students to complete their service work during the academic year. If you want summer service work to count towards fall hours, you must get prior approval.
4. *Can a Study Away course take the place of an Honors course?* It is possible but students must get prior approval.
5. *I am going to graduate with an Associate's and leave campus. Do I need to take Honors courses?* As a first-year student you must register for HNRS 100 and COMH 121. You are exempt from taking two more Honors general education courses.
6. *Due to blocked scheduling of my program, I cannot fit Honors courses into my second year. Will I be kicked out of the program?* No, you will not be kicked out of the program but you need to contact the Honors office and ask for a waiver until your third year. Pre-Pharmacy students **MUST** take Honors general education courses their second year to fulfill the Honors Pre-Pharmacy Assurance.
7. *I am applying for an RA, Student Ambassador or Desk Services Manager position which could take me to another hall my second year. Can I still participate in Honors?* Yes. If you are hired as an RA your second year in Honors in a non-Honors hall, you can continue to be a member as long as you fulfill all the other requirements.
8. *If I receive below a 3.25 GPA in fall and spring but take summer classes and bring my GPA up, can I still remain in Honors?* No. If you fall below a 3.25 GPA two semesters in succession (from fall to spring or from spring and then fall), you can no longer be in Honors.

9. *If I move off campus or into another hall, will I still get the Honors Residential Life Scholarship along with my other scholarship?* No. Once you move out of an Honors Hall you will no longer be eligible to receive the Honors Residential Life Scholarship which is solely for the purpose of covering the cost of the Honors private room charge.

10. *If I gain admission to the COP or the MCO, will my undergraduate GPA be wiped out, and will I have to start from scratch again to determine Honors eligibility.* No. Honors will take your total number of quality points and divide your total number of credit hours (undergrad and grad) to determine your cumulative Honors GPA.