

## BE A PART OF THE ISU SYMPOSIUM

ISU's Third Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium will take place on April 21 in the Memorial Union. A celebration of undergraduate research and creative expression at Iowa State, the symposium provides an opportunity for undergraduates from all academic disciplines to share their work with the university community, families, and other guests through oral pre-

sentation sessions in a professional conference-style environment.

A complete description of the Symposium and an online submission form is posted at <http://www.undergradresearch.iastate.edu>.

Applications are due Feb. 18.

Contact Dana Schumacher at [dschumac@iastate.edu](mailto:dschumac@iastate.edu) or 294-4371 for more information.

### HSB broomball tournament

Are you in a broomball withdrawal? No worries! HSB is holding a co-ed broomball tournament at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena on Feb. 20 from 10:45 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. Join your friends and get ready for some cold, hard fun! Contact HSB Intramural Chair Melissa Lind at [mslind@iastate.edu](mailto:mslind@iastate.edu) with questions.

### HSB spring road trip!

We'll be heading to the Amana Colonies this semester for a day of history, shopping and, most importantly, *food*. Plan to leave early on Feb. 28 and return later that evening. A \$5 non-refundable deposit is required and covers admission to all museums. E-mail Susan Fratzke at [fratzke.susan@gmail.com](mailto:fratzke.susan@gmail.com) for more information.

## WINGSPREAD CONFERENCES

The purpose of the STAR Technical Advisory Committee Inaugural Retreats is to gather individual Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) to begin formulating the indicators and metrics for the STAR Community Index, a national, consensus-based rating system that will help guide sustainable community initiatives.

The TACs will be composed of approximately 15 content experts. The Natural Systems Committee

will develop standards related to ecosystems, habitat, water and stormwater, air quality, waste, and resource conservation. The Children, Health and Safety Committee will develop standards related to community health and wellness, access to health care, and public safety. During the conferences you may sit in on either TAC.

The following are the STAR Technical Advisory Committee Inaugural Retreats. Apply to attend as soon as you find one that interests you.

'Energy & Climate' and 'Employment & Workforce Training': Feb. 8-10; begins at 3 p.m. and adjourns at 1 p.m.

'Economic Development' and 'Education, Art, & Community': Feb. 11-13; begins at 3 p.m. and adjourns at 1 p.m.

### Congrats, Crysta!

Congratulations to Crysta Culp for being named a Wingspread Fellow for the upcoming "Economic Development" and "Education, Art & Community" conference. Crysta is one of two students selected from the 12 Wingspread Fellow institutions.

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### FYI...

#### Help shape the future of ISU

In the next few days, selected students will receive a message from President Geoffroy with instructions for accessing the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

Please encourage students who have received the invitation to complete the survey. It takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The NSSE appreciates any announcements that would promote participation.

For more information about ISU's past results visit <http://www.ir.iastate.edu/PDFfiles/PCR/0109.pdf> or <http://www.celt.iastate.edu/teaching/NSSE2009info.html>, or you may contact Kevin Saunders at [saunders@iastate.edu](mailto:saunders@iastate.edu).

#### Calling all outstanding students! (Yes, this means you!)

Have you done something impressive? We want to know about it! E-mail Jamie Beyer at [jbeyer@iastate.edu](mailto:jbeyer@iastate.edu) if you would like your notable achievement to be recognized.

#### Speaking of outstanding...

Congratulations to Clark Richardson and Kyle Peterson for being selected as Wallace E. Barron All-University Senior Award recipients!

## OPPORTUNITIES OF A LIFETIME!

### Get a national scholarship!

Have you ever thought about applying for a nationally renowned scholarship?

What does it take to be a Rhodes Scholar? Do you have the experience to earn a Goldwater? Do you have the dedication to be a Truman Fellow? Whatever your major, you may be a strong candidate for some of the nation's distinguished scholarships and fellowships. The competition for these scholarships

is enormous, but so are the rewards.

If the idea of competing with the best college students from across the nation is something that appeals to you, join us at the Scholarship Information Fair on **February 19 from 3–5 p.m.** in the Memorial Union Gallery.

There will be a brief presentation about applying for major scholarships at 3:45. Representatives for the major scholarships will be available throughout the fair.

For more information contact Dana Schumacher at [dschumac@iastate.edu](mailto:dschumac@iastate.edu) or 294-4371.

### Call for proposals!

The National Collegiate Honors Council is accepting proposals for its annual conference in Washington, D.C. in October 2009. This is a great opportunity to present your research. Submission deadline is Feb. 20. Contact Jamie Beyer at [jbeyer@iastate.edu](mailto:jbeyer@iastate.edu) for more information.

## WANT A SUMMER RESEARCH INTERNSHIP?

The High Performance Computing Center Stuttgart (HLRS), Germany, is offering a research internship during summer. Its topic is "An early stopping criterion for large-scale parallel computations."

It was approved by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as part of the RISE project (Research Internships in Science and Engineering).

The candidate should a major in

biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences or engineering (or a closely related field).

For details visit [http://www.hlrs.de/people/benkert/jobs/rise\\_project\\_description.pdf](http://www.hlrs.de/people/benkert/jobs/rise_project_description.pdf).

Students interested in the program need to register online at <http://www.daad.de/rise/en/index.html> before Jan. 31. Registration will enable you to access the internship offers submitted.

DAAD will provide a monthly scholarship of €650 (about \$855) for a period of 6 weeks to 3 months between the middle of May and August 2009. DAAD will also provide health insurance and accident and personal/private liability insurance. It will not cover international travel costs.

Contact Katharina Benkert at [benkert@hlrs.de](mailto:benkert@hlrs.de) if you have any questions.

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: UNESCO TRAVELING SCHOLARSHIP

The UNESCO Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship is intended for students who have an interest in international collaboration but have not yet been afforded many opportunities to travel abroad. The travel is expected to be 4–6 weeks and should include interaction with individuals from other nations. During his/her travel, the recipient should be willing to participate in public diplomacy events arranged with the pertinent U.S. State Department Consulate, Mission, and/or Embassy. Following the travel, the recipient will submit

a report describing experiences and analyzing objectives achieved; share his/her experiences with others; and be available to make a presentation at the Annual Meeting of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO.

The Commission has opened the next call for the spring/summer 2009 round of applications for the UNESCO Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship for those traveling between May and August 2009. The deadline for applications is Mar. 1 at 4 p.m. Find eligibility information and details about the applica-

tion process at <http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/c25426.htm>.

The U.S. National Commission for UNESCO Laura W. Bush Traveling Fellowship provides supplemental funding for applicant-designed proposals to conduct brief activities in a foreign country related to the mandate of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)—using education, natural sciences, social and human sciences, culture and/or communication and information to build strong ties among nations.