

## BE A STAR!

Do you love Iowa State? Do you want to help prospective students and families come to love ISU as well? Then come be a STAR!

STARS is an exciting volunteer opportunity for you to present a positive, realistic student view of Iowa State to prospective students and families.

STARS will improve your presentation and communication skills while networking with students,

staff, and community members.

STARS duties include giving campus and residence-hall tours, participating in student panels, and assist with Experience Iowa State visit days.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, apply at <http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/leaders/stars.php> before March 27.

Questions? Email Lisa at [Lisap1@iastate.edu](mailto:Lisap1@iastate.edu).

## UNDERGRAD ESSAY CONTEST

The Western European Studies Program in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences invites undergraduate students at ISU to submit essays dealing with Western Europe. The essay topic is open, and could involve any aspect of contemporary or historical European culture, literature, politics, economics, philosophy, etc. Essays should be a minimum of five typed pages, double-spaced, and can be written in English or in any of the languages of Western Europe.

The prizes awarded will be \$200 for

first place, \$100 for second, and \$50 for third place. Winners will be recognized publicly and on the Western European Studies Program's website.

Please send essay submissions by April 27 to Western European Studies Program Essay Prize, c/o Prof. Chad M. Gasta, 3102 Pearson Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011.

For electronic submissions or questions, email Chad M. Gasta at [gasta@iastate.edu](mailto:gasta@iastate.edu).

## WINGSPREAD CONFERENCES

Apply to attend an event as soon as you find one that interests you. Contact [lpiche@johnsonfdn.org](mailto:lpiche@johnsonfdn.org) or visit [www.johnsonfdn.org](http://www.johnsonfdn.org) for further details.

### 'The Racine Promise'

Purpose: To inform the Racine community about Promise programs in other cities and introduce the idea of The Racine Promise.  
Dates: April 29 from 3 to 7 p.m.

### 'Update on Publically Funded Mental Health and Addiction

### Treatment in Racine'

Purpose: To inform the Racine community of changes in publically funded addiction treatment programs.  
Dates: May 6 from 4:15 to 6:30 p.m.

### 'National Land and Water Protection Funders' Meeting

Purpose: To gather funders to discuss opportunities for increasing public and private funding for land and water conservation.  
Dates: May 18-20; begins at 6 p.m., adjourns at 1:30 p.m.

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### Honors Scholarship

The Honors Student Board has established a \$500 scholarship to be awarded to a member of the Honors Program. Selection will be based on the quality of two essays, personal references, and a list of activities and leadership positions. Application can be downloaded from <http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/scholarships.php#uhpafter>.

### Congratulations—now celebrate with us!

Honors Student Board (HSB) would like to recognize all those students who were accepted into the University Honors Program this year. For those of you who have received this outstanding achievement, mark your calendars for March 25 at 6 p.m.

HSB is hosting a Welcome to Honors Recognition and Pinning Ceremony in the Jischke Honors Building. We hope you can join us in celebrating your achievements with Honors Students and Staff and learn more about opportunities through the University Honors Program.

## FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATE STUDIES!

The MASDAR Institute of Science and Technology in Abu Dhabi is pleased to announce full scholarships to highly qualified graduate students from around the world, 6–10 of which are available to U.S. students.

The MASDAR Institute is the centerpiece of the MASDAR Initiative, a landmark program by the government of Abu Dhabi to establish an entirely new economic sector dedicated to alternative and sustainable energy. The MASDAR Institute is a private, not-for-profit, independent, research-driven institute developed with the support and cooperation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The Institute is located inside the world's first carbon neutral, zero waste Masdar City which

will be powered solely by alternative energy, mainly solar energy.

The Institute offers Masters and, in 2011, PhD programs in science and engineering disciplines, with a focus on advanced energy and sustainable technologies. It welcomes and encourages applications from qualified students and provides scholarships to talented students who meet its high admission standards.

Beginning September 2009, the MASDAR Institute will offer five 24-month Master of Science programs (coursework and thesis).

A full scholarship is available to qualified talented students who meet its high admission standards, which include a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, minimum TOEFL score of

577, and a minimum GRE quantitative score of 700.

Students accepted into the Masdar Institute will be offered a full scholarship, which includes a 100% tuition fee scholarship, textbooks, a laptop, medical insurance, housing in a single-unit apartment at the Masdar campus, reimbursement of travel expenses, reimbursement of TOEFL and GRE exam fees (upon registration at Masdar Institute), and a cost-of-living stipend per month, with no bond or conditions to the scholarship upon graduation.

Details and other information is available on the website at [www.masdar.ac.ae](http://www.masdar.ac.ae). Any questions about the Institute may be directed to Stephen Lee ([slee@masdar.ac.ae](mailto:slee@masdar.ac.ae)), the Assistant Provost.

## POSTER PRESENTATION IS APRIL 15

The Spring 2009 Poster Presentation event is quickly approaching! The event will take place April 15 from 10 a.m. to noon.

If you are planning on presenting your research at the Honors Spring Poster Presentation you will need to submit a Poster Registration Form prior to April 1. This form can be found at <http://www.honors>.

[iastate.edu/current/projects.php](http://iastate.edu/current/projects.php).

Freshmen Mentor Program Students interested in presenting their research at this event need also need to submit the Poster Registration form.

Contact Karen at [kareno@iastate.edu](mailto:kareno@iastate.edu) or 294-6737 if you have any questions.

## STUPKA UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

How would you like to share your research at a professional and welcoming symposium? This year Iowa State's Biochemistry Undergraduate Club will again be hosting the Stupka Undergraduate Symposium and a main component of this year's symposium will be an undergraduate research-dominated poster session. Other symposium activities will be talks given by cutting edge researchers

in the area of nutrition, talks given by undergraduates themselves on research they have done at ISU, and multiple opportunities to network with researchers in the life sciences.

The dates for the symposium are April 3 and 4, with the poster session being held in the early evening on the 3rd. Abstracts of posters as well as questions should be sent to [mmead@iastate.edu](mailto:mmead@iastate.edu).

## Parks Award

Each year the W. Robert Parks Honors Commendations are awarded to a faculty member, a friend, and a student associated with the University Honors Program. If you know someone who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Honors Program, why not nominate them to give recognition for their hard work? Forms can be downloaded through the HSB website (<http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/honorsboard/>) and turned into the Honors Program office or emailed to [kristash@iastate.edu](mailto:kristash@iastate.edu) by 6 p.m. on April 6. Winners will be determined by voting of the Honors Student Board (HSB). Let's reward these deserving individuals—send in your nomination forms today!

## SUMMER VOLUNTEER DNR OPPORTUNITIES

March is here and spring—with LOTS of volunteer opportunities—is right around the corner! Check out this month's volunteer opportunities with the Department of Natural Resources by clicking the links below.

And don't forget you can get detailed and up-to-date information on all of the volunteer opportunities at [www.keepersoftheland.org](http://www.keepersoftheland.org). Please add [dnr.volunteer@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:dnr.volunteer@dnr.iowa.gov) to your email address book to ensure you do not miss any updates!

### Campground Hosts Needed!

Campground hosts live on state park campgrounds during the busy summer season. They answer questions, help with check-in, and do other administrative tasks. Hosts may also help with maintenance, cleanup, and any other tasks they feel motivated to tackle.

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/volunteer/camphostpage.html>

### Keep Iowa Beautiful Symposium

What: symposium on community enhancement

When: March 27, 8 a.m.

Where: Reiman Gardens, Iowa State University, Ames

<http://www.KeepIowaBeautiful.com/annualSymposium.html>

### Ledges Volunteer Service Day

What: join the Friends of the Ledges and ISU students in enhancing Ledges State Park! A cookout is provided by the Friends afterwards.

When: March 28, 12–4 p.m.

Where: Ledges State Park, Madrid

<http://idnritb6.dnr.state.ia.us/kolweb/eventViewDetail.do?eventID=337>

### 10,000 Hours Show

What: volunteer for 10 hours and get a free concert ticket!

Where: multiple locations (John-

son County, Central Iowa, and Quad Cities)

Johnson County: <http://10000hoursei.org>

Central Iowa: <http://www.10000hoursci.org>

Quad Cities: <http://www.volunteersolutions.org/uwotqca-3/org/10290005769.html>

### Project AWARE 2009

What: a canoe-powered clean-up of the Cedar River and the most fun you'll ever have with trash!

When: June 20-27

Where: Cedar River

<http://www.iowaprojectaware.com>

### Events at Iowa State Parks

When: March

Where: A state park near you!

[http://www.iowadnr.gov/parks/events\\_calendar/index.html#march](http://www.iowadnr.gov/parks/events_calendar/index.html#march)

## FALL 2009 HONORS SEMINARS ANNOUNCED

A full description can be found at [http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/seminars\\_f09.php](http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/seminars_f09.php).

**Yards and Cars: Building Our Suburban Nation**

**Are You What You Eat?**

**Dorm Life, Real Life, Fake Life, No Life: Technology and Community**

**Pirates in History, Literature, and Film**

**Creative Writing: Science Fiction and Fantasy**

**Caravaggio to the Expressionists**

**Exploring the Human-Animal Bond in Memoirs and Film**

**Ideas Worth Sharing: Engaging in TED Lectures and Critical Thought**

**Jewish History-Europe: From the Golden Age of Spain to the Holocaust and Beyond**

**Christianity and Science**

**The Future of International Development: Continued Aid or Sustainable Action**

**This American Life**

**Black Book of Communism: Crimes, Terror, Repression**

**Can You Be Anyone? (Re)Thinking Characterization Using Second Person Point of View to Create Reader-Characters in Fiction**

**Resonance: Intersections Between Music and Architecture**

**Ethical Eating**

**The History of Reproductive Rights in America**

**Conflicts in the Middle East**

**Contemporary Arabic Culture**

**Creativity and Your Career**

**Assisted Reproductive Technologies: Biological & Ethical Considerations**

**Lessons From the Twilight Zone**

**From Incunabula to PDFs; The Future of Libraries**

## Wanting to see you in the fall law-school seminar

I invite you to add the seminar LAS 290C, "Preparation for Law School," to your fall 2009 semester courses. This course is primarily directed towards all ISU junior and senior students who have made the decision to attend law school. I also will accept an interested sophomore who is seriously thinking about attending law school. The course is one credit with a S/F grade option and will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4:10–5:00 p.m. The course syllabus could be found by accessing the alphabetic site index at top of the ISU homepage under "P," then "Pre-Law Preparation". The link for the LAS 290C fall 2009 syllabus will be on the left side of the page toward the bottom. As you will see, the course incorporates a speaker format with professionals from the field of law. You can add the course without my signature. There is no section number or letter to add. I hope to see you in class in the fall 2009 semester. Please email me with any questions or concerns.

Bruce Allen  
Academic/Pre-Law Adviser,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

## SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND READY TO RUN

Register now for the Ready to Run Iowa on April 3! The "early-bird" registration has been extended to March 28, and scholarships are available to every registrant!

Ready to Run Iowa is a bi-partisan, comprehensive, one-day workshop offered by the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Ames and Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers University. It is based on CAWP's Ready to Run campaign training school to recruit and train women to run for all levels of office.

Speakers for Ready to Run Iowa include national and state campaign strategists, current and former elected and appointed political officials, and party and community activists. See the program schedule and speakers at: [http://www.las.iastate.edu/cattcenter/documents/2009\\_draft\\_program.doc](http://www.las.iastate.edu/cattcenter/documents/2009_draft_program.doc).

Register online at <http://www.las.iastate.edu/events/readytorun-form.asp> or get a mail-in registration form <http://www.las.iastate.edu/CattCenter/runform.shtml>.

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Registration for Ready to Run Iowa is \$75 by March 28 and \$100 afterwards. Through the support of donors, scholarships of up to \$50 a person are available. See the Ready to Run Iowa web site at <http://www.las.iastate.edu/CattCenter/readytorun.shtml> for more details on requesting travel scholarships and registration subsidies.

Although Ready to Run Iowa addresses topics unique to women as they seek greater participation in the political process, the campaign school is open to *anyone* who is interested in running for elected office and/or working on a political campaign.

### Exciting upcoming seminar!

The Microbiology Graduate Student Organization presents "Genome Evolution of the Enterobacteria: From conservation of virulence factors to computational modeling for biofuel production." Dr. David Baumler from the University of Wisconsin – Madison will conduct the seminar on April 2 from 4:10–5 p.m. in 1352 Gilman Hall.