W. Robert Parks Award, Outstanding HSB Member Scholarship

Nominations are now being taken for the W. Robert Parks Award. Each year, this award is granted to one student, faculty member, and friend of the University Honors Program who have made substantial contributions to Honors at Iowa State University. Nominees will be judged by the Honors Student Board and the winners will be honored at the Welcome to Honors Reception on March 29th.

The Outstanding HSB Member Scholarship is also open for applications. This nominal award is open to all honors students who have been active with HSB or its activities for at least two years.

To make a nomination, complete the attached forms and submit to the upstairs office in Jischke or sent to canders9@iastate.edu. The application deadline for both awards is March 2nd at 5pm. Applications can be found on the Honors website under the tab for “Honors Happenings” and “Awards and Distinctions.”

The Andy Albright Memorial Scholarship

The Andy Albright Memorial Scholarship application is now available. Freshmen Council established the Andy Albright Memorial Scholarship in memory of Andy Albright, a former Freshmen Council Member who passed away in a car accident in 2005. Andy was both an active leader in Freshmen Council and in the Iowa State University community. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize first-year leaders at Iowa State University and to encourage them to stay involved throughout their college experience. The scholarship is available to all first year students (30 Iowa State credit hours or less) who have demonstrated leadership skills and maintained a GPA of at least 3.00. Funds from this scholarship were generated from the 2011 Andy Albright Jingle Jog and the recipient will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

An application form and more details are available on the Freshmen Council website www.fc.stuorg.iastate.edu. Scholarship deadline is Friday, March 2, 2012. If you have questions, please email fcinfo@iastate.edu

New Honors Ambassadors

The Honors Program welcomes three new Ambassadors to our team for spring 2012. Hannah Monical is a first-year in Civil Engineering from Illinois, Kari Techentin is a first-year in Political Science from Minnesota, and Grant Anderson is a Sophomore in Mechanical Engineering from Minnesota. The Honors Ambassadors are a group of leaders who volunteer their time to assist with recruitment and reach out to new students by sharing their experiences.
In this program, students are paired with a non-profit leader for a mentoring relationship. Protégés and their mentors meet for one hour on a weekly basis during the Fall semester to discuss topics such as budgeting, strategic planning, marketing the organization, and other management topics. This program gives students the opportunity to learn more about the non-profit world and the day to day operations of a non-profit organization. Depending on the student and their mentor’s schedule, students may have opportunities to attend board meetings, experience staff and committee meetings, and visit with potential financial donors.

For more information and an application, visit www.sac.iastate.edu/nppp. Applications are due Friday, March 2 by 5:00 p.m.
Rhodes & Marshall Scholarships Info Meeting

An information meeting about the 2012 Rhodes & Marshall Scholarship competitions will be held on Friday, March 2 from 4:10 – 5:00 p.m. in 1151 Jischke Honors Building.

Each year, 32 extraordinary Americans are selected as Rhodes Scholars. The scholarship, which provides $40-60k for two years of study at Oxford University, seeks “excellence in qualities of mind and in qualities of person which, in combination, offer the promise of effective service to the world in the decades ahead.” Competitive candidates will have exceptional records of academic and personal achievement.

The Marshall Scholarship is awarded by the British Government to a select group of highly qualified Americans to foster ties between British and American citizens. The scholarship provides full funding for two years’ study at a university in the United Kingdom. As many as 40 students are selected each year to receive the Marshall Scholarship, an award valued at $40,000 to $60,000. The Marshall is awarded exclusively for academic promise. Seniors graduating Spring 2012 to Spring 2013 and recent alumni are eligible to apply. Candidates must be US citizens. Other eligibility criteria will be detailed at the meeting.

The meeting will offer information on the scholarships, application procedures, and the process by which ISU will select candidates for endorsement. If you are interested in knowing more but unable to attend the meeting, contact Dana Schumacher at 294-4371 or dschumac@iastate.edu and consult http://www.honors.iastate.edu/HonorsWebPage/current/scholarship_opportunities.php

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

The ISU Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program is now accepting applications for the Fall 2012 Cohort. There are 15 available spots this year. Students from all majors may apply; however, in addition to our basic eligibility requirements they must have a strong interest in attending graduate school immediately after completion of the bachelor’s degree. The pre-application can be found on our website at http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/mcnair/homepage.html.

The McNair program is one of the federally funded TRIO programs that focus on the success of first-generation/low-income students.