Welcome/Welcome Back to Honors!

Welcome to Fall ‘12 and the year’s first issue of News & Notes. The newsletter is published and e-mailed to Honors students on or around the 1st and 15th of each month, bringing you information on the Honors Program, its members and activities. You can find past issues archived on the Honors webpage, [http://www.honors.iastate.edu/](http://www.honors.iastate.edu/)

Meet Emily Wilcox, New Assistant Director for First Year Programs!

My name is Emily Wilcox and I am the new Honors Assistant Director for First Year Programs. I am thrilled to be back at Iowa State, and especially to “come home” to Honors. I was involved with the Honors program as an undergraduate: FHP student, FHP leader, and UA. I was with the program during the years it was in Osborne Cottage, Pearson Hall, and finally, the beautiful Jischke Honors Building. I’ve been to the retreat four times, and I’m excited to add more notches to that belt soon!

I graduated from Iowa State a few times: once with a bachelor’s degree in English in 2004 and again with a master’s degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in 2006. From 2006 to this past July I worked at Kansas State University – first with the Women in Engineering and Science Program and then with the College of Engineering. At K-State I worked with NSF programs, women in STEM programs, a tutoring program, and 6 years of managing a summer bridge program for multicultural students. K-State is a great school, probably because it is eerily similar to Iowa State.

Stop by and say hello – I’d love to meet you! My office is right at the top of the stairs in the second floor of Jischke. When I’m not Honors-ing I like baking (maybe for you, if you play your cards right), counting down the days until Catching Fire is in theaters, the Oxford comma, hoarding magazines, and Doctor Who.
Most of our learning experiences at Iowa State can be attributed to classes, work, or internships. For me, one valuable learning experience was meeting Glenn, a driver on the Vet Med CyRide route.

I remember the day Glenn first told me of the pride he takes in his work. He had just, impossibly, squeezed by a parked car on Morrill. Glenn handled the situation seriously and professionally because the riders on his bus depend on him. Glenn has often told me that as a representative of Iowa State, he wants to give his riders the best experience possible.

Glenn has taught me a lot about life. He makes his life purpose-filled, being kind to others and taking genuine interest in their lives. Like Glenn, I hope to make a mark in how I live my life each day. I’m sure it’s not required that CyRide drivers know every Cyclone athlete by name and keep track of how the season’s going, but Glenn does because he loves the university.

When I reflect on college, the people who stand out are the ones who went beyond their job description: the adviser who taught me to be a scientist and the coordinator who was a mom to my department; one professor with a seemingly 24/7 open door policy and another who used Socratic methods rather than lecture; the Spanish host mom who loved me like one of her own and the Honors adviser who oversaw my application for a scholarship... and my bus driver, who did far more than get me to and from work.

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On Commencement

Commonly associated with graduation ceremonies, “commencement” also refers to beginnings: a new year, a new goal, a new chapter in your life. The words that follow are excerpts of recent Honors alum Mariah Lawler’s remarks at the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences’ May 2012 Convocation. We thought her words held meaning not only for graduates, but also for those of you who are beginning new journeys at Iowa State. Marking a new chapter in her life, Mariah will begin a PhD in biochemistry this month.

Looking for Honors Ambassadors!

The Honors Program is looking for energetic students who want to share their Honors experiences with new and prospective students. Honors Ambassadors help with daily Honors admissions visits, Experience Iowa State days, and other recruitment events and activities.

Applications are on the Honors website at: [http://honors.iastate.edu/HonorsWebPage/current/leadership.php](http://honors.iastate.edu/HonorsWebPage/current/leadership.php)

Contact Emily Wilcox at eawilcox@iastate.edu for more information. Applications are due September 7!

Help Wanted

Honors Program Office Assistant

- Starting at $8.00/hour
- Work-study elig. preferred
- Pick up application and job description in 2130 Jischke

Applications due: August 31, 2012

Request information electronically from:
Linda Young
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Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater -- these names belong to foundations that award the nation’s most prestigious scholarships. These awards recognize students of exceptional merit who have established outstanding records of accomplishment in and out of the classroom – including students from ISU!* Opportunities exist for students at all levels, for both undergraduate and graduate study, in a broad range of disciplines. Information meetings on a number of national scholarships will be held in the coming weeks; the meetings are open to both Honors and non-Honors students.

If you are interested in learning more, dig into the National Scholarship web page at [http://www.honors.iastate.edu/HonorsWebPage/current/scholarship_intro.php](http://www.honors.iastate.edu/HonorsWebPage/current/scholarship_intro.php) and attend the meetings on the awards that best suit your history and goals. (Note: you need to attend only one session for those with multiple times)

**Truman Scholarship**
4:10 - 5:00, Wednesday, September 12, in 1151 Jischke Building

**Goldwater Scholarship**
12:10 - 1:00, Friday, September 14, 1151 Jischke
4:10 - 5:00, Thursday, September 14, 1151 Jischke

**International Scholarships for Language and/or Post-Graduate Study by US Students**
5:00 – 6:00, Monday, November 5, Memorial Union Gallery

**Udall Scholarship**
12:10 – 1:00, Friday October 19 in 1151 Jischke
4:10 – 5:00, Friday, October 19 in 1151 Jischke


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**Lauds & Laurels**

Congratulations are due to two Honors students who’ve been in the news!

Rebecca Ehlers, Honors junior in Math, learned in April that she’d won the Robert Noyce Scholarship. Funded by the National Science Foundation, the Noyce recognizes and supports outstanding students preparing for K-12 teaching careers in STEM disciplines. Scholarship recipients received $10,000 per year for the last two years of their pre-service teacher education program and, in return, commit to teaching in a high-need school for a period equal to that of the scholarship.

The novel that was Carl Kirpes’ Honors Capstone was among the achievements that led to his selection as a Tau Beta Pi Laureate. A Summer 2012 graduate with degrees in Industrial and Mechanical Engineering, Carl is one of five students in the nation recognized this year, an honor accorded to only 83 students since the national engineering honorary created the award in 1982.
Engineering International Engagement is hosting a “Tour The World” Engineering Study & Work Abroad Fair. Travel to the Howe Hall Atrium on Tuesday, September 11, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., to see what international opportunities await ISU engineers. At “Tour The World” you’ll find:

- Information about more than 30 engineering-friendly international programs.
- ISU faculty coordinators, students who have experienced these programs, international exchange students currently studying at ISU, and academic advisors—all happy to answer your questions.
- Free food, fun opportunities, music, and door prizes!

Please visit http://www.eng.iastate.edu/eips for more information.