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HONORS PROGRAM INFORMATION

SPRING HONORS CALENDAR  
January 14:  Spring semester classes begin  
January 21:  Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - University Holiday  
January 27:  FHP Leader Retrospective, Jischke Honors Building, 5pm  
February 8:  University Honors Membership approval deadline for Fall Priority Registration
February 8: Outstanding FHP Member Information Sheet due
February 25: Outstanding Honors Member & Outstanding HSB Member Scholarship applications due
March 14: Convert to Honors Credit forms due
March 7: First half classes end; W. Robert Parks Award Nominations due
March 10: Research in the Capitol
March 17-21: Spring Break, no classes
March 22: Honors Seminar registration, begins at Noon
March 25: First day of registration for Fall 2008
April 15: Undergraduate Research Symposium
April 23: Poster Presentation
April 28-May 2: Dead Week

**JISCHKE HONORS BUILDING USE**
All Honors students can be granted access to the Jischke Honors Building after hours through use of a keycard. If you do not have a keycard, you can be issued one through the Honors Program Office. Your first keycard is free of charge, but there is a $20 replacement fee if you lose your access card.

**ATTENTION FALL 2008 GRADUATES!**
Deadlines for project proposal submissions vary among colleges, so please check with the contact for your college Honors Committee if you have any questions. Remember, your senior year will go by quickly- it’s never too early to get ahead on your project!

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**HONORS STUDENT BOARD NEWS**

**SPRING SEMESTER HSB MEETINGS**
The Honors Student Board will meet Mondays at 6:00pm in 1113 Jischke Honors during the Spring Semester. All Honors students are invited to attend!

**GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & OTHER FUNDING**

**SPRING DEADLINES COMING UP FOR MAJOR NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, AND OTHER AWARD OPPORTUNITIES**

A number of nationally competitive fellowship competitions have spring deadlines. Do any of the options listed online at [http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/scholarship_opportunities.php](http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/scholarship_opportunities.php) match with you and your plans?

Most of these types of programs are fiercely competitive and require as a starting point a very high GPA. But if you think you could rise to the challenge, they represent extraordinary opportunities to fund a wide range of experiences, such as:

- *a research project that you’d love to conduct or expand*
- *a graduate school program that really interests you but you’re worried you can’t afford*
Campus and foundation deadlines for application submission to some of these programs are almost immediate (e.g., Goldwater, Truman, Udall, Cooke, Boren); others loom before the end of this semester (e.g., Rotary, Marshall, Rhodes).

Contact Laura Merrick in the Honors office (lmerrick@iastate.edu or 294-0172) to explore these national competitions and many other options. If you think you might be eligible, it’s not too early to get organized—even if you’re not quite ready to tackle an application this spring.

RESEARCH GRANTS FOR HONORS PROJECTS
Grants of up to $750 (University Honors Grants) are available from the Honors Program to defray expenses of your Honors Research Project. A description of the project and a detailed budget are part of the application process. Projects that are substantially completed are ineligible for funding - apply early in your project planning process! Detailed information, including applications, guidelines, and funding are available at http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/scholarships.php or in the Honors Office. The best grant applications are typed, free of spelling errors, and contain thoughtful and clear explanations of project goals and budgets. Work with your project advisor in preparing your application and call Laura Merrick at 294-0172 with questions or concerns. There is no specific deadline for University Honors Grants.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS
Honors students—congratulations on your exceptional academic record! We invite you to consider applying for one or more of the prestigious national scholarships and fellowships for which Iowa State students with high-caliber scholastic credentials and records of leadership and engagement may be eligible. Information is provided on the National Scholarships and Fellowships webpage of the University Honors Program: http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/scholarship_opportunities.php.

These award opportunities range from ones that support study abroad in hundreds of countries worldwide (e.g., Fulbright, NSEP Boren) and ones that provide funds covering research and education expenses while students are still undergraduates (e.g., Goldwater, Udall, Phi Kappa Phi Emerging Scholar) to ones that offer substantial funding to cover the cost of graduate school and associated experiences in the United States or elsewhere (e.g., Marshall, Rhodes, Truman, NSF Graduate Fellowship).

If you are a Freshman or Sophomore, it's not too early to identify experiences that could help you be competitive in the future. Several of these award programs are open to first or second year students! If you are a Junior or Senior, be sure to contact the appropriate Fellowship Advisor right away, especially if the application deadlines occur in the middle of the junior year or beginning of the senior one. Schedule an appointment to chat with Laura Merrick (294-0172 or lmerrick@iastate.edu) or one of the other campus contacts to discuss your options.

ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship is a $24,000 scholarship to pursue graduate work, the purpose of which is to promote international understanding and goodwill through study in another country. The Ambassadorial Scholarship furthers the Rotary Foundation’s mission of promoting world understanding
and peace; Rotary scholars are expected to reach out to help meet humanitarian needs in the community where they are assigned. Generally 2-3 students from Iowa State are selected for the District interviews.

Students interested in the 2008 Rotary Scholarship must have a bachelor’s degree in 2008-2009 and will begin graduate study 2009-2010. Interested students should attend an informational session hosted in the Memorial Union on February 14, from 11-Noon in room 3505 and on February 15, Noon-1pm in the Study Abroad Center.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ISU UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS

Doing research? Want an opportunity or two to showcase your work? Students working on faculty-directed research or on their own research project under faculty direction (e.g., capstone projects, senior theses, and honors projects) are encouraged to publicly present their research at one or both of the following spring events and to provide examples of their scholarly work. Contact Laura Merrick at lmerrick@iastate.edu for more information. Research projects from all disciplines are welcome!

"Research in the Capitol" (March 10): Be selected as one of the 20 undergraduates representing each of the Regents’ universities (ISU, UI, UNI) who display research posters to legislators, reporters, and top university administrators in the 3rd annual “Research in the Capitol” event in the Rotunda of the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines. The abstract submission deadline is Wednesday, January 23: http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/research.php#capitol.

Undergraduate Research Symposium (April 15): Be among those undergraduates selected to present at ISU’s 2nd annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Memorial Union on Tuesday, April 15. It’s a professional-style conference in which students make oral presentations at concurrent sessions moderated by faculty members. The abstract submission deadline is Thursday, February 14: http://www.vpresearch.iastate.edu/UndergradResearch/Symposium/index.html.

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS

It’s not too late to apply to study abroad this summer - - check out the Engineering International Programs & Services (EIPS) website: http://www.eng.iastate.edu/eips Engineering programs for summer 2008 include Spain, Germany, and France. Application deadlines are coming up in February, so stop by EIPS, 101 Marston Hall.

UNIVERSITY LECTURES

The ISU Lectures Program, funded by GSB and the Office of the Provost, is committed to the philosophy that the function of the university is to provide "a market place of ideas." The Committee on Lectures works to bring to campus a broad spectrum of lectures as well as cultural and artistic events. For a complete listing and descriptions of Iowa State University Lectures Program Schedule of Upcoming Events please visit www.lectures.iastate.edu.

Rachel and Me: The Road from SILENT SPRING to LIVING DOWNSTREAM
Monday, January 14, 2008, 8:00 PM @ Pioneer Room, Memorial Union

Let Freedom Ring - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Celebration Carillon Concert
Wednesday, January 16, 2008, 11:50 AM @ Central Campus

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Celebration
Thursday, January 24, 2008, 4:00 PM @ Great Hall, Memorial Union
LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

GUIDE THE ADVENTURE – BE A DESTINATION IOWA STATE TEAM LEADER
We are looking for energetic students that would like to share their excitement for Iowa State. Team Leaders are responsible for attending Destination Iowa State, August 21 – 23, 2008, and helping new students adjust to campus. A $200 stipend will be paid to Team Leaders for their hard work! For more information and to apply, visit http://www.admissions.iastate.edu/leaders. Contact Kari with any questions: klh@iastate.edu or 294-6660. Interviews will take place on February 25th, 26th, or 27th! Applications are due February 1st!

TUTORING POSITIONS AVAILABLE
Tutoring is an excellent opportunity to enhance your communication skills, retain knowledge of completed coursework, and gain the necessary experience to impress potential employers. Each semester, over 200 tutors are hired and trained to provide academic support to students in a variety of undergraduate courses. A variety of workshops are held each semester to not only better prepare you for tutoring situations, but to gain valuable transferable skills that will help you in other aspects of your personal and professional life. Tutors who have not yet earned their bachelor's degree earn $8.00 an hour, and tutors who have completed a four-year degree program earn $9.00 an hour.

Qualifications:
• Earned a grade of B or higher or received AP credits in course(s) you want to tutor
• Must have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (some exceptions apply)
• Must submit one reference form from an instructor, academic advisor, employer, or any ISU staff member

Skill Requirements:
• Knowledge of subject matter
• Ability to effectively communicate subject matter
• Patience and respect toward others

What is the Hiring Process?
• Taken or tested out of the course(s) you would like to tutor;
• Complete an application form, either on-line, or in our office;
• Call us at 294-6624 to schedule an interview;
• Submit one positive reference form from an instructor, academic advisor, employer, or other ISU staff member (Please download the reference form under Resources)
• Complete a one-hour orientation.

TEACH FOR AMERICA
Teach For America is a highly selective organization looking for Iowa State's most outstanding seniors.

Please visit the website, www.teachforamerica.org, to complete an application. Teach For America is the national corps of top performing, recent college graduates and working professionals - of all academic majors, backgrounds and career interests - who commit two years to teach in urban and rural
public schools and become lifelong leaders for expanding educational opportunity for all children. Full salary and health benefits included. Each year, Teach For America selects a diverse, highly selective corps of individuals who have the leadership skills to change the life prospects of students growing up in poverty today and, ultimately, to effect fundamental change from a variety of sectors. Our alumni go on to work from all sectors including education, policy, law, business, medicine, journalism and the sciences. In addition, we have partnerships with top law, business, policy and medical schools.

**WINGSPIREAD CONFERENCE**

**ATTEND A MEETING OF THOUGHTFUL INQUIRY**

Wingspread conferences, sponsored by The Johnson Foundation, bring together experts and other individuals who are leaders in the development of policies specific to the conferences. Honors students at Iowa State are among the students from only a dozen other schools around the nation who have special status as Wingspread Fellows and are invited to apply to attend the conferences at no cost to themselves. Students attend as observers to the deliberations, but have plenty of opportunity to interact with the experts on an informal basis. In fact, it is not necessary to be majoring in the area of the conference topic. The Foundation is interested in encouraging students to become educated citizens and, thus, have opened these conferences to any interested student. Wingspread was built in 1939 and designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Wingspread is located on Wind Point, a peninsula on the western shore of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin. For further information on the conference or facility go to http://www.johnsonfdn.org/tour.html. Please review the conference listings below and consider becoming a Wingspread Fellow. ALL OF YOUR EXPENSES ARE PAID FOR THE CONFERENCES. Contact Laurie Fiegel, lfeigel@iastate.edu, or 294-4371 about upcoming conferences.

**Transforming Teaching and Learning for the Future**

*Statement of Purpose:* To encourage thinking about educational trends and develop a clear sense of where strategic impact on teaching quality can be made within the states.

*Synopsis:* Building off of KnowledgeWorks Foundation’s "The Map of Future Forces Affecting Education", teams of participants from 3 to 6 states will draft proposals for transforming teaching in their respective states. Each coalition will undertake a strategic analysis to identify where and how it can have the greatest impact on teaching quality. Expected outcome: Proposals for action and strategic impact.

*Dates:* February 4-6, 2008 (Monday - Wednesday)– begins at 4:00 p.m.; adjourns at 1:30 p.m.

**GETTING INTO JISCHKE AFTER HOURS**

In order to have after-hours access to the Honors Building, see Linda in the Honors Office and sign up for access. You then will be assigned a card. If you already have a university-provided keycard to enter your residence, the Honors Building system will be coded to allow you entrance using that keycard. If you do not have a keycard, you will be issued one that you will be able to pick up at the Honors Program Office. It may be as long as two weeks for the new keycards to be issued or for current keycards to be coded into the system.

You will be granted access to the Honors Building as long as you are a member of the Honors Program in good standing and you must abide by the After Hours Building Use Policy. If you lose your access card there is a $20 replacement fee.

**THE AFTER-HOURS BUILDING-USE POLICY FOR THE JISCHKE HONORS BUILDING!** Three words: USE GOOD JUDGEMENT! *If you need further elaboration, read on:* These are a few rules and guidelines that all students must follow when using the Honors Building after business hours. These are based on the Building-Use policy, ISU building-use regulations, ISU security regulations, and Jischke Honors Building supervisor policies. In general, after-hours use of the Honors
Building is a PRIVILEGE granted by ISU security and the Building Supervisor. This privilege can and has been revoked for student noncompliance of the building policies and guidelines. It is for the benefit of all that these guidelines be followed. HSB, as the Honors student representative body, has the responsibility to make all Honors students aware of these policies and to enforce them. These common-sense rules MUST be followed; by not doing so, you directly jeopardize the privilege of Honors Building use after hours for all students.

---Entrance after hours is by access card only. Card readers are located at the Northeast door and the South door.
---Do not post any signs, flyers, etc. on the walls or woodwork.
---Pick up trash before you leave.
---You may not sleep overnight in the Honors Building.
---Only members in good standing in the Honors Program are allowed in the Honors Building. You may not allow non-honors students into the building after hours.
---NEVER prop an outside door open - it violates the university building-use policy and it sets off an alarm.
---If someone is studying, respect their right to study quietly - that's why the building is here.
---Don't use the phone for lengthy personal conversations. It is for the benefit of all that these guidelines be followed.

NOTE: There is to be no alcohol or illegal drugs in the Honors Building at any time. Violators will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.