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HONORS PROGRAM INFORMATION

Fall 2006 HONORS CALENDAR
October 8: HSB Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m., Jischke Honors Building
October 13: First half semester classes end; Advising for Spring 2006 registration begins
October 13: Stewart Grant Application Deadline
October 13-14: FHP Retreat
October 16: Second half semester classes begin
October 19: First day of registration for Spring 2006
October 27: HSB Ice Skating, 10:00pm ISU/Ames Ice Arena
November 2: HSB Dinner Exchange, 5:30 p.m., Jischke Honors Building
November 15-18: NCHC in Philadelphia, PA
November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break, no classes
December 3: HSB Sunday Before Class, 5:00 p.m., Jischke Honors Building
December 4: Poster Presentation, Great Hall, 3:30-5:30p.m.
December 4-8: Dead Week
December 11-15: Finals Week

2nd HALF SEMESTER HONORS SEMINARS
The following is a listing of the Honors Seminars still available for the second half of Fall 2006 semester. Second half seminars begin on Monday, October 16. Descriptions of the seminars can be found online at http://www.honors.iastate.edu/current/seminars_f06.php. Reference numbers are also posted online.

HON 321B  Cracking the Code of Life: Biology in the Information Age  W 6:00-8:00pm (2nd)
HON 321H  Incunabula to PDFs: What is the Future of Libraries?  T 6:00-8:00pm (2nd)
HON 321S  Art, Medicine, Healing and the Creative Process  T/R 3:10-4:00pm (2nd)

HAVE ANY GOOD IDEAS LATELY?
If you have a good idea for an Honors Seminar topic, let us know. We are always interested in good seminar topics. If you have an idea who could or should teach the seminar, we’d love to hear that too. Please contact Gene Takle, gstakle@iastate.edu, 294-4371. The faculty/staff deadline to propose a seminar for Spring 2007 is September 15, 2006. Honors Seminar Proposal forms are available online.

CREDIT LIMIT FOR REGISTRATION
The general registration policy states that students cannot register for more than eighteen (18) credits for any semester. All Honors students, including 2006-2007 Freshman Honors Program members, have a twenty-one (21) credit limit for registration. This limit will be coded automatically by the Honors Program Office.

PASS/NOT PASS POLICY FOR HONORS STUDENTS
Honors students may not take any course Pass/Not Pass unless approval has been secured from the student's college Honors committee prior to the student selecting the Pass/Not Pass option. Please note that this policy does not apply to courses/seminars offered on a Satisfactory/Fail grading system. It applies only to those courses --- both Honors and non-Honors --- for which you may elect the Pass/Not Pass system rather than the standard A-F grading system.

ATTENTION SPRING 2007 GRADUATES!
It may appear to be a long way off still, but for those of you who are planning on graduating next spring you need to be thinking about your project proposals and projects now! 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!
Agriculture: Chair, Joan Cunnick, 383D Science I, jcunnick@iastate.edu
WOULD YOU LIKE TO MOVE TO HONORS HOUSING?
There are limited spaces in Honors Housing available for males and females. Honors Houses are located in Martin/Starbuck, Barton/Anders, and Lyon/Harwood. If you are not happy with your current living arrangements and would like to move into Honors Housing, please contact Kurt Earnest at kearnest@iastate.edu.

♦ HSB NEWS
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Come one come all to the annual HBS Ice Cream Social October 8th at 6pm in the Honors building! There will be several different ice cream flavors and toppings to choose from. If you have any allergies or a preference for flavors and toppings, email our HSB social chair Suzy Kehret at skehret@iastate.edu!

HSB CLUSTER REPS WANTED
The Honors Student Board is still looking for two students for HSB exec board positions. Do you live in an Honors Cluster? Would you like to get more involved with the Honors Program? The Honors Student Board needs two Honors Cluster Representatives (one from RCA and one from UDA). An Honors Cluster Representatives needs to be able to attend our weekly meetings (this semester the meetings are Mondays at 8pm). They will be the liaison between their cluster and the Honors Student Board. This is a great way to get involved without worrying about not having enough time. If you are interested in this position please send an e-mail to Rachel Allen rdallen@iastate.edu.

♦ AWARDS & RECOGNITION
ISU STUDENT TO ATTEND WINGSPREAD CONFERENCE
Yolanda Coli, Honors senior in Health and Human Performance, has been selected to attend the upcoming Wingspread Conference entitled “Scope and Consequences of K-12 Science and Mathematics Teacher Turnover” on October 3-5, 2006 in Wind Point, Wisconsin as a Wingspread Fellow. 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. Congratulations Yolanda!

♦ GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & OTHER FUNDING
RESEARCH GRANTS FOR HONORS PROJECTS
Grants of up to $500 (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 from Suzanne 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 the Honors Office at 294-0855 with questions or concerns. There is no specific deadline for University Honors Grants.

STEWART RESEARCH AWARDS
The Stewart Research Awards provide financial support of up to $600 for Honors students’ research projects. Full members of the Honors Program who are proposing research in any academic discipline may
apply and the award may be combined with any other financial grant. Awards may be given to a student for a research project which is not designated by the student as his or her required Honors Project, although preference is given to those projects likely to result in a student authored or co-authored publication. The University Honors Committee funds a limited number of awards each year, and the competitive nature of these awards means that students must supply a letter of support from the project advisor. Research awards may be used for any expenses incurred during the project, including travel and equipment costs. Application materials are available in the Honors Office. The deadline is October 13, 2006.

♦ EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA GRADUATE COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Designed especially for junior and senior undergraduates contemplating pursuit of graduate education, the University of Iowa’s Fall 2006 Graduate College Open House provides an opportunity for highly motivated students to learn more about the advantages and resources of pursuing graduate education at The University of Iowa. Students will have an opportunity to network with UI faculty and students to learn more about the outstanding academic and creative research programs here. In addition, Dr. Marcus Huggans, a GEM fellowship representative, will also be available on campus to meet with students interested in applying for this minority fellowship opportunity in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The event will be held Thursday, October 19, 2006 from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm at the Iowa Memorial Union in the Richey Ballroom (Room 376). The program will feature:

- Presentations and informal Q&A sessions with faculty and student panels
- Learn about the application and admissions process to graduate school
- Meet and talk with students about graduate student life
- Hear about strategies and programs for financing your graduate education
- Visits to academic departments and programs around campus
- Talk to faculty and students in your program(s) of interest
- Tour the campus facilities

Participants may check in starting at 8:15 am in Room 376 Richey Ballroom and enjoy a light continental breakfast before the program starts at 9:00 am.

Students interested in participating should send their registration form by Monday, October 2, 2006. Information on this form will help ensure that students can tour their top program of interest. Additional information about the GraduateCollege is available at www.grad.uiowa.edu. Students may return a registration form by mail or fax or register online:
http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/OnlineRegistration/GCOpenHouse/

Please feel free to contact Joe Henry, Coordinator of Recruitment Activities, with any questions about this event: (319) 335-2138 or joseph-henry@uiowa.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Scholar Ship has announced Honors Scholar Grants for students enrolled in honors colleges and programs in the U.S. For the 2007/2008 academic year, grants of $5,000 each will be awarded to four outstanding students.

The Scholar Ship is a semester-long academic program aboard a dedicated passenger ship that traverses the globe as an oceangoing campus. Students and staff from around the world together form a transnational learning community designed to develop their intercultural competencies and leadership skills.

Participating in an intercultural academic program while traveling the world aboard a passenger ship is an extraordinary opportunity. The Scholar Ship embarks on a semester-long journey around the world twice each year, commencing in September 2007 and each January and September thereafter. Itineraries
vary from voyage to voyage, but all are planned to provide engaging learning experiences through our port program that complement the curriculum onboard. Our oceangoing campus serves as the backdrop for continuous transcultural encounters that would be virtually impossible to replicate on land-based campuses.

The Scholar Ship is built on four key elements:
- an onboard classroom learning environment
- a multicultural residential and social community
- an academically integrated port program
- a strategic research initiative

If you would like to be considered for an Honors Scholar Grant, submit a completed Grant Proposal available at www.thescholarship.com/honors. This proposal must describe how your participation onboard The Scholar Ship will be integrated into the ongoing internationalization efforts of your institution and its honors college/program. This description must be endorsed (and preferably created in collaboration with) those responsible for the honors college/program and the internationalization process on your campus. The deadline for submission of proposal is February 1, 2007 for September 2007 voyage and July 1, 2007 for January 2008 voyage.

We are strongly committed to having a high-quality student population aboard The Scholar Ship that is diverse, both culturally and socio-economically. To achieve this goal, we have created a general scholarship fund from which grants will be awarded to students based on merit and economic need. For the 2007/2008 academic year, we have committed $2 million to this fund. In addition to the Honors Scholar Grants earmarked for them, honors college/program students are also eligible to compete for awards from the general scholarship fund.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship awarded from our general scholarship fund, simply proceed through the student application process and complete the Scholarships & Financial Aid section of the application. Again, scholarships will be awarded to students based on merit and economic need.

**ARTHURIAN FILM KNIGHT**

Join the students of Hon 321A (King Arthur: History, Legend, & Cinema) for an Arthurian film series Tuesday nights this fall. Students in the seminar will introduce you to the films. You can just sit back and enjoy the adventure. All honors students welcome, but seating is limited.

**Tues., Oct. 24** -- *Knights of the Round Table*, starring Robert Taylor, Ava Gardner, and Mel Ferrer (running time 115 min)


Films begin at 7 p.m. in room 1151 Jischke Honors Building.

**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. Here is a brief listing of upcoming lectures for this semester:

Political Action Week Welcome - Senator John Kerry
02 Oct 2006, 11:00 AM @ Central Campus
Political Action Week - Tuesday: In God We Trust?
03 Oct 2006, 11:00 AM @ Central Campus until 2 p.m.

Political Action Week - Equal Rights: Fact or Fiction?
04 Oct 2006, 11:00 AM @ Central Campus until 2 p.m.
Political Action Week - Flowers or Freeways?
05 Oct 2006, 11:00 AM @ Central Campus until 2 p.m.
Space, Time, and Storytelling in the Making of an American Place - William Cronon
05 Oct 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
Political Action Week - The Student Struggle: Are We Second Class Citizens?
06 Oct 2006, 11:00 AM @ Central Campus until 2 p.m.
Guantanamo and the Constitution: The Role of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Global War on Terror
Neal Katyal
09 Oct 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

IN GOOD CONSCIENCE - A film
10 Oct 2006, 7:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union

Campaign 2006 - Congressman Tom Latham
11 Oct 2006, 4:00 PM @ South Ballroom, Memorial Union
11 Oct 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
Both Sides Now: Misguided Attacks on Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis - Adam Finkel
12 Oct 2006, 8:00 PM @ Gallery Room, Memorial Union
The New World of Water - Margaret Catley-Carlson
16 Oct 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
The Design Process, Autism and Animals - Temple Grandin
18 Oct 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
The Crack at the Edge of the World: America and the Great California Earthquake of 1906 - Simon Winchester
19 Oct 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
Peace in Sudan? One Year After the Death of John Garang - Brian D'Silva
23 Oct 2006, 8:00 PM @ Gerdin Auditorium
The Role of Health Professionals in Military Prisons - Steven Miles
24 Oct 2006, 7:30 PM @ 1148 Gerdin
Spirit and Food - Mary Swander
25 Oct 2006, 7:00 PM @ Great Hall, Memorial Union
The Global Economy - Joseph Biden
31 Oct 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
Global Justice and Human Rights - Trudy Rubin
01 Nov 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
How to Make Your Vote Count - Ben Cohen
02 Nov 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room/South Ballroom, Memorial Union
Critical Landscapes: From Pork Barrels to Otherworldly Dumps and Gardens with Mira Engler
06 Nov 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America with Mindy Thompson Fullilove
07 Nov 2006, 8:00 PM @ Great Hall, Memorial Union
Active Glaciers - Neal Iverson
09 Nov 2006, 8:00 PM @ Gallery Room, Memorial Union
Pop Culture, Politics and Writing - Steve Almond
09 Nov 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
The Melting Ice Cellar - Patricia A. L. Cochran
16 Nov 2006, 8:00 PM @ Sun Room, Memorial Union
**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**SKUNK RIVER NAVY DAYS (OCTOBER 7)**

For the 9th year, the BEST learning community and interested volunteers are coming together to form the Skunk River Navy (SRN). The primary focus of the SRN clean-up project is to educate incoming freshman biology students about organismal diversity and ecology in a real-world setting. Individual students who wish to volunteer for a particular date should contact Brandy Cunningham to coordinate Honors volunteers for each day.

All SRN days will begin at 9:00 AM in room 112 Bessey Hall, ISU campus. Be on time or risk being left behind. Transportation and lunch will be provided. (If you wish to drive your own vehicle to facilitate departure before we're finished, or provide additional transportation in the event that the ISU vans are full, that's fine) You WILL get wet and muddy. Wear shoes (old tennis shoes work very well) and clothes (jeans get very heavy when wet) that you don't mind getting wet and muddy. We will be picking up trash along about 3 miles of river. The walking/wading is often "challenging". -Bring water to drink. -Dress for the weather. Unless the water level in the river is too high, we will most likely be going. -You may want insect repellent and sunscreen. -"Cookies at the Colbert's" will be available at the end of SRN days -Approximate time of return to campus will be 5:00 PM.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**APPLY TO BE A CYCLONE AIDE**

Looking for a leadership opportunity unlike any other on campus? Become a… CYCLONE AIDE!

-Introduce new students to Iowa State
- Assist with Orientation and Destination Iowa State
- Develop excellent communication, public speaking and leadership skills
- Share your Cyclone pride!

For more information and to apply online visit: [http://admissions.iastate.edu/leaders](http://admissions.iastate.edu/leaders). Applications must be submitted by October 20th! Questions? Contact Amy Bainum (abainum@iastate.edu) at 294-5714 or stop by 2630 Memorial Union.

**INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**ISU ITALIAN CLUB**

Come join the ISU Italian Club! Meetings are Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the MU Food Court. For more information contact Rebecca Boss at rboss@iastate.edu.

**WINGSPIREAD CONFERENCEES**

**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](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 Brandy Cunningham, brandyc@iastate.edu, or 294-5827, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if you are interested in attending one of the sessions listed below.

Integrating Ecological and Economic Risks in Wildfire Management
Statement of Purpose: To “field test” the approaches and concepts developed at the SETAC Pellston Workshop on ecological valuation including critical social and cultural perspectives, to achieve sound environmental decisions. This conference was developed to: Critically review the conclusions on the roles of cultural and sociological perspectives in risk-based decision making; review the methods and approaches for integrating environmental economics, cultural and sociological considerations into ecological risk assessment and management; and publish the recommendations of the Workshop through SETAC Press, The Johnson Foundation, or both. The principal issue is: Economic valuation of ecological resources. Dates: October 22-25, 2006 (Sunday - Wednesday)– begins at 4:00 p.m.; adjoins at 10:30 a.m.

Climate Institute to Engage State Legislatures
Statement of Purpose: To provide state legislatures with the tools and knowledge to make smart climate policy decisions. This conference was developed to: Address climate change in the absence of national policy guidance. The principal issue is: Global warming. Synopsis: Convening of state legislators who are leading climate change policy at the state level, and climate scientists, to promote more state climate change policies. Expected Outcome: Resource materials for state legislatures nationwide. Dates: November 29 - December 1, 2006 (Wednesday - Friday)– begins at 6:00 p.m.; adjourns at 2:00 p.m.

Leadership Summit for Sustainable America: Environmental and Natural Resource Stewardship (2nd of 4)
Statement of Purpose: To review the nation's progress on sustainable development over the past decade and to develop an action plan for advancing U.S. sustainability over the next five years. This second meeting of four will focus on environmental and natural resource stewardship. This conference was developed to: Create an action plan based on key findings of the President's Council on Sustainable Development report (1996), and develop sustainability indicators for measuring progress at the national level. The principal issue is: Sustainable development. Synopsis: This conference continues a series of four with an examination of resource stewardship goals for the U.S. Future conferences will address other specialized areas. Expected Outcome: An action plan and set of indicators to measure progress, and assignments for organizations to track progress. Dates: December 4-6, 2006 (Monday - Wednesday)– begins at 4:00 p.m.; adjourns at 1:30 p.m.

♦ GETTING INTO FORT 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 will then 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: DON'T BE STUPID!
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.