

# THE Honor Roll

"To see the Summer Sky  
Is Poetry, though never in a Book it lie -  
True Poems flee." — Emily Dickinson

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

**Dr. Kim Pereira**  
Director of Honors Program  
Professor of Theatre

Greetings,

Another wonderful year has passed and I could not be more proud of the Honors Program, staff and students. We have accomplished so much, from fascinating faculty panel discussions to research presentations and contributions through student organizations, some of which will be mentioned in this issue. But the impact you have in so many ways cannot be truly assessed as you go through this wonderful journey.

I am thrilled that our three Fulbright students were successfully placed for next year. Going to a foreign country either as Fulbright students or to study abroad is one of the most important things you can do and I urge you to consider this as part of your education plans. You can talk to any of our students who have done this and every single one of them will endorse such a plan as perhaps the best thing they did.

We have a wonderful team of students to help with the running of the Honors Program; I know we could not be as efficient and successful as we are without your help. Our Graduate students, HPMs, PSAs, and SALT members are remarkable and I want to thank them for all the work they did this year and to welcome the new members for next year.

I hope you have a great summer and that you come back with thrilling stories.

Best wishes for your exams.

Kim Pereira, Ph.D.  
Director of the Honors Program  
Professor of Theatre

## It's finals time!

We encourage you to keep the following tips in mind...

**Create an environment conducive to studying.** Stop kidding yourself. Starbucks is not a place to get good studying done. Your study locale should be silent, distraction free, well lit, and with enough room to spread your books across a table. You should have headphones and an MP3 player, whether you listen to music or not since putting the headphones on when studying, even without music, will generally keep anyone from bothering you.

**Study with a group only if it makes sense.** Many students believe (mistakenly) that a study group always affords an advantage: more brain power plus peer pressure to crack the books. This works well depending on the subject, your learning style and if your study buddies are dedicated. Remember exam time isn't charity time.

**Read the instructions—and make a plan.** When you get to the exam and get your test sheet, take the time to carefully survey the format of the test. How many questions are you being asked to answer? Is there a choice? How much is each part worth? Then make a (tentative) plan—right up front, before you start working.

**Be sure to develop your answers fully.** Many students don't realize that on essay exams part of what's being graded is how well you develop and explain your answer, not just how correct it is. Consider explaining your points in more detail so that someone unfamiliar with the answer would know, just from what you say, what the answer is.

**Make it easy on the grader.** Make clear which question you're answering, begin to give your answer in the very first sentence of your essay, show all your work in a problem-based exam and make sure to write neatly!

**Don't panic too soon.** In three hours, confronted with a number of questions of varying degrees of difficulty, there are bound to be ups and downs—times you're feeling better, and worse, about how the test is going. Ignore such instantaneous feedback, such self evaluation is often wrong anyway.

**Pace yourself.** Two or three hours is a long time so think of the final exam as a work session, divided into a number of sub-sessions. Take a short break between test sections. Approach each question separately from the rest.

*Best of luck on your finals!*

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# H S O & P S C l u b C o m m e n t

Members of the **Honors Students Organization** should be very proud of all they have accomplished over this past year. We came together in September to celebrate the beginning of a great school year ahead of us by having an ice cream social in the middle of the quad. We also had great participation in celebrating Illinois State University's homecoming by decorating the Honors Office to competing in the Redbird Rumble to walking in the parade. We competed for bragging rights at both the board game night and at bowling to cap our remarkable year.

Not only did we have a tremendous amount of fun hanging out at social events throughout the year together, but we also participated in great philanthropic events. As an organization, we have made a huge impact on the ISU, Bloomington-Normal and national community. In the fall, we wrote Halloween cards for children with terminal illnesses at BroMenn Hospital then we spent a cold evening together building bonds and ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. To end our fall semester, we adopted two children from the Bloomington-Normal area and collected donations and gifts to help these children experience an exceptional holiday season. We raised awareness about body image while collecting numerous bags of clothes for the Be Comfortable in Your Genes campaign. Finally, we came together to raise over \$2600 for Relay for Life and had an immense amount of fun at Relay for Life. **Congrats HSO on another great year!**  
*Written by: Angela Howard*



The **Presidential Scholars Club** has certainly kept busy this year with both social and service events! We began the year by dominating the Honors Student Organization in a "Battle of the Brains" Jeopardy competition. We later expanded our artistic horizons (and worked toward our Sophomore Honors Designations!) by sponsoring "A Trip to the Theater" for P.S. Club members to see Kim Pereira in *Bhopal*. More recently, we explored noteworthy sites on ISU's campus in a competitive scavenger hunt. We were also proud to see four teams of Presidential Scholars Club members advance to the National Academic Quiz Tournament final in Champaign.

Our biggest event of the semester was our first annual "Rock the Beat" Dance Marathon. After this wild night of dancing, we raised \$200 for the American Heart Association. Participants danced for over six hours until the evening culminated into a riveting game of musical chairs to help us crown a winner. Our exhausted finalists took home gift cards and prizes galore!

In addition, the Presidential Scholars Club gave back to the community by holding a blood drive in November, making valentines for children at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bloomington in February, and hosting a Dine-to-Donate event at Avanti's in March to raise money to sponsor a Special Olympics participant to travel to the Games in Greece. The chilliest part of our semester was a cool dip in the Miller Park Lake to benefit The Special Olympics of Central Illinois. Our group proudly raised over \$500 for this great cause! **Here's to an awesome year and more fun in the fall!**  
*Written by: Karina Palukaitis, Ashley Brown and Molly Briggs*





# S.A.L.T. Shaker

## **Book Bag To Briefcase: A Night With Honors Alumni** by Ashley Knorr, SALT member

On March 23, the ISU Honors Program and the Student Ambassador Leadership Team (SALT) sponsored the annual "Book Bag to Briefcase: A Night with Honors Alumni" event. This year the panelists featured Andrew Cross, Sarah Hoekstra, Neil Wilson, Amanda Rassi and Rebecca Weinschenker. Andrew graduated in 2010 with a BA in Public Relations and a minor in Political Science. Sarah graduated in 2010 as well with a BS in Special Education. Neil Wilson graduated in 2006 with a BS in Computer Science and a minor in mathematics. Amanda graduated in 2007 with a BA in Spanish Education and a minor in Math Education. Finally, Rebecca graduated in 2007 as well with a BS in Actuarial Science and a minor in Insurance.

Once the clock struck 7 PM and seats were filled, student moderator Ashley Brown began with a brief introduction of each of the panelist. Once introduced, each panelists was asked a particular question to answer. Then, any audience member was welcomed to ask whatever they wanted to know from the panelists. Questions ranged from, "Did you move out as soon as you graduated?" and "What is it like to live on your own?" to "What is the one thing that you believe is important to do before leaving the Illinois State campus?"

When the time was up, students were invited to stay for refreshments and talk more with each of the panelists. This provided students with the opportunity to gain knowledge that was more relevant to their individual circumstances.



## **The Honors Program Presents: Trends & Fads Through the Decades**

by Kristen Farmer, SALT member

On April 11, over 50 Honors students gathered in Schroeder Hall for the panel, "Trends and Fads Through the Decades." ISU faculty members gave their perspectives on how entertainment and fashion have evolved over time. According to Film professor Dr. Sharon Zeck, "Popular culture is a constantly receding horizon." This ever-changing nature makes it hard to keep up with, let alone teach. Dr. Zeck commented on how she thinks that while 3D television in its current form will not last long, it will most certainly evolve into some form of holographic imaging that may greatly impact our technological lives. The viewing of movies and videos themselves has already changed greatly due to internet sites like YouTube and companies like Netflix. Why would anyone need to pay \$10 for a theatre ticket when they can rent it for just a few dollars or find a viral video online?

Dr. Tricia Widner Johnson from Apparel Merchandising made the distinction between a trend, which is noticeable in the market, versus a fad, which starts quickly and fizzles quickly. She also mentioned that while fashion seems new and exciting, there is nothing out there that has not been tried before. Just think of when bell bottoms made their comeback. Fashion has many factors that cause it to change like lifestyles, economics, technology, and marketing. When looking around campus, there are Northface jackets, Ugg Boots, Victoria's Secret yoga pants, Nike shoes, and other brands displayed proudly by students. Thanks in part to designers like Calvin Klein, society is obsessed with brands- the name means everything.

Music professor Dr. Martha Horst introduced the audience to the multicultural trend that is sweeping her field. Artists like Yo-Yo Ma are assembling musicians from around the world to produce a cultural fusion, of which a major emphasis is on combining Chinese and Western elements. These musical creations then seep into other mediums, like Oreo commercials and Star Trek. Dr. Horst noted that Western influence can be seen in rappers from other countries, but funding cuts in schools will soon cause there to not be as many musicians that can develop their talent. All the students present enjoyed hearing how trends and fads filter through our culture and others around the world.



# S.A.L.T. Shaker

## Honors Program Student Leaders for 2011-2012

### HPMs

Kim Caldwell  
 Brooke Happ  
 Brooke Harris  
 Rita Hess  
 Matt Miller  
 Erin Musser  
 Kristin Olsen  
 Sam Shimanek  
 Jeremy Voltz

### PSAs

Maggie Leonard  
 Nancy O'Neill

### SALT Team

Shalisa Reitz, Student Activities Intern  
 Ashley Brown  
 Kim Caldwell  
 Alyssa Hunckler  
 Brian Kulaga  
 Tyler Malone  
 Aly Sivek

We are excited to welcome Lindsay Clements and Jacquelyn Liesen as Graduate Assistants for 2011-2012.

## Honors Relay For Life Team

### Fundraising Total



Thank you, Relay team! We raised approximately \$2,600 this year for the American Cancer Society. Way to go!

### HONORS RELAY TEAM MEMBERS

*Captain:*

Bonnie Pollock

*Participants:*

Kimberly Boehm

Matthew Brewer

Kim Caldwell

Katie Crawford

Rita Hess

Callan Heurung

Abigail Idefonso

Kim Kijowski

Genna Logue

Tyler Malone

Lisa Papeck

Michele Perchess

Zachary Sheehan

Michelle Suhi

Erin Tebrugge

Jenn Uhlman

Laura Winkelman

Sarah Zavoral

**In-Course Honors Project Contest  
Winners Announced**

**Katie Witty, Winner, \$100**

**Quality Category**

Katie is a senior Psychology and Exercise Science double major. For her Psychopathology course, she wrote a paper on post traumatic stress disorder in police officers, which was well written and extensive in scope.

**Marcella Petrielli, Honorable Mention, \$50**

**Quality Category**

Marcella is a junior Studio Arts major. For her Art of the Ancient near East class she wrote a paper on Egyptian jewelry and also made an interesting connection to her metalwork and jewelry making class.

**Katherine Clausing, Winner, \$100**

*Creative Category*

Katherine is a sophomore English and Spanish double major and in her Individuals, Society, and Justice class she wrote a paper that made an unexpected connection between Buddhism and the book *The Giving Tree*.

**Victoria Davis, Winner, \$100**

**UNIQUE CATEGORY**

Victoria is a junior English Education major and for her Foundations in Literature for Children class, she wrote a paper on the portrayal of Native Americans in Pocahontas and *Indian in the Cupboard*, also including a DVD that she put together with clips from the films.

**Amanda Underwood, Honorable Mention, \$50**

**UNIQUE CATEGORY**

Amanda is a senior Elementary Education major and for her American Family: Change and Diversity class, she wrote a discussion of holiday traditions in Germany, utilizing pictures and interviews with family members.



**Honors Students Making the Headlines**

*Congratulations Mike & Kasey!* Mike Shannon, junior finance & economics major and Kasey Gandham, sophomore marketing and economics major and members of Alpha Kappa Psi took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Regional Case Competition at the Chicago Principled business Leadership Institute.

*Way to go, Nick & Katie!* Nick Andriano and Katie Petravick competed at the Triathlon Nationals on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They trained since January to be ready to compete in the grueling Olympic distance event.

## We asked our SALT members to share what they are most looking forward to about summer.

I am most looking forward to roasting s'mores and eating home-cooked meals this summer. Food just tastes better overall when it's 80 degrees and sunny.

**Ashley Brown**

I am looking forward to spending my days having fun with kids at a summer camp. I also can't wait to barbeque and watch the White Sox have an awesome season!

**Kristen Farmer**

This summer I am most looking forward to going to Florida with my family.

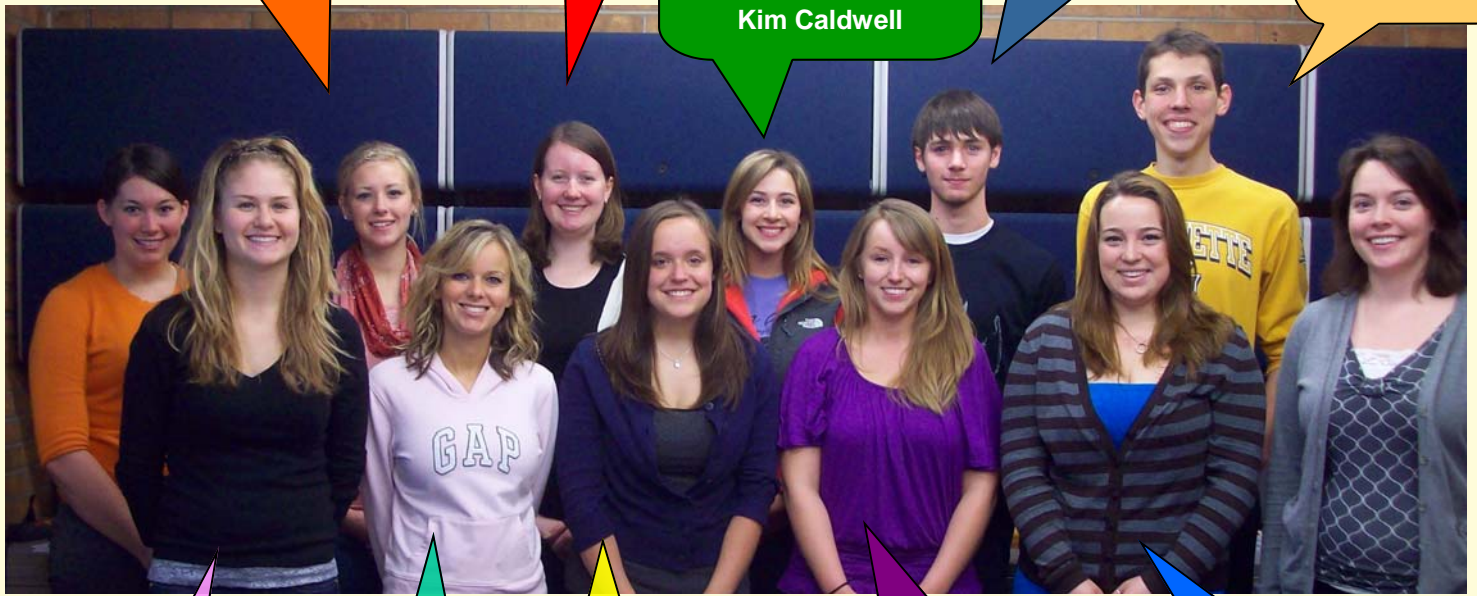
**Kim Caldwell**

The thing I'm most looking forward to this summer is playing soccer and basketball with my friends from high school. I also am excited for assisting with research done by my faculty colleague, Dr. Juliano of the BSC Department.

**Tyler Malone**

This summer I am most looking forward to working at Camp Independence, which is a day camp for teenagers with physical and cognitive disabilities.

**Brian Kulaga**



I am most looking forward to sitting in the bleachers at Wrigley Field this summer!

**Aly Sivek**

This summer I am most looking forward to my trip to Florida with my friends and being outside as much as possible! I also enjoy going to concerts and bon fires.

**Claire Phillips**

I am most looking forward to the warm weather (hopefully) and spending time relaxing in the sun!

**Ashley Knorr**

I can't wait to play sand volleyball and rent some movies during summer break! It's the perfect time to get together with some friends and have a relaxing night after the hectic school year!

**Shalisa Reitz**

I am most looking forward to enjoying the great summer weather and having a little more time to sleep!

**Jamie Kennett**

# Fulbright Scholars for 2011-2012

**Bill Gugerty**, ISU Honors alum with his BS/MPA and CPA, worked in his field for two years; then moved to a nonprofit organization, serving on the Board of Directors as Treasurer. He is a Fulbright Scholar for a research grant to Moldova, where he will perform an intensive case study and comparative research of Moldovan microfinance institutions. He wants to determine strategies used for those most effective in weathering the current financial crisis. Bill believes in helping those in local poverty in that region benefit from MFIs. He currently is in a master's program in International Relations at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. As an undergraduate, Bill completed a full semester study abroad to Germany and an intensive Spanish language study in Spain for three months. Bill is from Aurora, Illinois.



**Kim Karnatz** recently learned she will be a Fulbright Scholar as an English Teaching Assistant in India. She is a senior Middle Level Teacher Education major, currently student teaching in Chicago. Kim is a Golden Apple Scholar, which has provided her with numerous teaching opportunities, including with the Chicago Public Schools. She has been to Tanzania, where she taught English and yoga to middle school students. Kim is interested in this unique cultural experience, and would like to teach English and research the use of yoga in school classrooms and its affect on students' self-control issues and physical and mental well-being. Kim is from McHenry, Illinois.

**Jessica Wozniak**, senior English Publishing major and Bone Scholar, is a Fulbright Scholar to Montenegro for an English Teaching Assistantship. She is interested in organizing a chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honors Society, of which she is co-president of the ISU chapter, to encourage language exchange and networking opportunities for her students. Jessica has participated in a study abroad to Canterbury and in two Alternative Winter Break experiences to Dominican Republic and Guatemala. She believes in the importance of global awareness and helping others and is exploring opportunities to pursue this avenue through this Fulbright opportunity and beyond. Jessica is from Carol Stream, Illinois.



The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by then-Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The Program is sponsored by the U. S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Approximately 294,000 "Fulbrighters," 111,000 from the United States and 183,000 from other countries, have participated in the Program since its inception more than sixty years ago. The Fulbright Program awards approximately 7,500 new grants each year. Currently, the Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



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