

THE Honor Roll

"A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad." -Theodore Roosevelt

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Welcome 2011



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kim Pereira
Director, Honors Program
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Greetings,

Coming back to school is an exciting time—a new year stretches ahead with promise and potential (AND it's still summer). So many exciting things to look forward to in the Honors Program. Once again I want to exhort you to take advantage of all the various programs and events our wonderful staff design for you. Remember, your education is really in your hands and unless you can go "Beyond the Classroom" you will not get the best out of your stay here; you are Honors students, which means you already have the intellectual curiosity and motivation to discover new paths to your dreams—but first you must dream!

To our incoming students, freshmen and transfers: I hope you can feel at home quickly and hit the ground running. In this issue you will see evidence of students like you who have embraced the notion of a full education—Fulbright opportunities, service and study trips abroad. Read the advice of Honors graduates, pay attention to the notices and information items; make this Program your very own.

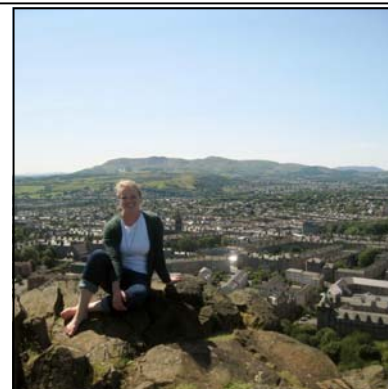
As always, we have a terrific staff ready to help in any way it can—please be in touch with us. We can help with so many things—not just regular advising but also career advice, co-curricular activities, and any academic-related questions.

Welcome back. Hope you have a wonderful year. As always, my door is open to you whenever you want.

Kim Pereira,
Director, Honors Program
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Fulbright Summer Institute

Honors sophomore Kelsey Bunner participated in a 5-week cultural and academic program at Newcastle University in the U.K through the Fulbright Summer Institute Program.



Kelsey on King Arthur's Seat above Edinburgh, Scotland.

This is a relatively new program and it is for freshmen and sophomores with at least a 3.5 GPA and with little or no travel experience. It is a spring application and the majority of the costs will be covered, including what is listed below:

- *round-trip airfare from the US to the UK
- *tuition & fees at the Newcastle University
- *accommodation and social programming
- *food and drink

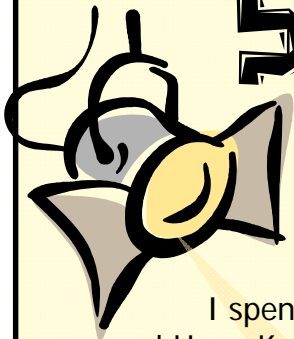
In Kelsey's own words...

These last few weeks have truly been some of the greatest of my life. I am sharing a flat with 5 other Fulbright girls and they have become some of my closest friends. When we are not in lecture we have traveled across Britain to such places as Oxford, Stratford-Upon-Avon, the Lake district, York, Leeds, Edinburgh, and London. We have seen multiple historical and beautiful places such as Blenheim Palace, Warwick Castle, Lindisfarne Island, Hadrian's Wall, Alnwick Castle and Gardens, and Shakespeare's houses. This exchange has not only added to my knowledge of British history, but has also opened up my eyes to new cultures and views of the world.

Please review the Fulbright website at <http://www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/summer-institutes> or contact Becky Mentzer at rementz@ilstu.edu for further information.

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Student Spotlight

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

By Matthew Miller, sophomore Math Education major, Peace & Conflict Resolution and International Studies double minor

I spent the first two months of this summer in Asia. I went by myself to experience China and Hong Kong. I met a couple friends in International House this past school year that lived in Malaysia, so I spent a week there visiting them. I then embarked on my five week service trip in Thailand and finished with a couple days in Laos.

My service trip was the most rewarding and influential trip I have ever been on. I went through an organization called *Imaginations*. I started a chapter of *Imaginations* at Illinois State in the hopes that other students will get to experience everything that I have and help out those who are desperately in need. Imaginations does service in Thailand, Indonesia, Peru and starting next summer, The Gambia. There are two summer sessions and one winter session for each program with many opportunities to participate in different types of service.

We spent the first couple weeks at a school in the northern hill-tribe area of the Chiang Dao district. Our main project was to build a concrete clothes drying structure. Most children at the school live there year round. As Southeast Asia does not have dryers and rainy season lasts about five months where it rains daily, the students would have to put on damp clothes which cause rashes and skin irritation. Our structure gives them a place where their clothes can dry completely during the rainy season. We also built a stone staircase, spent a couple days teaching the children English and taught them how to wash their hands and brush their teeth. One day, we visited an HIV/AIDS school where the children either have or are affected by these diseases and taught them English and played games with them. It was heartbreaking to learn that the school only receives Bt6 which is 20 cents in US dollars to feed each child three meals a day.

Our next site consisted of the construction of an 'earth' house museum for a local hill-tribe. We learned how to make the earth brick mix which consisted of mud, water and rice casings. The mixture was poured into a mold and then left out in the heat to dry. The same mixture was used as 'cement' when the bricks dried. It was a great learning experience to see how hill-tribes actually built some of their homes and use the same concept to build a museum for the tribe.

This trip helped me not only realize that we truly are among the luckiest people in the world to not only have change in our pocket but to be able to have the time and ability to do and worry about things other than shelter, food and water. There are so many people in the world that have to worry about their next meal, their next sip of water. I feel like I get so much more from them than I have actually helped, but I know they need any help and I am passionate about doing my best.



Matt at an AIDS/HIV school in northern Thailand.



S.A.L.T. Shaker

WELCOME TO THE HONORS PROGRAM!

New Honors Student Orientation

Date: Tuesday, August 23

Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Place: Schroeder 242

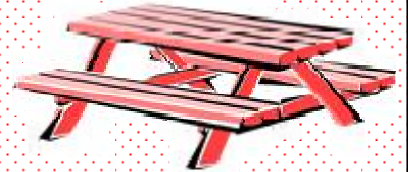
All new current ISU students and transfer students in the Honors Program will need to attend this orientation (freshmen not required). We will review, in detail, the requirements of the program, as well as opportunities and services available to you. There will be materials for you to review and acknowledge.

Honors Program Welcome Picnic

Date: Thursday, August 25

Time: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Place: People's Park, at the corner of University & Beaufort Streets, next to the College of Business parking garage. Come meet the Honors staff, student leaders and other Honors students! A light meal (from the famous Avanti's!) will be provided. Rain location– Atkin-Colby basement.



Quotes Corner

We conducted a survey of graduating Honors students in May and they had the following advice for younger Honors students...

GO TO CLASS!

Get involved and don't be afraid to try new things. Get out there and embrace all of the great opportunities that ISU has to offer!

Living on the Honors floor and becoming involved in Honors activities is a great way to make friends.

Take full advantage of all the Honors opportunities! You earned your spot in the program so live it up!

Work hard and don't be overwhelmed! You'll get through it!

Use the Honors Program to your advantage: meet new people, keep up on your grades, collaborate with staff and advisers, participate in Honors projects and research. All of these activities will increase your motivation and maturity, and therefore future success!

Participate in Illinois State University sponsored events, attend athletic events, and make time to study abroad or become a member of a research group.

Being in the Honors Program is a privilege. Take advantage of everything it has to offer such as professional development, early registration, and extended check out at Milner. In addition, make friends! Too cool for school is a thing of the past. Work hard now so you show off all of your cords in four years at graduation!

H O N O R S O d d s & E n d s

Cheer on your fellow Honors students at upcoming sporting events!



Paul DeJong– Baseball
Jonathan Dove– Baseball

Anna Stinson– Soccer
Rachel Tejada– Soccer

Filip Miljevic– Tennis
Hannah Esker– Tennis

Sara Bradley– Softball
Nichelle Harrison– Softball
Caiti Kopp– Softball

Jenna Bossle– Gymnastics
Samantha King– Gymnastics
Katie Witty– Gymnastics

Katie Jean– Golf
Eric Meier– Golf

Maryssa Beckman– Swimming/Diving
Maureen Doyle– Swimming/Diving
Polly Hirt– Swimming/Diving
Maggie Kopp– Swimming/Diving
Danielle Schumacher– Swimming/Diving

Ruth Allen– Cross Country/Track & Field
Michelle Brunk– Cross Country/Track & Field
Jessica Husted– Cross Country/Track & Field
Mollie Sloyan– Cross Country/Track & Field
Brittany Smith– Cross Country/Track & Field

Scholarship Workshop

September 21, 5-6pm, STV 220

When you hear the word “scholarships” do your ears perk up?

I’m sure they do and that is why the Honors Program is hosting a Scholarship Preparation Workshop on Wednesday, September 21 at 5:00pm in Stevenson 220. You are all excellent students or you would not be in the Honors Program! However, do you know what to focus on, so that you will be competitive for scholarships where everyone who is applying has outstanding grades?

Whether you are applying for campus-sponsored scholarships or prestigious national scholarships, like the Rhodes or Fulbright, there is more to the application than GPA. You should begin preparing now to be successful later, so we will cover points that will help you work toward developing skills and experiences, both curricular and co-curricular, that could make you the winner of the big one!

Go to our Scholarship page at www.honors.illinoisstate.edu/scholarships to get more information about some of the specific competitive scholarships.

Welcome to Illinois State! Four international students recently joined the Honors Program for the fall 2011 semester. Join us in welcoming Paula Beltran Veloso, who is from Chile, Aleksandra Oletic from Serbia, Fusheng Luo from China and Jelena Tijanic from Serbia.



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