The Honors Circle
September 2017
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Welcome, to all new and returning students! I would like to start off by congratulating the graduating class of spring 2017 and wishing them luck on their future endeavors.

As most of you are aware, the Honors College is currently undergoing some major changes. Recently, we added two new members to the Honors College team! Dr. Lapetra Bowman will be working alongside Kalia Glover as the Honors College Academic Counselors. In addition to assisting incoming Honors freshmen transition smoothly into their first year of college, the Honors College Academic Counselors will also be responsible for transitioning continuing students to appropriate advising centers, along with other responsibilities.

Cindy Turski is the other member joining the Honors College staff. She is the Assistant to the Dean and is excited to be a part of our team. She looks forward to meeting you all, so feel free to drop by and say, “hello!”

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, and in recent emails, the Honors Student Lounge is ready for student use. So come by M.S. 4.04.12 to study, relax or hang out with your Honors peers!

We are looking forward to having more opportunities for you all to interact with one another, so make sure to check out the “Events” tab in the Honors College website. I wish you luck in your classes and a fun semester!

Sincerely,

Sean Kelly
Greetings from the new Honors College Academic Counselors!

As you know, the Honors College is undergoing a major transformation. Our Dean, Sean Kelly, has changed the way Academic Advising looks for Honors Scholars, opening new possibilities for students as well as Counselors.

Stephen Cheney and Diana Howard will still be connected to a few of you through Academic Advising. They've moved to their new centers; Stephen to Arts and Humanities Advising (MS 4.01.50) and Diana to Student Placement Advising (MS 2.02.18). While Stephen and Diana have previous knowledge of the Honors College, they will only advise students regarding their majors, not Honors requirements. For questions related specifically to the Honors College, you will continue to set appointments through the Honors front office.

For those of you not assigned to either Stephen or Diana, you will be provided a major-specific advisor of your own. This is a person who will also work with Honors to understand our curriculum, but be a specialist in your degree. Academic Advisors help with your degree plan, schedule, class substitutions, and all the other things that go into making sure you graduate in a timely fashion.

Regardless of who is assigned as your Academic Advisor, you will be given an Honors Counselor as a “secondary advisor”. This will be the person to work with your through all of the things we plan to bring to the Honors Experience.

Moving forward, first-year students will be advised exclusively by an Honors Counselor. If this is your first Freshman semester at UTSA, you will notice that your advisor is currently either Dr. Lapetra Bowman or Ms. Kalia Glover. After the first year, students will retain their Counselor as a secondary advisor but will see a major-specific advisor for their degree requirements.

Both Dr. Bowman and Ms. Glover, in addition to teaching classes and helping students through their first year, will guide Honors Students, in areas of specialization, to include: internships, service learning, study abroad thesis and research, and on-boarding. We are excited to bring these experiences and opportunities, in addition to building the Honors Community that will establish connections to last a lifetime.

Housekeeping:

Early Registration for Spring 2018 begins October 30, 2017. The ASAP Schedule of Classes will likely post the new listings by the end of September or beginning of October.

Ms. Kalia Glover
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Dr. Lapetra Bowman
Lapetra.bowman@utsa.edu
Originally from Malzeville, France, Dr. Bowman began attending UTSA at the age of 17, where she completed her Bachelor's in English in 1997, her Master's in English in 2000, and her Doctorate of Philosophy in English/Comparative Literatures in 2010.

Dr. Bowman began teaching for the English Department at UTSA in 1998, and subsequently joined the UTSA Advising Community in 2000 where she worked as an Academic Advisor for 15 years (in addition to maintaining her teaching duties). She joined the Department of Philosophy and Classics in the Fall of 2011 as a Lecturer I, in addition to teaching for the Women's Studies Program from Fall 2014 to December 2016.


In addition to her teaching duties, she has also steadfastly remained very involved administratively as a Faculty Undergraduate Advisor of Record, an Internship Coordinator, Core Assessment Coordinator, and Program Assessment Coordinator, for the Department of English (August 2004 to August 2011) and the Women's Studies Program (June 2014 to December 2016), respectively. Additionally, she has presented and refereed at several conferences, namely NACCS, MALCS, and CSA (i.e. “Su Cuerpo Es Una Bocacalle: Third-Space Chicana Feminist Theory in the Flesh, Post-Colonialism, and the Revolution of Trans-Colonialism,” NACCS, New Brunswick, New Jersey, in April 2009; “Third-Space Feminisms and the Memoirs of a Mujer Mala,” Building Bridges Conference, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, in April 2008; and “Caribbean Feminist Re/membrance,” Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference, Kingston, Jamaica, June 2009).

Dr. Bowman’s overarching UTSA professional engagement at every level (from working with first-generation students to provosts) and her experiences as both faculty and staff have provided her with a particularly beneficial vantage point and skill set. She remains student centered and focused on helping students succeed academically and professionally, and beyond thrilled to be joining the Honors College.

Research Area: Comparative World Literatures and Theory (e.g. French, German, Chicana, Latina, Caribbean, Canadian, African, Jewish, Italian, etc...), Feminist Theory and Literatures, Existentialism, Film Studies, Feminist
Cindy Turski is the Assistant to the Dean, in the Honors College at UTSA. She has extensive executive administrative and managerial experience. Having held positions as an Executive Assistant to the President and Elected Directors for The Woodlands Township, Management Assistant for the Glendale Municipal Airport and Office Manager for the St. Bernadette’s Catholic Church. As the Management Assistant Cindy served on various committees; Diversity, Innovation, United Way, Martin Luther King Day Luncheon, and Take Your Kid to Work Day. As the Office Manager Cindy managed five employees, and provided administrative support to a staff of 17 people and over 1,500 families. She is an active member of the American Management Association and The National Notary Association.

Cindy graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration – Summa Cum Laude, in December of 2014. She is married to her husband; Ed for 35 1/2 years, a mother of four sons, and a grandmother of six grandchildren. Cindy and her family have travelled to Mexico, Austria, former Yugoslavia and Germany. She lived in Germany for almost five years! Cindy and her husband just recently moved to Boerne this past May.
ATTENTION CURRENT HONORS THESIS STUDENTS

The following is a summary of the important deadlines that Honors Thesis students must meet for their Honors Thesis Course.

**Wednesday, November 1**
Deadline to submit a complete draft of the thesis or thesis proposal to the thesis advisor.

**Wednesday, November 15**
Deadline to submit a complete draft of the thesis or thesis proposal to the thesis committee.

**Friday, December 8**
Deadline to file the thesis or thesis proposal with the Honors College (signed by the advisor and readers).

*Want to see some excellent examples of theses? Check out “Thesis Examples” under “Thesis” on our Forms and Documents page.*

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**THESIS WORKSHOPS!**

Interested in writing a thesis? Running into issues finding an advisor?

Experiencing writer's block? Not sure how to present your work?

Come with your questions to any or all of our Fall Thesis Workshops. Pizza provided.

Wednesday, September 13: 12-1 PM
Thursday, September 14: 5-6 PM
Friday, September 15: 12-1 PM

NOTE: This year, the thesis presentation requirements have changed for the Fall. While you will still be presenting a conference poster in the Spring, in the Fall you will be creating a 3 minute video to a non-specialist audience about the scope of your research and the importance of your research to society. This is a key skill for researchers, especially in grant writing. During our Thesis Workshops, we will talk about the resources available to you as Honors students to learn how to produce this three minute video.
The lounge is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Fridays the lounge is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is located in our former office, M.S. 4.04.12 (the office is now in M.S. 4.01.76). Honors students are welcome to come and unwind, do some homework or chat with their fellow peers.
We’d like to remind all students that the Honors College has a Facebook page!

The Honors Facebook page is a great place to stay up to date on Honors College news and events throughout the semester. It’s also a useful communication tool if you wish to get in touch with other Honors students (selling textbooks, forming study groups, etc.).

If you haven’t already, make sure to go and “like” us: [https://www.facebook.com/HonorsCollege/](https://www.facebook.com/HonorsCollege/).

Another way of staying in touch with the Honors College and finding out about the different events and opportunities is through the use of Twitter. So don’t forget to follow us!
Upcoming Events!

Food in the Quad

September 12th
11:00—1:00 p.m.
Central Plaza 2 (in the grilling area)
Students can get a free lunch if they show up wearing their Honors College apparel.

Bocce Brunch Tournament

September 22nd
10:00—12:00 p.m.
Sombrilla Lawn

Bocce is a ball sport first played in Ancient Rome. To start, one team throws a small ball (the jack) into a prescribed zone. Teams then try to get their bocce balls closer to the jack than the opposing team.

Check out this video!

Register in teams of 2 by emailing Honors@utsa.edu
Upcoming Events!

National Night Out
October 3rd
7:00—10:30 p.m.
UC Lawn

National Night Out is a 210-minute, team-based relay race hosted by the Honors College. The winners will be those that complete the most rounds of the 1 mile loop.

Food in the Quad
October 10th
11:00—1:00 p.m.
Central Plaza 2 (in the grilling area)

Students can get a free lunch if they show up wearing their Honors College apparel.
Storytelling Dinner
October 26th
7:00—9:00 p.m.
Location TBD
Join us for an evening of elevated and engaged conversation with faculty from the Department of Philosophy and Classics.

Pinning Ceremony
October 30th
6:00—8:00 p.m.
HUC Ballroom
An initiation ceremony recognizing the status of Honors College students.
Welcome back to all Honors College students! Hopefully your summer went swimmingly well. As you begin the new semester and ponder on how to fill the space that isn’t occupied with readings and research papers, we suggest joining us for the various events we host throughout the semester!

In January students were delighted with the broomball game we hosted. If you’re new to the concept of broomball, just imagine playing hockey with tennis shoes and a thing that looks like a broom.

We are actually trying to make this an annual tradition at the Honors College, so if you missed it this time, no worries! Now you have about 6 months to start practicing before our next friendly game.

In March students had a fun time during the Honors Social. They sang some karaoke, and someone even gave a beautiful (or so I heard) rendition of “Don’t Stop Believing.”
Since we enjoy seeing Honors students getting together and having fun, we also had an Honors Bowling Night. It was a great turnout and students were able to polish and show off their skills.

The most recent event was a display of the incredible cooking skills by Alegra and Dr. Kelly. They set ablaze a vast amount of mussels and invited Honors students to fill up their bellies as they conversed. A good amount of students showed up and several of our wonderful Honors students volunteered and helped with the setup and hosting of the event.

To find out more about events hosted by the Honors College, make sure to check out the Honors College website or Honors College FB page. Don’t forget to attend the monthly Honors Socials!

“I had a great time bowling and getting to meet other Honors Students! I spent the whole night trying to get a strike and was finally able to get one on my last frame. It was the best feeling ever!”

-Carla Juarez
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Welcome Class of 2021

Pamela Hawkins          Krishna Kolaparthi          Paola Montufar Soria
Brenden Helfrich        Rudin Kraja              Melanie Morin
Taylor Helmcamp         Joe Lambeth              Jessica Mosher
Janson Henneke          Trang Le                 Sulieman Naser
Harrison Hill           Blake Lewis              Kevin Ngo
Kennedy Howland         Keanan Liepold           Rebecca Nguyen
Triet Huynh             Miami Litton-Palmer       Erick Nguyen
Andrew Huynh             Ming Liu                 Lucas Orlando
Turner Isley             Evan Macmillin           Kyra Pace
Nathaniel Jackson        Natalie Malluru          Jahnavi Padarti
Reggie Jacob             Zain Manasia            Jan Paluszek
Hernan Jaramillo         Julian Mandujano         Daisy Paredes
Elise Jaynes             Wyatt Marchant          Christa Patterson
Rebecca Johns            Daniel Marks             Javier Pena
Kurt Johnson             Jairo Martinez           Alec Perez
Kayleigh Johnson         David Mccarble           Jacob Perkins
Jakob Jorgenson          Rebecca Medina-Jimenez   Miles Pescetto
Tasfia Kabir             Abigail Miklaucic        Tuan Pham
Charles Kenward          Justin Mills             Geethu Philix
Grant Killebrew          Kaitlyn Minor           Thomas Plummer
Alexis Knight            Ileen Montemayor        Lane Pollock
Nadia Pulido
Sierra Rach
Cheyanne Rhodes
Madison Ridge
Kae Roemershauser
Sammy Russell
Tulan Sampath Bandara
Ricardo Sanchez
Cheyenne Sanchez
Hannah Sandoval
Adam Schiferl
David Schwab
Carrie Scott
Tristan Sheppard
Eric Shin
Elias Showler
Payton Slansky
Alexandra Sodders
Taylor Spiller
Rebekah Stagg
Samantha Stone
Christian Strong
James Swallows
Sana Syed
Zieshan Syed
Ian Tamayo
Noah Taylor
Ravevn Taylor
Klay Teegardin
Alejandra Teran
Rafael Tovar
Christina Troy
Christopher Warinner
Caleb Watson
Katie Wegmann
Jack Wegrzyn
Jenna Wells
Bryan Willis
Katherine Wofford
Tristan Woods
Andrew Wortham
Antonio York
Leon Yuan
Kirsten Zachry
Matias Zambrana Rodriguez
Juan Zapien
Tyler Zinck
Kassid Zinda
Kaitlyn Zinda
Honors College Recent Inductees

Cherechi Abakwue
Medical Humanities

Victor Alejandro
Cyber Security/Information Systems

Chiamaka Amadi
Biology

Alexis Azinge
Biology

Gabriel Bandfield
Microbiology & Immunology

Jazmyn Bess
Microbiology & Immunology

Jay’Len Boone
Global Affairs/Communication

Justin Bouzigard
Mechanical Engineering

Erin Breig
Construction Science & Management

Shaffa Chaudhry
Biology

Michelle Chen
Biology

Brooklyn Clow
Political Science

Taylor Cole
Multidisciplinary Studies

Timothy Corey
Entrepreneurship

TaMarr Daniels
Public Health

Jarmanese Davis
Criminal Justice

Luis Delgado
Medical Humanities

Sarah Elsunni
Management

Jake Erney
Cyber Security

Nurul Fadhilah
Management

Joseph Galvan
Mechanical Engineering

Guillermo Garcia
Finance

Kaylee Garcia
Psychology

Gabriela Gonzales
Biomedical Engineering

Jose Gonzalez
Mechanical Engineering

Alexis Gonzalez
Biology

Emily Gonzalez
English

America Guerrero
Biology

Leema Hamoudah
Biology

Melinda Herrera
Accounting/Finance

Rebecca Holley
Psychology

Maryam Hussaini
Physics

Rachel Jendrzey
Entrepreneurship

Jordyn Lacy
Biochemistry

Iman Lalani
Marketing

Gia Le
Biology

Nicole Lenhard
Finance

Sally Lent
Environmental Science

Karina Lopez
Public Health

Miranda Lumbreras
Biology

Raed Maklai
Finance

Alexandra Mauger
Cyber Security

Erik Mckee
Psychology

Aaron Mendlovitz
Biomedical Engineering

Nikolas Merlock
Biology

Andrea Mertins
Civil Engineering

Lyndsay Millican
Biology

Nathalie Mondragon
Cyber Security

Paulina Montez
Accounting

Autumn Moreno
Biology

Cynthia Muyah
Health

Carolina Navarro
Biology

Monserrat Navarro
Health

Mirella Nunez
Finance
Jordan Nunn  
Medical Humanities

Tomiwa Ogunye
Human Resource Management

Joshua Onuoha
Mechanical Engineering

Felicia Orekomaiya
Marketing

Alyssa Pacheco
General Business

Michael Palacios
Electrical Engineering

Regina Parra
Criminal Justice/ Political Science

Raj Patel
Mechanical Engineering

Sabrina Perez
Biology

Emily Porras
Cyber Security

Mikayla Rahman
Biomedical Engineering

Julie Ramos
Microbiology & Immunology

Jene Rigaud
Environmental Science

Jennifer Rojas
Health

Daniel Rubio
Accounting

Jordyn Ruiz
Biology

Meytal Russo
Management

Owen Sandstrom
Psychology

Sophia Santos
Psychology

Rene Schmidt
Biology

Katherine Schreiber
Environmental Science

Terence Shaw, II
Public Health

Theodore Shieff
Mechanical Engineering

Zoe Simons
Psychology

Esther Soyebo
Biology

Ashlee Stratton
Anthropology

Melissa Thornley
Public Health

Christianna Trevino
Biology

Pranjal Upadhyaya
Public Health

Katherine Vara
Psychology

Alejandro Venegas
Management

Rachel White
Management

Kimberlin Wilkins
Management

Olivia Wood
Anthropology

Rafael Jake Yadao
Microbiology & Immunology

Victoria Yip
Biology
BUSINESS HONORS GRADUATES

Nicole Avalos  
B.B.A. in Entrepreneurship and Marketing  
*summa cum laude*

Bax Nickolas  
B.B.A. in Cyber Security  
*cum laude*

*Alejandro Braun*  
B.B.A. in Real Estate Finance and Development  
*cum laude*  
with International Distinction

Matthew Chavana  
B.B.A. in Finance  
*summa cum laude*

Justin Cody  
B.B.A. in Management Science  
*summa cum laude*  
with a minor in Statistics

*Silverio Davila Garza*  
B.B.A. in Management  
with International Distinction

*Jovana Dominguez*  
B.B.A. in Marketing

*Dominique Edwards*  
B.B.A. in Accounting  
*cum laude*  
with General Honors

Jose Gallegos  
B.B.A. in Finance  
with General Honors

Bryan Gonzalez  
B.B.A. in Finance

*Andrew Hubbard*  
B.B.A. in Finance  
*summa cum laude*

* summer 2017 graduate
Spring 2017 Graduates

BUSINESS HONORS GRADUATES

*Michael Kincaid
B.B.A. in Finance
*magna cum laude

Heather Linkenhoger
B.B.A. in Accounting
*magna cum laude
with International Distinction

Brandie Moser
B.B.A. in Economics
*cum laude

Jesse Munos
B.B.A. in Cyber Security and Information Systems
*cum laude

*Washington Navarro
B.B.A. in Entrepreneurship
*cum laude

Simone Patel
B.B.A. in Finance
with General Honors

Jade Polsey
B.B.A. in Entrepreneurship
*magna cum laude

Melanie Spiller
B.B.A. in Management
*cum laude
with General Honors

Justin Stubbs
B.B.A. in Management Science
*summa cum laude
with International Distinction

Tess Ulrich
B.B.A. in Cyber Security
*magna cum laude

* summer 2017 graduate
BUSINESS HONORS GRADUATES

Austin Watkins
B.B.A. in Accounting

*Jessica Zarzar Lee
B.B.A. in Finance
magna cum laude

* summer 2017 graduate
**GENERAL HONORS GRADUATES**

Alex Katie  
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering  
*summa cum laude*

Alonzo Austin  
B.A. in Political Science  
with a minor in Legal Studies

Kayla Ayala  
B.A. in Psychology  
with a minor in Biology

Walter Baker  
B.P.A. in Public Administration  
*summa cum laude*  
with minors in History and Economics

Sarah Barrios  
B.S. in Architecture  
*magna cum laude*  
with International Distinction and a minor in Spanish

Stephanie Miranda Barron  
B.S. in Biology

*Zahra Barsi  
B.S. in Public Health  
*summa cum laude*

*Nadia Bayoumi  
B.S. in Kinesiology  
magna cum laude*

Nimi Manu Bhattatiry  
B.S. in Biology  
*cum laude*

Kalyan Botla  
B.S. in Biology  
*cum laude*

Rebecca Carey  
B.A. in English  
with a minor in Linguistics

Alexandria Castillo  
B.S. in Chemistry  
*cum laude*

Eric Ficke  
B.S. Computer Science  
*cum laude*

* summer 2017 graduate
Spring 2017 Graduates

GENERAL HONORS GRADUATES

Jacob Gilchrist  
B.S. Biology  
_cum laude_  

Amanda Griffee  
B.S. in Biology  
magna_cum laude  
with a minor in Psychology and International Distinction

Kimberly Grossett  
B.A. in English  
magna_cum laude  
with a minor in Museum Studies

Nishant Grover  
B.S. in Computer Science

Mckenzie Hackmaster  
B.S. Multidisciplinary Science  
_cum laude_  

Esther Heffler  
B.A. in Psychology  
_cum laude_  
with International Distinction

Alisa Isaac  
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering  
_cum laude_  

Rowan Ismail  
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies  
_cum laude_  

Hannah Jones  
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering  
_cum laude_  

Rebecca Kilgore  
B.A. in Psychology  
with a minor in Sociology

Jaswanth Kintada  
B.S. in Biology  
_cum laude_  

Manojna Kintada  
B.S. in Biology  
magna_cum laude_  

Franckiana Lormeus  
B.S. in Biology  
_cum laude_  

* summer 2017 graduate
GENERAL HONORS GRADUATES

Marie McCammon
B.A. in Psychology

Madeline Mistich
B.S. Kinesiology
magna cum laude
with a minor in Athletic Coaching

Stephen Morales
B.A. in Psychology
magna cum laude

Hannah Musser
B.S. Kinesiology
cum laude

Dalia Nevarez
B.S. in Civil Engineering
summa cum laude

Taylor Breanna Nicholas
B.A. in Psychology
magna cum laude
with minors in Biology and Foreign Language

Roli Okotie-Eboh
B.S. in Biology
cum laude

Keerthana Reddy Pakanati
B.S. in Biology
magna cum laude

Bobby Neal Palmos
B.S. in Biology
magna cum laude

Severin Perez
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies
cum laude

Daniel Portillo
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

Alexis Janie Ramos
B.S. in Biology
cum laude

Rajitha A. Reddy
B.S. in Biology
cum laude

* summer 2017 graduate
GENERAL HONORS GRADUATES

Shreya A. Reddy
B.S. in Biology
*summa cum laude*

Angel Rendon
B.S. Public Health
*summa cum laude*
with a minor in Biology and
International Distinction

Nicole Robinson
B.S. in Electrical Engineering
*cum laude*

Isaac Sanchez
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

*Silvia Sanchez*
B.A. Sociology
*cum laude*
with International Distinction

Sarah Ashley Santos
B.A. in Psychology
*magna cum laude*
with a minor in Biology and
International Distinction

Yat Shiu
B.S. in Electrical Engineering
*summa cum laude*

Kristin Steinke
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering

* summer 2017 graduate
LEADERSHIP HONORS GRADUATES

Aliyah Ali
B.S. in Biology
summa cum laude

Pavela G. Bambekova
B.S. in Biology
summa cum laude

Avery Bessette
B.A. in Psychology
summa cum laude
with a minor in Anthropology

Susan Brotherman
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies
magna cum laude

Chirag Ashok Buch
B.S. in Biology
cum laude

Taylor Buchanan
B.S. in Kinesiology
magna cum laude

Reem Farra
B.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics

Victoria Garza
B.S. in Kinesiology and Health
cum laude

Vinh-Son Nguyen
B.S. in Biology
magna cum laude

Elexus Oglesby
B.A. in Psychology
magna cum laude
with International Distinction

Tashara Stanley
B. A. in Psychology
with a minor in Sociology
HIGHEST HONORS GRADUATES

Melina Acosta
B.A. in Psychology
summa cum laude
with Leadership Honors

Alyssa Arriaga
B.S. in Biology
cum laude
with Leadership Honors and International Distinction

Leticia Calderon
B.A. in Psychology
cum laude
with a minor in Sociology and International Distinction

Madeline Cortez
B.S. in Biology
magna cum laude

Diana Davila Elizondo
B.A. in Political Science
magna cum laude
with minors in Women’s Studies and Latin American Studies
with Leadership Honors

Frank Deluna
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering
with minors in Mathematics and Music

Miguel Gonzalez
B.A. in Psychology
cum laude
with a minor in Music

Charles Hammack
B.S. in Biology
summa cum laude
with a minor in Psychology

Anusha Hussain
B.S. in Biology
cum laude
with Leadership Honors

Rachel Innocenti
B.S. in Biology
magna cum laude

Sonie Johnson
B.A. in English and Sociology
magna cum laude

Shaun Jones
B.A. in Psychology
magna cum laude
with a minor in Latin American Studies
HIGHEST HONORS GRADUATES

Jasmine King  
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering  
*cum laude*  

Paola Larios  
B.S. in Architecture  
with International Distinction  

Sriharshini Muthukamar  
B.S. in Biology  
*cum laude*  
with a minor in Psychology  

Audrey Ramirez  
B.S. in Kinesiology  
*cum laude*  
with International Distinction  

America Ruiz  
B.S. in Biology  
*summa cum laude*  
with International Distinction  

Mubeen Sultana  
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering  

Monica Villalobos  
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies  
* magna cum laude*  
with International Distinction  

Joshua Wainner  
B.A. in Anthropology  
*cum laude*  
with a minor in Linguistics International Distinction  

Caroline Williamson  
B.A. in English  
* magna cum laude*  
with a minor in German International Distinction  

Davante Wilson  
B.S. in Biochemistry  

Casey Whitney  
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering  
*cum laude*  

*Amanda Dawn Hernandez  
B.A. in Women’s Studies  
*summa cum laude*  
with a minor in Sociology*
For the past year, Maria Elena Guerra Garcia (senior, Biomedical Engineering) has dedicated the majority of her time doing research on brain and spinal cord tumors at UT Health San Antonio in Dr. Andrew Brenner’s lab. She recently had an abstract of her work accepted to the national 2017 SNO (Society for Neuro-Oncology) conference and will be attending it in mid-November in San Francisco, California.

This past summer, Aldo Sepulveda (senior, Physics) interned at UT Austin’s TAURUS (Texas Astronomy Undergraduate Research Experience for Underrepresented Students) program. He studied the HR8799 system, the only directed imaged system to date with multiple confirmed exoplanets and measured the dynamical mass of the host star.

Jay’Len Boone (sophomore, Global Affairs) traveled this past summer to South Africa on an experimental learning trip with Global Citizen as 1 of 6 Curtis Scholars Nationwide. The experience allowed him to develop connections with foreign service officers, White House staff, and even with Minister Radebe of ZA. In September, Jay’Len will travel to New York to be a student panelist and work the Global Citizen festival.

This past June, Gwyn Hartung (junior, Anthropology), and several other students from UTSA, attended an archaeological field school in Belize. For a month with the UTSA Department of Anthropology, they worked on digs and explored the amazing sites of Belize. “It was a spectacular learning experience,” Gwyn relates, one she “will never forget.” While excavating a household, she helped uncover a large platform/patio that she and other students affectionately called a platio. She also learned how to map the sites and how to recognize different stratigraphy (soil layers) in the areas that she excavated.
Tomiwa Ogunye (sophomore, Human Resource Management) was selected this past summer to participate in the Ernst and Young Emerging Leaders Program in San Antonio. During his externship, Tomiwa participated in leadership building activities, business case studies and networked with Ernst and Young professionals. He finished his internship proud to have represented UTSA. He stated that the experience he gained will be very beneficial to his professional development.

At Northwestern University, Albert Djikeng (junior, Computer Engineering) participated in a Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP). His project was centered around image processing, where he analyzed the color composition of natural images using clustering methods such as k-means and the Adaptive Clustering Algorithm (ACA).

Julius Agorilla (sophomore, Kinesiology) was able to go abroad this past summer. He visited the Philippines where he had the opportunity to shadow Dr. Alvin Ravalo, a specialist in Adult Diseases within his provincial hometown. This experience has allowed Julius to further his understanding of physician-patient relationships, the importance of preventative care, medical aid to foreign countries, and volunteerism towards the underserved populations. From his observations he has learned that medicine goes far beyond just science and instead also requires a great deal of humanity.

Justin Guerra (senior, Mathematics) recently attended the UTSA/UTHSCSA Cancer Bioinformatics Summer Research for the past summer. He examined electronic medical records to find predictors for metastatic kidney cancer under the guidance of Dr. Alex Bokov, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. He will be presenting his research at the College of Sciences Research Conference in October.
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For more information, contact
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- Be a citizen of the United States
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- Be receiving a Federal Pell Grant or provide proof that he/she will be receiving a Pell Grant during the term of his/her study abroad program or internship
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Contact the Financial Aid and Study Abroad advisors at your home college/university to notify them you are applying for the Gilman Scholarship. In order to complete the application online, applicants need advisor certifications and transcripts.

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- Students going to non-traditional countries
- First-generation college students
- Students attending community colleges
- Students participating in credit-bearing internships
- Students with disabilities
- Students participating in fields of study underrepresented in education abroad

Deadlines

For summer, fall & academic year programs
FIRST TUESDAY OF MARCH

For spring programs and summer early applications
FIRST TUESDAY OF OCTOBER

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The National Security Education Program (NSEP) is designed to build a broader and more qualified pool of U.S. citizens with foreign language and international skills. Established by Congress in 1991, NSEP consists of nine initiatives that represent broad strategic partnerships with the U.S. education community and that serve the needs of U.S. national security and national competitiveness. These initiatives integrate the best components of language learning and international education, developed in conjunction with progressivelyminded partners throughout the United States.

About the Institute of International Education

An independent not-for-profit founded in 1919, the Institute of International Education (IIE) has a network of 18 offices worldwide to foster mutual understanding, develop global leaders, and protect academic freedom worldwide through educational exchange and training programs funded by government and private sources. On behalf of NSEP, IIE administers Boren Scholarships, Boren Fellowships, The Language Flagship, and Project GO.

NSEP Service Requirement

NSEP enhances the capacity of the federal sector to deal effectively with the challenging global issues of the 21st century. In exchange for financial support, Boren Scholars and Fellows commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation. Securing federal employment is incumbent upon the award recipient. See borenawards.org for more details on the NSEP Service Requirement.

Program Options & Maximum Awards

**Boren Scholarships**

Applicants select a study abroad program in consultation with their study abroad office and Boren Campus Representative.

- $20,000/Academic Year
- $10,000/Semester
- $8,000/Summer (science, technology, engineering, mathematics majors only)

**Boren Fellowships**

Applicants design their programs in consultation with academic advisors to include language study and optional elements of additional courses, research, or academic internships.

- $30,000/Domestic and Overseas Study
- $24,000/Year Overseas
- $12,000/Semester Overseas

**Special Initiatives**

Eligible Boren Scholarships and Fellowships applicants may apply for several special initiatives, including regional language initiatives. See [www.borenawards.org](http://www.borenawards.org) for more.

**Language Study**

Boren Award applications must include study of a foreign language appropriate to the proposed country or region, incorporating opportunities to advance language proficiency both inside and outside the classroom. With the exception of French and Spanish, there are no minimum language requirements. However, applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the language and a strategy for continuing language study beyond the award.
David L. Boren Scholarships & Fellowships

Sponsored by the National Security Education Program (NSEP), Boren Awards provide funding for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad:

- Africa
- Asia
- Central and Eastern Europe
- Eurasia
- Latin America
- Middle East

Through long-term overseas study, Boren Scholars and Fellows learn to communicate across cultures, and analyze economic, political, religious, and societal events from local, national, and global perspectives. In exchange for funding, Boren recipients agree to work in qualifying national security positions in the U.S. federal government.

Application Preferences

Preference is given to applicants who:

- Have a desire to work in the federal government.
- Propose countries, languages, and fields of study critical to U.S. national security, which include traditional concerns of protecting American well-being, as well as challenges of global society, such as sustainable development, the environment, disease, migration, and economic competitiveness.
- Propose long-term study abroad. Most recipients study overseas for 6 months or longer, though some go for a semester. A limited number of undergraduate students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields may be funded for summer programs of at least 8 weeks.

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Eligibility

Boren Scholarship Applicants
- Must be matriculated undergraduate student in an accredited U.S. institution

Boren Fellowship Applicants
- Must be a matriculated in or applying to a graduate degree program in an accredited U.S. institution

All Applicants
- Must be able to complete Boren-funded programs before graduation
- Must plan to study in an eligible world region
- Must be a U.S. citizen
Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) Scholarship

The Office of Undergraduate Research will provide scholarship support for students to perform research with a faculty mentor during the 2018 Spring Semester. Students will receive a scholarship of $1,000 upon completion of their project. Pending the availability of funds, OUR expects to award up to 15 scholarships. Students will be notified if they are selected as a recipient on December 1st, 2017. The program will begin on January 8th and end April 27th, 2018.

Application Due Date: November 17, 2017 at 5p.m.

Eligibility Requirements:
1.) Full-time academic status for fall and spring semester awards with no full-time status required for summer awards (at least one credit hour is required in summer).
2.) UTSA or overall GPA ≥ 3.0.
3.) Students must have a faculty mentor in place.
4.) Must have a project planned or underway with that mentor at the time of application submission.

More information regarding application materials and procedures can be found at the following website: http://research.utsa.edu/academic-research/undergraduate/scholarship-application/.

Questions can be directed to Thomas Coyle, Director, Office of Undergraduate Research.
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• Mathematics and Statistics
  • Neurobiology
• Physics & Astronomy and Nanotechnology
• Regenerative and Molecular Medicine
• Water, Energy, and Environment

8 Undergraduate Awards
8 Graduate Awards
### September 2017

**SEPTMBER**

12 **Food in the Quad**, 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m., Central Plaza 2  
13 **Thesis Workshop**, 12:00—1:00 p.m., Honors Student Lounge  
14 **Thesis Workshop**, 5:00—6:00 p.m., Honors Student Lounge  
15 **Deadline** to Submit Abstract for the College of Sciences Research Conference  
**Thesis Workshop**, 12:00—1:00 p.m., Honors Student Lounge  
19 **Calle UTSA**, 11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m., UC Paseo  
22 **Bocce Brunch Tournament**, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m., Sombrilla Lawn  
**Deadline** to Register for the College of Sciences Research Conference  

**OCTOBER**

3 **National Night Out (210 Relay)**, 7:00 p.m. — 10:30 p.m., UC Lawn  
**Deadline** for Gilman Scholarship  
6 **College of Sciences Research Conference**, 8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m., Convocation Center, HEB UC, UC North  
10 **Food in the Quad**, 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m., Central Plaza 2  
**Fulbright U.S. Student Program Workshop**, 12:00—1:00 p.m., UC 2.01.26 (Pecan Room)  
26 **Storytelling Dinner**, 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.  
30 **Pinning**, 6:00 p.m., HUC Ballroom  

### November 2017

**NOVEMBER**

1 **Deadline** to submit a complete draft of the thesis or thesis proposal to the thesis advisor.  
7 **Grocery Bingo**, 6:00 p.m.  
14 **Food in the Quad**, 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m., Central Plaza 2  
15 **Deadline** to submit a complete draft of the thesis or thesis proposal to the thesis committee.  
17 **Deadline** to Submit Application for the Office of Undergraduate Research Scholarship  
23-24 **Thanksgiving Holiday**  

### December 2017

**DECEMBER**

7-8 **Study Days**  
8 **Deadline** to file the thesis or thesis proposal with the Honors College  
8-9 **Lounge Days**, 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m., Honors Student Lounge  
9-15 **Final Exams**  
12 **Food in the Quad**, 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.  
15 **Stole & Laurel Ceremony**, 4:00 p.m., HUC Ballroom  
17 **Commencement Ceremony**