Welcome back for another exciting year at UTSA and in the Honors College! Once again, the Honors College has grown, as we are expecting to have close to 700 members this fall. If you stop by our offices, you will see several new faces -- and not only new, freshman faces! Our office welcomes several new staff members, including our new receptionist, Cheryl Partida, who will be greeting you at the front desk, and soon a new Graduate Assistant Mihir Bhalavat and Thomas Woods, Grant and Contracts Assistant. We also welcome two, new work-study employees, Briana Lerma and Vicoria Robles. We hope you will be patient as new staff members learn their jobs! We also wish Emmanuel Grotheer success as he pursues his Master's in Physics at UTSA!

We would also like to invite all of you to kick off the semester and meet some fellow Honors students at the Honors College’s Second Annual Casino Night, which is scheduled for Thursday, September 6th, located in BB 2.06.04 (University Room) from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Come learn how to play Texas Hold-'em, take on your fellow card sharks, and see if you can beat my son at the Roulette table! We'll have snacks and drinks as well. Just remember to RSVP so we have enough for everyone!

We wish all of you a highly successful semester both academically and socially and look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Ann R. Eisenberg, Ph.D.
Associate Dean of the Honors College
University of Texas at San Antonio
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San Antonio, TX 78249
(210) 458-4106 phone
(210) 458-5730 fax

The University Honors Student Association (UHSA) needs your nomination for Fall 2007/ Spring 2008 Officers. Every student enrolled in the Honors College is automatically part of UHSA.

Make your Honors College experience unique by becoming an officer in UHSA. Shortly after school starts, nominations and elections for officers will be held via e-mail.

Nicole Taylor was elected President and Raisa Ffrench was elected Secretary during the Spring elections for 2007-2008. You can join them in leading the Honors students by taking one of the following positions: Vice President, Treasurer, Historian, Campus Liaison, Student Liaison, and Community Liaison. Be watching for an email in your Lonestar email account for details!

Caroline Castellanos
Assistant Director Student Programs
Honors College
caroline.castellanos@utsa.edu

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Dear Students,

Welcome all first-time freshmen and returning students! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready to tackle the year. There are lots of exciting events planned over the next few months. We hope you take advantage of participating in them to get to know your colleagues and form life-long friendships.

If you are still in the process of finalizing your fall schedule and need a little help in picking that final course, please come in for an appointment, as we would be happy to help you. The first day of classes is **Wednesday, August 22nd**.

Also, if you are graduating this December, and have not had a final degree audit with the Honors College or with the respective college your major falls under, now is the time to schedule this. **October 1st** is the deadline to apply for December graduation via Banner ASAP. If you want to participate in the Honors College ceremony, which is a separate ceremony from the main commencement ceremonies held in the Convocation Center, please access the form via the link attached and submit it to our front desk, JPL 4.02.10, by the same October 1st deadline.  
[http://www.utsa.edu/honors/forms/Grad_App_and_Ceremony.pdf](http://www.utsa.edu/honors/forms/Grad_App_and_Ceremony.pdf)

Please take a few moments to view the timeline in this newsletter to make sure you are on track and don’t miss any important dates. Also, if you are a first-time freshman, please make sure to complete your alcohol education course prior to October so that it does not delay your spring registration. A hold will be placed on your record if the course is not completed, which will prevent anyone from registering you for classes until it is cleared.

We all wish you a wonderful semester, and we will see you in **October for spring 2008 Registration** - if not sooner!

Sincerely,

Melissa Tenberg  
Honors College - Advising
**Join us for the 2007 Kickoff and Casino Night!**

**When:** Thursday, September 6th 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**Where:** BB 2.06.04 University Room

**Who:** All Honors College Students

**Why:** Meet other Honors students, games, food and prizes

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**The fall play is** **Grease (the musical)** at Josephine Street Theatre on Friday, October 12, 2007 at 8:00pm.

Admission is complimentary for Honors Students on a first-come, first-served basis. Stay tuned for details to come. . .

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**Freshman Mandatory Alcohol Education Course**

**Part 1**
- **Start Date:** July 16
- **Completion Date:** August 13

**Part II**
- **Completion Date:** September 28

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**

**SOPHOMORES: START THINKING ABOUT AN HONORS THESIS**

Students who are in their **second semester as a Sophomore or further along** should begin thinking about an Honors thesis. To help prepare your plan for an Honors thesis, you should do the following:

1. **Pick up an Honors Thesis Handbook in the Honors Office (JPL 4.02.10)**
2. **Prepare to register for HON 3501 in Fall 2007 or Spring 2008.**
3. **If you have any questions, please schedule an appointment with the Honors College Advising Center at (210) 458-4106.**

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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**Stop by the Honors College Office (JPL 4.02.10) for more information!**

Friends and relatives of Honors students are invited to join Honors activities, if space is available. For more info, e-mail the Honors College at: **honors@utsa.edu**, or go to **http://www.utsa.edu/honors/events**
**New Freshmen**

Eman Altakali
Emily Andry
Wendy Ayala
Jessica Banda
Adrian Barrera
Kathryn Beamer
Tatiana Blanco
Meighan Brawley
Alyssa Brunner
Bethany Burbank
Mario Bustos
Samantha Calhoun
Carlos Castaneda
Steven Castro
Cassidy Cavin
Sarah Chu
Brian Cobb
Kristy Cole
Matthew Collins
Robert Connor
Allison Cook
Daniel Coronel
Freddy Cortes
Nancy Cortez
Nicole Criscimagna
Amber Dalton
Anisha Dandona
David Dawson
Hayley Diamond
Lauren Doak
Chelsea Doria
Joshua Dowling

Jennifer Duenas
Elena Dunkle
Justin Ernest
Thomas Estrada
Danielle Flores
Nicole Franco
Alfred Gallardo
Fallyn Garcia
Kirby Garrett
Carlos Garza
Jessica Garza
Kasey Girven
Rebecca Gonzalez
Megan Graham
Kereen Griffith
Timothy Gug
James Gutierrez
Ashley Haas
Katherine Hagans
Christopher Harris
Cooper Harris

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Interdisciplinary Studies
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Daniela Hernandez
Jessica Hinojosa
Trisha Hinojosa
Justin Holden
Mary Hunter
Amie Idicula
Esther Jacobs
Bethany Jansky
Deborah Jorgensen
Calvin Kirkpatrick
Kelley Klepper
Christoph Koch
Divij Kumar
Jacquis Lagura
Luis Landez
Grant Landrum
Rachel Lee
Briana Lerma
Pooya Likhite
Dawn Lipscomb
Kimberly Litzler
Katelyn Long
Coral Lumbley
Mikel Manuppelli
Tomas McCandless
Stefan Mead
Jessica Medina
Sarah Medrano
Blake Menchaca
Melissa Mendez

Danielle Mercier
Lauren Miller
Liam Moran-Goss
Peter Moreno
Ryan Morkovsky
Perry Mullins
Andrea Narsutis

Carey Neal
Amanda Nelson
Felisha Novan

Elaine Pablo
Leila Pahlavan
Inez Parker
Jorge Pena
Diana Pham

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# Congratulations Spring 2007 Honors College Graduates

**Business Honors Graduates**

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**Christina Marie De Leon**
B.S. in Biology
summa cum laude in the Honors College

**Jacklyn Raquel Eaton**
B.A. in Psychology
cum laude in the Honors College

**Emmanuel David Eisenstein**
B.S. in Biology
magna cum laude in the Honors College

**Heather Emswiler**
B.B.A. in Management with a minor in Finance
cum laude in the Honors College

**Kimberly Ann Fodge**
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies
cum laude in the Honors College

**Deanna Koreen Hainline**
B.B.A. in General Business
cum laude with Honors in Business in the Honors College

**Heidi Marie Hawbecker**
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies
summa cum laude in the Honors College

**Marco Hernandez**
B.A. in Psychology
with a minor in Spanish
with International Distinction in the Honors College

**Clifton Cody Holt**
B.S. in Architecture
cum laude in the Honors College

**John Paul Martinez**
B.B.A. in Management and Economics
magna cum laude in the Honors College

**Shannon Marie Rice**
B.A. in Psychology
cum laude with International Distinction in the Honors College

**Claudia Romo**
B.S. in Electrical Engineering
cum laude in the Honors College

**Caleb Joshua Saenz**
B.A. in English and Political Science
in the Honors College

**Jenna Angelica Samaniego**
B.B.A. in Management
cum laude in the Honors College

**Elizabeth Marie Sembera**
B.S. in Electrical Engineering
magna cum laude with International Distinction in the Honors College
### Tier 1 Honors Graduates (continued)

- **Itay Sharoni**  
  B.B.A. in Management  
  *magna cum laude* with Honors in Business in the Honors College

- **Leah Marie Schier**  
  B.A. in Criminal Justice  
  with a minor in Legal Studies  
  *cum laude* in the Honors College

- **Jacqueline Marie Simcic**  
  B.A. in Psychology  
  with a minor in Spanish  
  *summa cum laude* with International Distinction in the Honors College

- **George William Sims**  
  B.B.A. in Finance  
  *cum laude* in the Honors College

- **David P. Stonestreet**  
  B.S. in Physics  
  *magna cum laude* in the Honors College

- **Anar Ziraddin Taghiyev**  
  B.S. in Computer Science  
  with a minor in Mathematics  
  *magna cum laude* in the Honors College

- **Danielle K. Willis**  
  B.A. in Psychology  
  *summa cum laude* in the Honors College

- **Stevan Zivadinovic**  
  B.F.A. in Art  
  *magna cum laude* in the Honors College

### Tier 2 Honors Graduates

- **Jacqueline Victoria Adams**  
  B.A. in Psychology  
  with a minor in Linguistics  
  *summa cum laude* with International Distinction in the Honors College  
  “Parents’ Stories and their Relationship to Young Adults’ Feelings of Optimism and Self-Efficacy”  
  with Dr. Ann R. Eisenberg, Department of Psychology

- **Kurt Davis Attaway**  
  B.A. in Psychology  
  *summa cum laude* in the Honors College  
  “Coaching’s Impact on Game Flow through Use of the Timeout”  
  with Dr. Mary McNaughton-Cassill, Department of Psychology

- **Robert G. Buckley**  
  B.S. in Physics with a minor in Mathematics  
  *summa cum laude* in the Honors College  
  “Transition of Rod-Shaped Object Undergoing Brownian Motion Between Two Potential Minima Via Multiple Pathways”  
  with Dr. Liao Chen, Department of Physics and Astronomy

- **Ashok K. Chaurasia**  
  B.S. in Statistics and Mathematics  
  *magna cum laude* in the Honors College  
  “Time Series Analysis of the J-17 Well in Bexar County, Texas”  
  with Dr. Nandini Kannan, Department of Management Science and Statistics

- **Jessica Lynn Craig**  
  B.A. in Anthropology  
  *summa cum laude* with International Distinction in the Honors College  
  “San Antonio Royals: Ritual Justification in the Coronation of the Order of the Alamo”  
  with Dr. Jill Fleuriet, Department of Anthropology

- **Nathan Oren Campbell**  
  B.M. in Music  
  *magna cum laude* in the Honors College  
  “Electric Guitar Concerto Three Movements for Electric Guitar and Orchestra”  
  with Dr. David Heuser, Department of Music
Tier 2 Honors Graduates (continued)

Elaine Danial  
B.S. in Biology  
*summa cum laude* in the Honors College  
“Mutations in OGG1, A Gene Involved in the Repair of Oxidative DNA Damage in Kidney Tumors from Patients with Tuberous Sclerosis”  
with Dr. Samy Habib, University of Texas Health Science Center

Natasha Davis  
B.S. in Biology  
*summa cum laude* in the Honors College  
“The Mechanism and Regulation of Cyclin-Dependent Kinase Inhibitor, X1C1, Degradation by XDRP1”  
With Dr. P. Renee Yew, University of Texas Health Science Center

Jason Allen Edwards  
B.S. in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics  
*summa cum laude* in the Honors College  
“A New Approach to Pathway Analysis For Hypothesis Verification and Knowledge Discovery”  
with Dr. Kay Robbins, Department of Computer Science

Lydia Alene Fletcher  
B.A. in English  
*magna cum laude* with International Distinction in the Honors College  
“Patronage, Power, and Poetry: Lancaster and Literature”  
with Dr. Mark Allen, Department of English, Classics, and Philosophy

Rohan M. Goswami  
B.S. in Biology  
*cum laude* in the Honors College  
“Calcium and Vitamin D Use in Older Mexican Americans”  
with Dr. David Espino, University of Texas Health Science Center

Catherine Sue Hays  
B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Business Administration  
*summa cum laude* in the Honors College  
“The Effects of Imagery Level and Directed Forgetting Instructions on Proactive Interference”  
with Dr. Raymond Baird, Department of Psychology

Jessica Andrea Junqueira  
B.A. in English  
*summa cum laude* with International Distinction in the Honors College  
“Seeing, Knowing, and Loving: An Exploration of the Neo-Platonic Influences Underlying C.S. Lewis’s *Till We Have Faces* and George McDonald’s *Phantastes*”  
with Dr. Mark Allen, Department of English, Classics, and Philosophy

Christopher Michael Kawasaki  
B.S. in Computer Science  
*magna cum laude* in the Honors College  
“Using N-Grams to Improve Spam Detection in BOGOfilter”  
with Dr. Thomas Bylander, Department of Computer Science

Anthony Vincent LeClair  
B.A. in Philosophy  
*cum laude* in the Honors College  
“Does Religion Need an Afterlife? A Study of the Jewish Faith”  
with Dr. Joseph Rogers, Department of English, Classics, and Philosophy

Erin Susan Losey  
B.S. in Biology  
*cum laude* in the Honors College  
with Dr. Craig Jordan, Department of Biology
Tier 2 Honors Graduates (continued)

Erik Medellin
B.S. in Biology
with International Distinction in the Honors College
“Stability of a Disulfide-Linked Homodimer of Ovine Prolactin” with Dr. Luis Haro, Department of Biology

Sergio Alejandro Montelongo
B.S. in Biology
with a minor in Mathematics cum laude in the Honors College
“Real Time Analysis of Thymocyte Development Using Two Photon Laser Scanning Microscopy” with Dr. Colleen M. Witt, Department of Biology

James Newall Packer
B.S. in Computer Science
with a minor in Mathematics cum laude in the Honors College
“Hypothesis Verification through Visual and Statistical Analysis of Large Numbers of DNA Microarray Datasets” with Dr. Kay Robbins, Department of Computer Science

Melissa Marie Saenz
B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Legal Studies magna cum laude in the Honors College
“An Analysis of the Privileges and Immunities Clause and its Constraints on Women’s Rights” with Dr. Richard Gambitta, Law and Public Affairs Institute

Sergio Alejandro Montelongo
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Jesus Neftali Valero
B.A. in Sociology with International Distinction in the Honors College
“The Impact of Religiosity on American Social Attitudes: An Empirical Examination of Three Major Religions in the U.S.” with Dr. Juanita Firestone, Center for Policy Studies

Crystal Villarreal
B.A. in Political Science and Criminal Justice with a minor in Legal Studies magna cum laude in the Honors College
“The United States and the International Criminal Court: Will There Ever Be a Compromise?” with Dr. Richard Gambitta, Institute for Law and Public Policy

Elizabeth Ann Pople
B.A. in Anthropology with minors in Music and Spanish summa cum laude with International Distinction in the Honors College
“Narcocorrido: Change Represented in Function” with Dr. Stacy Davis, Department of Music

Joanna Marie Wardwell
B.S. in Biology with a minor in Music magna cum laude in the Honors College
“Identification of p53-Dependent Changes by Examination of Gene Transcription” with Dr. Donald McEwen, University of Texas Health Science Center

Angela Christine White
B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Women and Gender Studies summa cum laude in the Honors College
“The Mediating Effect of Self-Assertiveness on the Relationship between Childhood Sexual Abuse and Adult Women’s Condom Negotiation Behavioral Skills” with Dr. Tina Zawacki, Department of Psychology

Left: UTSA President Ricardo Romo, presents diplomas at graduation.
Members of the Honors College did extremely well in the 2007 competition for the University Life Awards (ULA). The following students were winners in various ULA categories.

**ULA Winners**

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Congratulations as well to all of the students and Honors alumni who were finalists in various categories --

**Accolades**

- **Keren Ashie** (sophomore, Nursing)
- **Kurt Attaway** (senior, Psychology)
- **Adriana Benavides** (senior, Biology)
- **Neil Buch** (junior, Biology)
- **Brittany Cooley** ('05, Management)
- **Natasha Davis** (senior, Biology)
- **Nicole DeWath** ('06, Biology)
- **Candice Griffith** (senior, Math)
- **Justin Griffith** (freshman, Criminal Justice)
- **Amanda Lopez** (junior, Accounting)
- **Ashley Mullins** (junior, Nursing)
- **Elizabeth Pople** (senior, Anthropology)
- **Nicole Taylor** (freshman, Political Science)
- **Akshay Thusu** (sophomore, Biology)

Keren Ashie (sophomore, Nursing) has been accepted into the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center Houston.

Kathryn Balance (sophomore, Nursing) has been accepted into the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Peter Cawthon (senior, English & Spanish) has completed the requirements to graduate with Honors in Spanish.

Brian Dorber (senior, Finance) has spent the summer as a paid intern for Morgan Stanley in their Global Wealth Management Division in New York.

Jessie Guercio (sophomore, Nursing) has been accepted into the School of Nursing at the University of Texas at Austin.

Ruth Jackson (junior, Biology), Jocelyn Campos (senior, Biology), and Rachel Finn (senior, Psychology) participated in the JAMP Summer Training Program for pre-med students at Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

Angelean Wear (senior, Mathematics) has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Applied Mathematics -- with a full scholarship -- at Rice University.
Kelsi Arvin (senior, Political Science) was awarded a $5,000 Gilman International Scholarship to study in Infrane, Morocco during the fall 2007 semester.

David Barraza (senior, Biology) and Maxeem Fateev (sophomore, Biology) were admitted into the Undergraduate math Biology program at UTSA.

Natasha Davis (senior, Biology) has been admitted to and will attend the Ph.D. program in Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Texas at Austin.

Crystal Longoria (senior, Political Science/Criminal Justice) has been admitted into St. Mary’s University School of Law and Syracuse University College of Law. She will attend Syracuse University in the fall.

Lori Vrazel (Pre-Physical Therapy, '07) has been accepted into the School of Physical Therapy at the University of Texas Health Science Center after completing 90 hours at UTSA.

Rafael Veraza (senior, Biology) was second author on a paper entitled “Neuroticism Predicts Acculturative Stress in Mexican American College Students,” which was published in the *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences* in August 2007. First author was Dr. Deborah Mangold of the Department of Psychology and third and four authors were UTSA students, Lori Kinkler (Honors alumna) and Nathan Kinney. Rafael completed his work through the Honors College’s Lancy Scholars program in the summer of 2006.

The following members of the Honors College were selected as Alumni Scholarship recipients for 2007-08:

Benjamin Cachau (senior, Management), Cathlena Conrad (senior, Interdisciplinary Studies), Ashley Cowan (junior, History), Maxim Fateev (sophomore, Biology), Nicole Franco (freshman, Biology), Allison Guettner (sophomore, Civil Engineering), Jessica Hinojosa (freshman, Undeclared), Ruth Jackson (junior, Biology), Chuong Khuc (senior, Electrical Engineering), Megan Kraus (junior, Marketing), Rafael Moras (freshman, Music), Adam Newman (junior, Computer Science), Anna Phelix (freshman, Biology), Sharon Sarfati (freshman, Nursing), Marisol Segura (freshman, Pre-Business), David Simonds (junior, Biology), Kevin Smith (junior, Mechanical Engineering), Joshua Sparks (freshman, Undeclared), & Ryan Walker (junior, Music). Congratulations to all!

Alumni News

Noelle Fritz Hurd (Psychology, '04) has received a Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship to support her graduate studies in the Ph.D. program in clinical psychology in the Department of Psychology at the University of Michigan.

Angela McNair-Turner (Political Science, '06) has been admitted to and will attend the University of California at Berkeley Boalt School of Law in fall 2007.

Angelique Eslami (Chemistry, '04) has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Toxicology at the University of Iowa.

Tony Castro (Psychology, '04) has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology at Howard University for fall 2007.

Faculty and Staff Awards

The Honors College’s academic advisor Diana Howard won an award from the Honors Alliance for Excellence for Promoting Academic Integrity, Intelligent Living, and Meaningful Learning. Honors faculty members who won the same award include Dr. Edwin Barea-Rodriguez (Biology), Mr. Ovidio Giberga (Art), Dr. Michael Kurz (Chemistry), and Dr. Sandy Norman (Mathematics).

And special congratulations go out to our own Pauline Jahnert, who won the ULA Award for the Outstanding Support Staff Member and to Honors faculty member Dr. Sandy Norman who won the Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award for a tenure-track, faculty member.
What happens after Graduating from the Honors College?

**Business Honors Graduates:**

Benjamin Cachau will attend the MBA program in Finance at UTSA in Fall 2007.

Shanna O'Cana has been admitted to UTSA’s graduate program and has accepted a job offer with Ernst and Young as an auditor after she completes her Master of Science in Accounting.

Robert García will attend the MBA program at UTSA beginning Summer 2007.

Heath Grona will start UTSA’s Master of Science program in Accounting in summer 2007 and has accepted a position at KPMG as a staff auditor upon completion of his Master’s degree.

**Tier 1 Graduates:**

Steven Beaulieu has accepted a position at USAA as an IT Programmer Analyst.

Elizabeth Chasteen will be teaching elementary school in San Antonio.

Jacqueline Del Bosque will work for USAA while applying to law schools for Fall 2008.

Christina De Leon is attending dental school at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Jacklyn Eaton will attend a Master’s program in Psychology at St. Mary's University and plans to pursue a career in health services.

Kimberly Fodge will take a position as an elementary school teacher, beginning in Fall 2007.

Ian Foss has been admitted to law school at the University of Baltimore, where he will specialize in International Law.

Deanna Hainline has accepted a position as a construction representative for Zachary Construction.

John Martinez will move to Indianapolis to train as a District Manager for Aldi, a worldwide, privately held retailer.

Anar Taghiyev has accepted a position at IBM in Austin, Texas as a software Engineer.

**Tier 2 Graduates:**

Jacqueline Adams will attend the Clinical Psychology PsyD program at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Kurt Attaway has accepted an intern position with a church in the Houston area.
What happens after Graduating from the Honors College?

**Natasha Davis** will attend graduate school at UT Austin to study Cell and Molecular Biology.

**Jason Edwards** has accepted a position at BIF Technologies Corporation in San Antonio and plans to pursue a Master’s degree in Fall 2008.

**Lydia Fletcher** has been accepted into the Master of Philosophy in English Language and Literature Program at the University of Oxford.

**Jessica Junqueira** will begin graduate school at the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College in Vermont.

**Erin Losey** will begin medical school at the University of Northern Texas, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Melissa Saenz** will enter law school at Texas Tech University for Fall 2007.

**Jesus Valero** will attend Regent University School of Law beginning in Fall 2007 where he plans to earn a Master’s in Biblical Interpretation as well as a Doctorate of Jurisprudence.

**Angela White** has been admitted into the PhD Program in Social Psychology at the University of Connecticut.

What will you...
ATTENTION CURRENT HONORS THESIS STUDENTS

As per Honors College guidelines, all Honors Students enrolled in 4993 must make a thesis presentation at the biannual Honors College Undergraduate Research Symposium.

All thesis writers must present their thesis proposal for the first semester of 4993, and their final thesis results in the second semester of 4993. Thesis writers who choose not to enroll in 4993 must present in the semester of their graduation.

This fall, the Honors College Undergraduate Research Symposium will take place on Saturday December 1 from 8:30 a.m-5:00 p.m., with a luncheon between the morning and afternoon sessions.

Consult the Honors Thesis Handbook for details, or contact Dr. Kyle Murray at kyle.murray@utsa.edu

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UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION

Application Deadline:
The first day of every month. [This is a rolling deadline.]

Program Description:
The Honors College is providing research and travel grants up to $500 for students working on undergraduate research projects.

The funds are distributed as reimbursements for the following costs:
• Travel to professional conference to present a paper or conduct research
• Travel to research sites and archives related to the research project
• Purchase supplies and research materials
• Other costs directly related to research

For an application, stop by the Honors College (JPL 4.02.10) or download the application form from:


NOTE: All students who receive funds for travel must fill out a Request for Travel Authorization form BEFORE traveling. The form can be obtained from Mary O. Lopez or Pauline Janert in the office of the Honors College.

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Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/prospect/award/avail.html

2008-2009 Application Form

Study Institutions for Academic Year – Link (search by country)
http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/prospect/award/study.html

Steps in this order:
1) Determine if you meet the qualifications by going online at the websites listed.
   The only scholarship available in District 5840 is the Academic Year Scholarship.
2) Complete the application and submit it to a Rotary Club in District 5840.
   (If you are unsure of what Clubs are in District 5840, contact Jane Findling Burton at (210) 458-4133.)
   Once the Club receives the completed application, they will select their nominee and send it forward to the District Chairman. Application must have a Club endorsement from a Club in District 5840. **Interviews take place in San Antonio.** A recipient will be selected and sent forward from District 5840 for year 2008-2009 to Rotary International. Once recipients are confirmed by Rotary International, those selected will attend a training session in January 2008.

District 5840 Chairman:
Jerry Hardy
hardyj@swbell.net
DO YOU HAVE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE?
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL?

If so, you should register with the Council on Undergraduate Research's Registry of Undergraduate Researchers. The purpose of this registry is to facilitate matchmaking between undergraduates trained with research experience and a desire to pursue an advanced degree, and graduate schools seeking high quality students who are well prepared for research. The Registry is open to students and graduate schools in the fields of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Math, Computer Science, Economics, Geosciences, Engineering, Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology.

Any undergraduate may go to www.cur.org/ugreg/ to fill out a simple curriculum vitae form. There is no charge to the student. Student information records will be made available to bona fide Graduate Schools that contract with CUR for this service. Organizations or companies seeking the students' information for other marketing purposes will not be granted access.

Students who are currently in their Junior or Senior year should register now. Juniors will be able to update their listing at the end of the summer and during their Senior year, to include any summer research experience or information about Senior Theses and test scores.


For a List of Other Scholarships and deadlines, visit http://www.utsa.edu/scholarships/searchsch.cfm

DO NOT WAIT TO APPLY FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS!!

General Information and FAQs on scholarships can be found on the Scholarship Home Page at http://www.utsa.edu/scholarships/searchsch.cfm or by visiting Enrollment Services at either the Downtown of the 1604 campuses.
2007 DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2007

19-28  Late Registration and Add/Drop Begins
20-21  Roadrunner Days for Freshmen Honors Students
22     Fall 2004 Classes Begin
29     Drop Only Begins

September 2007

3      Labor Day (No Classes)
6      Casino Night
7      Census Date
        Last Day to Turn in Honors Contract

October 2007

1      Fall 2004 Graduation Application Deadline
23     Last Day to Drop Course & Receive “W” Sophomores and up

November 2007

1      Draft of Thesis Due to Readers
8      Priority Spring Registration Begins
15     Draft of Thesis Proposal Due to Readers
22-24  Thanksgiving Holiday. Honors College Closed
28     Freshman Drop Date

December 2007

1      Last Day to Withdraw from All Classes
3-4    Student Study Days
        Honors College Undergraduate Research Symposium 8:30AM-1PM
5-11   Final Examinations
11     Signed, bound thesis due to Honors Office (Fall 2004 Grads)
14     Honors College Graduation Ceremony
The UTSA Honors College announces the approval of a bachelor of arts degree in honors studies by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Students can enroll in this first Honors College degree program beginning in fall 2007.

Including the new degree, UTSA offers 63 bachelor’s degree programs, 43 master’s and 20 doctorates. To be eligible to earn the B.A. degree in honors studies, students must pursue a UTSA degree in the 2006-08 course catalog, have a GPA of 3.25 or higher, and be or become a member of the Honors College.

The bachelor’s degree in honors studies is an exciting opportunity because it will allow honors students greater flexibility in their academic programs. While the degree has a core of honors and non-honors courses in sciences, social sciences, and humanities -- plus a demand for substantial competence in a foreign language and the completion of an honors thesis -- students also take 24 hours in a concentration of their choosing and have an additional 12-15 elective hours in which they can, essentially, write their own degree plan with approval from the Honors College.

The Honors College advising team already has designed a degree plan for a B.A. in honors studies with a concentration in pre-medical studies. The benefit of the degree plan is that students can take not only science courses required for admission to medical school, but also many courses focusing on the humanistic side of medical practice.

The advising team also prepared a pre-law degree plan for a B.A. in honors studies and a concentration (and minor) in legal studies. Professor Don Robin, the first official member of the Honors College faculty, is working to develop a B.A. in honors studies with a concentration in human neuroscience. The degree plan will involve collaboration with the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio Research Imaging Center.

The B.A. in honors studies also can be completed with any minor in the College of Liberal and Fine Arts, and students should easily be able to complete double majors with the B.A. in honors studies and most liberal arts majors.

Students with interdisciplinary interests that do not closely fit any individual major also should also take a close look at the B.A. in honors studies. For a copy of the degree plan visit our website at www.utsa.edu/honors.