Welcome to all our new freshmen and welcome back to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors! We hope you are ready for another productive year at UTSA!

When you return to the Honors College Office (still in JPL 4.02.10, but possibly moving later this year...), you will be seeing some new faces in the next few weeks. We were sad to see our Academic Advisor Melissa Tenberg leave in early July, but are pleased for her that she has a terrific opportunity at Victoria College and the chance to live closer to family and to raise her sons in a small-town setting. This summer, we were pleased to promote Diana Howard to the Academic Advisor III position, and we hope to have another Academic Advisor hired within the first couple weeks of the semester. Please be patient as Diana and I try to handle the advising load all on our own for the first couple of weeks of the semester!

We also expect to have some new student workers with us this fall and are looking for a student who has web experience and can work on maintenance of the Honors College website. If you have web and design experience and would like to work for us on a part-time basis, please come in and see Mary or Pauline!

One other exciting development over the summer is that -- thanks to some help from Time Warner Cable and the President's Office -- we were able to send five students from our fall 2008 "Campaign 2008" course to the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, along with their instructor, Dr. Amy Jasperson. The students will be involved in the conventions through a program sponsored by the Washington Center. Matt Shelton, April Sanchez, and Peter Sebesta left for Denver and the Democratic National Convention on Saturday, August 16 and Hilda Moeller and Frank Carni leave for Minneapolis and the Republican National Convention on Saturday, August 23. The students will be maintaining a blog, describing their activities and adventures. You are all welcome to follow along with them at: http://collegeperspective08.blogspot.com/.

Please take the time to look through this newsletter to get a sense of what YOU can participate in as an Honors student!

Have a great fall semester!

Yours,

From the Associate Dean
Dr. Ann Eisenberg
ATTENTION CURRENT HONORS THESIS STUDENTS

The following is a summary of the important deadlines that Honors Thesis students must meet during their first semester of Honors Thesis 4993:

Friday, September 12
Basic thesis information due—thesis readers, working title, and brief description.
Note: Honors Thesis Information Form available at:
http://www.utsa.edu/honors/hcforms.html

Monday, November 3
Complete draft of Thesis or Thesis Proposal due to advisor
[For students in 2nd term of 4993] – the phrasing above applies.
The phrasing above applies to both 1st and 2nd Semester Thesis Students

Monday, November 17
Complete Draft of Thesis / Thesis Proposal due to committee
The phrasing above applies to both 1st and 2nd Semester Thesis Students

Saturday, December 6
Monday, December 8
Present Thesis or Thesis Proposal at Honors College Undergraduate Research Symposium, 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16, by 12:00 pm
Last day to file Thesis or Thesis Proposal with the Honors College
(signed by advisor and readers)

Attention Health Professions Students!

UTSA has just established a system for keeping track in Banner of students’ intent to pursue various health professions tracks after they leave UTSA. If you are planning to pursue a career in one of the health professions -- that is, medicine, dentistry, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, pharmacy, optometry, physicians' assistantship, or any other related field -- please send an email to honors@utsa.edu from your my.UTSA email account. Include your name, ID number, and your specific health profession so that our information will be accurate. This system will allow us to identify students who are interested in specific health professions and will improve our delivery of information regarding relevant opportunities and other useful information.
Greetings Honors College Students!

Welcome new members and welcome back returning members! Summer went by way too fast, and the fall semester will be no different. Classes begin Wednesday, August 27th and you will want to start the semester as prepared as possible. As your Academic Advisor, my job is to help prepare you for what lies ahead here at UTSA, and hopefully you will take the time to read some of the important dates listed on the Advising Calendar and in turn, mark them on your personal calendar to reference throughout the semester.

I can’t stress how important it is for you to become familiar with your UTSA email account, and the many helpful student resources contained on ASAP. If you are having trouble logging in or have been locked out of your account, please make a point to visit the Enrollment Services Office located on the first floor if the JPL (John Peace Library) to have your password reset. We communicate frequently with you through your “my.utsa.edu” email account because there is so much to share with you and we don’t want you to miss out on important deadlines, information and opportunities.

I also want to encourage you to visit the Honors College website for information on scholarships, scholarship deadlines, articles about your peers, conference news and resources you may need. The forms you often ask us for are linked on the HC website for your convenience. Seniors who are graduating in fall 2008 need to apply to UTSA Office of Graduation Coordination as soon as possible and to the Honors College as well. You will be completing two different applications. Visit the HC website at http://www.utsa.edu/honors/hcforms.html for the forms to participate in the Honors College Commencement ceremony which takes place on Friday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. We will apprise you of the location as accommodations are confirmed. Technically the deadline to apply for fall graduation was April 15, 2008, but they are still accepting applications for students who have met with their Academic Advisor and have verified they are eligible to graduate. This window of opportunity will end mid September so if you fall into this category; make an appointment to see us immediately! Seniors graduating in spring 2009 must apply for graduation by November 15, 2008.

New HC members, please consider getting involved in the UHSA, University Honors Student Association. As a member of the Honors College, you are automatically admitted to this student run organization which provides a forum for you to get to know fellow HC students, expand your UTSA experience beyond the classroom in a social setting and make a contribution to the success of the HC! We will send you invitations to various UHSA activities throughout the semester, so again – read your “my.utsa.edu” email on a regular if not daily basis!

We are proud of your academic success and look forward to helping you continue as one of the best and brightest at UTSA! Feel free to schedule an appointment with our office should you have final registration questions or issues. (210) 458-4106 or email us at Honors@utsa.edu

Go Rowdy!

Diana Howard
Academic Advisor III
Honors College
University of Texas San Antonio

"One Student, One Advisor, One Plan for Success!"
Upcoming Events

Honors College
Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 26
2:00-4:00 p.m.
JPL 4.03.08

Join us for ice cream, fun and the opportunity to meet other Honors students.

Let us know if you plan to attend—rsvp at caroline.castellanos@utsa.edu or

Fall 2008 Rowdy Kickoff!!
Honors College Casino Kickoff

Prizes include gift cards, movie tickets, and electronics.

Thursday, September 4, 2008
6:00 to 9:00 PM
BB 2.06.04 (University Room)

Sign up at the office or RSVP to Caroline Castellanos

Honors College goes to the Theatre

A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, October 10, 2008
8:00p.m. at
San Pedro Playhouse– Russell Hill Rogers Theatre

Admission is free for Honors Students on a first-come, first - served basis. Tickets will be available in late September. Watch your my.UTSA e-mail for more information.
The Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics will be hosting Dr. Paul Farmer, MD on Monday, September 22 at noon in the Health Science Center Auditorium for the 2008 Frank Bryant Jr., MD Memorial Lecture. This is an exceptionally unusual opportunity to meet an amazing physician. Dr. Farmer was the subject of Mountains Beyond Mountains, a compelling book written by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder about Dr. Farmer's extraordinary life among the poor of Haiti. Farmer is a founding director of Partners In Health (PIH), which started as a simple clinic 20 years ago to provide desperately needed medical care to the sick and destitute in Cange, in the Central Plateau, Haiti’s poorest area. PIH has since expanded to many other sites in Haiti and is now a successful international health organization with operations in five other countries and a growing number of health initiatives. A physician and medical anthropologist, Dr. Farmer is the Maude and Lillian Presley Professor of Medical Anthropology and co-director of the Program in Infectious Disease and Social Change at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Farmer is the winner of a MacArthur Foundation "genius" award and the Margaret Mead Award for his contributions to public anthropology.

For more information, contact Dr. Ann Eisenberg (Ann.Eisenberg@utsa.edu).
The 43rd Annual Conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) will take place in San Antonio on October 22-24, 2008 at the Marriott Rivercenter.

The NCHC is an association of undergraduate Honors programs and colleges. The conference is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet other honors students and learn about other honors programs and opportunities through fascinating seminars.

Speakers at this year’s conference include writer, filmmaker, and journalist John Philip Santos, Mayor Raul G. Salinas of Laredo, Dr. Michael N. Searles, and Dr. Angela Belcher.

The Honors College will sponsor several students to attend the Conference.

If you are interested in attending the NCHC conference, please contact Caroline Castellanos at caroline.castellanos@utsa.edu.
University Honors Student Association (UHSA)

Every student enrolled in the Honors College is automatically part of UHSA and eligible to be an officer. Make your Honors College experience unique by becoming an officer in UHSA.

Officers and active members work closely with the Honors college and hold social events as well as community service projects. Getting involved with UHSA is a great way to prove your leadership skills, meet other Honors students, and influence Honors College activities. In the past UHSA has held movie nights, trips to museums, Spurs games, the San Antonio zoo, Rest and Relaxation Days, Study Sessions, Faculty of the year awards, Race for the Cure teams, and Habitat for Humanity days.

Start the year of right! Join us as we are set to make this a wonderful year!

Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Officers:

Jonathan Nomamiukor                              President
Amador Salazar                                          Vice President
Marisol Kusbel                                           Secretary
Doug Evans                                                Campus Liaison

Vacant offices needing your nominations are:

Treasurer
Historian
Student Liaison
Community Liaison

The University Honors Student Association (UHSA) needs your nominations for vacant 2008-2009 Officer positions.

To nominate someone or yourself for one of these positions, Contact Caroline Castellanos at caroline.castellanos@utsa.edu.
ULA Winners

Members of the Honors College won a variety of awards in the University Life Awards (ULA) Competition last spring.

Rafael Veraza (senior, Biology)     Most Outstanding Student, College of Sciences
Justin Hrncir (senior, Chemistry)   Outdoor Adventurer of the Year
Dominic Campano (junior, Finance)  Bobbie Walker Best Male Intramural Athlete of the Year
Akshay Thusu (junior, Biology)     Most Outstanding Junior
Rawan Arar (senior, Sociology)     Most Outstanding Senior
Caitlyn Griffith (senior, Music)    Most Outstanding Student, College of Liberal and Fine Arts
Robin McIlhenny (senior, History)  Most Outstanding Student, Honors College
Analy De La Cruz (senior, Interior Design) Most Outstanding Student, College of Architecture
Caitlyn Griffith (senior, Music)    Golden Feather Award
Candice Griffith (senior, Mathematics) Golden Feather Award

Congratulations also to other Honors College students who were finalists for University Life Awards: Ryan Brice (junior, Biology), Whitney Ellis (junior, English), Rachel Finn (senior, Psychology), Allison Guettner (junior, Civil Engineering), and Raul Montelongo (senior, Electrical Engineering).

Do you know someone associated with the Honors College who has done something worth recognizing?

Send it to honors@utsa.edu and we’ll put it in the ‘Recognition of Excellence’
Rawan Arar and Annie Ramirez have been selected as the two Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars for 2009-10. Rawan will travel somewhere in the middle east, probably Lebanon or Egypt, and Annie will probably be going to Scotland. Rawan Arar (Sociology, ’08) has also been accepted into the Master’s program in Women’s Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

Briana Rogler-Brown (sophomore, Biology) has been accepted into the School of Nursing at Wayland Baptist University.

Daniela Caballero (senior, psychology) was accepted into a Summer Research Program at the University of Illinois.

Kathryn Dunlap (senior, Psychology) was admitted into the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She spent her summer working on memory and problem-solving in older adults with Dr. Kelly Giovanello of the Department of Psychology and the Biomedical Research Imaging Center.

Jose Estrada, graduate of the Honors College and the College of Sciences, received a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship for four years of graduate study. He is currently a graduate student in the PhD program in molecular biology at the University of California at Berkeley.

Rachel Finn (senior, psychology) has won a $1500 scholarship from Alpha Chi Honor Society. The award was based on the submission of her Honors thesis proposal and recognizes her for her participation in undergraduate Honors research. Rachel is working on a project on mother-calf interaction in beluga whales with Dr. Heather Hill, who is currently on the faculty at St. Mary’s University.

Magda Garcia (senior, English) was accepted into a Summer Research Program at the University of California at Los Angeles.

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Danielle Mack (senior, Art) has had a painting accepted into the Student Art Show.

Fernando Moura (sophomore, Psychology) completed a Summer Research Opportunity Program at the National Institutes on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in summer 2008. He worked with Dr. Jia Bei Wang at the University of Maryland at Baltimore on a project entitled, "Opioid Receptor Phosphorylation in Opioid Tolerance and Dependence."

Steven Potter (senior, Psychology) was admitted into the PhD program in Clinical Psychology at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Olabisi Sanusi (senior, Biology) has been accepted into medical school at the Penn State College of Medicine!

Sharon Sarfati (sophomore, Biology) will marry Aryeh Kluger on July 3, 2008. Mazel-tov, Sharon!

Erica Schneid (Psychology, '07) was accepted into PhD programs in clinical psychology at Purdue University, New York University, and Northern Illinois University. She will attend Purdue University on a research assistantship in fall 2008.

Christopher Valdez (senior, Biology) was admitted into a Summer Research Program at Yale University for summer 2008.

Congratulations to the three Honors College students who were accepted into the McNair Scholars Program for summer 2008: Mersedyes Boatman (senior, Biology), Alejandro Bocanegra (senior, Psychology), and Natalia Garcia (senior, Psychology). All three students worked on research with UTSA or UTHSC faculty.

Congratulations to the five Honors students who were winners in the COLFA Research Competition that was held on Friday, April 11, 2008. Rachel Finn (senior, Psychology) took first place in the psychology poster division, Nicole Alabi (junior, Psychology/Criminal Justice) and Tamami Norizuki (senior, Psychology/Economics) took second place in the psychology poster division, and Lavelda Bradley (senior, Psychology) took third place in the psychology poster division. Alejandro Bocanegra (senior, Psychology) placed second in the paper/presentation category for psychology. All winners receive a monetary award.

Do you know someone associated with the Honors College who has done something worth recognizing? Send it to honors@utsa.edu and we’ll put it in the ‘Recognition of Excellence’
Congratulations to the nine Honors students admitted to the UTSA Summer Law School Preparation Academy: Carlos Castañeda (junior, Political Science), Chris Collazo (senior, Philosophy), Dilip Gokhale (sophomore, Political Science), Jonathan Nomamiukor (junior, English), Ezinne Okpo (junior, Political Science), Jeremy Patton (junior, General Business), Nicole Robbins (senior, English), April Sanchez (junior, Communication), and Eric Vryn (senior, Political Science).

John Fuini (junior, Physics) and Dang Nguyen (senior, Computer Science) competed in the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition in December of 2007. In this competition, the most prestigious mathematical competition in North America, UTSA ranked 145 out of 516 other colleges and universities. Fuini and Nguyen will compete again in the Putnam Competition in December 2008. For more information on John and Dang’s success, see the article on the UTSA Today website: http://www.utsa.edu/today/2008/06/putnam.cfm.

Congratulations to the nine members of the Honors College who were admitted to the Center for Professional Excellence’s Leadership Challenge Program: Carlos Castañeda (junior, Political Science), Jennifer Eck (sophomore, Nursing), Dilip Gokhale (junior, Political Science), Daniela Maldonado (junior, Information Systems), Trevor Miller (senior, Biology), Jeremy Patton (junior, Management), April Sanchez (senior, Communication), Matthew Shelton (sophomore, Political Science), and Nicole White (senior, Psychology).

Congratulations to Best Anyama (senior, Biology) and Leah May (senior, Biology) who participated in the Summer Research Experience for Pre-Meds through the MBRS/Rise Program and the Department of Biology during summer 2008.

As school begins, five Honors College students will be delayed in their return to campus, as they spend the last couple of weeks of August at either the Democratic or Republican National Conventions with a program run through the Washington Center and supported by Time Warner Cable and the UTSA President’s Office. Frank Carni (junior, Political Science) and Hilda Moeller (junior, History), will be at the Republican Convention in Minneapolis, while April Sanchez (senior, Communication), Peter Sebesta (sophomore, Architecture), and Matthew Shelton (sophomore, Political Science) will travel to the Democratic Convention in Denver. The students will be reporting back to Dr. Amy Jasperson’s ‘Campaign 2008’ Honors Seminar, but all members of the Honors College are invited to follow the students’ activities and adventures through their convention blogs on the web at: http://CollegePerspective08.blogspot.com.
Recent Scholarship Recipients

Presidential Honors Scholarships
Kristi Barker (senior, Biology)
Chadwick Cole (senior, Biology)
Nicole DeBord (senior, Anthropology)
LaTessa Dixon (senior, Anthropology)
Kathryn Dunlap (senior, Psychology)
Natalie Garcia (senior, Psychology)
Anthony Levine (senior, English)
Jessica Lindsey (senior, Communication)
Tammi Norizuki (senior, Psychology)
Tiffany Palomero (junior, Biology)
Isha Gupta (sophomore, Computer science)
Kurt Johnson (sophomore, Chemistry)

Paul Aguirre (freshman, Biology)
Charles Nicholas Crain (freshman, Biology)
Traci Derlein (freshman, Pre-business)
Sonia Edrisi (freshman, Biology)
Katelyn Fray (freshman, Pre-business)
Elizabeth Hollingsworth (freshman, Undeclared)
Erin Josserand (freshman, Biology)
Meagan Lazaga (freshman, Biology)
Joshua Lopez (freshman, Accounting)
Laura Lundberg (freshman, English)
Albert Mondragon (freshman, Undeclared)
Kenny Nieto (sophomore, Biology)
Luke Pluchinsky (freshman, Business)
Matthew Puchta (freshman, Biology)
Joshua Pullin (freshman, Multidisciplinary Science)
Kimberly Rahbani (freshman, Electrical engineering)
Tara Rothe (freshman, Communication)
Joshua Taenzier (freshman, Pre-business)
Vanessa Teodosio (freshman, Biology)
Wendy Wu (freshman, Business)

Greehey Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship for First-Generation Students
Paul Aguirre (freshman, Biology)
Richard Lopez (freshman, Mechanical Engineering)
Albert Mondragon (freshman, Undeclared)
Iliana Sanchez (freshman, Psychology)
Wendy Wu (freshman, Business)

William and Salome Scanlan Endowed Scholarship
Casey Acosta (freshman, Interior Design)
Alexander Obregon (freshman, Architecture)
Noah Ozgo (freshman, Electrical Engineering)

Peter T. Flawn Presidential Honors Endowed

Scholarships
Carina Dudas (senior, Biology)
Kameron Lockamy (senior, Chemistry)
Chinedum Ofodile (sophomore, Electrical Engineering)
Christina Starkey (sophomore, Mathematics)
Christopher Theetge (freshman, Mechanical Engineering)
Michael Zhang (freshman, Biology)

Jacqueline Beretta Scholarship Fund
April Sanchez (sophomore, Communication)

The Sam and Ann Barshop Scholarship
Jeremy Patton (junior, Management)
Jonathan Nomamiukor (junior, English)

The Hixon Family Endowed Scholarship
Karla Larios (senior, General Business)

South Texas Money Management, Ltd., Endowed Honors Scholarship
Hilda Moeller (junior, History)

Ardow Ameduri, MD, Honors College Scholarship
Amy Yoder (sophomore, English)

Steven & Jean Lee Endowed Scholarship
Lauren Ramcharan (freshman, Interdisciplinary Studies)

Wells Fargo Endowed Honors Scholarship
Dominic Campano (junior, Finance)

Robert W. Flynn Endowed Honors Scholarship
Iliana Sanchez (freshman, Psychology)

Dr. Ruskin C. Norman and Mrs. Karen Norman Endowed Honors Scholarship (COS)
Trevor Miller (senior, Biology)

AT&T, Inc. Endowed Honors Scholarship (spirit of volunteerism)
Akshay Thusu (junior, Biology)

H-E-B Endowed Honors Scholarship
Thomas Sgarlat (sophomore, Accounting)

The next deadline for Honors College Scholarship applications is December 15, 2008

For more information on applying for Honors Scholarships, go to the Honors College website:
http://www.utsa.edu/honors/Honors%20College%20Scholarship%20Application%20Form%202008.doc
**RECENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

**Great Conversation Honors Scholarships**
- Rachel Almaraz (junior, Psychology)
- Best Anyama (senior, Biology)
- Ruth Arya (senior, Biology)
- John Barton (senior, Biology)
- Terrence Bell (freshman, Undeclared)
- Amanda Black (senior, English)
- Daniela Caballero (senior, Psychology)
- Dominic Campano (junior, Finance)
- Sarah Chavez (sophomore, Biology)
- Ashley Cowan (senior, History)
- Nneoma Duru-Onweni (junior, Civil Engineering)
- John Egan (sophomore, Political Science)
- Maxim Fateev (junior, Biology)
- Magda Garcia (senior, English)
- Theresa Garibay (senior, Marketing)
- Dilip Gokhale (sophomore, Political Science)
- Jaime Gomez (freshman, Undeclared)
- Christian Gonzalez (senior, Biology)
- Maya Gonzalez (junior, Marketing)
- Joseph Granado (junior, Biology)
- Stephanie Granados (senior, Communication)
- Lacy Guaderrama (sophomore, Environmental Sciences)
- Ashley Hammer (senior, Interdisciplinary Studies)
- Pardeis Heidari (sophomore, Undeclared)
- Alexandra Koller (senior, Biology)
- Megan Kraus (senior, Marketing)
- Karla Larios (senior, General Business)
- Erica Lay (senior, Communication)
- Briana Lerma (sophomore, Interdisciplinary Studies)
- Caryn Malone (senior, Politics)
- Robert Massey (sophomore, Politics)
- Marlene Mendez (senior, Art)
- Trevor Miller (senior, Biology)
- Jonathan Nomamiukor (junior, English)
- Chanel Nwokey (junior, Biology)
- Shanna Pahl (senior, Physics)
- Christopher Renshaw (sophomore, Biology)
- Kimberly Rahbani (freshman, Electrical Engineering)
- Matthew Shelton (freshman, Political Science)
- Kulbir Singh (freshman, Electrical Engineering)
- Markiya Slone (junior, Anthropology)
- Robert Terrazas (junior, Accounting)
- Christopher Valdez (senior, Biology)
- Rafael Velez (junior, Finance)
- Anthony Walker (senior, Political Science)
- Amy Yoder (sophomore, English)

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**In the Honors College**

**THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**IS DECEMBER 15, 2008**

For more information on applying for Honors Scholarships, go to the Honors College website:

[http://www.utsa.edu/honors/Honors%20College%20Scholarship%20Application%20Form%202008.doc](http://www.utsa.edu/honors/Honors%20College%20Scholarship%20Application%20Form%202008.doc)
In the Honors College

Congratulations Spring 2008 Graduates

Noël Sherée Fortier
B.B.A. in Actuarial Science
in the Honors College

Gina Franks
B.B.A. in Marketing
with a minor in Spanish in the Honors College

Claudia Yvette Martinez
B.B.A. in Accounting
in the Honors College

Tyler Lee Green
B.B.A. in Marketing
in the Honors College

Neil A. Buch
B.S. in Biology
with a minor in Chemistry magna cum laude
in the Honors College

Jessica Louise Conroy
B.A. in Psychology
with a minor in Communication summa cum laude in the Honors College

Brian Michael Dorber
B.B.A in Finance
cum laude with Business Honors in the Honors College

TIER I HONORS
In the Honors College

Congratulations Spring 2008 Graduates

TIER I HONORS

Katie Marie Edwards
B.A. in English
with a minor in Communication magna cum laude
in the Honors College

Kirk Patrick Eggleston
B.A. in Communication
in the Honors College

Crystal Naomi Flores
B.A. in Biology
in the Honors College

Alayne Bernadette Fronimos
B.A. in Biology
magna cum laude in the Honors College

Alejandra E. Gomez
B.A. in English
with a minor in Spanish summa cum laude
with International Distinction in the Honors College

David Anthony Gonzales II
B.A. in Biology
cum laude in the Honors College

William E. Grieder
B.A. in Philosophy
with a minor in Economics in the Honors College

Philip Mason Hamby
B.S. in Electrical Engineering
summa cum laude in the Honors College

Richie Maldonado
B.B.A. in Finance
with a minor in Psychology cum laude
with Business Honors in the Honors College

Mitra Lori Miri
B.S. in Biology
with a minor in Political Science
cum laude in the Honors College

Jessica Lee Erin Purkey
B.S. in Biology
summa cum laude in the Honors College

Melissa Mora Ruiz
B.A. in Communication
magna cum laude in the Honors College

Desiree Brittany White
B.S. in Mathematics
with a minor in Applied Sciences
in the Honors College

TIER II HONORS

Rawan Mazen Arar
B.A. in Sociology
with minors in Legal Studies and Women and Gender Studies
magna cum laude in the Honors College
“The Effect of Westernization on Women in Jordan:
A Documentary Exploration of Female Culture”
with Dr. Nancy Membrez,
Department of Modern Languages and Literature

Jeremiah Joseph Babcock
B.S. in Physics
with a minor in Mathematics magna cum laude
in the Honors College
“Temperature Dependence of Bose-Einstein Exiton Condensates in 2-D Quantum Wells”
with Dr. Zlatko Koinov, Department of Physics

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Congratulations Spring 2008 Graduates

TIER II HONORS

Lavelda Bradley
B.A. in Psychology
with a minor in Philosophy summa cum laude
in the Honors College
“Applying the Theory of Planned Behavior
to ADHD/ADD Medication Intentions”
with Dr. David Pillow, Department of Psychology

Elizabeth E. Brito
B.B.A. in Management
cum laude in the Honors College
“The Impact of what Happened
when Levi Strauss & Co. Left San Antonio”
with Dr. Anne Hardgrove, Department of History

Kevin Michael Clark
B.A. in Biology
cum laude in the Honors College
“The Influence of Aging on the Physiological
Response to Unpredictable Perturbation during Speech
Production”
with Dr. Donald Robin, Honors College

Cathlena Beth Conrad
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies
summa cum laude
in the Honors College
“Addressing Social Justice Issues through
Children’s Multicultural Literature: A Guide for Teachers”
with Dr. Miriam Martinez,
Department of Interdisciplinary Learning and
Teaching

Annalyse Rodriguez Escobar
B.A in Communication
with a minor in Bicultural Studies
with International Distinction in the Honors College
“Institutional Influences on the Ethnic Identity
Formation of Mexican-American Youth”
with Dr. Sara DeTurk, Department of
Communication

D’Lisa A. Fernandez
B.S. in Biology
magna cum laude in the Honors College
“The Role of PMFG in Speech Motor Programming:
A Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation
Virtual Lesion Study”
with Dr. Donald Robin, Honors College

Eleonora De Los Angel Figueroa
B.S. in Physics
with a minor in Mathematics cum laude
with International Distinction in the Honors College
“Sample Fabrication for Optical Studies
of Photon Localization”
with Dr. Andrey Chabanov, Department of Physics

Catherine Anne Garant
B.F.A. in Art
with a minor in Business Administration
summa cum laude in the Honors College
“Puddles: An Exploration of Creating Narrative Art
in Children’s Literature”
with Prof. Roxy McCloskey, Majestic Ranch Arts Foundation

Julia Georgi
B.A. in Biology
with a minor in Mathematics magna cum laude
in the Honors College
“Computational Comparison of Purkinje Cells”
with Dr. James Bower,
University of Texas Health Science Center

Liliana Maribel Gonzalez
B.S. in Architecture
cum laude with International Distinction
in the Honors College
“Santa Maria del Mar: Preserving the Past through Virtual Pre-
sent”
with Dr. Shelley Roff, Department of Architecture

Nicole Rhea Greer
B.S. in Anthropology
summa cum laude in the Honors College
“Muslim Students at Texas Universities:
Perspective and Identity”
with Dr. Raquel Marquez, Department of Sociology
In the Honors College

Congratulations Spring 2008 Graduates

Tier II Honors

Caitlyn Nicole Griffith
B.M. in Music
with a minor in Psychology
_magna cum laude in the Honors College_
“Expressions of Youth: Modest Petrovich
Moussorgsky’s Detskaia”
with Dr. Diana Allan, Department of Music

Candice Elayne Griffith
B.S. in Mathematics
with a minor in Psychology _cum laude_
in the Honors College
“Which Comes First: The Class or the Test?
How High Stakes Testing Affects High School
Teachers”
with Dr. Nancy Martin, Department of Counseling,
Educational Psychology, Adult & Higher Education

Eric M. Johnson
B.S. in Physics
with a minor in Mathematics in the Honors College
“Photophysical Study of the Interactions and
Influence on Tubulin Polymerization:
Porphyrsins vs. Anti-Microtubule Agents”
with Dr. Lorenzo Brancaleon, Department of Physics

Keith Gilbert Joseph
B.S. in Biology
_cum laude with International Distinction_
in the Honors College
“The Influence of CXCR4 Polymorphisms on
HIV-1/AIDS Susceptibility”
with Dr. Sunil K. Ahuja, University of Texas Health Science
Center

Ruth Kovner
B.S. in Biology
with a minor in Mathematics
_summa cum laude in the Honors College_
“Mutational Analysis of Capillary Morphogenesis Gene 2
(CMG2)”
with Dr. Jilani Chaudry, Department of Biology

Steven Alex Mayen
B.S. in Biology
_magna cum laude in the Honors College_
“Determination of the Cut-Off Values
for Assessment of Root Caries Using DIAGNOdent”
with Dr. Bennett Amaechi, University of Texas Health Science
Center

Christopher Wendell McColskey
B.S. in Biology
_cum laude in the Honors College_
“The Molecular Characterization of Zfh-2”
with Dr. Martha Lundell, Department of Biology

Robin Elizabeth McIlhenny
B.A. in History
with minors in Anthropology
and International Studies
_magna cum laude in the Honors College_
“Remembering the Unthinkable:
American Perceptions of the Holocaust
and the San Antonio Holocaust Memorial”
with Dr. Kolleen Guy, Department of History

Adriana Mejia
B.S. in Biology
with a minor in Foreign Languages
with International Distinction in the Honors College
“Role of Hsl7 in Xenopus laevis”
with Dr. Paul Mueller, Department of Biology

Raúl Montelongo
B.S. in Electrical Engineering
with a minor in Business Administration
_magna cum laude with International Distinction_
in the Honors College
“Investigation of Power Dissipation
in Arithmetic Circuits”
with Dr. Eugene John, Department of Electrical
Engineering
In the Honors College

Congratulations Spring 2008 Graduates

TIER II HONORS

Lucy Panoyan
B.S. in Biology
*magna cum laude* in the Honors College
“The Informed Consent Process and its Effectiveness
in Protecting Subjects Participating in
Genetic Family Studies”
with Dr. Nedal Arar, University of Texas Health Science Center

Pamela Lea Ressler
B.S. in Biology
*cum laude* in the Honors College
“Improving Upper Extremity Function
using Constraint-Induced Movement Therapy”
with Ms. Ann Newstead, PT,
University of Texas Health Science Center

Amanda Salih
B.A. in Sociology
*cum laude* in the Honors College
“A Content Analysis of News Coverage
of the HPV Vaccine
in Texas from August 2006 to August 2007”
with Dr. A. Derral Cheatwood, Department of Psychology

Olabisi Rukayat Sanusi
B.S. in Biology
*summa cum laude* in the Honors College
“Increasing Artemisinin Production
in *Artemisia annua*”
with Dr. Valerie Sponsel, Department of Biology
## 2008 Dates to Remember

### AUGUST 2008

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| 25   | Roadrunner Days begin  
University Convocation, 10:00 a.m. - REC Center  
Honors College Common Book Experience, 11:30 a JPL 4.03.08 |
| 26   | Terry Scholars Orientation, 8:45 am, UC Willow Room  
Honors College Ice Cream Social, 2-4 pm JPL 4.03.08 |
| 27   | Classes begin |

### SEPTEMBER 2008

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| 4    | Honors College Casino Night  
6:00-9:00 BB 2.06.04 |
| 12   | Census Date  
Basic thesis information due  
Last day to turn in Honors Contracts |
| 22   | Honors College Field Trip  
Dr. Paul Farmer Lecture at UTHSC  
11:00 am - Auditorium |

### OCTOBER 2008

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| 10   | Honors College Goes to the Theatre  
“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” |
| 15   | Midterm grades posted  
International Education Fund Application Deadline |
| 22-26 | National Collegiate Honors Council Conference |

### DECEMBER 2008

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| 3    | Priority Honors registration begins  
Complete draft of thesis/thesis proposal due to thesis advisor |
| 15   | Graduation Application  
Deadline for spring 2009 |
| 17   | Complete draft of thesis/thesis proposal due to committee |
| 27-28 | Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes |

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| 3    | Last day to withdraw from all classes  
Last day for freshmen to drop a course and receive an automatic “W” |
| 8    | Honors College Undergraduate Research Proposals  
Thesis presentations, 8:30 am-4:30 pm |
| 8-9  | Student Study Days (no classes) |
| 10-16 | Final Examinations |
| 15   | Honors Scholarship Application Deadline |
| 16   | Deadline to file thesis/thesis proposal with the Honors College – 12 pm  
Year-old Incompletes convert to “F” |
| 19   | Honors College Graduation Ceremony, 2 pm, Recital Hall |
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