From the Associate Dean

Once again, I am pleased to introduce some new faces that you will see in the Honors College this spring. Many of you have probably already met our new, half-time, Academic Advisor, Diana Howard, who joined us back in October. Diana got her trial by fire during the spring registration period when she had to take over all freshman and sophomore advising while Judi’s mother was so ill this fall. **We very much appreciate your patience with Diana as she is working hard to learn a new and complicated system and to master a lot of information!** I know there were a few problems and frustrations for some of you during spring registration, but in the long run, having Diana on our team will help us to serve you better.

Our other new faces belong to Pauline Janert, our new Administrative Associate I, and Jennifer Brewton, our new, half-time Senior Office Assistant. Many of you already know Pauline, as she worked in our office as a temp for many weeks before we were able to hire her full-time. You will usually find Pauline at the front desk during the mornings and Jennifer there during the afternoons. Both are cheerful, helpful, and friendly, and we are confident that you will enjoy getting to know them and working with them in the future!

Stop by when you return to UTSA for spring classes and introduce yourself! We’ll look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

Ann R. Eisenberg, Ph.D.
Associate Dean of the Honors College
ann.eisenberg@utsa.edu

From the Advising Coordinator

I hope you all are rested from your short winter break and are excited about the start of the spring semester. I have a few things to talk to you about in this column.

Beginning in spring semester, the advising staff will only answer emails that originate from your lonestar account email address. This is to ensure your privacy and security. **Please be sure to email us from your lonestar email address. All other email messages will receive the response, “Please email me from your lonestar email account.”**

If you are not familiar with ASAP, please get to know the system. There are all kinds of things you can do through ASAP, including running your own degree plans. In the coming months you will see a computer kiosk outside the Honors office, which will be available for all Honors students to use during regular office hours to run degree plans and “what if” degree plans. “What if” degree plans show you what will happen if you are thinking about changing your major. **We are asking that you run degree plans before your appointment with the advising staff.**

This year’s Great Plains Honors Council Conference will be held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas on the weekend of April 8-10. Anyone interested in presenting will need to submit a proposal by February 4, 2005. Please see Dr. Ben Olguín for proposal submission forms. Presenting at the conference gives you a chance to present your work on a regional level and to meet other Honors students from our Great Plains region.

Have a great semester and stop by to say “Hi” and meet the new staff!

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Academic Advisor II
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**HONORS COLLEGE ACTIVITIES**

### Movie Night: “i,Robot”

**Thursday, February 24**  
**Location TBA 7:00 p.m.**

Bring your pillow and slippers and join other Honors College members for a relaxing evening with a movie and popcorn. Popcorn provided!

### The Honors College at Homecoming

**Saturday, February 26, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Convocation Center/parking lot**

Join other Honors College students at the Homecoming Tailgate Party at 5:00 (look for our Banner!) and then attend the men’s basketball homecoming game with members of the Honors community! No RSVP necessary.

### Cosmic Bowling

**Saturday, March 5, 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.**  
**Oak Hills Bowl - 7330 Callaghan Road**

$5 for UHSA members, $8 for non-members  
**Reservations & payment required by February 24 (no refunds)**

Join UHSA members for late-night, in-the-dark Cosmic Bowling at Oak Hills Bowl. Full cost is $13 per student, but $5-$8 will be subsidized by UHSA and the Honors College. For $5, you get shoes, a lane, unlimited bowling, and great camaraderie!

### Movie Night: “AnchorMan”

**Thursday, March 24**  
**Location TBA 7:00 p.m.**

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### Return to Enchanted Rock

**Friday-Saturday, April 1-2, 3:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Meet at the BB VIA Bus Stop**

$5 & reservation needed by March 25 (no refunds)

Join members of the Honors College on a camping trip at Enchanted Rock Natural Area and an exploration of the caves there! We’ll leave from campus via carpool late Friday afternoon and return late Saturday afternoon. Students can borrow camping equipment from the Wellness Center. You pay for the camping site and the Honors College pays for food. Your payment is your reservation! UHSA and the Honors College will pick up the rest of the cost.

### UHSA Coffee Nights

**Starbuck’s at Huebner Oaks**  
6:30 p.m.  
- Tuesday, February 1  
- Tuesday, March 1  
- Tuesday, April 5

Join UHSA members for coffee, camaraderie, and conversation at our monthly Coffee Nights at the Starbuck’s at Huebner Oaks. Coffee nights take place the first Tuesday of every month following UHSA meetings at 5:30 in the Ash Room (UC 2.03.06) or the Willow Room (UC 2.02.12). (See page 16 for UHSA meeting dates.)

**Stop by the Honors College Office (HSS 4.02.20) today to sign up!**

Friends and relatives of Honors students are invited to join Honors activities, if space provides. Problems with transportation to events? Contact UHSA Officers at admin@uhsa.org or contact UHSA President Stephanie Juarez at sjuarez83@satx.rr.com.

**NOTE:**  
Fiesta UTSA is April 15. UHSA would love to have volunteers!!
ATTENTION PRE-MED STUDENTS

For some time now, many Biology major/pre-med students have been asking if they need to take CHE 1122, "General Chemistry I Lab," and CHE 2342, "Organic Chemistry II Lab." As many of you have noted, these two lab courses are not required for the Biology major, but they are on the list of pre-medical course requirements distributed by the College of Sciences Advising Center. Because basic pre-med requirements at medical schools across the country list "two years of Chemistry with lab," for many, many years, Honors College (and Honors Program) advising staff have interpreted that to mean you must take FOUR semesters of Chemistry (i.e., through Organic II) with all FOUR labs.

Very recently, however, we noted that the UT System describes the pre-med Chemistry requirement as "8 semester hours of General Chemistry with 2 hours of lab and 8 semester hours of Organic Chemistry with 2 hours of lab." Most schools have 1-hour labs associated with each Chemistry course, but UTSA has 2-hour labs associated with each course. I have checked with Dr. David Jones, Associate Dean for Admissions, at the UTHSC-SA Medical School, and he has confirmed that UT-System medical schools would NOT require that UTSA students take CHE 1122 or CHE 2342, as CHE 1312 and CHE 2242 would meet the requirement for 2 hours of General Chemistry lab and 2 hours of Organic Chemistry lab.

You should note, however, that the College of Sciences Advising Center still advises pre-med students to take CHE 1122 and CHE 2342. Keep in mind that you may decide (or may have to) attend a medical school outside the UT-System, where 2 YEARS of General Chemistry and Organic Chemistry labs ARE required. We also strongly encourage all pre-med students to take CHE 1122 and CHE 2342, but we feel you should have accurate information about UT-System medical school requirements.
REMINDER: THE THREE-ATTEMPT RULE

Please keep in mind that, beginning immediately, when you register for a specific course for the THIRD time, you will now notice an added surcharge on your bill that amounts to the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition for that one course. The policy applies to courses you are retaking to replace a "D" or an "F" as well as to courses from which you withdrew and received a "W." For example, if you withdrew from CHE 1103 in fall 2004 and do so again in spring 2005, you will be charged the surcharge when you register for CHE 1103 for summer 2005. This policy, initiated by the Texas Legislature, is designed to encourage students to make reasonable progress toward the completion of their degrees and to discourage students (like you Honors students!), from dropping courses needlessly when they expect to receive a "B," which would ruin their perfect 4.0 average!

REMINDER: NEW REPEAT POLICY FOR GRADES OF "D" AND "F"

Spring and summer of 2005 will be the last semesters in which students can re-take courses in which they received a "D" or an "F" and have the retaken course replace the "D" or "F" in their GPA. For example, if you took POL 1013 in fall and received a "D," you can re-take POL 1013 in spring or summer and, if you receive a "C" or higher, that new grade is the only one that will count toward your GPA. This policy ends beginning in fall 2005, however. Beginning in fall 2005, only students with fewer than 45 hours at the time they re-enroll in a course will have the new grade replace the "D" or "F." Once you complete 45 hours, the "D" or "F" for the first time you take the course will be averaged with the grade you subsequently receive for the course. If you repeat a course in which you received a "C" or better, the grade for the repeated course NEVER contributes to your GPA!!

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING SENIORS!!!!

The deadline to file for graduation in spring 2005 is February 14. All students who are planning to graduate in spring 2005 should already have requested a degree audit from the College Advising Center in the College of their major.

If you are planning to graduate with Tier 1 Honors any time during 2005, please contact Dr. Eisenberg immediately at aeisenberg@utsa.edu.
The Institute of International Education (IIE) is now accepting applications for the 2005-2006 National Security Education Program (NSEP) Boren Undergraduate Scholarships for study abroad. NSEP Boren Scholarships provide funding for summer, semester, or year-long study in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. national security, but are underrepresented in study abroad.

IIE encourages interested students to visit www.iie.org/nsep to learn more about the program and begin the application process. All applications must be completed online.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Dr. Eisenberg, UTSA’s NSEP Advisor.

The national deadline is February 10, 2005.

2005 Honors College Italy Program
Italy Travelers, Mark Your Calendar!!

January 20, 2005          Information Meeting
                         Hawthorne Room, UC  2.01.34 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
March 15, 2005           2nd payment of $1,000
March 23, 2005           Fill out Passport Application
April 1, 2005            Final payment (in full) due
May 1, 2005              Information Meeting - Fill out Visa Application
May 2005                 International Office Orientation
May 31, 2005             First Class Begins
July 30, 2005            Return to San Antonio

For additional information, contact Honors College dean, Dr. Richard Diem: rdiem@utsa.edu

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Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships

http://www.studyabroad.com/forum/rotary/rotary.html

Students may apply in May 2005 to study abroad in 2006-2007. Rotary Clubs primarily fund full-year, study abroad programs. These awards are not terribly competitive because there tend to be relatively few applicants, and the local Rotary District gets to send as many as 2-3 candidates. So chances for a scholarship are pretty good! Four UTSA students have won this scholarship in the past.

Students can apply to use this scholarship while they are still completing their degree at UTSA or can use it for the year after they graduate (or could interrupt a graduate education to use it). The scholarship can be used at any university in a city that has a Rotary club. Students who wish to study at a university where courses are taught in a language other than English will need to demonstrate linguistic proficiency. **Deadline: May 1, 2005.**

Applications can be submitted directly to one of the local Rotary Clubs by the May 1 deadline or you may contact Jane Findling in the Office of Alumni Programs and ask her to hand-deliver your application to the Oak Hills Rotary Club. If you select this option, you will probably need to contact Ms. Findling two weeks before May 1 to verify when she needs to have the application to deliver it to her club on time. You may apply through any local Rotary club, but you may wish to consider:

**The Oak Hills Rotary Club of San Antonio**
Contact Bill Trodlier, ABR, ALC, CRS, GRI btrodlier@aol.com
(210) 581-5764 www.theheritageteam.net

**The San Antonio Rotary Club**
(210) 222-8242 x102

**Find a Rotary Club!** http://www.rotary.org/support/clubs/
UTSA’S INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID FUND
http://www.utsa.edu/intprograms/

Need money to study abroad? Apply for the International Education Financial Aid Fund. Applicants should go to the Office of International Programs (MB 1.210) to request an application and additional information.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
FEBRUARY 1 for SUMMER and FALL programs

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CLARISE RIVERA STARR

Clarise Rivera Starr is a 1997 graduate of the UTSA Honors Program. She obtained a B.S. in Biology, and she worked with her Honors Thesis advisor, Andrew Tsin, Ph.D., on a project to assess the carotene and tocopherol levels of seven plants used as famine foods in the western Sahel in Africa. After she graduated from UTSA, she spent a summer in Maiduguri, Nigeria as part of the Minority International Research Training (MIRT) program in conjunction with the University of New Mexico. While in Africa, she worked in a large community, gathering samples for a project to determine calcium chelators in the serum of post-menopausal women. Clarise came back to San Antonio and worked as a technician at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in the laboratory of Patricia Camacho before applying to graduate school at the University of Michigan in 1999. Clarise is currently a 5th year Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and hopes to defend her thesis work “The characterization of the hyaluronidase gene, hylA, in Group A Streptococcal pathogenesis,” in May 2005.

“The UTSA Honors Program allowed me to register early, attend smaller classes, and gave me the opportunity to develop relationships with faculty, which in turn helped with the application process for graduate school. The Honors program also helped fund my education through the Presidential Honors Scholarship and provided opportunities for service to the community and the university.”

Clarise is married to a fellow UTSA alumnus, Peyton Starr. Upon completion of her Ph.D., Clarise hopes to enter a two-year training program in Clinical Microbiology, which will train her to run government and/or hospital laboratories.

Please help us to welcome our newest Honors College students. Congratulations!!

Judith Barrera (so., Finance)
Adriana Benavides (so., Biology)
Todd Bucy (so., Anthropology)
Christian Cavazos (fr., Pre-Business)
Tia Cedé (sr., Psychology)
Sean Cooper (so., Comp. Science)
Michael Crain (sr., Mathematics)
Meagan Daniel (so., Psychology)
Astrid Dewath (jr., Biology)
Mallory DiRosa (so., Undec. Science)
Reagan Dishman (so., Undeclared)

Heather Emswiler (jr., Pre-Business)
Michelle Flory (fr., Chemistry)
Robert Foster (so., Pre-Business)
Kristina Gonzalez (so., Pre-Business)
Alba Guerrero (jr., Psychology)
Raham Kirkwood (so., Mech. Engineering)
Jennifer Larson (jr., Pre-Business)
Katrina Leonard (sr., Biology)
Craig Mandelbaum (so., Pre-Business)
Robert McMahon (jr., Pre-Business)
Marcella Mora (so., Comp. Science)
Robin Nelson II (fr., Mech. Engineering)
James Packer (jr., Comp. Science)
Daniel Reynolds (so., Accounting)
Mark Rojas (so., Elec. Engineering)
Alla Strickland (sr., Pre-Business)

DeeDee Strickland (so., Pre-Business)
David Wagner (jr., Civil Engineering)
Dante Washington (fr., Art)
Dane Williams (so., Undeclared)
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Jeanette DeLeon (senior, Mechanical Engineering) and fellow engineering student Alfred Vitela won first place in the University Level Energy Leadership Award student competition at the Emissions Reduction Energy Leadership Summit with their paper LEED Certification for Existing Building: Engineering Building at UTSA. Jeanette and Alfred were honored at the plenary session of the meeting and received a $1,000 prize. Jeanette took the lead role on the project, completing the work as her Honors contract for a course in ME 4343, "Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Design," with Dr. Randolph Manteufel of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Great job, Jeanette!

Patric Hernandez (junior, Biology) received a $3,000 scholarship from the International Education Fund to study in New Zealand during spring 2005. Congratulations, Patric!

Robin Nelson (freshman, Mechanical Engineering) received a NASA/MAES scholarship and internship. Over the next 3 summers, he will be participating in a NASA internship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he will work on Mars Land Rovers. Good luck, Robin!

Tina Vega (senior, Mathematics) received a National Science Foundation scholarship for the 2004-2005 school year. Way to go, Tina!

Fall graduate Erin Zayko (Anthropology, 2004) has been offered a position with Smart Growth San Antonio, a coalition of groups that are urging citizens to oppose CPS's plans to build another coal-fired power plant in San Antonio. Thus, Erin will be continuing the career in advocacy that she began at UTSA. Best wishes, Erin!

Winners of Thesis Presentation Awards

The faculty and staff of the Honors College would like to congratulate the following $100 winners of the Fall research symposium presentation competition.

Angela Rodriguez (senior, Biology) “Crystal Structure of the Pathogenic Cu-Zn Superoxide Dismutase Mutant H46R/H48Q: Effects on Copper Binding.”
Miranda Vela (junior, Criminal Justice) “The High Number of Foreclosures in New Residential Communities: Patterns of Deception in Selling, and Economic Justice.”
Ashley Webb (senior, Psychology) “Alcohol's Effects on Perceptions of Physical Attractiveness.”

Thesis Presentation Awards: Honorable Mention

Andrew Hoff (senior, History) “The Influence of Mythology and Folklore on Modern Icelandic Culture.”
Stephanie Juarez (senior, Management) “Toyota: Americanization and the J-Factor.”
Gina Leonard-Ziino (senior, Biology) “Mental Wellness at the UTSA Dormitories as Perceived by Resident Assistants, Counseling Services, and Student Affairs: A Qualitative Analysis.”
Mary Ramsower (senior, Biology) “Dunc-51’s Impact on Neural Growth When Absent From Drosophila melanogaster Third Instar Larva.”
STUDENT ACCOLADES

CONGRATULATIONS,
FALL 2004
HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES!!

Tier One Honors Graduates

Franklin Price Brantley
B.S. in Mathematics
with international distinction
*magna cum laude*

Hau Nguyen
B.S. in Biology

Momchil Bogdanov Roussev
B.S. in Computer Science
*cum laude*

Erin Kate Zayko
B.A. in Anthropology
*magna cum laude*

Tier Two Honors Graduates

Maushumi Assad
B.S. in Biology with a minor in Psychology
*cum laude*
“College Students’ Attitudes Regarding Medical Care and Help-Seeking Behavior”
with Dr. Mary McNaughton-Cassill, Department of Psychology

Adepeju Olubukola Aworinde
B.S. in Biology
*magna cum laude*
“Comparative Morphology of Cerebellar Purkinje Cells in the Turtle and Rat”
with Dr. David Senseman, Department of Biology

Hilda Elena Cavazos
B.A. B.A. in Political Science
*magna cum laude*
“Prejudice and Racism Embedded in the United States’ Political and Legal Institutions: Beginning, Bound, Beyond”
with Dr. Raquel Marquez, Department of Sociology

Sandra L. Christian
B.B.A. in Accounting and Information Systems
*magna cum laude*
“Automated Controls: The Balance Between Effectiveness, Cost, and Operational Efficiency”
with Dr. Russell Briner, Department of Accounting

Jaclyn Elizabeth Christensen
B.A. in Criminal Justice
*magna cum laude*
“Serial Killers: A Search for Substance in a Sensational Topic”
with Dr. Patricia Harris, Department of Criminal Justice

Dinah Abdalla Elias
B.A. in Communication with a minor in Business Administration
“The Relationship Between Middle Eastern Turmoil and Travel to Egypt”
with Dr. H. Paul LeBlanc, Department of Communication

Jose E. Estrada
B.S. in Biology with a minor in Psychology
“Linkage Disequilibrium Mapping of a Central Valley Costa Rican Population for Schizophrenia Susceptibility Genes”
with Dr. Michael Escamilla, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Jason Lawrence Garner
B.S. in Biology
“Functional Characterization of a Protein L-containing Virus Vector”
with Dr. Hans Heidner, Department of Biology

Gerardo E. Gonzalez
B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Philosophy
*summa cum laude*
“Self-Referent Cognitive Biases Revealed Due to Mental Lapses”
with Dr. Richard Wenzlaff, Department of Psychology

Stephanie Anne Gresham
B.A. in English
“H.D.’s Use of Themes and Imagery From Greek Mythology”
with Dr. James Gallagher, Department of English, Classics, and Philosophy

Farheen Sohail Jan
B.B.A. in Marketing
*cum laude*
“Marketing Through Product Placement”
with Dr. L.J. Shrum, Department of Marketing

Pearl M. Kurian
B.S. in Biology
*summa cum laude*
with international distinction
“Evaluation of Retinal Function (via ERG) in a Mouse Model of Induced Glaucoma”
with Dr. Joseph Harrison, University of Texas Health Science Center
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### HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES!!

**Tier Two Honors Graduates**  
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<td>“Using Data Mining and Market Basket Analysis Techniques on a Large Restaurant Customer Database to Map and Extract Correlations, Patterns, and Future Marketing Trends”</td>
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| Michael Hugh Stewart      | B.A. in English                              | cum laude        | “Fragments of Forgetting” with Dr. Catherine Kasper, Department of English, Classics, and Philosophy |
| Leslie Louise Thayer      | B.A. in Psychology                           | magna cum laude  | “Cut Points, Outcomes, and Counterfactual Regret: The Moderating Influence of Implicit Theory” with Dr. David Pillow, Department of Psychology |
| Simon G. Treviño          | B.S. in Biology                              | cum laude        | “Processing of Exogenously Added Retinol in Muller and Retinal Pigment Cells” with Dr. Andrew Tsin, Department of Biology |
| Stephanie Michelle Triana | B.A. in Psychology                           | cum laude        | “Gender and Cultural Differences in Proneness to Shame and Guilt” with Dr. Ann Eisenberg, Department of Psychology |
| Daisy Zamora              | B.S. in Biology                              | cum laude        | “Associations Between Weight-Loss Efforts, Sugar, and Fat Avoidance and Body Mass Index in a Bi-Racial Cohort From San Antonio, Texas” with Dr. Michael Stern, University of Texas Health Science Center |

### CONGRATULATIONS, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!!

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THE HONORS CIRCLE

OPPORTUNITIES

Great Plains Honors Council (GPHC)
April 8-10, 2005
Kansas University in Lawrence, KS
Call for Papers and Presentations
This year’s theme:  *ad astra per aspera*

The GPHC is an undergraduate conference where students can present a research project (i.e., poster or presentation). Honors advisors Judi and Diana will be accompanying Honors College students who are selected to attend the Honors conference. If you are interested in making a presentation at the conference, contact Dr. Ben Olguín, the Director of Undergraduate Research, at ben.olguin@utsa.edu to set up an appointment to discuss your project. **The GPHC deadline to receive students’ proposals is February 4, 2005.** Dr. Olguín’s office hours for Spring will be Wednesday, 8-5 and Friday 11-3 at the 1604 office; and TTH 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Buena Vista 4.368. Contact him via e-mail for individual appointments.

For more information on the GPHC, refer to their website:  [http://www.acu.edu/sponsored/gphc.html](http://www.acu.edu/sponsored/gphc.html). The website also includes tips for submitting abstract and enhancing posters or presentations.

Scholarships, Internships, and Fellowships
The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

For more than 25 years, the CHCI programs have benefited Hispanic students interested in public policy. Learn how you can participate.

Also, read tips about:
- How to find the perfect internship
- How to build a great résumé
- How to make the most of an internship
- How to win scholarship applications
- How to write an impressive cover letter
- How to anticipate interview questions

For more information, visit [www.chci.org](http://www.chci.org).

Early College High School
Tutoring Program

The Early College High School Program, is seeking college tutors for high school students at local campuses (East Central High School, Southside High School, Southwest High School) in the areas of math, science, social studies, and language arts. Tutors receive $7-$8 per hour plus mileage.

For more information, please contact:
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WANTED:  Resident Advisors for UTSA Housing

UTSA housing authorities are seeking residents to fill Resident Advisor (RA) positions in campus housing (Chaparral Village, University Oaks, Chisholm Hall) for 2005-06. The Honors College is especially interested in having at least one Honors RA who can serve the Honors unit that we will have in Chaparral Village in 2005-06, but we would also like to encourage Honors students to become RAs for other units.

**Qualifications:**  a GPA of 2.3 or higher; experience in campus housing or other type of group living; sophomore standing or higher; leadership role on campus; strong knowledge of UTSA and resources for students; good problem solver; excellent time management skills; and good customer service skills.

**Responsibilities:**  visiting with residents at least once every three weeks; conducting five individual programs per semester; being on call every tenth night; working at the front desk on a rotating schedule; supervising residents in the evening; and attending a 2-hour, weekly staff meeting. RAs are expected to work holidays and move-ins and move-outs and are providing with training during summer 2005.

**Benefits:**  Free room, a choice of meal plan, and a stipend of $150 per month.

**Application procedures:**
- Jan 18-19 (11a-3p): Visit information table at the UC
- Feb 7, 8, or 9 (7p):  RA Information Sessions at Chisholm (Feb 7), Chaparral (Feb 8), or the Oaks (Feb 9)
- Feb 7:  Applications available and interview sign-up begins
- Feb. 18:  Applications due at Oak's Rowdy House
- Mar. 5:  Group Interviews
- Mar. 6 (1-6p): Individual interviews
- Mar. 7:  RA selection letters distributed
- Mar. 21:  RA acceptance letter due
For the first time ever, beginning in 2005-06, UTSA will have the opportunity to send at least 4 students to Washington, DC to participate in the UT System Bill Archer Fellowship Program. The purpose of the Fellowship Program is to bring highly motivated and accomplished students to Washington to participate in varied internships and take part in classes focusing on policy-making, economics, and persuasive communication. Students can select from a very wide range of internship opportunities in government (e.g., congressional offices, the White House, the Department of State, the Smithsonian), industry (CBS or NBC News, World Bank), and the not-for-profit sector (Democratic Leadership Council, the National Organization for Women, the American Psychological Association, the National Council of La Raza). Students who participate in the Bill Archer Fellowship Program can expect to have an exhausting and rewarding experience that will allow them to learn how our federal government works. Students will make and maintain social and professional contacts that could help lead to continued internship opportunities and future jobs.

Archer Fellows participate in internships and course work, earning 12 hours of Honors credit at UTSA (3-6 hours of internship credit and 9 hours of Honors Seminar credit). The three Seminars are entitled "Advocacy in Applied Settings," "Congress and Executive Branch," and "Washington Politics." Dr. Eisenberg, UTSA's Archer Fellowship Campus Representative, will work with individual Archer Fellows to ensure that as many of the 12 hours as possible will count toward students' degree and major requirements. The Archer Center guides students in finding internship opportunities and pays for one round-trip airfare to Washington, DC. Archer Fellows pay UTSA tuition for 12 hours and must pay for housing. However, UTSA will provide a $2,000 stipend to each UTSA Archer Fellow to help defray costs, and the Office of Student Financial Aid can help students determine if they will qualify for additional financial aid based on the cost of living in Washington. Archer Fellows live in town homes on Capitol Hill as part of an arrangement with Washington Intern Student Housing (WISH). Archer Fellows live together just blocks from the Capitol and the Supreme Court.

Students are eligible to apply to the Archer Program if they: (1) will have completed 60 college hours by the end of spring 2005, with 24 of those hours at UTSA; (2) have a GPA of 3.0 or higher; (3) will have completed the Core curriculum requirement in Political Science (i.e., POL 1013 and either POL 1133 or POL 1213) by the end of spring 2005; and (4) have previous work or internship experience (broadly defined). Most Archer Fellows major in political science, economics, history, and communication, but Archer Fellows have come from all majors, ranging from Spanish to business administration to biology. Good Archer candidates are interested in pursuing a semester in Washington and are interested in an intellectual exchange centering on government and public policy.

The application deadline is March 4, 2005. Applications, which are available on line at http://www.archercenter.org/2005_application.doc, should be submitted to the Office of Career Services. Students who are interested in applying are encouraged to attend an informational meeting with Ms. Jennifer Sarver of the Archer Center that will be scheduled for February 9, 2005. If you are interested in this fellowship, you should contact Dr. Eisenberg immediately. Additional information on the Fellowship can be found on line at www.archercenter.org.
**HACU SUMMER INTERNSHIPS IN WASHINGTON**

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) offers UTSA students the opportunity to obtain a paid internship in Washington, DC (and occasionally other locations) for summer 2005. Students work in a variety of government agencies and corporations (e.g., the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, Library of Congress, Goldman, Sachs, & Co.) and are matched with these agencies on the basis of interest. These internships are open to ALL students! To apply, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, must be a U.S. citizen or permanent residence, and must have completed at least 30 hours before the internship begins.

Federal interns receive round-trip airfare. All interns receive a salary of $420 per week (sophomores and juniors) to $450 per week (seniors). [Note: Salary is based on the number of hours completed at the time of application.] HACU assists students in finding housing. HACU has already begun accepting applications and placing interns. The final application deadline is February 25, 2005. Applications and additional information are available on the HACU website at: [www.hnic.net/intern/](http://www.hnic.net/intern/).

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**GREAT CONVERSATION! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The Honors College is in desperate need of approximately 20 students to volunteer at the Honors College's annual fundraiser, the Great Conversation!, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at the Omni Hotel. Volunteers will be expected to act as ambassadors for UTSA and the Honors College by greeting guests and participating in an intellectual conversation with table guests and a UTSA faculty member or community leader table host (on a topic of the host's choosing). This is a great networking opportunity -- and all volunteers will receive a free dinner. Volunteers must be in good standing with the Honors College and should wear business attire. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. You can sign up in the Honors office.

You may check out the Great Conversation! program on the event Web site at [www.utsa.edu/greatconversation](http://www.utsa.edu/greatconversation) and can request your top 3 topic choices.

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**JACK KENT COOKE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

In 2005, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will award up to 50 graduate scholarships for graduate study. Scholarships, which can total as much as $50,000 per year, cover a portion of educational expenses, including tuition, living expenses, and other required fees for up to 6 years. Scholars may use the award at any accredited graduate school in the U.S. or abroad.

To be eligible to apply, candidates must: (1) be a current student or recent graduate (since May 2000); (2) have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher; (3) have financial need; and (4) plan to begin full-time graduate study in fall 2005. Applicants must be nominated by UTSA. UTSA will be able to forward one nominee's application. Interested students must initially be nominated by their College.

Honors students may seek a College nomination both through the Honors College and the College of their major (each of which can forward one application to the university committee). Selection criteria include academic ability and achievement, financial need, will to succeed, leadership and public service, critical thinking ability, and appreciation for or participation in the arts and humanities. Students should contact their College's Associate Dean to determine that College's application deadline.

Application materials are available on line at: [http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/jkcf_web/content.aspx?page=GrAppMat&_redir=100](http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/jkcf_web/content.aspx?page=GrAppMat&_redir=100). The application is lengthy and requires a substantial amount of effort. Students who wish to earn Honors credit for writing the application may register for HON 3021, Honors Essay Writing. Dr. Eisenberg is available to assist students in preparing applications. The Honors College deadline is March 15, 2005.
Summer Enrichment Program

The Summer Enrichment Program is designed for academically or educationally disadvantaged students who are current undergraduate freshmen in college. Applicants will be evaluated based on grade point average, extracurricular activities and personal statement. The program is designed to help students develop the critical thinking, reading, writing, math and science skills needed for quality performance in college and on the standardized exams required for admission into health professions schools. Additionally, students will be matched with a mentor in their field of interest to shadow throughout the duration of the summer program. Participants will receive a stipend of $41 per day for food and on-campus housing. Applications are due April 7. The program runs June 1-July 2. Location: St. Mary's University.

Contacts: Claudia Guzman, 210-567-7775, guzmanc@uthscsa.edu
Mary Cruz, cruzm2@uthscsa.edu

Summer MCAT Preparation Course

The Summer Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) Preparation Course is open to students who are academically prepared to take the MCAT in August 2004. Students will be evaluated based on grade-point average, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities and a personal statement. The MCAT preparation course is implemented with the services of the Princeton Review. Qualified students will be chosen to participate in a free course reviewing biological science, physical science, and verbal reasoning. Participants will receive a stipend of $40 per class day. Applications are due April 30. The program will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from June 7 to Aug. 6. Location: Health Science Center campus.

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Pharmacology Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (PharmSURF)

PharmSURF is a 10-week program in which undergraduates work on a research project in a pharmacology faculty member's laboratory. Students attend departmental seminars, the graduate student journal club, and a seminar series. Preference will be given to students who are considering applying to a Ph.D. program in pharmacology or biomedical sciences. A stipend is provided.

Web: http://pharmacology.uthscsa.edu/summer.html
Contact: Veronica Sprayberry, HSC, Graduate Program Coordinator, sprayberryv@uthscsa.edu 210-567-4220

Physiology Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE)

The PURE program allows talented undergraduates interested in pursuing a career in academic research the opportunity to spend two months (June and July) during the summer doing research in a lab. Undergraduates work with faculty, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students on an on-going research project.

Web: http://physiology.uthscsa.edu/pure.html
Contact: Rebecca Smith, Academic Coordinator, smithra0@uthscsa.edu, 210-567-4327
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**Student Internship Program**
This summer program for South Texas high school, college, premed or pre-Ph.D. students provides an intensive, hands-on, discovery-rich, creative and interdisciplinary research experience. Senior investigators serve as mentors and role models. Trainees work in immunology, molecular pathogenesis, or genetics/clinical epidemiology. A stipend is provided.

Contact: Denise Hicks, HSC, hicksd@uthscsa.edu, 210-567-0395

**Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program at the Institute for Biotechnology (IBT-SURF)**
IHBT-SURF is a 10-week research experience for undergraduates in the laboratories of basic scientists and molecular biology/cancer researchers at the Institute for Biotechnology at UTHSCSA. Students participate in seminar series and present research findings. A stipend and lodging are provided.

Web: http://www.uthscsa.edu/ibt/SURF.html
Contact: Dr. Barbara Christy, HSC, Institute of Biotechnology, christy@uthscsa.edu 210-567-7227

**Dental Admission Test Preparation Program**
Admission test preparation program offered by the Kaplan Institute to prepare students for the Dental Admission Test (DAT). The Program is offered in spring and fall twice a week for seven consecutive weeks and every Saturday in the summer for 14 consecutive weeks. Stipend and living assistance are available.

**Summer Dental Research Program (SDRP)**
A five- or eight-week summer dental research experience for students interested in dental school and/or oral health. Students will work in a science laboratory with faculty involved in research on a variety of research topics, in particular Hispanic oral health. They will be under mentorship of a scientist and/or oral health professional, attend research seminars, and present research findings. Stipend and lodging are available.

**UNDERGRADUATE HISPANIC CENTER OF EXCELLENCE DENTISTRY PROGRAM**

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2005 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2005
17- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
18- Spring 2005 Classes Begin
25- Drop Only Begins

February 2005
1- Italy Program-International
   Education Fund Application Due
   UHSA Coffee Night (see pg. 2, 16)
2- Census Date:
   Honors Contracts Due
   Last Day to Add Individual Class
11- Gray Matters Debate
15- Spring Graduation Application
   Deadline
17- Great Conversation! (see pg. 12)
21- Honors Day / Come-to-Class Day

March 2005
1- Italy Program-Honors College
   International Education Fund
   Applications Due
   UHSA Coffee Night (see pg. 2, 16)
5- UHSA Cosmic Bowling (see pg. 2)
14-18 Spring Break
21- Schedule an Appointment to Plan
   Summer & Fall Schedule

April 2005
1-2 Return to Enchanted Rock (see pg. 2)
5- UHSA Coffee Night (see pg. 2, 16)
7- 27th Annual University Life Awards (ULA)
8-10 Great Plains Honors Council Conference
   (see pg. 10)
11- Priority Summer & Fall Registration
    Begins
11-15 IDEA/Honors College Survey Week
15- Fiesta UTSA - Volunteer! Contact UHSA
    (See pg. 2, 16)
21-23 NCUR Conference

May 2005
1- COLFA Summer Graduation
   Application Deadline
5-6 Student Study Days
   Honors College Undergraduate
   Research Symposium 8:30AM-1PM
7-13 Final Examinations
13- Honors College Graduation Ceremony
    2:00-3:30PM
13-14 College Commencement Ceremonies
16- Mini-Mester Begins
30- Memorial Day

Important: Unless otherwise noted, all deadlines end at 5 p.m. on the specified date. When a deadline falls on a weekend, the deadline is extended to the following business day. Dates listed are subject to change.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure that we have your information up-to-date in our files. If you get a new phone number, address, or e-mail address, you must come to our office and fill out an Address & Personal Information Change Form. In addition, you must inform the University of these changes as well. Remember, you are missing out on numerous opportunities if we are unable to get a hold of you in a timely manner!
STUDENT ASSOCIATION; ASAP

UNIVERSITY HONORS STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Come discover the fun and benefits of UHSA:

• Have a network of Honors students to contact for help, advice, and support.
• Get on the inside track to the Honors College and learn about courses and professors in your discipline.
• Meet new people with goals similar to yours.
• Join socials, lectures, and service projects to make the most of your college experience!

2004-2005 Officers: Stephanie Juarez, President; Christine LeBlanc, Vice President; Angela Rodriguez, Treasurer; Rohan Goswami, Communications / Webmaster; Teshina Hibler, Public Relations; Leah Schier, Operations & Events. http://www.uhsa.org/

UHSA MEETING DATES - SPRING 2005

Tuesday, February 1 @ 5:30 Ash Room (UC. 2.03.06)
Wednesday, February 16 @ 4:00 Ash Room
Tuesday, March 1 @ 5:30 Ash Room
Wednesday, March 23 @ 4:00 Ash Room
Tuesday, April 5 @ 5:30 Ash Room
Wednesday, April 13* @ 4:00 Ash Room
Wednesday, April 20 @ 4:00 Willow Room (UC. 2.02.12)

*we have 3 in April b/c of Fiesta UTSA (April 15th)

UHSA-sponsored activities are located on page 2. If you have questions or comments for UHSA, or if you would like to join the mailing list, send an e-mail to admin@uhsa.org.

Welcome to ASAP!

Visit https://asap.utsa.edu/

Click “Login to ASAP”
Your User ID is your Banner ID, replacing the initial 0 with the “@” symbol.
(example: 000123123 would be @00123123)
Your PIN is your birth date, until you reset it.

Now, you can...
Complete surveys
Update your personal information (although, you still need to update with us, too!)
Register for non-Honors classes
Display your schedule
View your holds and grades

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!
Consider being a volunteer for Fiesta UTSA on April 15, 2005.
Contact UHSA at admin@uhsa.org or contact UHSA President Stephanie Juarez at sjuarez83@satx.rr.com to volunteer.
Contact Stephanie Juarez, President, UHSA, for information about upcoming meetings of the University Honors Student Association (UHSA).

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