Welcome new freshman Honors students and welcome back to all our returning scholars! We hope you are looking forward to another eventful and exciting year at UTSA! When you come by for your first visit, you will see a lot of changes in the Honors Office. Reuben Jass, who covered for Pauline while she was out sick this past year, has now joined us officially as Pauline’s replacement, following her retirement in late March. Reuben will be working on freshman recruiting, student travel, scholarship management, overseeing student employees, and many other tasks that help the Honors College run smoothly. Margaret has now taken over Pauline’s role as the administrative staff person who assists with the Terry Scholars and the Terry Foundation. We have also redesigned our front office to provide more room for seating.

The biggest change, however, will take place in the Honors College administrative leadership. After serving for 13 years as Dean of the Honors College, Dr. Richard Diem will be retiring and stepping down from the position. I have been asked to serve as Interim Dean for 2014-15 while Provost John Frederick conducts a search for a permanent Dean. I am excited to announce that Dr. Jill Hernandez from the Department of Philosophy and Classics will be joining us as Interim Associate Dean. Dr. Hernandez will be working with Honors faculty and organizing our study-abroad experiences. You can learn more about Dr. Hernandez on page 5 of this newsletter. She has already joined me for our first Class of 2019 Pancake Breakfast, and I expect many more of you will be meeting her soon.

There are other changes on the horizon, too. In summer of 2016, we hope to be offering two study-abroad experiences, one in Japan and one in Germany. We will also be revamping the Honors Student Advisory Board into an Honors Student Council that will take a more active role in academic and programmatic planning in the Honors College. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Honors Student Council, please check out page 11 of this newsletter for more details.

Coming up in the next month or so, we will be hosting a Painting With a Twist event, a couple of Transfer Gatherings, several more pancake breakfasts, and a trip to a play in a local playhouse, and we’re looking to add a karaoke event, as soon as we can get the details pinned down. We hope to see you all soon!
Welcome back Honors College students!

It is hard to believe that the summer has come and gone and a new semester is beginning. With each new semester, students start classes with intentions to stay organized, study hard and make excellent grades. They have a new calendar, a notebook with fresh pages, new pens, and, of course, those heavy textbooks!

These are all important elements to a successful semester, but what is your strategy to maintain the initial enthusiasm of the first week of class? I recently read an article about goal setting on the “Ziglar Legacy” website: http://www.ziglar.com/ziglar-legacy-series/ziglar-legacy-series-portal. Zig Ziglar has been an influential figure in helping people develop, both personally and vocationally, since 1977. Here are seven steps he suggests when it comes to effective goal setting!

Step #1  **Identify your goal** – Each goal needs to be clearly identified using specific measurable language, if possible. The clearer your written goal, the better chance you have of achieving it.

Step #2  **My benefits from reaching this goal** – The more benefits you can list while you are excited about your goal, the better. This is the list you will use to motivate yourself when you get tired of working on the goal and need some inspiration.

Step #3  **Major obstacles and mountains to climb to reach this goal** – If you list everything standing between you and your goal, then you can plan how to overcome those things. Obstacles listed will not be a surprise when they occur and are less likely to throw you off course.

Step #4  **Skills or knowledge required to reach this goal** – List what you need to know (learn to budget, better time management, productive study habits, etc.) to accomplish this goal.

Step #5  **Individuals, groups and organizations to work with to reach this goal** – Who needs to help you? Who will support you and cheer you on? List your “team.”

Step #6  **Plan of action to reach this goal** – A crucial step in achieving your goal is to break the big goal down into action steps. How will you overcome the obstacles you listed in step #3? How will you acquire the skills you listed in step #4? How will you get the people involved in step #5? What is the first step you need to take? Time spent here will save you time in execution.

Step #7  **Completion Date** – You need to set a specific date you wish to complete your goal. It is OK to adjust the deadline as you get closer, but you always want to have a deadline you are striving for.

Keep in touch with your Advisor in the Honors College! We want to help you accomplish your goals and will definitely be there support you and cheer you on! We’re part of your team!
WHO IS MY HONORS ADVISOR?

Every Honors student should now have been assigned an Honors advisor. You can learn who your Honors Academic Advisor is by checking ASAP. If you check ASAP and do NOT see one of our three Honors Advisors – Diana Howard, Stephen Cheney, or Shunverie “Shun” Barrientez -- listed as your primary advisor, please email the Honors office (honors@utsa.edu) immediately.

CHANGE IN DROP DATE:
NO DROPS OF INDIVIDUAL CLASSES AFTER OCTOBER 20th

The Drop Date deadline for an individual class via ASAP for ALL students (INCLUDING FRESHMEN) will be October 20th in fall 2014. This is a major change from the past several years when the Drop Date fell at the end of the semester.

Classes dropped prior to Census Date (September 2nd – Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.) will not receive a grade and will not appear on student transcripts. Classes dropped between Census Date and October 20th will appear on student transcripts with a grade of “W,” which has no impact on the student’s GPA.

Make certain to mark your calendars for these important dates!

Texas Politics Competency Exam
Now Available at U.T.S.A.

UTSA students who earned a score of “3” or higher to earn credit for POL 1013 are eligible to take a competency exam to earn course credit for POL 1133, “Texas Politics,” as well as for POL 1013.

U.T.S.A. Testing Services has begun offering the Texas Competency exam for a fee of $180.00. Students will earn credit for POL 1133 if they meet any of the following requirements:
• A score of 5 on the Texas Competency test with a 5 on the AP exam
• A score of 8 on the Texas Competency test with a 4 on the AP exam
• A score of 11 on the Texas Competency test with 3 on the AP exam

To register for the exam, you should login to your ASAP account for instructions. Students have only one attempt to pass this exam. For further questions, contact a member of the Testing Services staff at http://utsa.edu/testing/contact.html.
ATTENTION CURRENT HONORS THESIS STUDENTS

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

**Wednesday, September 2**
Submit the working title of your thesis, a one-paragraph description of the thesis topic, and the names of your two readers. (Thesis Information Form: [http://honors.utsa.edu/applications/thesisinformationform.php](http://honors.utsa.edu/applications/thesisinformationform.php))

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

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

**Friday, December 4**
Honors College Undergraduate Research Symposium, 1:00-3:30 pm (poster presentations).

**Friday, December 11**
Deadline to file the thesis or thesis proposal with the Honors College (signed by the advisor and readers).

### PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING YOUR THESIS OR THESIS PROPOSAL


The Thesis/Thesis Proposal Submission Form DOES still require the signatures of all three (or more) members of the students’ thesis committee, although students may attach verification of e-signature (via email). The thesis or thesis proposal itself should be submitted via email to [honors@utsa.edu](mailto:honors@utsa.edu). The Thesis or Thesis Proposal Submission Form must be handed in to the Honors Office.

Please direct questions to Dr. Jill Hernandez ([Jill.Hernandez@utsa.edu](mailto:Jill.Hernandez@utsa.edu)).
Welcoming New Faces

Reuben Jass Sr.
Senior Administrative Associate

Reuben joins the Honors College administrative staff this fall and will be supporting the Honors team with department objectives and initiatives and performing administrative duties, including processing applications for incoming Honors freshmen and freshman transfers. Reuben earned an Associate’s degree in applied science, drafting, and design and worked in the corporate world for over 30 years with Brown & Root, Texas Instruments, and Dell. At Dell, he managed engineering labs, engineers, and engineering technicians in the desktop, portables, and server engineering divisions at various times in his career. Reuben worked at Dell for 21 years and took early retirement in 2009. He is happy to be back in the work force and is excited to be working with Honors students and facilitating their experiences at UTSA.

Dr. Jill Hernandez
Interim Associate Dean

Dr. Jill Hernandez is joining the Honors College as Interim Associate Dean on September 1, 2015. Dr. Hernandez currently serves as Associate Professor of philosophy, with a specialization in ethics and early modern philosophy. She earned her BA from Taylor University, her MA from Texas A&M University, and her PhD from the University of Memphis. She is the author of Gabriel Marcel’s Ethics of Hope and the editor of The New Intuitionism, and her articles have appeared in top philosophy journals. She has received the Robert B. Papazian International Prize in Ethics for her article The Integrity Objection, Reloaded and a 2014 National Endowment for Humanities Faculty Award along with UTSA’s President’s Distinguished Achievement Awards for both research and teaching.

Dr. Hernandez has taught an Honors Seminar in Ethics in the past and is excited to continue her work with Honors College undergraduates in new ways. She has a passion for integrating community engagement with her teaching and research so is a perfect fit for work in the Honors College. Also, starting immediately, Dr. Hernandez will coach UTSA’s first-ever Ethics Bowl Team and hopes members of the Honors College will be interested in participating and competing. If you would like to get involved with Ethics Bowl, you can contact Dr. Hernandez at Jill.Hernandez@utsa.edu.
Welcoming New Faces

The following students have been selected to work as Honors Resident Assistants for the 2015-16 academic year. Keep reading to learn more about each of them!

Jocelyn Carnicle, Senior
Biology
Bay City, TX

Jocelyn is very active at UTSA and really enjoys being part of the UTSA Ambassadors and McNair Scholars Program. She loved going on the Honors College Study Abroad Experience in Italy during the summer and hopes to travel again soon. As an Honors Resident Assistant, Jocelyn is eager to build an inclusive Honors community on campus. She welcomes all new students and encourages freshmen to become involved as much as possible at UTSA.

Brandon Mikneus, Junior
Computer Science
San Antonio, TX

Brandon is laid-back and fun loving and loves to meet new people. This year, Brandon will be attempting to learn how to fence, playing Ultimate Frisbee, or hiding in his room working on homework. As a Resident Assistant for the Honors Floor at Alvarez Residence Hall, Brandon is very excited to welcome a new class of bright individuals to their new environment. As the year progresses, Brandon hopes to forge strong relationships that will last throughout his residents’ schooling and beyond!

Charleston West, Junior
Biology
Fayetteville North Carolina

Charleston considers himself to be one of the most energetic people around UTSA. He is always in a good mood, and it shows. As an Honors College student for three years and now beginning his second year as one of the Resident Assistants for the Honors College, he strives to build community and inclusion within Honors just as his RA did for him during his freshman year. When he is not fulfilling his duties as an RA, you can find him in the lab researching new methods and ways to combat the Plasmodium parasite, which causes the disease known as malaria. When he is not there, you will find him in the bubble tea shop drinking every flavor they offer.

Melanie Spiller, Junior
Accounting & Finance
Richmond, TX

Melanie is a second-year Resident Assistant for Alvarez Hall, a UTSA Ambassador, president of the Residence Hall Association (RHA), and a member of the Business Scholars Program. She is excited to see what the upcoming semester holds.
The following students have been selected to work as Honors Peer Mentors for the 2015-16 academic year. Keep reading to learn more about each of them!

Pavela Bambekova, Junior
Biology (FAME Program)
San Antonio, TX

Pavela (Pavi) is a returning peer mentor for the Honors College. During her first year of mentoring, she was able to get close to the new cohort of FAME students and help them with their transition to college. Pavi wears a smile on her face all the time; she has a positive outlook on everything, from tirelessly studying and working to enjoying time with family and friends. When she is not busy with school, Pavi enjoys learning traditional Bulgarian dances, traveling with friends, and taking pictures of (pretty much) everything that makes her jump for the camera! She embraces the challenges in front of her and loves to help others. Pavi’s mission as an Honors College Peer Mentor is to inform freshmen of the many details that a first-year college student does not necessarily know. She hopes to develop a professional relationship with the students she will be mentoring — a relationship that is loyal and from which both the peer mentor and the student can benefit. She is excited about the chance to continue to mentor the FAME students and hopes that students take advantage of her as a resource. Her priority is to introduce students to the opportunities UTSA offers so that they get involved with many campus activities that will help them grow.

Chirag Buch, Junior
Biology (FAME Program)
San Antonio, TX

Chirag cherishes the little things in life and is always in a happy state of mind! He served the Honor's College last year as a Peer Mentor and considers it one of the most fulfilling positions he has ever held. As an Honors College Peer Mentor, Chirag is excited to spend quality time mentoring freshmen so that they can have a memorable first year at UTSA. He wishes all of them best of luck on embarking a new journey on an ocean filled with opportunities!

Giselle Castillo, Sophomore
Biology (FAME Program)
Mission, TX

Giselle is a Rio Grande Valley native and DIY enthusiast. If she isn't studying or working you can usually find her at the recreation center, painting or crafting, or spending time with family. She tries to live by the quote "Go into the world and do well, but more importantly go into the world and do good." Giselle is an active member of the UTSA Ambassadors and is a co-chair for the Student Relations committee. She is excited to be a Peer Mentor and even more excited to show freshman just how much UTSA and the Honors College can help them grow.
Max Feng, Sophomore  
Biology (FAME Program)  
San Antonio, TX

Max enjoys being involved in campus life. He is currently part of the UTSA Ambassadors, Cru, and FTK. When he is not studying or doing things on campus, he enjoys running and is an avid fan of track and field. As an Honors Peer Mentor, Max wants to help incoming freshmen transition smoothly into college and get involved on campus.

Christa Patterson, Sophomore  
Business Management, Pre-Law  
Cibolo, TX

Christa loves meeting new people and making long-lasting friends. She always tries to keep a positive outlook and a good sense of humor throughout her day. Christa is very involved with UTSA activities as Secretary of the Terry Scholars Organization and a member of FTK. When she is not working, studying, or attending extracurricular events, she is typically watching Netflix, playing pool, or just hanging out with close friends. Christa is extremely excited to be an Honors Peer Mentor, to get to know all of her freshmen students, and to make a positive impact on the class of 2019!

Shreya Reddy, Junior  
Biology  
Plano, TX

Shreya loves meeting new people, learning new things, and taking on any challenge that is thrown her way! She is a hard-working student and enjoys spending her free time dancing. She is also one of the captains of Sapna, UTSA’s Indian dance team. Shreya looks forward to meeting the incoming freshmen, taking on her role as their peer mentor, and helping them reach their full potential!
Daniel Salinas, Sophomore  
Kinesiology  
Del Rio, TX  
Daniel enjoys music, photography, and free time spent with friends and family. He is an active member in many on-campus and off-campus organizations as well. He eagerly awaits this upcoming year and welcomes the privilege to serve as a mentor to the class of 2019.

Lauren Townsend, Sophomore  
Information Systems  
San Antonio, TX  
Lauren loves spending time with her friends from the student organization Chi Alpha. She volunteers with Voices and loves reading and watching Netflix with her roommate. On most weekends she drives to Austin to do indoor rock wall climbing with friends. As a Peer Mentor, Lauren is looking forward to helping freshmen through any difficulties that their first year may bring.
This year, the Honors International Program will be going to Japan AND Germany!

We encourage all interested students to attend the informational meeting:

**Monday, September 14, 2015**
3:00 pm
Bexar Room (HUC 1.102)

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**CALLING ALL TRANSFERS!**

**Transfer Student Gatherings**

Students who have transferred into the Honors College are invited to attend one of our transfer student gatherings, where you can learn more about how transfer students can graduate with Honors and meet other transfer students.

The dates for the gatherings are:

**Thursday, August 27 @ 3:30 pm**
and
**Friday, September 4 @ 12:00 pm**

Both gatherings will be held in the Ash Room (UC 2.03.06).

We hope to see you there!
HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL
VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!

The Honors College is looking to form a new Honors student advisory body. This Council will take a more active role than the previous Board in planning and advising the Honors College leadership team. Council members will: (1) help plan social and service events (including Roadrunner Days activities for new freshmen); (2) provide advice on advising procedures (including walk-in hours and advisor assignment); (3) help promote student/faculty and student/alumni involvement; (4) select themes for photo contest competitions; (5) attend Honors College events (including Great Conversation! and recruiting events); and (6) provide suggestions for additional Council activities and responsibilities.

The Honors Student Council will meet monthly on THURSDAYS at 4:00 p.m. Students who are interested in serving must be available at that time. Students will be expected to achieve a 75% attendance rate and to contribute to at least one Honors College event to remain on the Council beyond the initial year.

Council members will be selected by the Honors College leadership team to reflect the diversity of the Honors student body. Interested students should submit a letter to honors@utsa.edu that contains the following information: (1) name; (2) abc123 ID; (3) major; (4) level (freshman, sophomore, etc.); and (5) an essay of 250-400 words regarding why they wish to serve, how they are qualified to do so, and what they hope to contribute.

Deadline for Application: September 15, 2015

UTSA Ethics Bowl!

This year, the Honors College will be home to UTSA's first ever Ethics Bowl Team! Ethics Bowl is a national, team-based program in which college students from the best universities in the country compete to most convincingly and thoroughly assess some of the most rich, important, and controversial moral issues impacting American culture. Ethics Bowl questions draw from real-life cases across the disciplines, including those in the sciences and engineering, but also in journalism, business, social work, public policy, criminal justice, and more.

Ethics Bowl Regionals will be held in San Antonio in November, and 32 regional finalists will compete for the Ethics Bowl National title in Washington, D.C. (Dr. Hernandez's alma mater won Nationals in 2014, so she has extra incentive for us to do well!)

If you are interested in being a part of a unique team that can also prepare you for your future goals, think about being a part of the UTSA Ethics Bowl team! An information session will be held soon—to find out more now, contact Dr. Jill Hernandez (jill.hernandez@utsa.edu), and check out the Ethics Bowl YouTube links, one of which is here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5osIbBkz-JI
We’d like to remind all students that the Honors College has a Facebook page!

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

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

SAVE THE DATE
Pancake Breakfast with the Associate Dean
San Saba Hall Community Room

SUNDAYS
Sept. 13 Oct. 18
Nov. 8 Dec. 6

Join Associate Dean Dr. Ann Eisenberg for fellowship and a scrumptious breakfast. Delicious banana, blueberry, and chocolate chip pancakes will be served.

Please RSVP to honors@utsa.edu
Calling all artists (and non-artists) to join us for a fun evening of creativity with your fellow Honors students!

**Wednesday, September 9 @ 6:00 pm**
**UC Ballroom 2 (HUC 1.104)**

Refreshments will be served!

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Alegra Lozano (Alegra.Lozano@utsa.edu).

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**Come join us and enjoy a production of**
**Of Mice and Men**

**Friday, September 25, 2015**
**8:00 p.m.**

**The Playhouse**
**800 West Ashby Place**
**San Antonio, TX 78212**

The Honors College will have 40 tickets for students interested in attending the play.

If you would like to attend or if you have any questions, please contact Alegra Lozano at Alegra.Lozano@utsa.edu.
Honors College Photo Contest
“AWAKENING THE EYE”

1st place: $150 UTSA bookstore gift card
2nd place: $100 UTSA bookstore gift card
3rd place: $50 UTSA bookstore gift card
Two honorable mentions will each receive a certificate

All members of the Honors College are invited to submit one photo that they believe best addressed this year’s theme: “Awakening the Eye.”

The entry deadline is October 15, 2015.

All submitted photos will be displayed on the Honors College website and prints of the winning photos will be hung in the Honors College office (MS 4.02.14).

For more information on contest rules and how to enter, visit http://honors.utsa.edu/photocontest/.
Beginning as a small leadership laboratory in 2009, FTK has grown to become the largest student-run non-profit organization in San Antonio. FTK aims to ensure that no family has to face pediatric cancer alone and does this by putting on amazing events for the families and their children to enjoy. The members’ year-long fundraising efforts culminate in an annual 12-hour Dance Marathon. Last year alone, FTK raised over $50,000.

The Dance Marathon is a demonstration of hope that asks participants to show their support, giving the families an opportunity to escape the hospital environment. The event is a time for the families to reaffirm their belief in possibilities, and for the members to celebrate their year of dedication and hard work. The finale of the Dance Marathon is the reveal of our fundraising total, all of which goes directly to our FTK families.

The first FTK general meeting will be
Friday, September 4, from 5:00-6:30pm
Harris Room (UC 2.212)

If you wish to join FTK or learn more about how you can help, visit us online at danceforthekids.org or contact us via email at communications@danceforthekids.org
Dr. Smith, a 1996 graduate of UTSA with a Master’s of Sciences degree in biology, is an expert in conflict analysis and resolution. After a decade working with the Amazon Conservation Trust helping to preserve the knowledge indigenous peoples have about the healing properties of plants and other natural remedies from the rain forest, Dr. Smith now works for Attune Development. Attune is a non-profit organization based in Suriname, South America, which strives for a healthy Amazonian rainforest in which communities are actively involved in environmental management. Dr. Smith's lecture will discuss the impact climate change is having on the well-being and livelihood of indigenous peoples of the Amazon and how conflict analysis can help to mitigate some of the devastating effects of climate change. She will also discuss her recent visits to Nepal, where she was involved with a similar program dealing with the impact of climate change in that region.
Dr. Eric Johnson Chavarria earned his Bachelor’s degree in physics with Highest Honors in 2008 from UTSA, where he was a member of both the Honors College and the MARC U*STAR Program. He received his Ph.D. in physics in 2014 from the University of Illinois, where he was awarded a prestigious graduate fellowship and recently a postdoctoral fellowship in biology from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Johnson Chavarria will be talking about his research on the use of a microfluidic-based platform for single cell analysis that provides dynamic control over periodic, time-dependent culture media. Single cells are confined in free solution by the sole action of gentle fluid flow, thereby enabling non-perturbative trapping of cells for long timescales. Intranucleoid diffusion of genetic repressor proteins released from a chromosomal binding array was observed in trapped bacteria. This is important for understanding how individual cell characteristics lead to antibiotic resistance. Dr. Johnson will also discuss current efforts to apply tension to a cytoskeletal biopolymer, actin filaments, and discern how applied force modulates actin regulatory protein binding and subsequent activity. The biophysical properties identified from this work will further the understanding of regulating cell motility and inhibiting cancer metastasis.
All students working on research are invited to represent the Honors College at the 2016 annual meeting of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). The conference provides an opportunity for students to share research results, interact with fellow Honors students, and meet other undergraduate researchers from all over the country.

NCUR 2015 will be held at the University of North Carolina at Asheville in Asheville, NC, on April 7-9, 2016. The Honors College plans to send a group of students to this conference. Information about NCUR 2016 can be found on the web at: http://www.cur.org/ncur_2016/.

Please contact Dr. Eisenberg immediately if you are interested in submitting an abstract and attending the conference (Ann.Eisenberg@utsa.edu). The Honors College can only fund up to 15 students to attend and those slots will be given out on a first-come/first-served basis. *If you submit without first obtaining Dr. Eisenberg’s approval, your trip will not be funded! You must also obtain approval from Dr. Eisenberg on the content of your abstract.* The deadline for submitting abstracts online is December 2nd, 2015, so *Dr. Eisenberg must receive a draft of your abstract by November 25th!* If you are approved for Honors College support, the Honors College will provide airfare, conference registration, and hotel costs. You will be responsible for meals, incidentals, and sightseeing. *You will also be asked to apply to the Carlos and Malu Alvarez Special Opportunities Fund by October 1st, 2015.*

Carlos and Malu Alvarez Special Opportunities Fund

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: October 1, 2015**

The Carlos and Malu Alvarez Special Opportunities Fund is designed to allow undergraduate students to engage in special educational experiences to which they would not normally have access. Examples of such experiences include traveling to a professional conference to present a paper, attending a workshop for specialized training, or participating in an unpaid internship experience (e.g., the UT-System Archer Fellows Program).

The Alvarez Fund does not fund international travel and awards are capped at $750 per student.

To access the application and more information about eligibility requirements and application procedures please visit [http://honors.utsa.edu/students/assets/forms/alvarez-app.pdf](http://honors.utsa.edu/students/assets/forms/alvarez-app.pdf).
The Rotary Global Education Grant provides a minimum of $30,000 for a full academic year of graduate study anywhere in the world the student wishes to go. To be eligible for the award, a student’s studies must be related to one of the six areas of Rotary Focus: 1) peace and conflict prevention/resolution; 2) disease prevention and treatment; 3) water and sanitation; 4) maternal and child health; 5) basic education and literacy; and 6) economic and community development.

For more information, please click [here](#).

The deadline to apply is [November 20, 2015](#). Students interested in applying must contact Dr. Eisenberg (Ann.Eisenberg@utsa.edu) by October 20, 2015, so that they can be matched with a sponsoring Rotary Club.

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**THE PAUL & DAISY SOROS FELLOWSHIPS FOR NEW AMERICANS**

**Application deadline: November 1, 2015**

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans program honors the contributions of immigrants to the United States. Every year, the Foundation invests in the graduate education of 30 New Americans—immigrants and the children of immigrants—by awarding up to $90,000 in financial support over two years.

To access the application and to find more information about the Fellowship, please visit [http://www.pdsoros.org/competition/](http://www.pdsoros.org/competition/).

For assistance with the application, contact Dr. Ben Olguin (Ben.Olguin@utsa.edu).
**Archer Center Fellowships**

**Informational Meetings**

**Thursday, September 24, 2015**
11:30am and 2:30pm

and

**Friday, October 23, 2015**
11:00am and 1:00pm

All meetings will be held in the Honors College
Conference Room, MS 4.01.76

The Archer Fellowship Program is designed to bring top students to Washington, D.C. for a full semester, to pursue an internship of their choice and take courses on policy, leadership and persuasive communication. Students can select from a wide range of internship opportunities -- from government to industry to the not-for-profit sector.

Archer Fellows earn 15 hours of credit at UTSA. Participants are housed on Capitol Hill and receive assistance in finding an internship.

You are eligible to apply to the 2016-17 Archer Program if you: (1) will have completed 60 college hours by the end of spring 2016; (2) have a GPA of 3.0 or higher; and (3) will have completed the Core curriculum requirement in Political Science by the end of spring 2016. Additional information and applications are available on the web at www.archercenter.org.

For more information, contact Dr. Ann Eisenberg at ann.eisenberg@utsa.edu
Justin Denny (sophomore, Biology) has received a $1,000 Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad scholarship to help fund his participation in a Comparative Public Health Program in Amsterdam and London in summer 2015.

Connie Jin (senior, Management) received a $3000 International Education Fund (IEF) Scholarship to help fund her semester in Barcelona, Spain, in the fall of 2015.

Jomari Guerrero (freshman, Biology) has been named Vice President of the State Executive Council for the post-secondary division of the Texas chapter of the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA).

Brianna Vick (senior, Mathematics) has been accepted into the PhD program in mathematics at the University of Rochester with a Vice Provost Fellowship.

Chirag Buch (junior, Biology) has been awarded a $1200 CIEE Global Access Initiative (GAIN) Grant for summer 2015 to help him participate in the Summer Amsterdam London Comparative Public Health Systems program.

Karisma Hathi (senior, Chemistry) has been accepted into the Feik School of Pharmacy at Incarnate Word University for fall 2015.

Hai Le (senior, Mathematics) was invited to attend three summer institutes in mathematics over the summer. He attended the Thematic Program on Boundaries and Dynamics at the University of Notre Dame from May 19th-22nd, the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences Summer School on Rigorous Computing at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada, June 7th-27th, and the Bioinformatics and Biodiversity Undergraduate Workshop at the University of New Hampshire July 27th-30th. Hai received full funding, including travel, for all three programs.

Stephen Evans (Biology, ’15) became UTSA’s first winner of the Phi Kappa Phi Marcus L. Urann Fellowship of $15,000. Five students across the country were selected to receive this Fellowship. Stephen graduated with his B.S. in biology with Highest Honors and worked on his thesis with Dr. Todd Troyer. He will be pursuing a Ph.D. in neuroscience at Stanford University.

Linda McNulty (Classics, sophomore) had her article “The Path to Education” published in the summer 2015 issue of Latina Style magazine: http://latinastyle.com/magazine/college-beat-8/.

Anusha Hussain (junior, Biology) was accepted into the Aga Khan Youth and Sports Board summer internship program, which includes a trip to Washington, D.C., to discuss research.

Lisa Bennett (sophomore, Biology) has been accepted into the Dental Early Admission Program (DEAP) for 2015.
Kavina Patel (junior, Biology) and Farhan Ahmad (sophomore, Biology) were accepted into and participated in the 6-week Student Entrepreneurship Fellowship Program with the University of Texas System in Austin this summer. Their entrepreneurial project involves using telemedicine to bring physicians into the homes of patients in underserved communities. At the end of the program, Kavina and Farhan took first place with their proposal in a competition against 19 others teams from various UT-System undergraduate institutions.

Three members of the Honors College – Jomari Guerrero (sophomore, Biology), Melson Melmin (sophomore, Biology), and Suma Ganji (sophomore, Public Health)– were members of the UTSA Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) team that took second place in the HOSA National Collegiate-level competition in 2015. The fourth member of the team was College of Sciences student Oscar Tu.

Claude Hardy (junior, Biology) was accepted into the Summer Institute for Training in Biostatics at North Carolina State University for summer 2015.

Four Honors College students received Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) Scholarships of $2,000 for summer 2015: Xabier Basanez (senior, Biomedical Engineering), Paola Martinez (senior, Public Health), Cory Nguyen (junior, Biology), and Tania Siddiqi (junior, Anthropology).

Melina Acosta (junior, Psychology) participated in the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin for summer 2015. Her mentor was Dr. Christopher Beevers, a 199X Honors graduate of UTSA, who is now a Professor at UT.

Stephanie Dalmau (senior, Management) has accepted a position with JP Morgan as an operations analyst.

Nicole DeSilvester (senior, Mathematics) has been accepted into the PhD program in biostatistics at Southern Methodist University with a $28,000 stipend and has been accepted into the PhD program in mathematics with a concentration in general statistics at the University of Texas at Arlington with a TA-ship. She will enter SMU in the fall.

Priyanka Petluru (senior, Electrical Engineering) won a $2,500 Writing Across the Curriculum Scholarship with her paper, “The Lego Movie: On the Interpretation of ‘Awesome,’” which she wrote for her Honors Seminar, “Philosophy on the Screen,” with Visiting Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Peter Csato.

Anisha Guda (junior, Biology) presented her research paper, Building a Platform to Showcase the Hidden Talents of Patients, at the San Antonio Military Health System and University Research Forum (SURF) at the UT Health Science Center on July 24, 2015.
Julio Villarreal (senior, English) took second place and Sonie Johnson (senior, English) took third place in the Fifth Annual TRIO Research Symposium at UTSA.


Layth Alzubaidy (Biology, ’14) has been accepted into medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) at Galveston for fall 2015.

The following members of the Honors College—students, staff, and faculty—were recognized at the University Life Awards in April:

- Sammar Ghannam (Biology), Most Outstanding Freshman
- Keerthana Pakanati (Biology), Most Outstanding Sophomore
- Jocelyn Carnicle (Biology), Most Outstanding Junior
- Christina Phamvu (Public Health), Most Outstanding Senior; Volunteer of the Year; and Most Outstanding Student in University College
- Garrett Kneese (junior, Biology), Club Sports Leader of the Year
- Conor Harvey (senior, Public Administration) & Korede Osifuwa (senior, Human Resource Management), Jane Findling Award
- Stephen Cheney, Most Outstanding Academic Advisor
- Dr. Robert Lengel, Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award
- Hannah Beck (Political Science), Most Outstanding Student in the Honors College
- Zachary Dunn (senior, Finance), Most Outstanding Student in the College of Business
- Jen Peterson (senior, Architecture), Most Outstanding Student in the College of Architecture
- Danielle Chapa (Psychology), Most Outstanding in the College of Liberal & Fine Arts
- Christian Treviño (senior, Mechanical Engineering), Most Outstanding Student in the College of Engineering
- Hai Le (senior, Mathematics), Most Outstanding Student in the College of Sciences

Keep up the good work!
Welcome, Class of 2019!

Sean Ackels  
Electrical Engineering

Oscar Cantua  
Physics

Drishya Dahal  
Civil Engineering

Aarushi Aggarwal  
Biology

Sara Cardenas  
Undeclared

Kajal Dalal  
Biology

Ashless Aicher  
Kinesiology with Exercise Science

Adriana Carner De Teresa  
Psychology

Divyaansh Dandona  
Computer Engineering

Arin Akheituame  
Clinical Laboratory Science

Austin Carpenter  
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Abhipsa Das  
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Rabiha Alkiswani  
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Mathematics

Dario Bello  
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Savannah Dyer  
Chemistry

Chelsea Beningo  
Health

Emma Copisarow  
History

Nicholas Eades  
Actuarial Science

Dominique Betancis  
Kinesiology with Athletic Medicine

Alexandra Correa  
Nutrition & Dietetics

Kaleb Easley  
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Caitlyn Johnson  
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Madeline Johnson  
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Senior  
Finance

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Christopher Gannon
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Jose Gallegos
Junior
Finance

Steven & Jean Lee Endowed
Scholarship

Ricardo Castañeda
Senior
Psychology

Wells Fargo Endowed Honors
Scholarship

Abhipsa Das
Freshman
Biology

Alisa Isaac
Senior
Biomedical Engineering
Reverend Eddy and Mary Hall
Endowed Honors Scholarship
Marlen Mata
Senior
Biology

San Antonio Federal Credit Union
Endowed Honors Scholarship
Ruby Gibson
Junior
Biology

Robert W. Flynn Endowed Honors
Scholarship
Melina Acosta
Senior
Psychology

AT&T Inc. Endowed Honors
Scholarship
Max Feng
Junior
Biology

Dr. Ruskin C. Norman and Mrs.
Karen Norman Endowed Honors
Scholarship
Hai Le
Senior
Mathematics

Lionel and Kathy Sosa Endowed
Honors Scholarship
Nicole Duff
Senior
English

India Association of San Antonio
Endowed Scholarship
Simone Patel
Sophomore
Finance

Tino & Amelia Duran Endowed
Scholarship
Itzel Corona
Junior
Anthropology

Ardow Ameduri, MD, Honors
College Scholarship
Joyce Opara
Junior
Marketing

Debbie & John T. Montford
Endowed Honors Scholarship
Alisa Isaac
Senior
Biomedical Engineering

Dawson-Durr Memorial Honors
Scholarship
Andrew Hubbard
Junior
Economics

Great Conversation Scholarships
Aliyah Ali
Senior
Biology

Alfredo Avila Lopez
Sophomore
Electrical Engineering
Pavela Bambekova  
Sophomore  
Biology

Nadia Bayoumi  
Junior  
Kinesiology & Health

Chirag Buch  
Senior  
Biology

Zachary Dunn  
Senior  
Finance

Danielle Gordon  
Senior  
Psychology

Conor Harvey  
Senior  
Public Administration

Andrew Hubbard  
Junior  
Economics

Nicholas Humes  
Junior  
Classical Studies

Megan Malisani  
Senior  
Economics

Brianna Morales  
Sophomore  
Biomedical Engineering

Vinh-Son Nguyen  
Senior  
Biology

Akhil Padarti  
Senior  
Chemistry

Saifa Pirani  
Sophomore  
Psychology
BUSINESS HONORS GRADUATES

Carlos Alaniz  
B. B. A. in Accounting

Shoira Bahromzoda  
B.B.A. in Finance  
*cum laude*

Timothy A. Breidenbach  
B. B. A. in Finance  
B.B.A. in Economics  
*summa cum laude*

Rosaline Chen  
B.B.A. in Accounting

Stephanie Marie Killam  
B.B.A. in Economics  
*magna cum laude*

Raul A. Marcos  
B.B.A. in Finance  
*magna cum laude*  
with International Distinction

Stephanie Lauren Martinez  
B.B.A. in Accounting  
*cum laude*  
Master of Accountancy

Alyssa Victoria Minwell  
B.B.A. in Entrepreneurship  
*magna cum laude*

Kate Murphy  
B.B.A. in Entrepreneurship  
*cum laude*

James Ryan Orth  
B.B.A. in Finance  
*magna cum laude*

Tyler Oubre  
B.B.A. in Management  
*magna cum laude*

Anastasia Walter  
B.B.A. in Infrastructure Assurance  
B.B.A. in Information Systems  
*magna cum laude*

Sarah Worth  
B.B.A. in Human Resource Management  
*cum laude*
Kian Abdul-Baki  
B.S. in Biology  
*cum laude*  
with a minor in Mathematics

Hannah Roe Beck  
B.A. in Political Science  
*cum laude* with a minor in Women’s Studies

Paul Blasi  
B.S. in Mathematics

Edina Blazevic  
B.B.A. in Accounting  
*summa cum laude*  
Master of Accountancy  
with Business Honors

Michael James Boyd  
B.S. in Civil Engineering

Joseph Cavallini  
B.B.A. in Entrepreneurship  
*cum laude*  
with Business Honors

Miguel Contreras IV  
B.B.A. in General Business  
with Business Honors

Rebecca Lillian Crain  
B.S. in Biology  
*summa cum laude*

Silvia Delgado  
B.S. in Public Health  
with International Distinction

Kelsie M. Ellis  
B.S. in Biology  
*summa cum laude*  
with a minor in Chemistry

Alexandra Fields  
B.A. in Communication  
*magna cum laude*  
with International Distinction

Adam N. Goodenough  
B.S. in Civil Engineering

Alexandra Elaine Hampshire  
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

Steve Herrera  
B.A. in History

Maria Johanna Jaud  
B.S. in Mathematics  
*magna cum laude*

Joshua Johnston  
B.S. in Biology

Starre Rogelia Lindgren  
B.B.A. in Human Resource Management  
*cum laude*  
with Business Honors

Christian Lopez  
B.S. in Biology  
*magna cum laude*

Francesca Lormeus  
B.S. in Biology  
*summa cum laude*

Carlos Mendez  
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering  
with International Distinction

Alec Morovitz  
B.S. in Biology  
*cum laude*

Lauren Muenchow  
B.A. in Psychology  
*magna cum laude*  
with a minor in Biology
GENERAL HONORS GRADUATES

Taylor Newlin
B.B.A. in Marketing
B.B.A in Accounting
Master of Accountancy
with Business Honors

Jacob Ortega
B.S. in Biology
cum laude

Kathryn Lindsey Parks
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

Sharvani Raguthu
B.S. in Biology

Steffanie Sparrow
B.A. in Psychology
cum laude
with a minor in Business Administration

Joseph Subia
B.B.A. in Information Systems
B.B.A. in Infrastructure Assurance
summa cum laude

Omar Thannoun
B.S. in Biology
cum laude

Elias Uriegas III
B.A. in Economics

Maria Luisa Villarreal Bonilla
B.S. in Biology
with a minor in Spanish
and International Distinction

Sarah Renée Wagner
B.S. in Mathematics
magna cum laude
LEADERSHIP HONORS GRADUATES

Kevin Conway
B.B.A. in Accounting
Master of Accountancy
*cum laude*
with Business Honors

Sarah Elizabeth Gibbens
B.A. in English
*cum laude*
with a minor in Political Science
with International Distinction

Kenneth Hasson
B.S. in Biology
*summa cum laude*

Amanda Haugen
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies
*magna cum laude*

Sandy Marionette Herrera
B.A. in Political Science
*cum laude*
with a minor in Legal Studies

Alyssa Mireya Molina
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies
*magna cum laude*
with International Distinction

HIGHEST HONORS GRADUATES

Roberto Benavides-Garcia
B.S. in Biology
*cum laude* with International Distinction
“Evaluating Mechanisms by Which Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factor (G-CSF) Protects Spermatogenesis from Alkylationg Chemotherapy (Busulfan)”
with Dr. Brian Hermann, Department of Biology

Danielle April Nicole Chapa
B.A. in Psychology
*summa cum laude* with a minor in Applied Statistics
“Media Internalization, Body Evaluation, and Perceptions of Attractiveness among Mexican American and Anglo American College-Aged Men and Women”
with Dr. Stella Lopez, Department of Psychology

Aryana Cruz
B.S. in Biology
*cum laude* with International Distinction
“The Effects of Caffeine Therapy on Central Respiratory Chemoreception in Larval Lithobates catesbeianus”
with Dr. Matthew Gdovin, Department of Biology

Louis Cruz
B.S. in Biology
*cum laude*
“Calibration of pH dye (DCFDA) in Triple Negative Breast Cancer”
with Dr. Matthew Gdovin, Department of Biology

Stephanie Dalmau
B.B.A. in Management
B.B.A. in Finance
*cum laude* with International Distinction
“An Analysis of the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement” with Dr. Stewart Miller, Department of Management

Raquel de la Garza
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
*cum laude* with a minor in Foreign Languages and International Distinction
“System for Automated Software Verification”
with Dr. Harry Millwater, Department of Mechanical Engineering
HIGHEST HONORS GRADUATES

Christine DeMyers
B.A. in Anthropology
*magna cum laude* with Leadership Honors
“Is UTSA an Obesegenic Environment? Student Experiences in Diet and Movement on Campus” with Dr. Jill Fleuriet, Department of Anthropology

Nicole Elizabeth DeSilvester
B.S. in Mathematics
*summa cum laude* with minors in French and Actuarial Science and International Distinction
“Point and Interval Estimations for Progressively Type-I Censored Lifetime Data from the Gompertz Distribution” with Dr. David Han, Department of Management Science and Statistics

Gabriel Madrigal Diamante
B.A. in History
*summa cum laude* with a minor in Russian and International Distinction
“Textbook Propaganda: An Analysis of the Development of the Myth of Bloody Sunday in the History Textbooks of the USSR and Beyond” with Dr. Marita Nummikoski, Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Stefan Greenfield-Casas
B.M. in Music Performance
*magna cum laude*
“Math and Music: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Analysis and Production of Music Composition” with Dr. Ethan Wickman, Department of Music

Evelyn Rochelle Head
B.A. in Communication
*summa cum laude* with a minor in Film Studies and Leadership Honors
“A Conditional Identity: An Exploration into the Framework of Race and its Effect on My Biracial Existence” with Dr. Nancy Membrez, Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

Alicia Carolina Hernandez
B.B.A. in Marketing
*cum laude* with a minor in Psychology and Business Honors
“Hidden Hormonal Influences on Loss Aversion” with Dr. Kristina Durante, Department of Marketing

Alfredo Hickman, Jr.
B.A. in Political Science
*magna cum laude* with a minor in Legal Studies and Leadership Honors
“Data-Mining Twitter for Political Science: A Project Based Methodological Approach” with Dr. Bryan T. Gervais, Department of Political Science

Jennifer J. Hinojosa
B.A. in Psychology
*summa cum laude*
“The Refutation of Naïve Misconceptions about Scheduled Reduced Smoking Will Improve the Degree to which Smokers Adopt and Continue to Use That Technique to Quit Smoking” with Dr. Michael Ryan, Department of Psychology
Spring 2015 Graduates

HIGHEST HONORS GRADUATES

Kameel Isaac
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering
magna cum laude
“Evaluating the Ability of Antibiotic-Loaded Hydrogels to Support Healing in a Porcine Infected Burn Model” with Dr. Daniel Roy, US Army Institute of Surgical Research

Devon A. Johnson
B.A. in English
cum laude
“Video Game Narratives: Stories through Gameplay” with Dr. Cynthia Hawkins, Department of English

Monica Kiewit
B.S. in Chemistry
B.A. in Philosophy
“Synthesis of Transition Metal Complexes Containing the 7-Azaindole Ligand” with Dr. Zachary Tonzetich, Department of Chemistry

Jake Dean Lehle
B.S. in Biology
cum laude
“Mutation Frequencies in Rat Tissue Samples Following Induction of Epimutations by the Environmental Disruptor Vinclozolin” with Dr. John McCarrey, Department of Biology

Rachelle Mai
B.S. in Biology
summa cum laude
“Presenting Scientific Racism and Eugenics of Modern Genocides to the General Population in a Public Museum Exhibit” with Dr. Kolleen Guy, Department of History

Sundas Aarifa Mohi
B.M. in Music Studies
summa cum laude
“First-Year Strings Curriculum: A Pedagogical Project” with Dr. Kristen Pellegrino, Department of Music

Luis Enrique Muñoz
B.S. in Biology
cum laude
“The Role of Immune Mediator Galectin-9 in Pathogenesis of Murine Neurocysticercosis” with Dr. Astrid Cardona, Department of Biology

Acacia Magdalena Nawrocik-Madrid
B.S. in Biology
B.A. in Classical Studies
cum laude
“Translations and Commentary of Selections of Celsius Exploring Latin and Medicine” with Dr. William Duffy, Department of Philosophy and Classics
Spring 2015 Graduates

HIGHEST HONORS GRADUATES

Katrina M. Parkey
B.A. in History
cum laude with a minor in Legal Studies and Leadership Honors
“Imperialist Interests vs. Human Rights: A Comparative Study of Belgium in the Congo with the U.S. in Guatemala” with Dr. Kolleen Guy, Department of History

Christina Phamvu
B.S. in Public Health
magna cum laude with a minor in Biology
“Relationships between Socioeconomic Status and Opportunities for Healthy Living: Comparisons among Texas Cities” with Dr. Robert Ferrer, Department of Family and Community Medicine, UTHSCSA

Curtis Powell
B.A. in Economics
magna cum laude
“Intergenerational Mobility: From Parents to Children” with Dr. Lisa Montoya, Department of Economics

Rebekah Rodriguez
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering
magna cum laude
“Promoting Vascularization of Synthetic Grafts for Bone Tissue Regeneration” with Dr. Teja Guda, Department of Biomedical Engineering

Bryan Staab
B.S. in Biology
cum laude
“Esthetic Outcomes of Treating White Spot Lesions by Remineralization” with Dr. Bennett Amaechi, Department of Community Dentistry, UTHSCSA

Elvia Valdes
B.A. in Communication with a minor in Business Administration
“How are Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) Used to Initiate, Maintain, and Dissolve Workplace Romances?” with Dr. Renee Cowan, Department of Communication

Christina Phamvu
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“Relationships between Socioeconomic Status and Opportunities for Healthy Living: Comparisons among Texas Cities” with Dr. Robert Ferrer, Department of Family and Community Medicine, UTHSCSA

Brianna Vick
B.S. in Mathematics
magna cum laude with a minor in English
“The History and Implications of Fermat’s Last Theorem in Mathematics” with Dr. Oscar Chavez, Department of Mathematics

Marissa Elizabeth Wechsler
B.S. in Biomedical Engineering
summa cum laude
“Optimization of the Osteodifferentiation of Adult Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells Exposed to Alternating Electric Current Stimulation” with Dr. Rena Bizios, Department of Biomedical Engineering

Thomas Matthew Edgar Willmott
B.S. in Environmental Science
magna cum laude with a minor in Chemistry
“Perylene Diimide Formation and Charge Transfer Properties” with Dr. George Negrete, Department of Chemistry

Eduardo Raúl Zerbe
B.A. in Political Science
cum laude with minors in Economics and Legal Studies with International Distinction
“Bexar County Elections 2012: What Do the District Judicial Races Reveal about the Changing County?” with Dr. Walter Wilson, Department of Political Science

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# FALL 2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 2    | Census Date, 5pm  
Thesis Information Forms Due  
Honors Contracts Due |
| 4    | Honors Transfer Student Gathering, 12pm, Ash Room (UC 2.03.06)  
“Automated Microfluidics for Measuring Single Bacteria Gene Expression and Actin Cytoskeleton Force Dependence”, Dr. Eric Johnson Chavarria, 1:00 pm, Location TBA  
FTK (For the Kids) First General Meeting, 5:00-6:30pm, Harris Room (US 2.212) |
| 7    | Labor Day Holiday, University Closed |
| 8    | 50% Withdrawal Refund Deadline |
| 9    | Honors Painting with a Twist (with RSVP only), 6pm, UC Ballroom 2 (HUC 1.104) |
| 12   | First Home Football Game |
| 13   | Pancake Breakfast, 10:30 am, Alvarez Hall Community Room |
| 14   | Study Abroad Informational Meeting, 3:00pm, Bexar Room (HUC 1.102) |
| 15   | 25% Withdrawal Refund Deadline  
Window Decorating Contest Deadline  
Application Deadline for Honors Student Council |
| 23   | Archer Info Session, 11am and 1pm |

## OCTOBER

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| 1    | Terry Banquet, 5:00pm, HEB Ballroom  
Alvarez Fund Application Deadline |
| 15   | Photo Contest Deadline |
| 18   | Pancake Breakfast, 10:30am, Alvarez Hall |

## NOVEMBER

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| 15   | Deadline to Apply for Spring 2016 Graduation  
Thesis/Thesis Proposal Due to Thesis Readers |
| 23   | Online Course Evaluation Period Ends |
| 26-28| Thanksgiving Holidays, University Closed |

## DECEMBER

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<td>Honors College Research Symposium, 1:00pm-3:30pm, Denman Room (UC 2.01.28)</td>
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| 5-11 | Final Exams (no exams on Sundays)  
Pancake Breakfast, 10:30 am, Alvarez Hall Community Room |
| 11   | Deadline for Filing Thesis/Thesis Proposal with the Honors College, 5:00pm |
| TBA  | Honors Commencement Ceremony, UC Ballroom (Time TBD) |