Honors Piloting New Opportunities for Student Involvement

As LAS Honors transitions under its new leadership, we look to enhance the offerings and opportunities of the Program. This Fall, LAS Honors will be working with a small number of Community Partners to pilot a Service Learning Honors Experience.

Students will have the opportunity to come to an orientation where they will learn about the needs of these partners. Students interested in participating will then schedule a one-on-one meeting with the Partner to outline expectations and requirements. Once everything is agreed upon, students will enter into an Agreement in which students commit to 25 hours of service in the Fall semester. Upon completion, students will submit a reflection about their experience. This will count as an “Honors Event” and while it does not give “credit” it waves the credit requirement for the semester.

Info Night is September 9, 5:30-7:00 in 1092 Lincoln Hall.

Photos and Fun Facts

As we look to update the LAS Honors Website and Facebook Page, we need photos and updates from you! Please send us information about what you are most excited about this Fall.

Welcome Back Picnic

The First Annual James Scholar Welcome Back Picnic will be August 23rd from 12:00-2:00!

Food, fun, and a surprise or two 😊

LAS Honors Common Read

For the first time, LAS Honors will have a common read for all James Scholars – Daniel Pink’s “A Whole New Mind”. This book will be used in LAS 122, and provided at no cost to all interested students.

Faculty/Staff Award

Is there a faculty or staff member at UIUC that has had a significant impact on your James Scholar Experience? Think about nominating them for the LAS Honors Excellence Award! Details Coming Soon.
New Assistant Director Named

LAS Honors is pleased to announce that Amanda Purnell will join our team as our new Assistant Director beginning September 8.

A long-time Colorado resident, Amanda is excited to join our team. Please help us give her a wonderful welcome at our Welcome Back Picnic and be sure to stop by the office and say hello.

Alumni Shout Out

Each month we would like to highlight a James Scholar Alumni. If you know of anyone you would like to see us highlight, please email us.

If there is something you would like featured in the Newsletter, please let us know.

Crossing Boundaries

As interdisciplinary approaches are at the heart of LAS, LAS Honors is excited to be exploring opportunities to partner with the James Scholar Programs throughout the University for the benefit of all involved. The first planned event is the Third Thursday Quiz Bowls.

Emails and Information

While we work to revamp the website and get all the information you could possibly want and need up on it, and we expand our social media presence; PLEASE always read emails from LAS Honors and the members of our team. We only send out valuable information. If you don’t read the stuff we send you, you will miss out on some interesting, exciting, rewarding, and important things.

Upcoming Events

August 22
12:30-2:30 Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
LASIncoming Student Welcome
The College welcomes all incoming LAS students to the University.

August 23
11:00-12:00 100 Noyes Lab
Incoming LAS James Scholar Welcome
LAS Honors Welcomes all incoming James Scholars.

August 23
12:00-2:00
First Annual James Scholar Welcome Back Picnic
Food and fun in seeing old friends and making new ones. Let’s greet our new students and new Assistant Director of Honors with a wonderful event!

August 24
Quad Day
Learn about the RSOs on campus in this can’t miss day of free food, giveaways, and overwhelming fun.

August 25
Classes Start

September 9
Community Service Orientation
5:30-7:00
1092 Lincoln Hall
Come learn about this exciting new pilot program!

Messages for Honors

Dr. Kirsten Bartels, Director
How can it be August already? LAS Honors has been incredibly busy this summer getting ready for your return in a few short weeks. We hope to see you at the Welcome Back Picnic; and can’t wait to share all the exciting things we have been working on with you! If you can’t make the picnic, be sure to stop by the office!

Ms. Allison Branson, Honors Secretary
Hi everyone! I’m so excited that summer is almost over and you will be back with us in a few weeks. Campus is like a ghost town without you here! Make sure you come to the Welcome Back Picnic so you can share with me all your summer adventures. I live vicariously through you, ya know!! See you soon!