



Honors Year In Review

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

HONORS PROGRAM VISION

University of Northern Colorado's Honors Program vision is to build an inclusive and diverse community of intellectually engaged, innovative student scholars who become leaders in their fields, capable of tackling complex challenges and making meaningful contributions to society.

Greetings From The Exec Director

Loree Crow, Executive Director, Undergraduate Academic Engagement



2022-2023 was a year of great successes for the Honors Program. Despite downward trending UNC overall enrollment, the Honors Program supported one of the largest cohorts ever with 258 students. Honors also boasts a strong 90% retention rate.

As UNC moves toward Hispanic Serving Institution status, the UNC Honors Program continues to create an inclusive environment founded in holistic admissions and a peer mentoring program. 23% of Honors students identify as Hispanic or Latina/o/x, with a total of 33% identifying in categories considered underrepresented minorities and 30% first generation.

Our point of pride is the community that we build within honors. This year, we enjoyed one of the most active Student Honors Activities Councils on record, averaging two activities per month!

Check out the profiles of this year's cohort of graduates, who again forged through the uncertainties of the pandemic to finish strong with honors distinction, often a challenging feat! These students exhibit all the hallmarks of honors education: intellectual curiosity, resilience and out of the box thinking.

Highlights of our student successes include:

- Madison Gremillion - National Collegiate Honors Conference - First Place NHS poster & National Conference for Undergraduate Research -WySis Quick Pitch competition - Second Place
- Riley Mendonca - TriBeta Biology Honors Society District Conference Presentation - First Place
- 36 graduating seniors, many of whom are going on to their graduate schools of choice or directly into their careers, as highlighted in the graduates section.

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People of Honors

HONORS FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL



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Accomplishments of the Faculty Advisory Council

During the 2022-2023 Academic Year, led by the new Schulze Chair for Interdisciplinary Studies, Corinne Wieben, the FAC developed a revised curricular structure for the Honors Program that meets the needs of our newest generation of honors students.

Approved for inclusion in the Fall 2023 catalog, the new curriculum includes our first ever First Year Honors Experience - a one year curricular and co-curricular path for students interested in trying out honors in college, living in our honors residential hall, and joining our robust community of scholars and leaders without the looming feeling of having to commit immediately to 4 years of honors.

After the first year, students can continue into University Honors which includes options for interdisciplinary honors seminars and an honors capstone. Additionally a new stand alone, Honors Capstone program provides a structure for motivated seniors to complete an honors thesis, creative works or applied capstone project, that can overlap with their departmental capstones or be its own separate project. The new program structures provide multiple pathways through honors for our diverse students.

People of Honors

HONORS TA'S AND PEER MENTORS



Jorie Burnes
Peer Mentor &
UNIV101 Class Leader



Maddie Gremillion
Peer Mentor &
HON101 TA



Maddie Godsey
Peer Mentor



Riley Mendonca
Peer Mentor

TA & Peer Mentor Accomplishments

This year we had an amazing team of peer mentors who were paired with a group of incoming honors freshmen at the beginning of the 2022-2023 academic year. Mentors met up with mentees for coffee, ice skating, hikes, rock climbing, and so much more!



Kaiden Price
Peer Mentor



Angie Brown
Peer Mentor &
HON101 TA



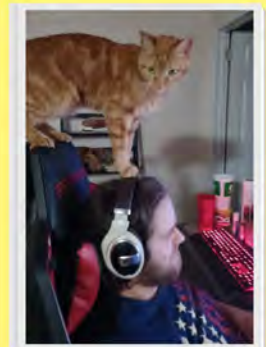
Audrey Glenn
Peer Mentor



Clare Bolon
Peer Mentor &
HON101 TA



Claire Sharp
UHP Peer Mentor



Indigo Peppard
Peer Mentor

People of Honors

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Office of Undergraduate
Research Coordinator



Jamie Alexander
Writing Consultant

Presenting the NEW Honors Writing Corner!

This semester has been my first semester serving as the Writing Consultant for Undergraduate Research. Over the course of the semester, I have had the great pleasure to work with many of our Honors and OUR students on their papers, theses, and research applications, and I have been continually impressed by the caliber of and commitment to research that is evident in their work.

As an Honors student myself, I knew our students brought a special spark to the UNC community, but getting to become so familiar with many of your research projects has shown me just how talented, intelligent, creative, and diverse our community really is. Getting to support my fellow students in showing off their hard work and pursuing opportunities to expand their futures is a true honor, and I look forward to continuing to serve the U-Engage community next year.

Spotlight on Schulze Chair

The Robert O. Schulze Chair for Honors & Interdisciplinary Studies provides vision and oversight for the curricular programs within Undergraduate Academic Engagement. These include the Interdisciplinary Studies: Student Designed B.A. and the curricular components of the Honors Program. The Schulze Chair teaches HON 351/451, provides leadership for the Faculty Advisory Council, recruits faculty to serve as instructors for honors courses, and provides guidance and support to Honors Program students pursuing an honors capstone. Dr. Corinne Wieben, a Professor of History and longtime supporter of interdisciplinary work, is the current Schulze Chair.

Honors Connect



Fall 2023 Self-Defense Workshop

FALL 2022

Events:

- New Honors Student Retreat
- Coffee with the Profs
- Honors Research Night
- Fall Symposium

Workshops:

- Best Kept Secrets of College
- So You Think You Can Apply to Graduate School?
- Self-Defense for College Students
- Financial Literacy 101

SPRING 2023

Events:

- Honors Research Night
- Research Day
- Honors TED-ish Talks
- Honors Spring Banquet

Workshops:

- Don't Let Cuffing Season Be Just a Season
- Plan Your Paper: Techniques for Writing a Great Paper
- Dancing Mindfulness

NOTE FROM PRANALI HARIBHAKTI

Coordinator for Communications, Planning, and Advising

The UNC Honors Program is firmly grounded in the concept of holistic student development. Honors Connect is an integral part of the Honors Program as it offers fantastic opportunities for students to connect with their communities. Within the program, we offer a number of workshops and events each year. These events can help students develop socially and emotionally, expose them to new skills and concepts, and provide knowledge that cannot necessarily be found in a classroom. This year through Honors Connect, students learned about the college "hidden curriculum", important self-defense skills, how to communicate in a relationship, and so much more. Thank you to all the students who showed up to these events and participated. Your support and enthusiasm meant the world!

HONORS CONNECT SPOTLIGHTS!

TED-ish Talks

The Honors community is brimming with incredible, TED-Talk worthy ideas. So we hosted a different type of workshop where a few Honors students took the stage to talk about the topics that made them excited. In the first year of TED-ish Talks we had amazing speakers and about 50 engaged audience members. We are already excited for another year of TED-ish Talks! Here is the full line-up:

1. Trish Jolly (Keynote Speaker & HON 101 instructor): Imposter Syndrome and Belonging
2. Clare Bolon (HIP Student): Confidence through Clothing
3. Maddie Gremillion (UHP Student): Let's Talk About Death
4. Aliyah Archer (HIP Student): David Attenborough does NOT present: Humans. An Evolutionary Wonder
5. Nat Holland (UHP Student): A Case for Empathy



Points High-rollers!!

This year we rolled out the Points system to incentivize community building among the Honors students. The more Honors events they attended, the more points they received. The highest point earners received prizes from our office at the end of the semester. This system was a huge success! In Fall 2022, we had 85 active Honors students who earned at least 5 points. But we also had students who earned many, many more points. Here are the leaderboards:

FALL 2022

1. Betel Fisseha: 19 points
2. Sydney Peirce: 17 points
3. Clare Bolon: 14 points
4. Regan Frioux: 14 points
5. Ares Thompson: 13 points
6. Isa Schulte: 12 points

SPRING 2023 (so far)

1. Betel Fisseha: 24 points
2. Clare Bolon: 13 points
3. Casey Moran: 11 points
4. Ella McCray: 10 points
5. Avery Rhodes: 10 points
6. Isa Schulte: 10 points

We are so grateful to all the students who participated in Honors Connect this year. It was a BLAST!!! See you all next fall.



Student Honors Activity Council

SHAC OFFICERS



President
Jorie Burnes



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Casey Moran



Public Relations
Tatum Campbell



Advisor
Pranali Haribhakti

MEMORIES



SHAC Activities

FALL

September 10 - Day Hike at Sheep Draw Trail
September 12 - The Magic of Mindfulness
September 30 - Cosmic Skating at the Ice Haus
October 8 - Day Hike at Horsetooth Reservoir
November 17 - Bake Sale and Hot Cocoa
December 3 - Self-Care Saturday

SPRING

February 11 - Tie Dye and Craft Day
February 19 - Movie Night
March 8-9 - Spring Snack Sale and Mocktails
March 26 - Day Hike at Signature Bluffs Trail
April 22 - Mess Fest
April 30 - Honors Spring Banquet * SHAC Silent Auction



Honors Courses 22-23

HON101 Honors Critical Thinking
HON200 Culture & Consciousness
HON395 Commemorating Catastrophe: The Case of Aushwitz-Birkenau
HON395 Confluence of Cultures
HON351 Honors Junior Seminar: Project Design
HON451 Honors Senior Research Thesis/Capstone
HON492 Honors Study Abroad or Internship



Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Works

OUR supports UNC undergraduate students in exploring their academic and personal interests and goals!

FALL SYMPOSIUM • NOVEMBER 10, 2022

This year's Fall Symposium allowed students to present their research in an intimate setting as well as open the door to attending other conferences. Winners are below. Most of our Fall Symposium winners also presented at NCUR (noted by *)!

- Jessica Kramer* & Hannah Wilson* | Studying the effect of aryl hydrocarbon receptor activation on affinity maturation
- Hannah Leloup* | Optimizing HPLC-UV Method for the Measurement of Monoamine Neurotransmitters in the Hub of the Central Auditory System
- Crystal Oubkeo* | Examining Evidence of Agricultural Runoff in Waterways in Weld County
- Charlotte Williams | Seasonal Student Social Media Usage With Group Association
- Madison Baczuk | Neuroimaging and Free Will: A Partial Test of Devine's "Director's Cut" Theory of Jury Decision Making
- Bridger Menlove | Therapeutic Effects of Cannabigerol on Innate Immune Cells in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
- Claire Sharp | Social Media and Body Image: Social media intensity and self-perceived body
- Stephanie Vargas | Perspectives of Latinx Immigrant and Refugee Parents on their child's DHH Disability: Using Transcendental Phenomenology to Analyze their Journey of Acceptance



Madison Baczuk @ Fall Symposium

RESEARCH DAY • APRIL 6, 2023

At this year's Research Day, 152 students presented in the categories of Social Sciences, Education & Business, Humanities, Arts & Creative Endeavors, and Natural & Health Sciences.

The following exemplary honors students won their category of Research Excellence Awards: Jessica Kramer & Hannah Wilson, Melody Fike, and Juniel Figures.



Juniel Figures @ Research Day



Alicia Wilkinson @ Research Day

2022-2023 OUR GRANTS

This year OUR awarded \$31,513 in grants to undergraduate students to support their work on research, creative or applied projects or as support for attending conferences and performances.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

OUR launched the Mentorship program in Summer 2022, with six graduate mentors and seven undergraduate mentees. OUR awarded participating undergraduates and graduates a total of \$5,500 in stipends for their efforts.

NCUR 2023 • EAU CLAIRE, WI

In April of 2023 six UNC students presented at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research which was held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, paid for by OUR. UNC representatives include those noted by an (*) above along with Angie Brown and Maddie Gremillion. Maddie won 2nd place and \$500 in the competitive WySis Quick Pitch Competition.

Kudos to all of our UNC representatives!



CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS GRADUATES!



Moyo Adebessin - HIP

Major: Psychology, Minor: Human Services and Sociology

Future Plans: Graduate School in I/O Psychology at CSU

Activities & Awards: Student Employee of the Year Nominee, Courage to Excel Scholar, Resident/Community Assistant - Arlington Park

Lauren Amos - UHP

Major: Audiology and Speech Language Sciences; Minor: EDSE

Thesis Title: *Gaps in ASHA's Code of Ethics: Overcoming Grey Area Cases with the Application of Interdisciplinary Ethical Decision-Making Framework*

Activities & Awards: NSSLHA member, TAASLP Convention, Internship with Talk To Me Speech Therapy in Madison TN



Madison Baczuk - UHP

Majors: Criminology and Criminal Justice, Communication Studies & Philosophy

Thesis Title: *Neuroimaging and Free Will: A Partial Test of Devine's "Director's Cut" Theory of Jury Decision Making*

Activities & Awards: Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honors Society President; Criminal Justice Society Vice President; Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity; Law Club; Philosophy Club, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting; National Conference for Undergraduate Research; UNCO Office of Undergraduate Research Grant; University 101 Student Leader Scholarship Award; Daniels Fund Ethics Video Most Creative of UNCO (2022); UNCO Fall Undergraduate Research Symposium 2nd Place Award (2022); Dean's List of Academic Distinction (2021-2022); Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Intercollegiate Competition 2nd place team win (2022); Daniels Fund Ethical Essay, 2nd place (2022); Daniels Fund Ethics Video 1st Place Winner for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (2021); Dean's Honor Roll (2020-2021); Best Informative Speech Award, Communication Department (2019); AmeriCorps Service (2021); Organizations Volunteered for in 2022: A Precious Child; CASA Life Stories; Cobbled Streets; Foster Source; Legal Assistant at Coan, Payton & Payne (2022-present), Member of the CSU Club Gymnastics Team, Certified Notary; Published an article in Ursadae (2022); Will be attending Rutgers University, Masters of Criminal Justice in Fall 2023



Alaina Bobo - HIP

Major: Business Administration: Management & Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality

Activities & Awards: Student Senate

Future Plans: Working at the Walt Disney Company



Rachel Borden - HIP

Major: Criminology/Criminal Justice

CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS GRADUATES!



Angela Brown - HIP & UHP

Major: English; **Minor:** Writing and Theatre Arts

Thesis Title: *Language Dissected: An Exploration of the Understanding of Language and its Application to Tolkien's Elvish*

Activities & Awards: Fall Symposium (2022), NCUR Conference Presenter (2023), Research Excellence Awards finalist Humanities, HON101 TA, Honors Peer Mentor, Student Honors Council Secretary (2021-2023), Bear Catholic President, Students for Life Vice President, Dance Alliance Club, Confirmation Teacher, Plans: Attending Augustine Institute in their Graduate School of Theology

Tatum Campbell - HIP

Major: Graphic Design

Activities & Awards: Senior Graphic Design Show, Cum Laude, Public Relations Chair in SHAC, Honors Hall Resident Assistant



Karyssa Cowan - HIP

Major: Elementary Education: Concentration in New Literacies

Activities & Awards: Vice President of Asian Student Association, Student Leader in Cru, Academic Scholarship and Carmel E. Sandoval Memorial Scholarship for Elementary Education, 3rd grade Literacy/Social Studies Practicum, 3rd grade Science/Math Practicum

Chloe DiGioia - HIP

Major: History Secondary Education

Activities & Awards: History Club, Phi Alpha Theta, Cobbled Streets Foster Event, Secondary Education Classroom Observation, Holocaust by Bullets Teachers Workshop



Tatiana Dixon - HIP

Major: Special Education

Future Plans: Keep learning about the disability community and teaching adults with disabilities

Katrina Duron - HIP

Major: Nursing

Activities & Awards: Student Nurses Association, School of Nursing Excellence Award, School of Nursing Excellence Award, ACP at UHealth Greeley



CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS GRADUATES!



Josh Fenn - HIP

Major: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Activities & Awards: 2019-2022 Paul Heidger Scholarship, 2022-2023 John Gapter Memorial Scholarship for Biological Sciences, 2023 Academic Program Scholar for the College of Natural and Health Sciences

Thesis Title: *Factors Impacting the Mental Health Stigma in the African American Community with a Focus on African American Males*

Activities & Awards: Psychology Club - President; Black Student Union - Secretary; Club Tennis - Secretary; Hula Club; Trustee Scholarship; Dinner Memorial Scholarship; Kenneth Cartmell Scholarship, Social Justice and Diversity Award; Research Excellence Award; Children's Hospital; Toys for Tots; Village Exchange Food Bank; North Range Behavioral Health; Club Tennis; Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator; Resident Assistant

Juniel Figures - UHP

Major: Psychology



Rosemary Gonzalez - HIP

Major: Nursing

Activities & Awards: Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Inc. (Held: President, VP, Secretary, Herstorian, Treasurer), performed in Multicultural Greek Council Annual Spring Showcase (twice), Reisher Scholarship Foundation Recipient, Program Scholar for our Annual College of Natural and Health Sciences Academic Scholar Awards. Over 100 cumulative community service hours; worked with the Greeley 'Friendship Club', MAIA, The Avery Center, United Way, Clinical Rotations: Banner Health NCMC, Children's Hospital of Colorado, UC Health, Northern Colorado Health Alliance, Grace Pointe Senior Care Community, Center for Human Enrichment (CHE) member; Student Nurses Association (SNA) member



Karla Guerra Santos - HIP

Major: Human Services and Mexican American Studies

Activities & Awards: Paul Heidger Scholarship, Cesar Chavez Cultural Center DAP intern



Alyssa Hill - UHP

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Menstruation, Products, and Education in Jails*

Activities & Awards: Student Nurses Association, Stryker Leadership Scholarship, COSI Scholarship, Sigma Theta Tau Research Grant, School of Nursing Undergraduate Academic Scholar Award



CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS GRADUATES!



Josiah Jeppesen - UHP

Major: Business Administration, certificate in Human Resources

Thesis Title: *Conflict Resolution Among Employees in Retail Throughout the United States.*

Activities & Awards: VP of Student Honors Council, Phi Theta Kappa, Trustee Transfer scholarship, Human Resource Competition, Counselor

Isaiah Jonas - UHP

Major: Psychology

Thesis Title: *Inter-Police Interactions and Mental Health Attitudes*

Activities & Awards: Selected as one of the outstanding students for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, participated in an internship with the student council to help rewrite the student constitution and bylaws, co-authored research on lichenology that will be published in a peer-reviewed journal.



Aliceson Jones - HIP

Major: Elementary Education CLD emphasis Liberal Arts; **Minors:** Human Services, Special Education, and History

Activities & Awards: Senator of CEBS, President of Bear Hug Club, CHE, Earth Guardians, SHAPE America 2023, SHAPE Colorado 2022, Generation Teach Fellowship 2020-2022, Stryker Recipient, Lacy Miller Memorial Scholarship, FOCO Cafe volunteering, Weld Food Bank volunteer, UC Information desk employee, practicum for teaching at Heiman Elementary and Dos Rios Elementary, UNC Phonathon center, Barbell Club, Hi-Bridge Member 2022

Jessica Kramer - UHP

Major: Biological Sciences - Pre-Health and Biomedical Sciences; **Minor:** Chemistry
Thesis Title: *Studying the effect of aryl hydrocarbon receptor activation on affinity maturation*

Activities & Awards: TriBeta Biological Honors Society, National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Office of Undergraduate Research Grant, TriBeta Grant, Phelps CAP Award, Research Excellence Award for Biology Oral Presentation, NHS Ambassador



Brianna Ley - UHP

Major: Criminology/Criminal Justice; **Minor:** Psychology

Thesis Title: *A Policy Analysis of Protection against Judicial Traumatic Stress*

Activities & Awards: Trustee Transfer Scholarship, Weld County Sheriff's Office

Tiffany Lopez - UHP

Major: Psychology

Thesis Title: *How Does Childhood Maltreatment Relate To Emotion Regulation And Academic Resilience Among College Students*

Activities & Awards: PSI CHI, NSLS, PHI THETA KAPPA, MORTAR BOARD, Reisher, Stryker, PHI THETA KAPPA, UNC Dean List, Latin Honors, Research Excellence Finalist, Upper Division Honors, Greeley Police Department Santa Cops, Greeley Police Department Victims Advocate, Adams State University, Alamosa Colorado



CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS GRADUATES!

Karina Martinez - UHP



Major: Sociology; **Minor:** Psychology

Thesis Title: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): Investigative Report on the Current Effectiveness of Case Management and the Justification for Continued Education

Activities & Awards: Patricia Wilkins-Wells Memorial Service Award, Ford Cleere- Walter M. Francis Sociology Award, Family Resource Worker of the Year, Child Abuse Prevention Award, Community Outreach for Weld County. Extra-Curriculars in services provided to Weld Residents: Kinship Families Support Group and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Bridger Menlove - UHP

Major: Biological Sciences - Cellular and Molecular

Thesis Title: *Therapeutic Effects of Cannabigerol: Altering Immune Cell Populations in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease*

Activities & Awards: President Tribeta Honors Society, Treasurer Pre-Physical Therapy Club, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Regional Tribeta Conference (2022, 2023), National Tribeta Conference 2022, 2022 John and Anne Frey Scholarship, Trustee Transfer Scholarship 2019-2023, OUR Grant (Spring 2023, Summer & Spring 2022, Fall & Summer 2021), NHS Research Grant Fall 2022, Tribeta Research Grant 2021, 2022 Future: Neuroscience Program Fellowship @ FSU, College of Arts & Science Deans Scholarship @ FSU, Dean's List of Academic Distinction 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-2022, Frank G. Brooks Award for 1st Place Oral Presentation @ West-1 Regional TriBeta Conference, Annual Excellence in Chemistry Award 2020, 2021, 2022, NHS "Program Scholar" 2022, 2023; 1st Place Oral Presentation @ Fall Symposium 2022, Summer 2022 UNCO Campus Garden, 17,000 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Neurological Rehabilitation Intern, Science Tutor Upward Bound UNCO 2019-2022; Activities Coordinator Upward Bound Spring 2021, Summer Highschool Science Instructor 2021, 2022; College & University Bound Scholars UNCO Creator and Administrative Head 2023; Program Coordinator AGES Summer Program 2022



Tatiana Naab - HIP



Major: Sociology - Family Studies; **Minor:** Psychology

Future Plans: Pursuing an MBA in Human Resources at UNC

Mackenzie Nicholson - HIP

Major: Human Services; **Minor:** Psychology

Activities & Awards: Cow Town Girls, VP, Stryker Leadership Scholarship, WUE, Phi Theta Kappa, ASA, Sigma Cum Laude, Boys and Girls Club, SVA Public Relations Officer



CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS GRADUATES!



Mia Olivas - HIP

Major: Journalism - News and Multimedia

Future Plans: Planning to attend Law School

Kenna Reece - HIP & UHP

Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders

Thesis Title: *Communication Sciences and Disorders Students' Awareness of the Deaf Community, Deaf Culture, and American Sign Language*

Activities & Awards: Cru (leader), NSSLHA (Co-President), UNC Trustee Scholarship, Dean's List of Academic Distinction 2021-2022, Supplemental Instructor (SI), Team Lead for Tutorial Services' Statistics and Data Analytics Team



Alyssa Reed - HIP

Major: Psychology

Activities & Awards: Sigma Kappa, officer for 3 years, Marine Corps Scholar, Volunteer Notetaker with Disability Resource Center, Breathe Counseling Internship, Acceptance into UNC's grad school as well as University of Arkansas

Jess Renaud - HIP & UHP

Major: Psychology

Thesis Title: *Emotion Regulation as a Mediator Between a History of Childhood Maltreatment and Present Levels of Self-Compassion*

Activities & Awards: SSEA 2023 Conference on Emerging Adulthood; Research Excellence Award Finalist 2022, 2023; CEBS Honor; Internship at ASAP on campus



Kendra Roth - UHP

Major: Psychology; **Minor:** Human Services

Thesis Title: *Anxiety Among Females with ADHD Affecting Their Academic Success in College*

Activities & Awards: UNIV101 class leader, part of Campus Connections, Honors Research night, Transfer, Bright Futures Scholarship, Mortar Board Scholarship, High academics, NOCO rush soccer club, Weld County Food Bank, Campus Connections, Indoor club soccer

Kati Savig - UHP

Major: History; **Minor:** PCSI

Thesis Title: *The importance in incorporating dance into the modern liturgy and worship practice of the American church*

Future Plans: Working as a teacher and helping people train their dogs



CONGRATULATIONS, HONORS GRADUATES!



Elise Shoemaker - HIP

Major: Journalism, emphasis in Public Relations

Minors: Sociology and Entrepreneurship

Activities & Awards: Deans List 2x, MCB Daniels Fund, Best in HSS College, Greeley City internships, Streamed for Esports, Honors Treasurer 2x

Sandis Walter - HIP

Major: Biological Sciences; **Minor:** Environmental Studies

Future Plans: Pursuing graduate school



Alicia Wilkinson - UHP

Major: Psychology; **Minor:** Criminal Justice

Thesis Title: Malingering While Waiting for Competency Evaluations

Activities & Awards: Reisher Scholar Program, CHE/Trio, OUR research Grant, Single Parent Scholarship, PTK scholarship, Transfer Scholarship, Acceptance into Honor Society, Santa cops community service, Peer advocate for Reisher Scholars Program

Hannah Wilson - UHP

Major: Biological Sciences - Pre-Health and Biomedical Sciences

Thesis Title: *Studying the effect of aryl hydrocarbon receptor activation on affinity maturation*

Activities & Awards: Phi Sigma Pi, NCUR, Research Day 2022 and 2023, Fall Symposium 2022, Tribeta, Office of Undergraduate Research, Tanner Leadership Scholarship, Research Excellence Winner 2023, Dean's List, NHS CAP Award 2022, Volunteer at the Weld Food Bank, Office of Health Promotion, Office of Admissions, Student Senate, Intramural basketball; Beta Beta Beta - Vice President, Pre-Health Professionals Club, Biology Club.

Future Plans: Colorado School of Public Health, UNC campus, masters in public health with concentration in community health education



Thank you to all of our faculty thesis advisors who supported and mentored the UHP graduate capstone/thesis projects!

- Dr. Kristin Bovaird-Abbo
 - Dr. Jeffrey Brown
 - Dr. Ryan Darling
 - Daniela Dimitrov
 - Dr. Thomas Dunn
 - Dr. Gregory DeKrey
 - Dr. Don Finan
 - Dr. Mitchell Gardner
 - Dr. Yuyan Han
 - Sandra Harmon
 - Melinda Kisling
 - Teresa Risser
 - Dr. Victoria Terranova
 - Dr. Mark Thomas
 - Dr. Marilyn Welsh
- Schulze Chair: Dr. Corinne Wieben

Donor & Scholarship Recognition

Eugene D. and Peggy J. Koplitz Scholarship



Dr. Eugene Koplitz, Professor Emeritus of Educational Psychology, came to UNC in 1958 and studied mental processes of advanced intellects. Because of his experience in gifted education, the task of establishing an Honors program was given to Koplitz. In only a year and-a-half, Koplitz established the UNC Honors Program with partnership in 19 departments on campus as well as establishing the Honors thesis tradition that still stands to this day as one of the more rigorous Honors thesis requirements in the Sstate. As founder of the UNC's Honors Program, Dr. Koplitz began a tradition that centered on the intellectual development of many of the University's top students.

Throughout his professional career, Dr. Koplitz presented research papers at international, regional, state, and local levels, and he made a large impact on all he met and taught. Sadly, Dr. Koplitz passed away in early September 2017 and is survived by his wife, Peggy, his children David and Stephanie, and five grandchildren. The Koplitz Scholarship is for the student with the strongest Honors Thesis/Capstone Proposal.

2022-2023 Koplitz Scholarship Recipient: Miranda Bermudez, Thesis Advisor: Michael Kimball

Marie Livingston & Honors Scholarships



Dr. Marie Leigh Livingston is Professor Emerita of Economics at University of Northern Colorado. She came to Colorado in 1979 to work for the Economic Research Service, U.S.D.A. and began her career at UNC in 1985 after earning her Ph.D. While at UNC, she was Professor and Chair of Economics, and served as Director of several interdisciplinary programs, including the University Honors Program, International Trade and Relations (now International Affairs) and the Life of the Mind Program. With specializations in water resources and international economics, she worked extensively in Central Europe and has been a visiting professor at University of Minnesota, University of Frankfurt and University of Madrid. In 2009 she was a Fulbright Senior Specialist at the University of Economics in Prague. The Livingston scholarship is designated for a strong Honors student with preference for students with an interest in Economics or International Affairs

2023-2024 Scholarship Recipient: Ares Thompson

The Honors Program Scholarships were established by Dr. Marie Livingston while she was the Director for the Honors Program at UNC. This scholarship is awarded based on a student's progression through the honors curriculum, high academic achievement, and evidence of civic engagement.

2022-2023 Scholarship Recipient: Kelbi O'Connor

2023-2024 Scholarship Recipient: Clare Bolon

Gregory E. Holman and Debra K. Holman Scholarship

Greg and Kaye Holman's love of students and belief in the power of education to transform lives strongly guides how they give of their time and talents. As recipients of a variety of grants and scholarships over the course of their academic careers, Greg and Kaye hope to support other first generation students through the establishment of the Gregory E. and Debra K. Holman Scholarship. In directing their support towards Honors students, the Holmans recognized the students Kaye had worked with in her time at UNC were students like the Holmans themselves, who had a passion and a commitment to academic excellence and the capacity and drive to serve others and the natural world.

2022-2023 Scholarship Recipient: Annie Wright

2023-2024 Scholarship Recipient: Betel Fisseha



Paul Heidger Scholarship

Dr. Paul Heidger '63 was part of the first UNC Honors class of graduates, where he met Barbara. Barbara and Paul married shortly after she returned from Kenya. Until he retired in 2012, Paul taught for 38 years at the University of Iowa, where he was a professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology. After retirement, he continued to work closely with UI students, working as a student adviser for an undergraduate research training program. He led an accomplished path of service and dedication to his profession and his students. This scholarship recognizes a first year Honors student who is in the natural sciences.



2022-2023 Scholarship Recipient: Casey Moran



Barbara Heidger Memorial Scholarship

Barbara Jane Heidger (Hyslop) entered UNC (then Colorado State College) as a member of the newly inaugurated Honors Program, then under the direction of Professor Eugene Koplitz. There she met fellow Honors student Paul Heidger, who she later married. Barbara's academic excellence and devotion to her field (international relations) led her to work abroad with Columbia's Teachers for East Africa during the completion of her Master's coursework. She taught at a residential boys secondary school in Kericho, Kenya, for two years, teaching world history and researching the development of political parties, which had just begun in Kenya in 1964.

She continued to be involved with the local and international community, sponsoring the Model UN Program and assuming a leadership position to welcome and resettle refugee families from Southeast Asia. It is sincerely hoped that this scholarship bearing Barbara's name may assist students at UNC to reach their life goals and full potential. Barbara passed in 1994, and is survived by Paul and their two daughters, Julie and Lisa. This scholarship is designated for an incoming first year student who is interested in international studies.

2022-2023 Scholarship Recipient: KeownKo Taylor

Becky R. Edgerton Memorial Honors Scholarship

The Honors Program is pleased to recognize the generosity of Ronald K Edgerton who provided the gifts to create this scholarship in memory of Becky Edgerton to perpetuate excellence in the University Honors Program. Dr. Ron Edgerton was Director of the Honors Program from 1985 to 2000. Becky Edgerton (April 22, 1941-December 17, 1999) loved poetry, opera and good movies; the New York Times Book Review and The New Yorker magazine, good literature, wine and conversation; feminist theory, loyal friends and her family. For her, reading was a way of life, and she read just about everything. She published poetry and taught in the Honors and Life of the Mind programs. She wrote this piece that embodies the soul of the Becky R. Edgerton Award:

- THAT I DO HAVE INNER RESOURCES
- THAT RELATIONSHIPS ARE CENTRAL.
- THAT ONE LEARNS TO FEEL MORE FROM BOTH LOVE AND LOSS
- THAT WORK IS A SAVING GRACE
- THAT THE WAY YOU MEET A TROUBLE IS IMPORTANT
- THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO FORGIVE AND TO KNOW WHEN TO FORGIVE.
- THAT LOYAL FRIENDS COUNT.
- THAT THE FAILURE TO CREATE IS A FELT FAILURE.
- THAT WILD BIRDS CAN BRING PLEASURE.
- THAT MUSIC CAN BRING PLEASURE.
- THAT THESE THINGS CAN HELP SAVE ONE.
- THAT POETRY IS A PART OF LIFE

The Becky Edgerton Memorial Scholarship is for an honors student with a meritorious thesis who also exhibits the highest level of intellectual curiosity.

2022-2023 Scholarship Recipient To Be Announced at Banquet



Donor & Scholarship Recognition



Phelps Family C.A.P. Award Bob and Bonnie Phelps

Championed by UNC friends Bob and Bonnie Phelps Family, the CAP Awards recognize students whose lives demonstrate an exceptional and exemplary personal commitment to:

- **Contribute...** by volunteering time and personal skills, talents, abilities, experience and passion around issues in service to the community.
- **Achieve...** by displaying a bias toward action and performance, overcoming obstacles and setbacks, and accomplishing goals.
- **Pay-it-forward...** by impacting the lives of others in meaningful and positive ways through random and planned acts of kindness, caring, and "giving back."

The Phelps have chosen to generously invest their money, time, and expertise into growing and enhancing the UNC experience for many of its students. Inspired by the impact a UNC education offered their son, Brian Phelps '12 (BA-Communication Studies), the Phelps have become life-long supporters of UNC and its students. Bob and Bonnie have supported students at UNC through the creation of several endowed scholarships and awards, including the Phelps Family CAP Awards to recognize annually three students who exemplify these key principles.

With a background in small business ownership preceded by decades of corporate experience in human resources management, Bob Phelps knows personal financial decision-making can trouble many people throughout their lives. With encouragement from the Phelps, UNC has integrated a Personal Financial Literacy course into its Liberal Arts Core, affecting a positive impact on the financial health of students that extends far beyond their beginnings at UNC. The impact of the Phelps' acts of kindness and generosity has been immeasurably impressed upon UNC's students as well as upon the communities in which they will go on to thrive.

2023-2024 Scholarship Recipients:

- **Riley Carlson, Elementary Education**
- **Madison Gremillion, Biological Sciences**
- **Angelica Valdez, Mexican American Studies & Psychology**

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