

# HSL Happenings 2017-2018

## Center for Honors, Scholars and Leadership: A year in review



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## Greetings from the Honors Director

Loree Crow

The University of Northern Colorado Honors Program continued this past year to hone its focus on developing student problem solvers by supporting interdisciplinary coursework, experiential learning, undergraduate research, and creative and applied projects. Our graduates represent a diverse group of dedicated, innovative, and passionate individuals who have pursued their own individual interests and created projects that are both personally meaningful and significant to their disciplines. The Honors Program served just over 250 students in 2017-2018 from all Colleges on campus, with the following breakout:

College of Natural & Health Sciences 38%  
College of Humanities & Social Sciences 21%  
Monfort College of Business 14%  
College of Education & Behavioral Sciences 11%  
College of Performing & Visual Arts 11 %  
University College 5%



Our students this past year reflected the diverse composition of the University demonstrating our intentional focus on accessibility. Our graduates included traditional students graduating in as little as 2-3 years at UNC, as well as returning adult students who brought life experience with them to share. A few highlights of our student demographics:  
46% of honors students are first generation (compared to 35% rate for UNC)  
43% of upper division honors and 35% of all honors students classified themselves as other than "white/Caucasian" (compared to 43% rate for UNC)  
18% of honors students were out of state (compared to 9% UNC rate)

### Honors Interdisciplinary Program – Connecting ideas

This year marked the first that the Honors Interdisciplinary Program encouraged the development of personalized tracks of intellectual development through the lower division curriculum. As a way of spurring students into thinking deeper and making connections between courses and ideas, as well as a way for students in jam packed degree programs to find room for honors thinking, the new "theme-based" path was available. Students in this program also have the option of exploring more widely the "Life of the Mind" through that eponymous curriculum. MIND courses continue to be favorites among honors students, with Dr. Bovaird-Abbo's Contemporary Arts Connection course that explores the world of JRR Tolkien, and Dr. Kimball's Confluence of Cultures course that connects UNC students with students from Europe and the Middle East through the Soliya project, as examples.

### Upper Division Honors – Student-driven, inquiry-based learning

Upper Division Honors students included over 51 individuals progressing toward their goal of producing an honors thesis or creative capstone project. The program continues to link senior students with those just starting the process, with programs such as Honors Research Night and HON451 cohort meetings. Completed honors thesis projects this year included a variety of examples including mindfulness-based practice research, research on the health of the Poudre River, a GIS analysis of urban development in Mongolia, a mathematics thesis on hypergraph colorings, and a fictional creative story revolving around discovering what is important in life.

# Greetings from the Leadership Director

Evan Welch

Family, friends, students, donors, and supporters of HSL—welcome!



## The learning is everywhere

In the Fall Semester, students from the President's Leadership Program (PLP) and students from the Leadership Studies Minor completed the Senior Seminar class project that exemplifies the values of the President's Leadership Program and the best of what Leadership Studies has to offer students and the UNC community. This course challenges students to select a topic in order to critically consider the ideals and sentiments that serve as the foundation for scholarly discourse and social discourse on global justice. This year's class partnered with UNC's Assault Survivors Advocacy Program (ASAP) to explore new and innovative ways to educate and empower staff and students to combat sexual assault at UNC. The students designed a five-year curriculum aimed at providing survivor support, clarification of policy, education, school-wide activism, and development of a culture of respect on campus. These results were presented to ASAP stakeholders and are being utilized for further program development.

## Colorado Leadership Alliance Summit

In January, students from UNC's President's Leadership Program and El Pomar Scholars traveled to the Tivoli Student Union for the 2018 Colorado Leadership Alliance Summit. Students from 13 Colorado Colleges and Universities engaged in meaningful conversations about Colorado's Civic DNA. Participants attended breakout sessions on Inclusivity, Collaboration, Shared Vision, Leadership, and Responsibility presented by some of the foremost thinkers and doers in each of the respective categories. The Keynote was delivered by Brett Mitchell, Music Director of the Colorado Symphony and participants also spent an hour on a Mentor's Walk with business and community leaders from the Denver Metro Area.





A group of incoming Honors Interdisciplinary Program students hunt to discover “city as text” in downtown Greeley.

## Honors Residential Learning Community Update

By: Tarrin Flaherty

The Honors Residential Learning Community (RLC) provides an incredibly unique experience for Freshman Interdisciplinary Honors students. The RLC strives to create a culture for students to continue their pursuit of knowledge and critical thinking outside of classes, and to share a space with other people who share their passions and love of learning. It helps to encourage students to



Incoming honors students enjoy a lunch break during the Honors Retreat at the beginning of the year.

become active students and leaders. This year, the RLC had a focus on collaboration, sustainability, and self-care. The RLC worked closely with the Student Honors Council to provide programming both inside and outside of the hall. These ranged from social events, such as painting and video games, to service-focused events that helped our community. We also worked closely with the Assault Survivors Advocacy Program, our hall’s diversity mentor, and with other faculty from across campus. Bringing this knowledge and skills from across campus encourages the community to help the residents grow and take advantage of UNC’s campus resources. There was also a large focus on sustainability and limiting the amount of waste coming out of programming and events in the hall as well as up-cycling projects like making recycled paper. Projects like these provided information and a fun activity to engage with serious topics. Most importantly this, as well as other activities focuses on de-stressing and making meaningful social interactions that will last for the rest of their college career and hopefully further.

## Student Honors Council

By: Sydney McVicker

The 2017-2018 school year was an exciting time for Student Honors Council, the organization responsible for creating social, volunteer, and professional events for the Honors community. New and old members came together to host over a dozen events. The year began with Blitz Week, a time where we hosted an event every day during the first week of class. Honors students learned about the surrounding community while bowling and volunteering at the Poudre Learning Center. They bonded with the incoming cohort at the Honors Picnic and trivia night. Since then, Student Honors Council has created many successful events. One of the favorites is Netflix and Chili. This event combines watching some of Netflix's most loved shows and eating homemade chili. Another favorite is a Bob Ross themed event where students are given a chance to show their inner artist as they paint along to the beloved Bob Ross. As the school year draws to an end, Student Honors Council prepares for a yearly tradition. The Spring Banquet draws families, friends, and sponsors from all over the country. Every year, Student Honors Council puts together a silent auction, featuring local businesses and some of our student's own work! We hope the auction provides funding for the upcoming year, as we plan to have another successful year of community building and stress relieving events!



Here are the hard-working members of SHC as for the 2017-18 academic year:

**Sydney McVicker**, President

**BP Reeves**, Vice President

**Ace Spitzer**, Secretary

**Katie Dorman**, Treasurer

**Tarrin Flaherty**, Event Planning Chair, RLC Resident Assistant

**Jewel Monington**, Fundraising Committee Chair

**Julia Sobczak**, Public Relations

**Joshua Wiggins**, General Council Member

**Ashley Jones**, General Council Member

Thank you to all SHC members for making this another successful year!

## Ambassadors for Student Leadership Club

By: Sarah Zwetzig

ASLC had another successful year of events and student and community engagement. Throughout the year, student members were involved in a variety of campus events, and hosted a successful 2-day fundraiser to raise money for the Red Cross Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. An overview of their events:

- Red Cross Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund Fundraiser
- Community Fest
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Earth Day Cleanup Event

Thank you to all of the club members who were involved in making this a successful year. Special thanks to Shayna Dix for taking on the role of President and being a great leader throughout the year.



ASLC Member Daria Anwaar-Maximo helps raise money to help victims of Hurricane Harvey. ASLC raised \$150 for the relief fund!



## Colorado Leadership Alliance (CLA)

By: Sarah Zwetzig

Each January, passionate student leaders from around the state gather in Denver at the Colorado Leadership Alliance conference. This conference allows students to engage in critical thinking about leadership, community and civic engagement, and how they as leaders can impact the future. This year, UNC was well represented by four students (as pictured): Shane Borah, Brendan Markowski, Karl Brockmeier, and Maddison Marrs. The theme of the conference was "Colorado's Civic DNA Challenge", in which students learned about and used various factors that make up Colorado's civic DNA. In one applied team challenge, Karl helped bring his team a win for their innovative and effective proposal! Thank you to these four students who represented the UNC President's Leadership Program and El Pomar Scholars with pride. Finally, a big thank you to Evan Welch for being such a supportive sponsor of these and other leadership students!



# Research Day

By: Sarah Zwetzig

Each year in April, the Center for Honors, Scholars and Leadership hosts Research Day, a campus event that invites undergraduate and graduate students from across all disciplines to present their research. Research Day includes poster and oral presentations from both undergraduate and graduate students. Select posters and oral presentations in three discipline areas are chosen as Research Excellence Award finalists and are judged by a panel of faculty members from UNC.

This year, over 300 students participated in Research Day. There were 30 undergraduate students representing the Honors Program, and 9 of these students were Research Excellence Award Finalists.

## Jessica McCombs

Winner, Humanities and Arts Undergraduate Oral Presentation

## Ace Spitzer

Winner, Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Oral Presentation

## Dorothy Agyemang

Winner, Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Poster Presentation

## Pearl Marquez

Winner, Social Sciences Undergraduate Poster Presentation

## Madison Buhre

Winner, Social Sciences Undergraduate Oral Presentation

## Amber Fletcher

Finalist, Humanities and Arts Undergraduate Oral Presentation

## Taylor Polson

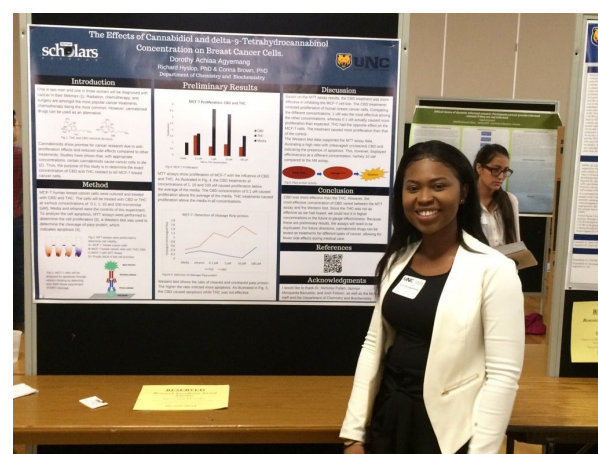
Finalist, Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Oral Presentation

## Kendra Ellett

Finalist, Social Sciences Undergraduate Poster Presentation

## Michelle Garcia

Finalist, Social Sciences Undergraduate Poster Presentation



Research Day 2018 REA Winner  
Dorothy Agyemang

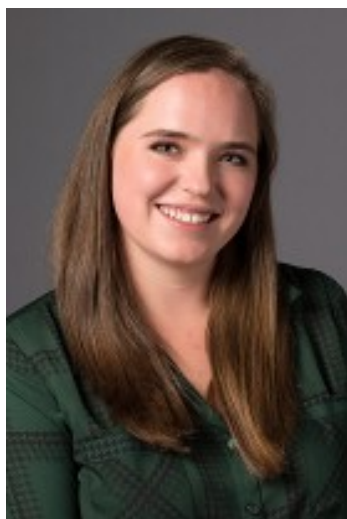


Research Day 2018 REA Finalist, Michelle Garcia

Honors students are encouraged to present their Honors capstone research projects at Research Day every year. Thank you to all students who presented, congratulations to those who were recognized as REA finalists and those who won, and thank you to all staff and other organizations on campus to make this possible! The Graduate School, Graduate Student Association, Office of Undergraduate Research, and HSL all work together to put on this event, and we are looking forward to continuing this tradition next year!

## Honors Student Presents Research at NCUR

By: Katie Dorman



Every year, honors students are sponsored by the office of Undergraduate Research to attend the National Conference of Undergraduate Research (NCUR). This year, HSL's own Katie Dorman was one of the students chosen to represent UNC at NCUR.

At this 3 day conference, there were over 4,100 individual presentations and creative works covering a diverse range to topics. Students were encouraged to seek out work in fields other than their own, and to use the conference as an opportunity to network and make new friends. In addition to the presentations students could attend a graduate fair and career building workshops. The conference wasn't all work though, students were also invited to the Metro Music Festival to watch Prince's

band perform and have a Q&A session with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the NBA's leading scorer. Getting to attend NCUR was a tremendous experience, and it is one that I hope more honors students will get to have in the future.



## Honors Director and Faculty Attend Annual NCHC Conference

By: Loree Crow

This year the Directors of both the Honors Program and the McNair Scholars Program travelled to the National Collegiate Honors Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this past November. With the theme "Just Honors," the conference offered insights and opened dialogue for educators, students and administrators to explore issues of social justice, inclusion and equity. Bryan Stevenson, author of Just Mercy, and founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, was keynote speaker, and offered a challenge to all honors students to become advocates for social justice in their own communities. Other hot issues that emerged at the conference included mental health challenges among high achieving students and how to develop curriculum paths that work for honors students who are transferring in greater numbers of college credit from AP, IB, and dual-enrollment courses from high school. The directors attended several sessions regarding points based systems for both curricular and co-curricular paths through honors, and also sessions regarding inclusive admissions practices.



# Graduate Spotlights

## Ace Spitzer—Honors

First Place: Research Excellence Award 2018  
NHS Oral presentation  
Inception of HON 101 course with UHP TAs

## Amy Rodearmel—Honors

UNC Trustee Scholarship  
Lulu Pierce Lakin Scholarship  
UNC Center for Rural Education Scholarship  
Cumbres Teacher Preparation Program  
National Society of Collegiate Scholars  
Sigma Delta Pi (Vice President)  
Kappa Delta Pi  
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship  
Dean's List of Academic Distinction  
Honors Convocation Award from the College of Hum. and Social Sciences  
Center for Human Enrichment 2018 Outstanding Faculty and Staff  
Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award (Peru)  
Spanish Teaching Award from the Department of Hispanic Studies  
Spain (Summer 2016)

## Audrey Reuter—Honors

WUE Scholarship Recipient  
Received a stipend from OUR (Office of Undergraduate Research)  
Interned at the Poudre Valley Oncology Unit  
Volunteered with the 9 News Health Fair and Project Homeless Connect  
Upon graduation, will have achieved over 840 hours in clinical settings

## Brenda Hernandez Ramirez—Honors

Don Fix Memorial Scholarship  
Colorado Insurance & Business Edu. Foundation Investment Scholarship  
The George E. Vosmera Memorial Scholarship  
The Wells Fargo Bank Scholarship  
Presidential Transfer Scholarship  
The Outpost Foundation Scholarship  
The Velma Biddle Scholarship  
The Aims Opportunity Scholarship  
Univ. of Ljubljana: Faculty of Economics-Take the Best from East & West  
Brother of Delta Sigma Pi- co-ed Professional Business Fraternity  
Treasurer of Mortar Board  
IRB approval to begin research on UNC DREAMer students

## Brianna Krueger—Honors

Presidential Scholarship  
UNC Legacy Scholarship  
PASE (Poudre Assoc. of School Exec.) Education Focus Scholarship  
Dean's List  
Volunteer/Educator at Ann K. Heiman Elementary School, Jackson Elementary School, Madison Elementary School, and Windsor Charter Academy  
Student teacher Fall 2018—Zach Core Knowledge Elementary School

## Brianna Ott—Honors

Treasurer for the National Speech Language Student Association  
Active member of the Criminal Justice Society  
Attended SWAT demonstrations and mock-board interviews  
Attended private lectures by members of MI-6  
Exclusive access in the United States Embassy  
Riot training observation in Kent, England  
Crown Court Trial Observation  
Member of the Golden Key Mortar Board  
Study abroad trip to London, England  
Intern at Colorado Department of Public Safety  
Photographer and Video Producer

## Caitlin Raymond—Honors

UNC Trustee Scholarship  
Faculty Senate Scholarship  
Frease, Frosty & Cynthia Scholarship  
EED Club  
Organized an awareness campaign of College Opportunities and Financial Aid in local high schools  
Dean's List of Academic Distinction all 4 years  
Member of National Council for Teacher Education  
College and Hum. and Social Sciences' Outstanding English Students (2016)  
Interned—Children's Library Assistant with the High Plains District Library  
Student taught at Windsor High School  
Fall 2018—Teacher at Fountain Fort Carson Middle School District 8

## Cassandra Brenner—Honors

Relay For Life committee for all four years of college  
Event Lead for Relay this past year  
2 undergraduate research grants from OUR  
Undergraduate Researcher in the Cancer Biology Lab on campus for 3 years  
Research Day Presenter for two years  
Paid internship at UCSD Moores Cancer Center over the summer

## Christopher Newby—Honors

Mason Grace scholarship  
Nomination/Induction Beta Gamma Sigma Ntl. Business Honors Fraternity  
Deans citations for Academic Excellence every semester (2014-2018)  
Deans recognition for Academic Distinction (2015-2018)  
Internship at Encompass Technologies  
MCB Outstanding Business Student award (3 years running)

## Connor Hatton—Honors

Community Asset Mapping Project for the Refugee Community in Greeley  
VP of Finance for Student Honors Council 2013-2014  
Joint Mathematics Meeting 2017 and 2018  
Putnam Exam 2017 and 2018  
Outstanding Freshman in Economics 2013  
Academic Scholar in Mathematics 2018  
Student Honors Council  
Math Club

## Gretchen Frank—Honors

Provost Scholarship  
Natl. Student Speech Lang. and Hearing Assoc. Member and Treasurer  
College of Natural Health Sciences (NHS) Academic Scholar Award  
Volunteer at the Denver VA Hospital  
Newly employed as a Clinical Research Coordinator for the Otolaryngology department at UCD Anschutz School of Medicine

## Holly Brimberry—Honors

Presenter: Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Spring 2018  
Honorable Mention Fall 2017—senior seminar poster, Sociology  
Dean's List of Academic Distinction 2016-2017  
Outstanding Student Award-HSS Honors Convocation, Sociology & Gender Studies, Spring 2017  
Dean's Honor Roll—2015-2016

## Jenna Zink—Honors

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship  
Elks Trust Scholarship  
Trustee Transfer Scholarship  
NSSLHA club  
IM sports  
Presented at UNC Undergraduate-Research Symposium  
Member of Honors Society  
Dean's List  
Undergraduate Academic Program Scholar - Natural & Health Sciences'

## Joanna Welsh—Honors

Study Abroad Spring 2015 - Korea University Sejong Campus  
Member of the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honors Society  
2016 Induction—top percentage of Business Major Junior Class  
Recipient of UNC Beta Gamma Sigma Scholarship—2016  
McGee Hearne & Paiz, LLP Scholarship 2015-2018  
Roland C. and Mary N. Waterman Memorial Scholarship 2014-2015  
John Trueblood & The Harry Trueblood Found. Scholarship 2014-2015  
UNC Legacy Scholarship 2013-2018  
UNC Presidential Scholarship 2013-2015  
Finley-Ledall Business Scholarship 2013-2014  
Certified by NASBA Center for the Public Trust in Ethical Leadership—2017  
Coord./President of CIE's Intl. Ambassador Program—2015-2018  
Involved in Christian Challenge  
Financial Department Intern for Prolink Mumessilik Ic ve Dis Ticaret A.S. (Prolink Representative of Domestic and Foreign Trade) - Turkey  
Booking Intern—CRU—Orlando, FL & ChiangMai, Thailand

## Kathleen Dorman—Honors

Natural and Health Sciences Academic Scholar Award  
Treasure of Student Honors Council  
Treasure of Student L.E.A.F.  
HSL Honors Assistant  
UNC Fall Undergraduate Research Symposium Winner (2017)  
National Conference of Undergraduate Research Presenter (2018)  
Earth Science's Poster Fest Presenter  
Big Thompson Watershed Forum Environmental Scholarship/Internship  
UNC Research Day Presenter (2017)  
UNC Division I Track & Field Team (2014-2016)  
Big Sky Academic All-Conference Student Athlete  
UNC Scholar Athlete  
Poudre Learning Center Volunteer  
Study Abroad in Ecuador



**Kayla Squire—PLP**  
 El Pomar Scholar  
 First Bank Scholar  
 PLI General Scholar  
 Colorado Insurance and Business Scholar  
 Interning at FAST Enterprises in Centennial



**Kendra Ellett—Honors**  
 Dean's List of Academic Distinction 2014-2018  
 UNC Provost Scholarship 2014-2018  
 Infinitus Dream Scholarship 2018  
 Chapter Member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars  
 Program Scholar of the College of Natural and Health Sciences 2018  
 Research Excellence Award Finalist 2017, 2018



**Laya Buchanan—Honors**  
 Finley-Ledall Research Fellow—Department of Business Management



**Lee Stapley—Honors**  
 Harry Trueblood Scholar  
 Hansen Kenneth Scholar  
 Troxel OL Nursing Scholar  
 Beta Gamma Sigma National Business Honor Society



**Lindsay Andrighetti—PLP**  
 Student taught at Union Colony Preparatory School  
 Thomas Sutherland Memorial Scholarship: 2016–2018



**Lisa Harrison—Honors**  
 UNC Trustees Scholarship  
 Grace Martin Scholarship  
 Vera Newburn Scholarship  
 PVREA Scholarship  
 Seeker and Beater for UNC Club Quidditch  
 Secretary and Treasurer for English Education Club  
 UNC Navigators  
 Resident Assistant at Harrison Hall  
 Awarded "Most Promising Student in English Education" 2016  
 Summa Cum Laude Graduate  
 Maple Terrace Kid's Club - Tutoring and Organization Intern  
 Studied in South Korea at Korea University



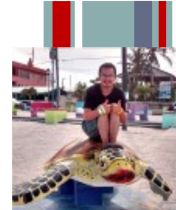
**Madeline Azari—Honors and PLP**  
 Residence Hall Association  
 Student Honors Council  
 National Society for Collegiate Scholars  
 Housing and Residential Education Social Justice Committee  
 "Hi" Bridge Society Homecoming Court Delegate  
 Intermountain Affiliate for College and University Residence Halls Student Staff  
 Member of the Year Finalist  
 Price and Gladys Hopkins Memorial Scholarship Recipient  
 UNC Student Employee of the Year Finalist  
 Junior Theatre Education Student of the Year  
 Orientation Leader of the Year  
 First Bank Scholar  
 Student Teaching and Practicum Experience; Bears Tied, Trick o' Treat for Cans,  
 "Talk, Share, Care"  
 Alternative Spring Break in Grand Canyon National Park  
 STARS College in Association with College and Univ. Hall Officers Intl.  
 National Orientation Director's Association Region III Conference  
 Higher Education Diversity Summit  
 LEAP (Leaders Engaging in Action through Passion) Summit  
 The Ohio State University, Fall 2018, M.A. Higher Education Student Affairs!  
 Colorado Leadership Alliance Summit  
 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference  
 RAppin' 2017



**Madison Buhre—Honors**  
 Founding Member of the 11th Ave A Cappella Group  
 RA/SRA in the Housing Department for 2.25 years  
 Two-time recipient of the Psychology Departmental Outstanding Student Award  
 1st Place Research Excellence Awards—Research Day 2018  
 Presented at Rocky Mountain Psychological Association  
 Commencement Speaker—2018 graduating class  
 Internship at Riderflex: Human Resources & Wellness Coordinator  
 Studied near Boston, Massachusetts for Fall of 2017  
 Team Leader in AmeriCorps

**Maxwell Keogh—Honors**  
 Colorado Initial Teacher License, Elementary K-6  
 Studied Abroad at Santa Ana, Costa Rica  
 UNC Research Day Presenter

Study depicting Adult Immigrants' Perceptions and Beliefs About the  
 Concept of Culture Since Immigrating to the United States  
 Taught 5th Grade at Jackson Elementary School—Spring 2018  
 Taught 5th Grade Mathematics at Maplewood Elementary School—Fall  
 2017  
 Taught English as a Second Language at Jackson Elementary School—  
 Grades 1, 3, 5  
 Volunteered for two years at Jackson Elementary School  
 Classroom Facilitator in Summer 2014 & 2015 at the Tulsa Children's  
 Museum



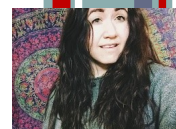
**Natalie Tanner—Honors**

Treasurer of Psi Chi  
 Desk Operations Coordinator for North Hall  
 Social Media Ambassador for UNC  
 Marketing and Spring Concert Coordinator - University Program Council  
 Internship with Integrus Counseling Associates  
 North Hall Desk Assistant  
 UNC Student Radio Show - "Save the Air"  
 RA for South Hall and Belford Hall Member  
 National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)  
 VP of Retention, Recruitment, and Membership Development for NRHH  
 Crusaders for Christ  
 Accepted: Adler University for Graduate Studies in Clinical Mental  
 Health Counseling—\$13,000 scholarship



**Pearl Marquez—Honors**

Provost Scholarship  
 Elizabeth and John S. Welling Scholarship  
 Magna Cum Laude Honors  
 College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Undergraduate Scholar  
 JBS/Swift Beef Company - Organizational Development Intern  
 Psi Chi Chapter Co-President  
 Honors program  
 Presenter: Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Annual Conference  
 Accepted: Claremont Grad. Univ.—M.S in Human Resource Management



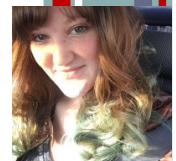
**Tamara Faour—Honors**

Summer 2016—Studied abroad in Spain  
 Recognized at the Honors Convocation for the College of Humanities and  
 Social Sciences Spring 2016, 2017, & 2018  
 Published in the 2018 edition of the honors literary magazine Scribendi  
 and the Spring 2018 edition of The Crucible  
 Piano Teacher



**Shayna Dix—PLP**

Scholarships: PLI Scholarship, First Bank, David Crowder Memorial  
 Dance Associations, Bear Hug Club, ASLC, French Club, Colorado Dance  
 Collective Hip Hop Company  
 Honors Program Night Workshop Coordinator/Teacher  
 District 6 Volunteer



**Tia Whitehouse—Honors**

Awarded the Charlotte, Ruby, and Vesta Junge Scholarship all four years  
 Awarded UNC Legacy Scholarship all four years  
 Colorado Beautillion-Cotillion, Inc. Scholar  
 Studied abroad in Spain—Summer 2016  
 May 2018—Argentina—Gain Spanish skills teaching experience in another  
 country  
 Plans to find a job and begin her dream career as a teacher after she gradu-  
 ates in December



**Trevor Seymour—Honors**

Recipient of the Southard Award for his art



**Veronica Lovely—Honors**

4 year UNC Provost Academic Scholarship ; School of Music Scholar  
 Tennesen Family PVA; Frank G. and Betty Ottesen PVS Donors  
 UNC Thirst No More Campus Ministry  
 UNC Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble  
 UNC Symphony Orchestra  
 The Loveland Orchestra as Principal Oboist; The All Angles Orchestra  
 Southard Arts Convocation Award in 2016  
 DownBeat Student Music Award for best Large Jazz Ensemble  
 Lifetime member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars  
 Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society—Spring 2017  
 UNC Dean's List (2014-2018)  
 Outstanding Student for excellence and achievement in the Woodwind  
 area from the UNC School of Music  
 UNC Orchestra Concerto Competition Finalist in 2014-2015/2016-2017  
 The All Angles Orchestra— Member, Arts Innovation Award at UNC in  
 2016; Midwest region tour Summer 2017; DownBeat Student Music  
 Award; grant to record a full album entitled New Angle  
 Accepted: Nursing Program at UNC for a BSN



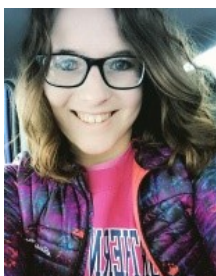
# Graduate Spotlights



Amber Fletcher—Honors



Jennifer Brown—Honors



Kora Schott  
Honors and PLP



Molly Mossberg—Honors



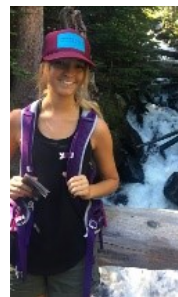
Bethany Thomas—Honors



Karl Brockmeier—PLP



Lauren Hodson—Honors



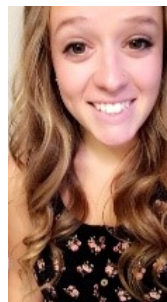
Paige Murray—PLP



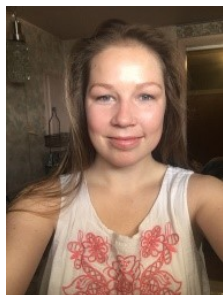
Kathryn Van Dewerker  
Honors and PLP



Madison Mariah Marrs  
Honors and PLP



Rachel Zawacki—Honors



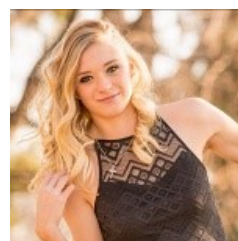
Carmel Mulcahy—Honors



Kayla Weber—Honors



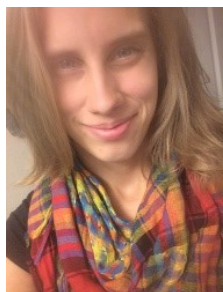
Makayla Gordon—Honors



Taylor Polson—Honors



Donovan Reetz—PLP



Kelsey Gray—Honors

## Graduates not pictured:

Bradley Linkey  
Emma Hatfield  
Geena Rabinovich  
Samuel Baur

# Donor Recognition



## Eugene D. and Peggy J. Koplitz Scholarship

Dr. 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 State. As founder of the UNC's Honors Program, Gene 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, Gene passed away in early September 2017, and is survived by his wife, Peggy, his children David and Stephanie, and five grandchildren.

## 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 the permanent fund to perpetuate excellence in the University Honors Program through the Becky R. Edgerton Memorial Honors Scholarship. Dr. 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, taught in the Honors and Life of the Mind programs. We honor Becky Edgerton through the Becky R. Edgerton Memorial Honors Scholarship.



## John Bromley Memorial Scholarship Fund

The President's Leadership Program was founded through an El Pomar grant in the spring of 2000. With the help of UNC's President, Hank Brown, John Bromley was the first Program Director and the main creator of the Presidential Leadership Program. John brought Amy Smart, a former student of his and a UNC alumnus, on board to help with the Administrative side of the program, as he tackled the curricular side. The inaugural class of PLP scholars began the program in the fall of 2000. John's wife, Susan Bromley, started the John Bromley Memorial Scholarship Endowment to continue John's passion for the President's Leadership Program in 2009.

## Marie Livingston Honors Scholarship

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. Since retiring from UNC, her most recent international experience has been to teach at Foreign Trade University in Hanoi, Vietnam.



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## Courage to Excel Scholarship—Colorado Department of Higher Education

This scholarship, provided through a grant from the Colorado Department of Higher Education, distributes scholarships to incoming Honors Program students who have demonstrated high levels of academic achievement and motivation to continue with their learning through honors education. The scholarships are intended to provide additional financial assistance for students and are renewable for students who continue in Honors.

# Donor Recognition



## Denise King - Colorado Leadership Alliance

Denise King is Senior Program Manager for the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation. She manages Leadership Denver, Impact Denver, Access Denver and facilitates the work of the Colorado Leadership Alliance, a partnership of leadership programs at eleven Colorado public and private colleges and universities. Denise has served the community as a United Way Loaned Executive, Advisory Board member of Transit Alliance and co-chaired the 2004 WomensVision Foundation Success Forum. She is a Colorado Master Gardener and currently sits on the advisory board for Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters and the national board of the Association of Leadership Programs. Denise and her husband, Tom, live in Highlands Ranch with their two daughters, Emily and Megan. Through Denise's hard work, the Colorado Leadership Alliance continues to work with the President's Leadership Program facilitating opportunities such as the El Pomar fellows and FirstBank scholarships.



## Russ J. Smart - Amy Smart Memorial Scholarship

I am a graduate of University of Northern Colorado and have fond memories from the years spent there. The time at UNC also connected me with my beautiful wife Amy Willox Smart. Amy was very instrumental in helping to start and maintain The Presidential Leadership Program in the early years of its existence. I am saddened to say that we lost Amy to cancer in 2006. She is missed every day, but the memories of her excitement and contagious smile keep us going. I believe that my continued involvement with Honors, Scholars and Leaders Program is what Amy is bidding me to do. I am amazed with the quality and professionalism that exists within these students in the program. It excites me to see the program continue and thrive every year.. In 2009 I was lucky to find another amazing woman, just like Amy, and two more beautiful daughters. So if you're counting, I now have a family of six. Kristi, the amazing woman, the four daughters, Lauren, Taylor, Brooklynn, Ally and I makes six. The American Cancer Society and I always keeps those memories of Amy alive within our girls. I am a lucky man to be surrounded by great ladies. I hope always to be included in the Honors, Scholars and Leaders family. And I look forward to many years to come. The Amy Smart Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to a student in the President's Leadership Program.

## 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 boy's 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 after emerging from British colonial rule. She continued to be involved with the local and international community, sponsoring the Model UN Program and assuming a leadership position in her church's efforts 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.



## Paul Heidger Scholarship

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. Paul eventually remarried, and currently enjoys an expanded family of their shared children and grandchildren.

During his time at UNC, Paul became lifelong friends with then Honors Director and creator Eugene Koplitz, pictured right.

