

HSL Happenings 2018-2019

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



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Greetings from the Honors Director

Loree Crow

Hello and welcome! Last year marked the fifth year anniversary of developing the University of Northern Colorado's (UNC) Honors Program into two separate tiers: the Honors Interdisciplinary Program (HIP) and the Upper Division Honors Program (UHP). The split-tier programs were established to provide increased access for a more diverse population of students, and to allow students in certain majors to complete a portion of the honors curriculum without the additional requirement of completing an intensive honors thesis. Since the implementation of the two-tier program, Honors has grown the number of students graduating with honors. This year approximately 55 students are expected to complete their graduation requirements with honors distinction, and nearly half of those students, 23, will be completing with an honors thesis through Upper Division Honors. The 25-year average for the years 1988-2012, the year prior to the new 2-tier implementation, was a mean of 17.

Our graduates again represent a diverse group of dedicated, innovative, and passionate individuals who have pursued their own individual interests, developed their own themes for exploration, and created projects that are both personally meaningful and significant to their disciplines. The Honors Program served just over 220 students from all Colleges on campus, with the following breakout:

- College of Education & Behavioral Sciences—35%
- College of Natural & Health Sciences—34%
- College of Performing & Visual Arts—31%
- College of Humanities & Social Sciences—30%
- Monfort College of Business—7%
- University College—1%

Here are a few additional Program highlights from the past academic year:

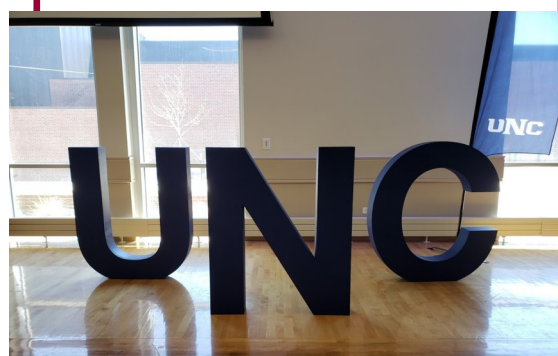
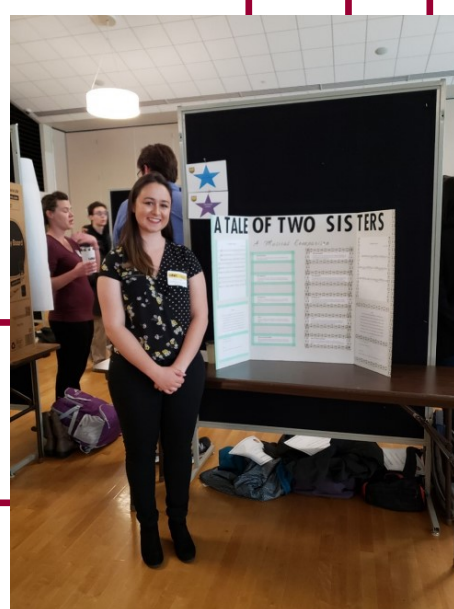
- The average GPA for Honors Program students was 3.58, with 39% at or above 3.8 GPA.
- Fall to Fall persistence within the Honors Program was 90%.
- The 6-year Graduation rate for Honors Students to graduate from UNC (regardless of Honors Program enrollment status) was 78% versus the UNC rate of 47%. The 6-year graduation rate WITH Honors Program distinction was 32%.
- The Honors Program's percentage of First-Generation students surpassed that of UNC, with UNC at 40% and the Honors Program at 46%.
- The Honors Program out of state population is at 18% versus UNC's 9% ratio.
- 34% of Upper Division Honors students and 30% of all Honors Program students identify as other than "white."

The Honors Program focuses on the individual student. Our students, as always, continue to impress the world with their commitment to the public good and their academic excellence in research, creative endeavors and other significant applied and community involved projects. The student's highlights are included in this end of year snapshot. I would like to personally congratulate and acknowledge the incredible accomplishments of Honors Student, and UNC Student Trustee, Malaika Michel-Fuller, who was named a Newman Civic Fellow for 2019-2020 and was a finalist for the prestigious Truman Scholarship.





HIP students gather for a group photo after a day of bonding and community building at the Honors Orientation.



Student Honors Council

By: Grace Davis

Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, Student Honors Council organized social events for the Honors community. Honors students participated in game nights, movie nights, and bowling. These events help strengthen our relationships with other honors students. Another favorite is a Bob Ross themed event where students are given a chance to unleash their inner artist as they paint along to the beloved Bob Ross. The Spring Banquet draws families, friends, and sponsors from all over the country and we hope to see you there!



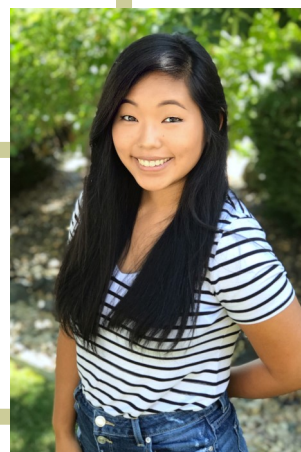
Grace Davis, *President*
Freshman
Major: Anthropology



Shukuru Rushanika (Shaq), *Vice President*
Freshman
Major: Biology



Dani Magasano, *Treasurer*
Freshman
Major: Business Administration



Mira Eisele, *Secretary*
Sophomore
Major: Political Science

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 38 undergraduate students representing the Honors Program, and 10 of these students were Research Excellence Award or Developing Scholar Award finalists or honorees.

Dorothy Agyemang

Winner, Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Oral Presentation

Elizabeth Jennings

Winner, Humanities & Arts Undergraduate Oral Presentation

Malaika Michel-Fuller

Winner, Social Sciences, Education, & Business Undergraduate Poster Presentation

Maddison North

Winner, Social Sciences, Education, & Business Undergraduate Oral Presentation

Bridget Cavuoti

Finalist, Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Poster Presentation

Kathryn Derby

Finalist, Social Sciences, Education, & Business Undergraduate Oral Presentation

Kathryn Haskins

Finalist, Developing Scholars Award

Jewel Monington

Finalist, Social Sciences, Education, & Business Undergraduate Oral Presentation

Jessica O'Brian

Finalist, Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Oral Presentation

Joshua Wiggins

Finalist, Humanities & Arts Undergraduate Poster Presentation

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!



Brandon Elias presents his research on NOCO veterans at Research Day.

National Collegiate Honors Council Conference

By: Ace Spitzer

"I really just need to be confident in what I know I am good at, and I need to be ok with growing with what I'm good at"

In November, Loree Crow and Ace Spitzer attended the National Colligate Honors Council's annual conference in Boston, "*Learning to Transgress*". Ace spent his time meeting new Honors students and learning about student-directed Honors courses that covered grassroots organizing campaigns to learning to identify the behaviors that we take for granted in our society and others.' In addition to mixing and learning with Honors students and directors from across the globe, Ace presented his Honors project as a finalist in the conference's undergraduate research competition, where he reported on the adaptations of mountain flowers in a human-induced novel environment. Finally, Loree and Ace presented our Honors qualitative research study in a general session that asked UNC Honors students about their motivations for being Honors students and how they identify as a student and as honors. The purpose of the study was to identify how the qualities as described by the students change over time, from when they enter honors to when they graduate. Our results suggest that the Honors program impacts how students perceive the purpose of their education and reveals motivational themes in students. The results will assist us in revamping our admissions process and re-branding honors at UNC.

"...not only do you realize that everything is connected, you also realize that it is not always viewed that way. There are artificial walls in between things that do not need walls."

Honors Director Loree Crow and Honors graduate and office assistant, Ace Spitzer, enjoy dinner at this year's NCHC conference in Boston, MA.



Graduate Spotlights

Dorothy Achiaa Agyemang—HIP & UHP

First Place: Research Excellence Award 2018 & 2019
Accepted to Skaggs School of Pharmacy
Research Scholarship
McNair, CHE, & Stryker programs
Banner Health Pharmacy Internship

Jessica Bachman—UHP

Accepted to Indiana University, M.A. in Historical Musicology
Artistic operations at Bravo! Vail Music Festival (Intern & Job)
Phyllis and Glenn McDonald Memorial Music Scholarship
UC Health Scholarship
Frank G. and Becky Ottesen Scholarship
UNC Trustee Scholarship
MCB Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Student Ambassador
College of Performing and Visual Arts Student Ambassador
UNC School of Music Administrative Intern
2017-18 School of Music (String Area) Outstanding Student
Office of Undergraduate Research Stipend Recipient
UNC Student Senate Conference Travel Grant Recipient

Paige Baldwin—HIP

UNC Trustee Scholarship
Pride of the Rockies Marching Band Scholarship
Paul G. Bethke Scholarship
United Airlines Scholarship
Courage to Excel Scholarship
Haefeli Family Scholarship
Housing and Residential Education
German Club
Kappa Kappa Psi
Pride of the Rockies Marching Band
Concert Pride
TESOL Practicum (GWHS)
Practicum at Bennett Elementary School
Mathematics Practicum & Student Teaching at Winnograd K-8 School
2016 German Departmental Award

Alyssa Baumgardner—UHP

Artistic Intern at a regional theatre company
Joe Tennesseean Family Scholarship for Excellence in the Performing Arts
UC Health Scholarship for Excellence in the Performing and Visual Arts
Activities: Theatre, directing, writing, music, dialect coaching, dramaturgy
Artistic Director of the Underground Theatre Project
Soapbox Productions
Alpha Psi Omega
Jukebox Productions
The Little Theatre of the Rockies
The David and Dawn Grapes Director's Award
Directed 15 plays while at UNC
Assistant directed, dialect coached and dramaturged 10 plays at UNC

Mackenzie Blitstein—HIP

Finley-Lendall Business Scholarship
UNC Presidential,
Winograd MCB Scholarship (3 years)
UNC Scholars
Wells Fargo Bank Scholarship (2 years)
Courage to Excel Scholarship
Volleyball
Career Services Student Ambassador
Alpha Phi
GTRI Internship
MCB Award of Excellence

Emily Booth—HIP

Accepted: University of Northern Colorado, MA in Deaf Education
IBEW Vince Perry Ellis Scholarship
Provost Scholarship
Student Senate: Director of Student Affairs 2016 - 2018
Practicum: Bethke Elementary School
Practicum: Community Connections
Practicum: Mountain View Elementary School

Mollie Briddell—HIP

Trustee Scholarship
Alpha Omicron Pi sorority
UNC Club Swimming
UNC Panhellenic Council
Ski & Ride Club
Criminal Justice Society
Panhellenic Council President 2017-18

Alexandria Brownell—HIP

Accepted to: Columbia University, Doctorate in Physical Therapy
Courage to Excel
Honors Scholarship
Vice President Pre-PT Club
Mortar Board Honors Society
NCSC
Internship at Northern CO Medical Center
Dean's List 2015-2019
Undergraduate Academic Scholar Award

Rachael Carrillo—UHP

Accepted to: Arizona State University, MA in Higher Ed & Post Secondary ED
Reisher Scholar, Stryker Institute for Leadership Development
Courage to Excel Scholarship
Weld County Bright Futures Scholarship
Campus Connections Mentoring Program 2016-2018
American Indian Student Organization Club
First Generation Student

Bridget Cavuoti—HIP

Intramural Dodgeball
Research Assistant
Delta Zeta Sorority
Student Nutrition and Dietetics Association
Order of Omega
International Internship at Fattoria Rosi Firenze, Florence Italy
Program Scholar-College of Natural and Health Sciences
Outstanding Achievement in Principles of Biochemistry Award
Accepted: University of Kansas Medical Center, Dietetic Internship

Nayeli Contreras-Rocha—UHP

Stryker Institute for Leadership Development
Courage to Excel Scholarship
Bears Scholars
Unite Program
Zoe's Cafe Barista
CYIA Missionary
University College Senator for Student Senate
Campus Connections Youth Mentor
A Woman's Place
John Galt's Artist of the Month-June
"Hi" Bridge Society Member
Center for Human Enrichment (CHE)
First Generation student

Molly Demers—HIP

Trustee Scholarship
Intramural volleyball
Community Council
Criminal Justice Society

Roselle Dorman—HIP

Working for Disney World
Volunteering
Alpha Omicron Pi
Psi Delta
Practicum: UNCO Dinning Services
Intern: Homewood suites by Hilton
2-time Student Employee of the Year

Taylor Duffy—UHP

Medical Services Officer in the U.S. Army
Brigade General Hip Pocket 4-year Scholarship
Army ROTC
Audiology Practicum
Latin Honors

Alyson Duran—HIP

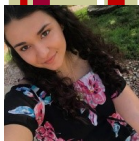
Courage to Excel Scholarship
Women's Glee Club
Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity
Beta Gamma Sigma Business Fraternity
Sales and Management Internship at Buckle, Inc.
Dean's List

Dyani Dussault—HIP

French Club President
French Interpreter



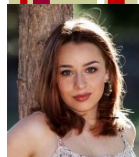
Lauren Falconburg—HIP
 UNC Legacy Scholarship
 Lois P. Ness Scholarship
 UNC Provost Scholarship
 Practicum: Grandview Elementary (3rd grade)
 Practicum: Timnath Elementary (5th grade)
 UNC Center for Rural Education Stipend recipient,
 College of Education and Behavioral Science Undergraduate Scholar



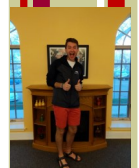
Michelle Garcia
 Works with adults with special needs
 Best Buddies
 Research with Dr. Allen
 Research Day Research Excellence Award Finalist
 \$800 Undergraduate research grant
 2019 Psychology Department Recognized Scholar
 Presentation at: International Neuroscience Conference



Paige Gaydos—UHP
 Accepted: University of Northern Colorado MA in Music Theory
 PVA - Talent Award
 French Club



Gabriella Genova—HIP
 Courage to Excel Scholarship
 Concert Band



Andrew George—HIP
 Housing Assistant at UNC
 Study Abroad: Australia
 Alpha Kappa Lambda
 Resident Assistant
 Orientation Leader



Dorothy Harben—HIP
 Accepted: University of Northern Colorado, MA in Accounting
 Scholarships from EKS&H, Wells Fargo Bank, and UNC
 Student employee at Einstein Bros. Bagels
 Student Center for the Public Trust
 Accounting Intern at GE Johnson Construction Company



Matthew Hinze—HIP
 Courage to Excel Scholarship
 Wells Fargo Bank Scholarship
 UNCO Presidential Scholarship
 UNCO E-Sports Club
 National Society for Leadership and Success
 MCB Outstanding Business Student



Liz Jennings—UHP
 Frolic-Murphy Scholarship
 Anthropology Club
 Vice President of Education/Sigma Kappa
 Humanities and Social Sciences Award for Excellence in Anthropology
 Research Day Excellence Award Winner 2019
 Undergraduate Research Assistant—Dr. McBeth and Dr. Creekmore



Esther Luce—HIP
 Children's pastor
 UNC Presidential Scholarship
 Campus Outreach Student Ministry
 AWANA
 American String Teacher Association
 Children's Ministry Intern for Eastern Hills Community Church (5 summers)
 SASSI Conference Presenter

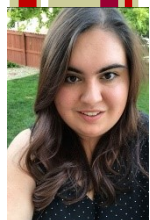


Benjamin Ludwig—HIP
 Courage to Excel Scholarship
 Henry/Blanche Ginsburg Music Scholarship
 Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
 UNC Trustees Scholarship
 Pride of the Rockies Marching Band
 UNC Lab Bands
 UNC Bands
 Men's Glee
 Vocal Jazz
 Trumpet Ensemble
 Quarter-Finalist in National Trumpet Competition - Small Ensemble Division

Greta Magi—HIP
 Finley-Ledall Scholarship—Monfort College of Business
 Waterman Roland Scholarships
 Wells Fargo Bank Scholarship
 Courage to Excel
 UNC Presidential Scholarship
 Navigators
 Student Center for Public Trust
 Intern: Anderson and Whitney PC (2 tax seasons)
 Outstanding Business Student (5 semesters)



Kori Mayfield—UHP
 Accepted: University of Wyoming, PhD in Economics
 Trustee Transfer Scholarship
 PEO Scholarship
 Dickerson Scholarship
 Phi Kappa Theta Scholarship
 Student Ambassador Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative
 Intern at Upstate Colorado Economic Development
 Excellence in Economics Award



Jessica McCombs—UHP
 6th grade Reading/Language Arts teacher at Milliken Middle School
 UNC Trustee Scholarship
 Courage to Excel Scholarship
 Ann and John Michaelis Teacher Education Scholarship
 UNC Research Excellence Award: Humanities & Arts Oral Presentation



Julie Monington—HIP & UHP
 Accepted: University of Northern CO, MA Speech-Language Pathology
 Courage to Excel Scholarship
 Alternative Spring Break 2018
 Student Honors Council
 President: National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association
 Practicum: Entry SLP
 Clinical Practicum in Audiology
 Research Excellence Award Finalist
 IRC Little Learners Volunteer



Maddison North—HIP & UHP
 Accepted: University of Northern Colorado, MA in Education Psychology
 UNCO Trustee Scholarship
 Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity
 Ambassadors for Student Leadership Club
 Dean's List of Academic Distinction
 Leadership in Action Certification
 Recipient of Office of Undergraduate Research Grant
 Research Assistant: Drs. Kristina and Michael Phillips Motivation Lab



Jessie O'Brian—UHP
 Accepted: U. of Northern Colorado, MA in Speech-Language Pathology
 National Student Speech-Language and Hearing Association
 Student Academy of Audiology
 Speech-Language Pathology Practicum
 Academic Scholar Award
 Research Day Research Excellence Award Finalist



Renee Ortiz—HIP
 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Scholarship
 Courage to Excel Scholarship
 Mortar Board Honor Society Scholarship
 Greeley Promise Scholarship
 UNIV 101 & HON 101 Class Leader
 Historian for Pi Sigma Alpha Mortar Board Honor Society
 Mildred Hansen Internship—Greeley Tribune
 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Award
 2nd place at UNIV 101 Research Night
 Honored at the Heartland Chapter News Emmy's—Summer 2018



Alexa Pellegrino—UHP
 Courage to Excel Scholarship
 Psi Chi President
 Research Assistant for the Motivation and Addiction Research Lab
 Diamond Leadership Award
 College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Undergraduate Scholar

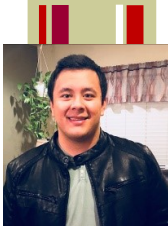


Crystal Quezada—HIP
 Victims Advocate
 Cesar Chavez Scholarship for Criminal Justice
 HARS Scholarship
 Alpha Sigma Alpha
 Criminal Justice Society
 Michener Library Student Employee of the Year



Jesus Quinones—HIP

Accepted: University of Northern Colorado, MS in Sports Administration
Reisher Scholar
Peer Advisor for Center for Human Enrichment Program (CHE)
Club Tennis (Secretary of the Team)
Internship: Kohl's - Store Management
Dean's Citation for Academic Excellence
National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)
Outstanding Business Student from MCB



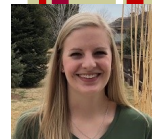
Summer Raines—HIP & UHP

Greeley Police Volunteer Victim's Advocate
Marie Livingston Scholarship
Courage to Excel Scholarship
Trustee & Legacy Scholarships
El Pomar Scholarship
Honors Program Scholarship
Conducted local food drive
Student Honors Council
Intern: ICCS Co-Instructor, Risk and Change in Leadership Co-instructor
OUR Research grant



Alana Reed—UHP

Trustee Transfer Scholarship
Research Team—2 years
Intern: Clearview Behavioral Health



Marion Robillard—HIP

9 News Health Fair Volunteer
Relay for Life
CMOM
Practicum: Poudre Valley Hospital



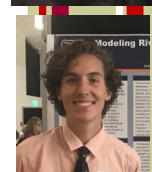
Jaime Rodriguez—HIP

Daniels Scholar
Christian Challenge
Campus Connections
First Generation student



Joshua Rogerson—HIP

Accepted: University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, MA in Applied Geography
UNCO Cross Country
Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field
Gamma Theta Upsilon International Geographic Honor Society
Research Assistant on South Platte River Mapping Project
6 time Big Sky Conference All Academic
Undergraduate research funding from Colorado Water Institute



Madelyn Sadler—UHP

Courage to Excel Scholarship
Legacy Scholarship
CETL Employee
OUR Grant



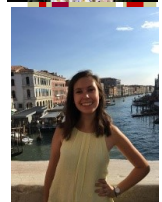
Julia Sobczak

Student Senate Councilor for University College
UNC Herbarium and Zoological Museum
Geography & GIS Club
Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Honors Society
Student Honors Council
Research Day Presenter



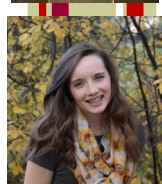
Jacqueline Ulfers—UHP

Accepted: Univ. of N. Colorado, M.A. Speech-Language Pathology
Accepted: N. Arizona University, M.S. Speech-Language Pathology
Accepted: University of Arizona, M.S. Speech-Language Pathology
President of American Indian Student Organization
Member of National Student Speech
Language and Hearing Association
NHS Scholars Award



Claire Volzke

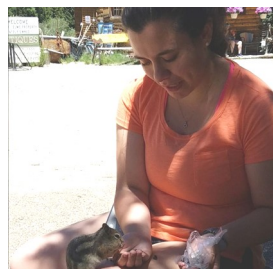
Accepted: Univ. of N. Colorado, M.A. Speech-Language Pathology
National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association
Practicum: Audiology Practicum
Practicum: Speech-Language Pathology
Dean's List Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior Year
Teaching Assistant for Honors Department



Clayton Orback



Eliana Klein



Geena Rabinovich



Emily Tabler



Abigail Avalos



Adrian Quinones



Christian Sunblade



Barbara Lundebjerg

Graduates not pictured:

Kathryn Derby

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.



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.



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.



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Donor Recognition

Gregory E. and Debra K. Holman Scholarship



Greg and Kaye Holman's love of students and belief in the power of education to transform lives strongly guided 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 hoped to support other first generation students through the establishment of the Gregory E. and Debra K. Holman Scholarship. In directing their support towards honors and leadership students, the Holmans recognized the students Kaye had worked with in her time at UNC—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. Currently, Kaye is completing a national fellowship in sustainability in higher education through the Higher Education Associations Sustainability Consortium, and she serves in international sustainability leadership in both ACPA and NASPA.

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.

