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# HSL Happenings

CENTER FOR HONORS, SCHOLARS & LEADERSHIP:  
A YEAR IN REVIEW

## Welcome From the Honors Director

By Loree Crow



Welcome to the Center for Honors, Scholars, and Leadership. At the heart of our Center we find our students, who continue to inspire and amaze us. In the Honors Program, we support over 200 honors students through interdisciplinary curriculum, research opportunities, and professional development.

This year, we instituted our first Honors 101 class for all incoming freshmen honors students. This course integrated the participation of upper division honors students as teaching assistants and peer mentors. The upper division TA's assisted incoming

freshmen in adjusting to college and connecting with their community, as well as leading discussions and recitation session reflections.

Honors freshmen were also integrated as participants into our annual Honors Research Night, which provides opportunities for upper division students to present their honors thesis work. Freshmen also attended our second annual Coffee with the Profs event, building bridges between honors students and faculty members on campus. The Schulze Interdisciplinary Speaker Series continues to be a popular extracurricular activity for incoming freshmen as well. By inviting freshmen to a variety of academic events, we help to connect students to the concept of scholarly development.

Through our Upper Division Honors Program, we've facilitated Faculty-Student honors project mentor experiences with over 60 students and 50 faculty members from across campus pursuing the honors thesis experience in 2016-2017. We are proud to have students working on projects in many different disciplines and project types.

This past year the Honors Program has also been conducting its own research. Our graduate assistant, Dylan Ghaffari, is in the process of investigating the unique experiences of honors students at UNC, providing us with insight into how being part of Honors affects students' identity. This research study will be submitted to the national Honors journals for publication in 2018.

Speaking of our amazing students, our alumni continue to proceed into diverse paths after leaving UNC. One of our graduating seniors, Cat Hildebrand, has been accepted to a screenwriting master's program, while Evan Bo, an acting major, will be traveling to Togo, Africa with the Peace Corps. William McShane is also going abroad next year, to study History in a graduate school program in Ireland. Carly Browning has been accepted into Medical School at the University of New Mexico, after completing both Honors and President's Leadership Programs while also competing as a Student Athlete in Track & Field. And these are just a few of our creative, driven students.

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Center for Honors,  
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# WELCOME FROM THE INTERIM LEADERSHIP DIRECTOR AND PLP PROGRAM UPDATE

By Evan Welch

## **The learning is everywhere**

In the Fall Semester of the 2016 academic year students from the President's Leadership Program (PLP) and other students in the LEAD 497 course, completed two capstone class projects that exemplify the values of the President's Leadership Program and the best of what Leadership Studies has to offer students and the UNC community.

## **Bear Pantry**

In 2014, the University of Northern Colorado opened their campus food pantry, Bear Pantry, to serve students who experience food insecurity while attending classes at the university. UNC's Bear Pantry is a collaborative initiative that seeks to assist these affected students, supporting them as they work towards degree completion. In fall semester, students from the Center for Honors, Scholars, and Leadership's Capstone Leadership Seminar created an action proposal with multiple suggestions for program implementation at the Bear Pantry.

## **DREAM On**

The second capstone proposal reviewed and identified opportunities available to the UNC to provide better support to students without documentation through the DREAMer Engagement Program. The DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors), centers on this population's access to college and, ultimately, citizenship of the United States. Through this proposal's call to action, the students challenged UNC administration to identify ways of supporting students who lack documentation.

## **Random Acts of Kindness**

The Ambassadors for Student Leadership Club (ASLC) has attracted a new group of students, welcoming student from both the President's Leadership Program as well as students who have declared the Leadership Minor. Earlier this Spring, ASLC hosted an inspiring event and welcomed Charlene Moser to campus share the story of Lynda Drabek, an organ transplant recipient who died at the far-too-young age of 30. Charlene brought Lynda's life story to campus and UNC students were inspired and empowered to change the world one person at a time, one kind act at a time through Random Acts of Kindness.

## **Campus Leader of the Year**

Each year, the President's Leadership Program selects one student leader to represent UNC to the Colorado Leadership Alliance as the UNC Campus Leader of the Year. The award recognizes a UNC PLP student who has demonstrated academic excellence and intellectual curiosity, extraordinary support of their campus leadership program, exception service to their school and boarder communities, and outstanding character and personal resilience. The 2016 – 2017 UNC Campus Leader of the Year is none other than the exceptional Maggie Hodge.

## **Looking toward 2017 – 2018**

Success with the LEAD 497 courses lead directly to university wide updates to curriculum content, physical structures, and conversations around better meeting the needs of students. Future Leadership Studies programs will work to infuse this "hands on" and reciprocal aspect of leadership directly into the curriculum.

We look to continue to grow the Leadership Minor as well as continue to support students in the Presidential Leadership Program and the transition to the Global Leadership Program.



Interim Leadership Director  
Evan Welch

**“The opportunity to live leadership by completing this project has allowed us to grow and it challenged how we see ourselves as leaders.”**



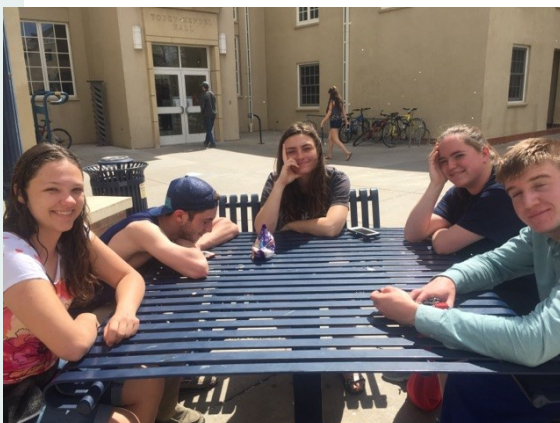


Incoming Honors students at the Fall 2016 Freshman Retreat

## HONORS COMMUNITY UPDATE 2017

By Sarah Zwetzig

Each year, the UNC Honors Program prides itself on maintaining a strong academic culture that is recognized throughout campus. It is no question that this year was no different! The students in Honors have enriched the body of knowledge through research, committed time and energy in volunteer and service initiatives, and by creating strong peer relationships through successful social events. The Student Honors Council stayed busy putting on social and volunteer programs, and the program as whole continues to grow in involvement, cohort size, and research. The Honors Residential Learning Community won the Best Small RLC award this year! Congratulations to SHC and all Honors students for a successful and inspiring year!



SHC Members take a break after participating in the annual Relay for Life, a fundraiser to help raise money for cancer research



Honors and PLP students enjoy a bite to eat at the Annual Dean's Dinner

# STUDENT HONORS COUNCIL (SHC)

By Cat Hildebrand

Volunteering and social events are key to student success within the Honors program. We encourage all of our students to join the UNC and Greeley communities to bring about change, foster community, and to just have fun. Student Honors Council (SHC), the student-run organization within the Honors program, is instrumental in planning, organizing, and hosting social, fundraising, and volunteer events for both Honors students and the general community. SHC has been hard at work this academic year with hosting and/or participating in over a dozen events, including:

- Blitz Week (August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>):
  - Ice Cream Social
  - Honors Picnic
  - Volunteering at Poudre Learning Center
  - Bowling Night
  - Movie at the Pool
- Masquerade Ball (November 9<sup>th</sup>)
- HSL Holiday Party (November 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Super Smash Bros Tournament (March 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Netflix and Chili (March 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Academic Excellence Week (April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Research Day (April 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Relay for Life (April 7<sup>th</sup>)
- HSL Spring Banquet (April 30<sup>th</sup>)



Members of SHC show their adventurous (and silly) side on a hike

SHC is also the largest it has been in years, with twelve members! Here are the amazing, hard-working members of SHC as of the 2016-17 academic year:

**Ellen Harris**, President  
**Maddie Azari**, Vice President  
**BP Reeves**, Treasurer  
**Jewel Monington**, Fundraising Chair  
**Evan Bo**, Event Planning Chair  
**Cat Hildebrand**, Historian/Social Media Specialist  
**Julia Sobczak**, Secretary  
**Katie Dorman**, General Council Member  
**Ashley Jones**, General Council Member  
**Sydney McVicker**, General Council Member  
**Molly Mossberg**, (former, Fall 2016) General Council Member  
**Ace Spitzer**, General Council Member

**"Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm."**



# AMBASSADORS FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP CLUB (ASLC)

By Sarah Zwetzig

ASLC has gone through a transition in this last year, and has focused more broadly on students interested in leadership, rather than focusing strictly on students engaged with PLP and Leadership Studies. ASLC hosted and participated in several events throughout the year:

- ◆ Leadership Values Activity at the UC
- ◆ Community Fest
- ◆ Trunk-Or-Treat
- ◆ Random Acts of Kindness Speaker
- ◆ Relay for Life

Thank you to the club members Shayna Dix, Lobna Alsrraj, Alina Moreau, and Maddison North for making this a successful year!

The club is looking for new members to join in for the upcoming school year! Please email [sarah.zwetzig@unco.edu](mailto:sarah.zwetzig@unco.edu) if you are interested in being a part of the club.



ASLC celebrates their successful year!  
From left: Shayna Dix, Lobna Alsrraj, Sarah Zwetzig



Honors students look on as one of their peers, Heather Heinz, presents research at Honors Research Night.

# RESEARCH DAY

By Sarah Zwetzig

In April of every year, 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 four 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 28 undergraduate students representing the Honors Program, and 8 of these students were Research Excellence Award Finalists.



Honors Student Sydney McVicker attends Research Day to view the work of her fellow class-

- **Hawken Carlton**  
First Place, Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Oral Presentation
- **Tori Cook**  
First Place, Social Sciences Undergraduate Oral Presentation
- **Nickolas Godlove**  
Second Place, Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Oral Presentation
- **Amber Fletcher**  
Second Place, Humanities and Arts Undergraduate Poster Presentation
- **Jewel Mahoe**  
Third Place, Social Sciences Undergraduate Oral Presentation
- **Tessa Smith**  
Third Place, Social Sciences Undergraduate Poster Presentation
- **Matthew DeSelm**  
Finalist, Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Poster Presentation
- **Kendra Ellett**  
Finalist, Social Sciences 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 placed, 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 STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH AT NCUR AND NCHC

By Sarah Zwetzig

Three Honors Program students had the opportunity to present at the 31st National Conference on Undergraduate Research held at the University of Memphis this April. The conference brings students from across the country to present their research, and it is a high honor to be accepted to present. The students and their presentations are listed below.

- ◆ Christen Ayers, "Learning the Language of Math"
- ◆ Emily Doerner, "Forest Cover and Changes in the Kashmir Valley: Militarization, Environmental Degradation, and Adaptation"
- ◆ Everardo Reyes, "Music Deserts: How Social Inequality Affects Accessibility to Musical Resources Important to Actively Participating in Music"

Congratulations to those students for being accepted to present, and thank you for representing UNC and the Honors Program well!

In addition to the students who presented at NCUR, another student presented at the 51st annual National Collegiate Honors Council in Seattle, Washington in October. Ellen Harris presented her research on the efforts of institutions like UNC to integrate local food (including student farms) with their dining services.

- ◆ Ellen Harris, "Integration of UNC's Student Farm with Dining Services"



Left and above: Honors Director Loree Crow stands with Ellen Harris and Cat Hildebrand at the annual NCHC conference in Seattle Washington

Below: Ellen Harris presents her research at the annual NCHC conference



# GRADUATE SPOTLIGHTS

## Naomi Butler

Excellence in Journalism award - humanities and social sciences honors convocation  
Employee of the year UNC Campus Recreation 2014 & 2015  
Freshman Scholar 2014  
Student Public Relations Network (President)  
National Society of Collegiate Scholars (Member)  
Advertising and Sales Manager at The Mirror  
The Marcus Garvey Scholarship

## Bailey Sorrel\*

Academic Theatre Fraternity (Alpha Psi Omega)  
Resident Assistant (South Hall)  
Studied abroad at the University of Auckland in Auckland, New Zealand in 2014  
Internship with Disney via the Disney College Program in 2015  
Annual National Convention Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA/USA) in Cleveland, Ohio  
International Convention for the Association of Theatre for Children and Young People (ASSITEJ) in Warsaw, Poland

## Jewel Mahoe

UNC "Hi" Bridge Society  
2nd Place, UNC McNair Scholars Research Competition  
Nominee, UNC Student Employee of the Year  
Dean's List of Academic Distinction  
Award for Academic Achievement - Outstanding Honors (in Elementary Education)  
Student Council for Exceptional Children  
Literacy Council  
Bear Hug (Teacher Education Club)  
McNair Research Colloquium  
State University of New York Undergraduate Research Conference  
Approved to be published in *Ursidae: The Undergraduate Research Journal* at the University of Northern Colorado  
Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity  
Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education  
Vanderbilt University - M.Ed. Degree in Special Education, Learning Disabilities program area  
Coordinator of Story Time at the Centennial Park Library  
Rodarte Center Parent Respite Volunteer  
Note taker for UNC Disability Support Service  
Kamehameha Schools Na Ho'okama Scholarship

## Elysia Newton\*

Presidents Leadership Program  
PLP Capstone on DREAMer students  
Special Education Minor  
NSCS Member  
Elementary Education Academic Achievement Award  
Alpha Delta Kappa Scholarship

## Sarah Gorenflo

Outstanding Student in International Affairs-Area Studies  
Mountain West Community Engaged Scholars Summit Fall 2016  
Honors Internship in Indonesia (Summer 2015)  
Reading is Leading Chair of UNC's chapter of Mortar Board

## National College Senior Honor Society

UNC's Athletics Department Employee  
Michener Library Employee  
Grader/TA in the Math Department  
Community Navigator Intern at the Global Refugee Center  
AWANA volunteer  
Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Trustee Scholarship  
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)'s Cornerstone Scholarship  
Eleanor S. and Alice Dickerson Scholarship

## Dorlisa Scott

Christian Challenge Leadership Team and Member  
Secretary of the Monfort Management Society  
Pamplona, Spain Study Abroad  
UNC Ambassador/Supervisor  
Elementary School Tutor  
Kids Hope Volunteer  
Daniels' Fund Scholar  
3rd place Daniels' Fund Ethics Case Competition

## Jessica Baeza

Center for Human Enrichment (CHE)  
A Woman's Place Intern  
Harrington Scholarship

## William McShane

Excellence in History (2015,2016,2017)\  
Ultimate Club (President from Spring 2015 to Spring 2016)  
Study Abroad to Dublin, Ireland, St. Patrick's College Drumcondra, Fall 2014  
Will attend National University of Ireland, Galway, studying for a History MA  
City of Greeley Planning Intern (Summer 2016)  
William H. Benson Scholarship  
Eleanor S. and Alma H. Dickerson Scholarship  
Dr. Barry Rothaus Scholarship  
UNC Presidential Scholarship

## Kayla Dean

College of Natural and Health Sciences Undergraduate Academic Scholar Award  
Tenth Avenue Swing Dancing Club  
Bear Naked Swingers Troupe  
Study Abroad in Sunderland, England (Spring 2016)  
Accepted into University of Northern Colorado Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology

## Anthony Scaduto

Direct of Finance for UNC Student Senate (Fall 2016-Spring 2017)  
President and Founder of UNC Political Science and International Affairs Club  
Participant in the 58th Air Force Academy Assembly Conference (March 2017)  
Member and President in Model Arab League (Fall 2014-Spring 2016)  
College of Humanities and Social Sciences Councilor for Student Senate (Fall 2015-Spring 2016)  
Intern for Upstate Colorado Economic Development  
AALIM Institute for Language Studies in Menkes, Morocco

\* Denotes students who are graduating after completing both the Honors Program and the President's Leadership Program



### Carly Browning\*

Division I Track & Field Scholarship (2013-Present)  
Fellowship Of Christian Athletes – Huddle Leader  
Presidents Leadership Program  
Colorado Leadership Alliance Student Scholars Board –  
UNC Representative (2013-2014)  
UNC Honors College  
Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Program (Grad  
2015)  
TriBeta Honors Biology Club  
National Conference on Undergraduate Research presenter  
2016/2017  
UNC Fall Undergraduate Research Symposium Winner  
2015  
Big Sky Academic All Conference Student Athlete  
UNC Scholar Athlete  
UPN Scholar Poster Session Winner  
2017 Honorable Scholars Banquet Senior Presenter  
Pre-health Professionals Club – Vice President  
Academic Scholar Award College of Natural and Health  
Sciences 2016/2017  
Organic Chemistry Research Lab Member  
Research assistant in the undergraduate pipeline network  
University of New Mexico  
Volunteer at North Colorado Medical Center- Outpatient  
Infusion Clinic  
Christ Community Church childcare volunteer  
Accepted to University of New Mexico Med School

### Cat Hildebrand

National Collegiate Honors Council 2016 Conference Pre-  
senter  
Student Honors Council Social Media Specialist/Historian  
Nominated for UNC'S 2017 Student Employee of the Year  
Award  
Magna Cum Laude Distinction  
Honors Program Scholarship Recipient 2014-2016  
Accepted into Chapman University's MFA Screenwriting  
Program

### Kayla Jara

First Year Scholar's Award (2013-2014)  
Program Scholar for College of Natural and Health Sciences  
UNC Club Sports Officer of the Year (2015-2016)  
UNC Women's Club Soccer player (2013-2017) and Presi-  
dent (2014-2016)  
Presented research at the American Chemical Society Na-  
tional Meeting and Expo  
Attending Oregon State University for a PhD in Biochemis-  
try and Biophysics  
UNC Club Sports Executive Council Incentive Program  
Chair (2014-2016)  
UNC Student Ambassador (2016-2017)  
Volunteer at the Biennial Conference on Chemical Educa-  
tion (Summer 2016)  
Relay For Life Team Member/Captain (2013-2017)

### Christen Ayers

National Conference on Undergraduate Research Presenter  
Phi Sigma Pi National Honors Fraternity  
National Student Speech Language Hearing Association  
Intern at Madison Elementary School  
Undergraduate Research Assistant

### Michelle Springer

Community Council at Turner Hall and Lawrenson Hall  
German Club (2014-2015)  
Sigma Tau Delta an English Honor Society (2012 - 2017);  
Treasurer (2013-2014; President Fall 2016; Associa-  
tive Student Representative for the High Plains Re-  
gion 2016 - 2017)  
Study Abroad to Karlsruhe Pädagogische Hochschule in  
Karlsruhe, Germany

### Jeremy Smith

Office of Undergraduate Research Summer 2016 Stipend  
Officer and Music Producer for the Film Production Club  
Research Day 2017 Presenter  
Student Director at UNC's International Film Series

### Tori Cook

National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association  
(NSSLHA)  
Research Excellence Awards Oral Presentation – 1<sup>st</sup> place in  
Social Sciences  
Accepted into the University of Northern Colorado Master  
of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology program  
Excellence in French Award - College of Humanities and  
Social Sciences

### Virginia Poe

Volunteer for Poudre River Library Summer Reading Pro-  
gram  
Sigma Tau Delta  
American Chemistry Society Student Member  
Illuminerdy Club Member/"Lootkeeper", including fund-  
raising for charity  
Dean's List Honor Recipient 2012-2015  
UNC Presidential Scholarship

### Jessie Slepicka

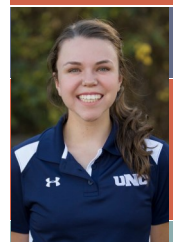
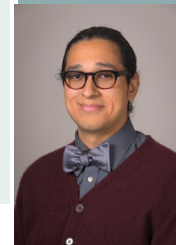
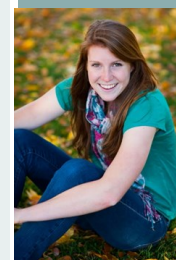
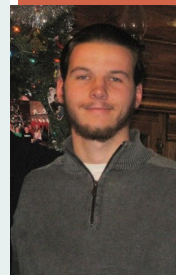
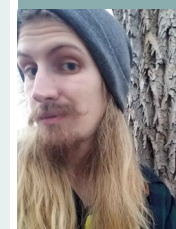
Summa Cum Laude  
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award  
Walter M Francis Criminology and Criminal Justice Award  
Excellence in Criminal Justice Award  
Accepted into University of Northern Colorado Master of  
Arts in Criminal Justice program  
Intern at Boulder County Sheriff's Office and Volunteer of  
the Quarter Award  
Quidditch Team Member/Head Coach – 5<sup>th</sup> place at the  
Division II National Championships

### Katie Brokish\*

Art Student Teacher  
Summer Camp Lead Instructor  
Boys and Girls Club Mentor (arts and leadership)  
Children's Literacy Center Tutor  
Centennial Children's Chorus Graduate Assistant

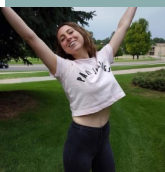
### Everardo Francisco Reyes

National Conference on Undergraduate Research Presenter  
Schulze Speaker Series Grant Awardee  
McNair Scholars Program  
Honors Thesis: *Underground Music: An Ethnography  
Study of Freeform Jazz*



**Nickolas Godlove**

Presented at UNC Research Day in 2016  
 2nd Place Research Excellence Award—Research Day 2017  
 Denver Aquarium Volunteer—2016  
 Internship at Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center  
 UNC Michener Library Employee

**Kasey Sparacio**

Nominee for Best Undergraduate Research Award  
 Outstanding Senior in Economics Award  
 Magna Cum Laude  
 Research Day Presentation on “Mental Health Services and Their Proven Economic Impact”  
 National Society of Collegiate Scholars Member  
 Mental Health Peer Educator for the Center for Prevention Education  
 Relay for Life Committee Member  
 “Eating Disorder Awareness Week” Committee Member

**Ellen Harris**

President of Student Honors Council  
 University College Councilor on Student Senate  
 HSL Honors Assistant  
 Student Farm Assistant  
 Published in Scribendi, WRHC award for creative non-fiction  
 Honors Scholarship  
 Honors Student Excellence Award  
 Summer 2016 Research Stipend  
 Alternative Homes For Youth Garden Manager  
 Poudre Learning Center Volunteer  
 UNC Research Day Presenter 2016 and 2017  
 Sustainable Agriculture Education Association Conference Presenter  
 National Collegiate Honors Conference Research Competition Presenter

**Margaret Hodge\***

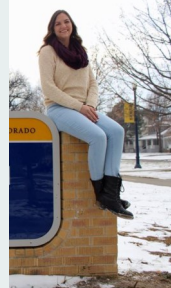
Natural and Health Science Academic Scholar Award  
 PLP Student Leader of the Year  
 Director's Civic Engagement Award  
 Club Sports Academic Award  
 Dean's List of Academic Distinction  
 Colleges Against Cancer  
 Society of Physics Students  
 Club Soccer  
 Presented at Colorado Science Conference in Denver  
 Presented at NSTA Conference in Minneapolis  
 Volunteer trip to Fiji to help rebuild a school  
 Student Teaching at Standley Lake High School  
 Relay for Life Committee  
 Children's Literacy Tutor  
 El Pomar Scholarship  
 First Bank Scholar  
 Amy Smart Scholarship  
 Maxwell Mark Sheryl Math Scholarship  
 Barnes Physics Scholarship

**Natalie Walker\***

Club Soccer VP & Captain  
 UNC Cancer Rehabilitation Institute  
 National Society of Collegiate Scholars  
 Youth Sports Coach—City of Northglenn

**Caitlyn Schlueter**

UNC Dean's List  
 UNC NSSLHA Gold Member/National Member  
 Secretary and VP of NSSLHA  
 Honors Research Night Presenter  
 UNC Research Day 2016  
 AudiologyNOW! Presenter  
 Accepted into Arizona State University for Graduate School  
 Student Supervisor at UNC Catering  
 Adam's Camp Volunteer  
 English teacher in Costa Rica with Cross Cultural Solutions  
 Edgren Family Scholarship

**Hawken Carlton**

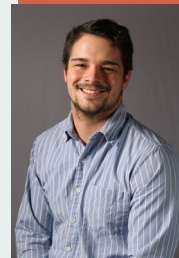
First Place Undergraduate Research Excellence Award in Oral Presentation for Natural and Health Sciences  
 NHS Academic Excellence Award 2017  
 Deborah K. Holman Award and Scholarship 2014-2016  
 Dean's List of Academic Excellence 2014-2016  
 Presidential Scholarship  
 Biological Sciences Scholarship 2016  
 Summer assistance in care and cleaning the reptile room 2015-2016

**Heather Heinz**

Colorado Student Grant  
 ACS Hach-Land Grant Scholarship  
 Karen James Memorial Scholarship  
 Joann and Donald Harris Scholarship  
 Represented UNC at 2017 American Distilling Conference  
 Current Owner of Handy Heather's Cleaning  
 Hired as Distiller in Training at Elkin's Distilling Co.  
 Volunteer note taker for UNC Disability Support Services Students  
 Volunteer Navigator at Weld Project Connect  
 Volunteer for Greeley Transitional House

**Dreycey Don Albin**

Deans Honor Roll (2013)  
 ABRCMS ABRF Best Poster Award (2017)  
 Chemistry Club  
 Math Club  
 Presented at SACNAS, ABRCMS, and ABRF  
 McNair Scholar  
 Accepted into University of Washington' PREP Post-bacc program  
 NSF REU Summer Research Experience  
 Intern for Analytical Chemistry Lab Tech  
 Denver Scholarship Foundation

**Graduates Not Pictured:**

Cheyenne Hove  
 Chandler Price  
 Dara Robb  
 Samuel Scoleri  
 Gracie Scott  
 Tessa Smith  
 Shawn Walcott

Kristen Trausch\*  
 Matthew DeSelm  
 Jenai Kostenko  
 Sofia Softas-Nall  
 Roger Wadsworth  
 Jacqueline Zurmuhlen  
 Emily Andrus  
 Amanda Landron  
 Allison Flaa



# DONOR RECOGNITION

## Eugene and Peggy Koplitz

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. Gene and his wife Peggy have witnessed the significant growth and long lasting legacy of the Honors Program, and still support the university through the Koplitz Forum as well as long time supporters of Michener Library, having known James Michener himself. The Koplitz's are often attendees at the Center for Honors, Scholars and Leadership Banquet as well.



## Ron Edgerton in honor of Becky R. Edgerton

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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## 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. Kaye completed her doctorate in education at Colorado State University in August 2013. 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, global education organizations for student affairs professionals.



## 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 and I remained in the Northern Colorado area after college and brought two wonderful daughters, Taylor and Ally, into this world. Amy was very instrumental in helping to start and maintain The Presidential Leadership Program in the early years of its existence. Amy was very passionate about The Presidential Leadership Program and enjoyed every day that she was involved within the program. 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. Kristi has that same passion and drive that existed in Amy. Kristi is very involved with The American Cancer Society and 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 Honors Opportunity Scholarship

Barbara Jane Heidger (nee 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. Barbara and Paul married when she returned from Kenya. 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. Barbara was a devoted sister, wife, and mother of daughters Julie and Lisa. She also set aside time for designing and maintaining her garden. It is sincerely hoped that this scholarship bearing Barbara's name may assist young women and men at UNC to reach their life goals and full potential.