



FALL CONVOCATION

THE HONORS COLLEGE

AUGUST 29, 2024

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Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, Colleagues, and Friends:

Welcome to our 45th annual Fall Convocation! Each year, we gather with our campus partners to celebrate the start of the new academic year and to welcome a new class to the University of Houston and to the Honors College. The convocation is also our opportunity to recognize individuals who contribute to excellence at the University of Houston through their work in and with the Honors College.

The interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of honors education creates a place for exceptional faculty and staff to provide highly motivated UH students with a unique environment for growth. Our curriculum teaches students to think deeply and broadly and to speak and write persuasively, all with a critical eye. Our experiential learning programs engage undergraduate students across the University in high-impact personal and professional growth. We recognized 434 students with honors designations at graduation on their way to more great accomplishments.

Some of the College's achievements during the 2023-2024 academic year: 14 Fulbright recipients (UH's largest cohort ever), continued recognition as a Fulbright Hispanic Serving Institution Leader, and UH's third Truman Scholar. We received our final \$500,000 from the Mellon Foundation to prepare humanities students for graduate school in the humanities. The HonorsMed (HMED) program was launched in partnership with the Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine, and the Community Health Workers Initiative received \$1 million from Harris County Public Health. Our Debate program continues to excel—the Policy Debate team, ranked among the top 10 in the nation, hosted their first Honors Debate Workshop for high school students this summer. These accomplishments, along with our faculty publications, continue to support the University's goal of becoming one of the top 50 public universities in the nation.

Enjoy this evening of celebration with us as we begin a new academic year together!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi".

Heidi Appel
Dean, The Honors College

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER MICHAEL DIMOCK ('90)



Michael Dimock is president of Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan fact tank that informs the public about the issues, attitudes, and trends shaping America and the world.

A political scientist by education and training, Dimock joined the Center in 2000, became director of the Center's political polling in 2012, and president in 2014. An expert on American political opinion, he co-authored several of the Center's landmark research reports, including studies of long-term trends in American political and social values and reports on views of the candidates, campaigns, and key issues during several presidential election cycles.

Dimock has been a frequent commentator on public opinion and politics for major media organizations and has appeared as a guest analyst on numerous television and radio programs. He has published articles on voting behavior, public opinion, and survey methodology, and is a sought-after speaker, having presented at such venues as the Aspen Ideas Festival, Milken Institute Global Conference, and various professional symposia.

Dimock received his B.A. in political science from the University of Houston and his Ph.D. in political science from the University of California-San Diego. Before joining Pew Research Center, he was a political science professor at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. Born and raised in upstate New York, he currently lives in Falls Church, Virginia.

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PIANIST HY CAO



Hy Cao is a Junior in the Honors College and the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Houston, majoring in Biochemistry. He conducts research at ŞenLab, which is involved in cutting-edge studies focused on unraveling the mysteries of physical and chemical regulatory mechanisms in protein function. In addition to his academic pursuits, Hy has played the piano for many years, including volunteering at the MD Anderson play room to accompany children undergoing cancer treatment. Hy also volunteers with the SOS Stem zone, to helping young students learn about science. Currently, Hy serves as an Honors mentor, guiding and supporting fellow students in their academic and personal growth.

MUSICAL SELECTION CLAIR DE LUNE CLAUDE DEBUSSY (1905)

“I chose Clair de Lune for its vast interpretative possibilities for different performers—like a college career, which can have many different paths. I want to remind our new students to dare to dream a little more.” —Hy Cao

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ENTERING CLASS

ENTERING CLASS OF 2024

Number of Entering Students	657	Distribution by Class Rank in	
Freshman Students	557	Secondary School	
Mid-career Students	100	Top 10%	47%
		(including 15 Valedictorians)	
Gender Distribution		Next 10%	21%
Female	58%	Below 20%	12%
Male	42%	Unranked	20%
		Distribution by ACT Index	
Ethnic Distribution		ACT Index (SAT)	
Asian	31%	30-36 (1360-1600)	44%
Hispanic	25.5%	27-29 (1260-1350)	22%
White	21%	25-26 (1200-1250)	5%
Black	11.5%	<25 (<1200)	5%
International	6%	Test Optional	24%
Multicultural	3%		
Unreported/Other	2%	Average ACT Index	30
		New SAT Average	1380

Distribution by College	2024	
	Entering Class	Overall
Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design	11	56
Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts	10	45
C. T. Bauer College of Business	85	344
College of Education	21	85
Cullen College of Engineering	153	542
Conrad N. Hilton College of Global Hospitality Leadership	3	13
Hobby School of Public Affairs	2	7
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	134	577
College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics	225	749
Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing	5	25
Exploratory Studies	8	30

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HONORS COLLEGE CURRICULAR PROGRAMS



THE HUMAN SITUATION



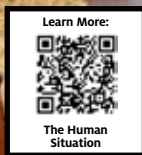
Liberal education in the Honors College begins with “The Human Situation,” a year-long course in which students of all colleges and majors join with faculty representing a range of humanities fields to read, discuss, and write about the foundational texts and ideas of Western world literature.

Guided by the vision of a common academic experience for all Honors College students, the course began in the fall of 1977 with four professors, a mere 75 students, and a list of ancient Greek texts. Today, Teams Alpha and Omega together enroll around 600 students and are taught by nearly 20 professors. While the classic texts of Greek civilization — foundational to modern science, democracy, philosophy, medicine, drama, and academic life itself — still figure prominently in the fall semester, the course has evolved to include books from a number of other

ancient cultures. Recent “Antiquity” reading lists have featured texts from Roman, Hebrew, Christian, Islamic, Egyptian, Mesopotamian, Indian and Chinese traditions.

Early in its history, the course grew to include a spring semester covering the origins of “Modernity,” the period beginning with the Renaissance and leading to the present. Spring readings lists invariably include a Shakespeare play, along with literary and philosophical texts representing broad intellectual movements such as the Enlightenment, Romanticism, Modernism, and Post-Colonialism.

The course offers students several ways to engage with the assigned texts. Each week, they attend a series of lectures given by an interdisciplinary team of Honors faculty, as well as small seminar-style discussions led by a single faculty member. They write a number of critical essays on the assigned texts, and receive detailed feedback on both the content and style of their writing. The semester culminates in an oral final exam, during which students are called upon to think on their feet as they synthesize and articulate their thinking over the course of the semester.





HONORS COLLEGE MINORS

CREATIVE WORK

The Creative Work minor is a pre-professional program for students interested in following great ideas from inspiration to realization. Looking to exemplars in the arts and the solutions they inspire, the minor asks students to bring their best minds to the world's social, ethical, political, artistic, and pragmatic challenges. The minor is dedicated to the notion that brilliant ideas rarely come to fruition without interdisciplinary, collaborative approaches.

DATA & SOCIETY

The Data & Society minor explores the social impact of data science, including how new techniques reflect broader economic and political systems and how these approaches impact humanities' informed decision-making. At the core of the minor are opportunities to work on projects that utilize data to bring the needs and voices of Houston's communities to the forefront. Students who complete the minor will not only build knowledge and skills but will also leave with a meaningful story to tell about their project.

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Energy and Sustainability minor is an interdisciplinary study of issues surrounding existing, transitional, and alternative energy resources. Issues are approached from the perspectives of engineering and technology, economics and business, architecture and design, public policy, and history. Students in the minor will have the opportunity to meet key contacts in the energy field and stay engaged in the business community.



HONORS COLLEGE MINORS



Data & Society

LEADERSHIP STUDIES

The Leadership Studies minor seeks to promote leadership development by educating students for and about leadership in a complex world and is dedicated to advancing the field of leadership studies by building upon and critically evaluating existing theoretical, research-based, and practical knowledge. The goal of the minor is to prepare students to serve effectively in formal and informal leadership roles in campus, local, national, and global contexts.

MEDICINE & SOCIETY

The Medicine & Society minor is an interdisciplinary course of study focused on the medical humanities and health ethics. It is designed for both students pursuing a career in the health professions as well as any other majors interested in gaining a deeper understanding of issues of health and disease from a variety of perspectives. When it comes to the effective practice of medicine — empathic, compassionate, and attentive — the study of humanities plays a crucial role. Not only does it lead to a greater awareness of the many local, national, and global challenges faced by medical communities in both the past and present, but it can also point to innovative future solutions as well.

PHRONËSIS: POLITICS & ETHICS

Phronësis is the ancient Greek word for prudence, or practical wisdom. As an Honors minor and program in Politics & Ethics, *Phronësis* aims to cultivate practical intelligence. Students in this program develop their capacities to engage difficult moral and political issues confronting our world today. In their courses, students discuss fundamental questions and problems of political and moral concern from a wide range of perspectives.

AFFILIATED DISCIPLINARY HONORS PROGRAMS

BAUER BUSINESS HONORS PROGRAM

The Bauer Business Honors Program offers a specialized business Honors curriculum along with networking and social events for Honors College business majors. With an outstanding curriculum and ample opportunities to interact with alumni and corporate friends, Bauer Honors provides students with a competitive advantage when entering the corporate world or pursuing graduate school.



CLASS HONORS PROGRAM

The CLASS Honors Program, in partnership with the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, offers Honors students majoring in the humanities, liberal arts, and social sciences, a robust range of co-curricular programming, enhanced Honors course offerings in their chosen major, and a community of motivated scholars.

CULLEN HONORS PROGRAM (CHP)

A joint endeavor with the Honors College and the Cullen College of Engineering, this program encourages engineering and technology students to take a bold approach to their education by making connections between their courses, exploring the applications of their studies, pursuing undergraduate research, and leading in their extracurricular pursuits. Students in the Cullen Honors Program join a cohort that will challenge and support them throughout their four years and post-graduation.

JOINT CURRICULAR PROGRAMS



3+3 HONORS *PHRONËSIS*/LAW DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM (UH LAW)

The 3+3 Law Dual Degree Program offers Honors College students the opportunity to learn more about the necessary preparation for law school and the practice of law. Successful students have the opportunity to begin studies at the UH Law Center following the completion of their third year in the Honors College.

3+2 HONORS *PHRONËSIS*/PUBLIC POLICY DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM (HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY)

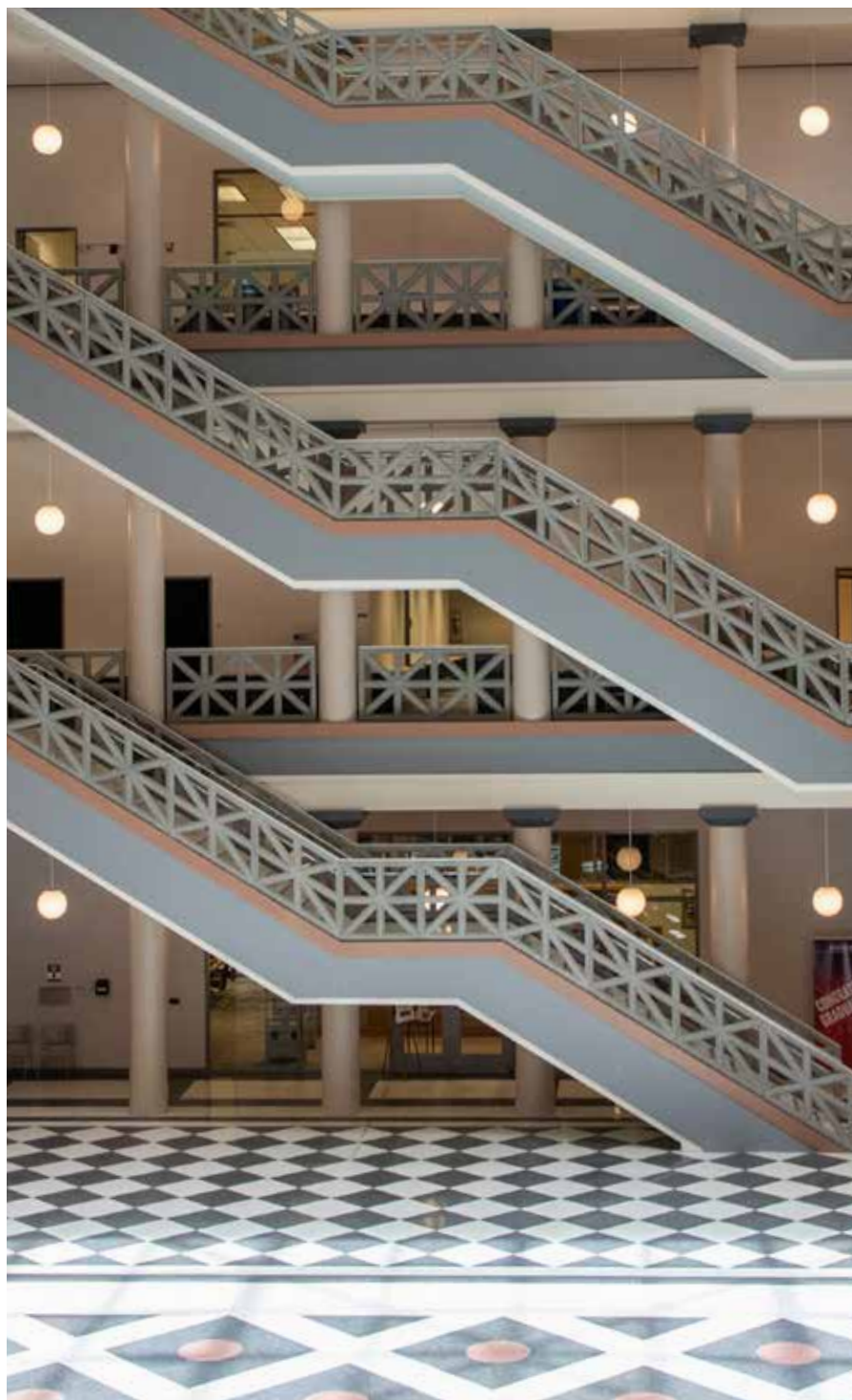
The Honors College, in collaboration with the Hobby School of Public Policy and the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, offers a 3+2 Program, an Undergraduate/Masters in Public Policy Dual Degree Program. The program will allow a small group of exceptional students the opportunity to enter the Hobby School of Public Affairs' Master of Public Policy (MPP) program one year early, at the end of their junior year in the Honors College. The program offers mentoring, support, and advising.

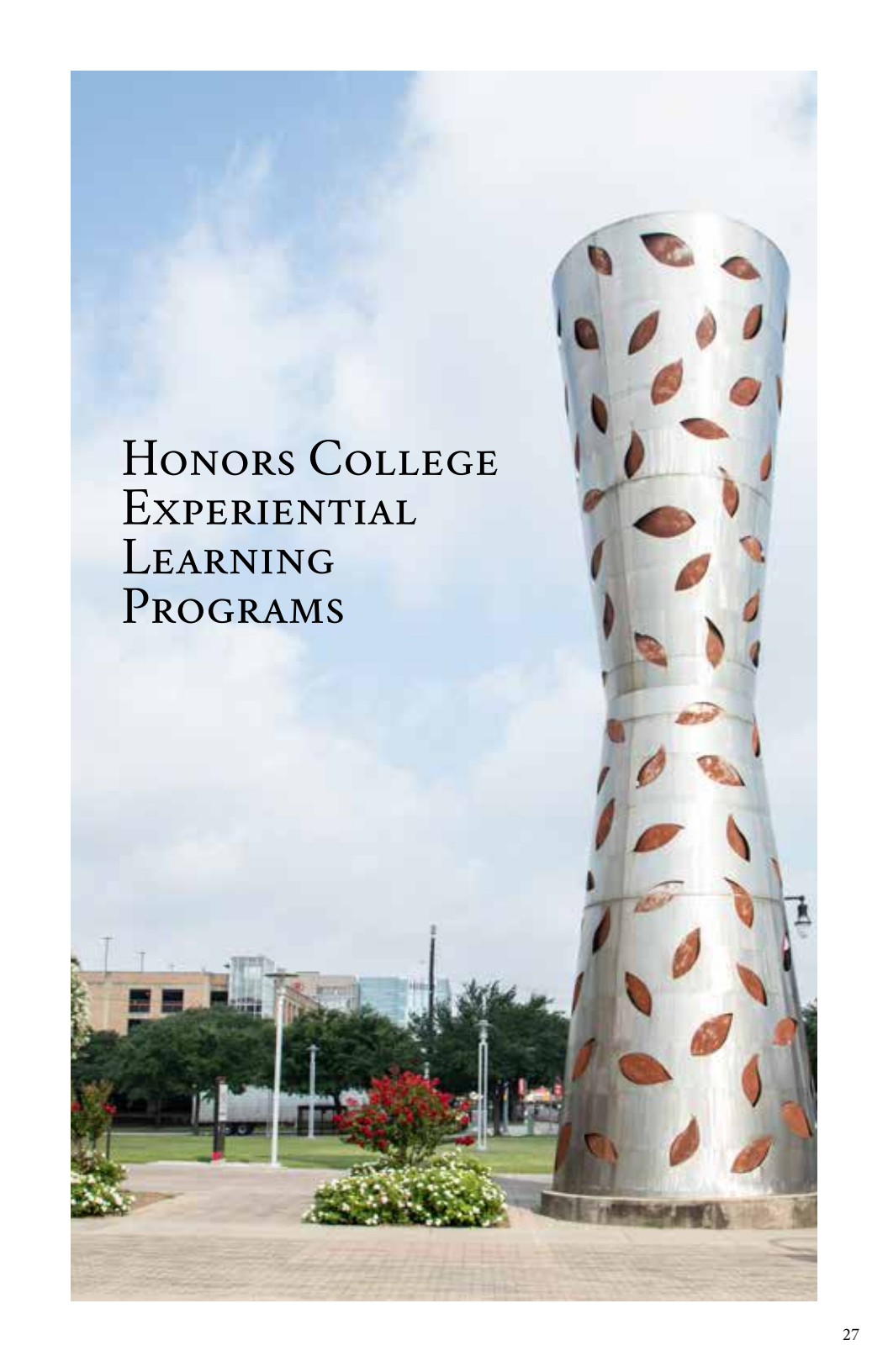
THE HOUSTON PREMEDICAL ACADEMY (BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE)

The Houston Premedical Academy is a partnership between the Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions and the Baylor College of Medicine, where students apply for up to six conditionally guaranteed slots at Baylor College of Medicine. Students are selected through interviews held at Baylor College of Medicine during their senior year at DeBakey High School.

HMED (TILMAN J. FERTITTA FAMILY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE)

The HonorsMed (HMed) program provides selected students with a conditional acceptance pathway to medical school. HMed is a partnership between the Honors College and the Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine.





HONORS COLLEGE
EXPERIENTIAL
LEARNING
PROGRAMS

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND MAJOR AWARDS

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards (OURMA) provides mentored research opportunities for undergraduates of all majors and departments across campus. Participation in undergraduate research enables undergraduates to make a difference in their fields and form strong mentorships with faculty members in their discipline.



NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Applying to national fellowships and major awards can be a critical component of any student's education. These opportunities are instrumental towards enhancing the academic and professional development of a candidate, providing guidance and constructive feedback throughout the application process, as well as valuable preparation for future applications, such as jobs and graduate school. OURMA's website includes information on undergraduate and graduate fellowships in addition to research and internship opportunities.

SENIOR HONORS THESIS

The Senior Honors Thesis is a two-semester, six credit hour capstone research experience under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Students of all majors can participate — membership in the Honors College is not required. The Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards collaborates with the Honors College and the college of the student's major to oversee the thesis process and approval.



OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND MAJOR AWARDS



HOUSTON SCHOLARS

Houston Scholars is a competitive program for high-achieving freshmen and sophomores to receive mentorship and scholarship funding to pursue research, internships, and other distinctive experiential learning opportunities. Through targeted programming, participants will hone their academic and professional skills, develop connections with faculty, engage in scholarly endeavors, and be prepared to apply to nationally competitive scholarships and top graduate programs.



Houston Scholars

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND MAJOR AWARDS

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Research enables you to work one-on-one in collaboration with a faculty mentor, and to contribute to original scholarship at the undergraduate level. OURMA provides support, resources, and research opportunities for undergraduate students through faculty-mentored research programs.

ENERGY SCHOLARS

The Energy Scholars Program at the University of Houston provides undergraduate students the opportunity to work on a year-long research project under the direction of a UH faculty mentor. The program is generously funded by several energy stakeholders and is open to students of all disciplines who are interested in working on a research project related to energy.

FRAMEWORKS

The FrameWorks program is dedicated to elevating undergraduate critical inquiry in the interdisciplinary humanities through mentorship and peer-support, an annual symposium and the publication of undergraduate humanities research in a dedicated journal, *FrameWorks*. The FrameWorks program is generously supported by the Honors College, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and the Cougar Initiative to Engage (CITE).

HONORS FACULTY RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

The Honors Faculty Research Assistantship, supported by the Lerner Family Fund, is an undergraduate research opportunity coordinated by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards. Students gain experience in research by supporting Honors College faculty members in their respective research work.

HOUSTON EARLY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (HERE)

The Houston Early Research Experience (HERE) program recognizes freshmen and sophomore students who excel academically and are engaged in the campus and local community. This two-week seminar series engages students from all majors and orients undergraduates to the fundamentals of conducting research through faculty-led small group discussions and research presentations. The HERE program concludes with student-developed research proposal presentations.



OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND MAJOR AWARDS

MELLON RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Supported by a third \$500,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, a total of 60 undergraduate students will receive financial support to participate in faculty-mentored research activities between spring 2024 and spring 2027. This includes a two-week graduate school boot camp, a 10-week full-time summer research experience, and a Senior Honors Thesis or intensive independent research project.

PROVOST'S UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARS (PURS)

The Provost's Undergraduate Research Scholarship program provides talented students with the opportunity to participate in a semester-long research project under the direction of a University of Houston faculty mentor.

RESEARCH FOR ASPIRING COOGS IN THE HUMANITIES (REACH)

The Research for Aspiring Coogs in the Humanities (REACH) Program at the University of Houston is a collaborative effort supported by the Cougar Initiative to Engage and the Office of Undergraduate Research and Major Awards. REACH provides a year-long introductory research experience for students in humanities disciplines by connecting participants to existing research projects at the University of Houston.

SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SURF)

The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program seeks to provide funding for rising UH sophomores, juniors, and seniors across all disciplines to participate in a focused, full-time, 10-week research experience under the direction of UH faculty.



HONORS COLLEGE COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING PROGRAMS

The Honors College Community-Engaged Learning program brings community members, faculty, and students together to address challenges affecting quality of life in the city and region.

BONNER LEADERS PROGRAM

The Bonner Leaders are students dedicated to improving lives in the community. They respond to the economic, social, and cultural challenges affecting the quality of life in the city of Houston. The Bonners are top academic performers who learn by engaging in the community. Through their project-based service, Bonner Leaders learn critical skills, including leadership, teamwork, project planning, and time management. Bonner students serve on one of seven projects aimed at alleviating the effects of poverty in Houston in the areas of education and food insecurity.



Bonner Leaders Program



The Houston Health Museum

THE HOUSTON HEALTH MUSEUM

The Houston Health Museum, a Smithsonian affiliate, annually hosts Honors College interns. The hands-on experience includes working with kids in summer science camps, teaching in the DeBakey Cell Lab, leading the Global Teen Medical Summit, working with museum staff on exhibitions and programs, and giving visitors tours.

HONORS COLLEGE COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING PROGRAMS

ENGAGED DATA AND COMMUNITY HEALTH



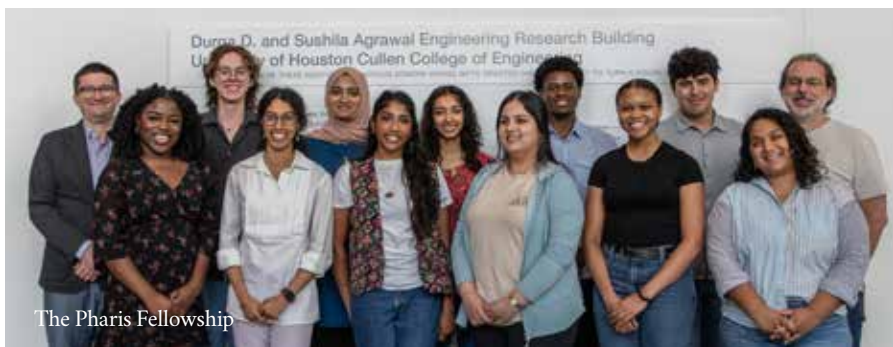
The Hewlett Packard Enterprise Data Science Institute (HPE DSI) partners with The Honors College to support a set of community-engaged research and learning programs organized under the Engaged Data and Community Health (EDCH) group led by Dr. Dan Price (Honors College Faculty) and unified around a central mission of re-orienting the role universities play in supporting undergraduate students and local communities. EDCH's approach is grounded by a commitment to build projects that center the voices of the people we serve, support individual flourishing, and make honest use of data to communicate ongoing transformations. Operating as a large-scale interdisciplinary partnership, EDCH coordinates more than a dozen interconnected projects involving more than a dozen faculty and staff, hundreds of UH students, and thousands of local community members each year.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER INITIATIVE (CHWI)

Community Health Workers (CHW) are the frontline of a transformation in health care where prevention, behavior change, resource matching, and health advocacy all come from the communities themselves. Students interested in becoming a certified CHW can complete a 160-hour course approved by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). UH students study alongside community members training to work in the frontlines for health and service non-profits. Each year more than 250 community members and several dozen undergraduate students complete the CHW certification.

ENGAGED DATA SCIENCE (EDS)

The Engaged Data Science (EDS) program was founded in fall 2019 to expand opportunities for undergraduate students to conduct data science projects that use real-world data to examine issues relevant to local communities. Importantly, EDS focuses on broadening participation beyond those academic disciplines traditionally associated with data science by supporting long-term interdisciplinary research projects through the Data & Society minor degree program, Data Analytics in Student Hands (DASH) research projects, and the George "Trey" Pharis III Fellowship program, an innovative ten-week summer research experience. Each year, UH students complete more than 150 long-term learning experiences through EDS programs.





HONORS DEBATE PROGRAM

The University of Houston Honors Debate Program is the home of competitive speech and debate on campus. A co-curricular program of the Honors College, it harnesses the competitive energy of UH undergraduates to engage them in research, argumentation, and leadership on the grand challenges facing contemporary society. As a high-impact key engagement activity, its strategic goals are to cultivate competitive success, encourage campus engagement, and foster community building across Houston and beyond. The team is made up of three components:

POLICY DEBATE

The oldest and longest running form of debate in the country. This focuses on one policy proposition for the entire year and requires master's degree level research from its participants. The Policy Debate program traces its heritage to the earliest days of the University, when it was one of the most successful in the nation. In the last few years it has returned to that level, being consistently ranked in the top-ten in the country and is regularly one of the largest in the nation.

MODELS DEBATE

This format of debate focuses on students roleplaying as delegates in a variety of international organizations (e.g. the United Nations, Arab League, the G20, or the World Health Organization.) This format focuses on reaching consensus with fellow students, grasping the complexities of international relations, and understanding the nuances of negotiation and compromise.

LEGAL DEBATE

This branch engages in two formats of debate: Mock Trial, where students act out the various parts of a trial, including examining and cross-examining witnesses, to understand the nuances of the legal system, and Moot Court where students engage in competitive appellate advocacy regarding complex legal cases. These formats train students in legal advocacy and help to teach students the nuances of the judicial system as it is applied and not just theorized.



THE GRAND CHALLENGES FORUM

2024-2025 THEME: ART AND SCIENCE IN PUBLIC

The Grand Challenges Forum encourages students to think critically, discuss openly, and learn unequivocally. The Honors College welcomes a diverse group of distinguished scholars, authors, activists, and artists in an effort to further the University's commitment to intellectual rigor, critical thinking, and scholarly excellence. The Grand Challenges Forum offers students a time to hear a wide range of lectures dedicated to a common theme, which for the 2024-2025 academic year is "Art and Science in Public."

The Grand Challenges Forum is open to the entire UH Community. The lectures will be held on Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Honors College Commons. For more information, please visit: thehonorscollege.com/gcf.

Michael Dimock, Ph.D.

President, Pew Research Center

"Behind the Polls: The Value and Meaning of Public Opinion" August 30, 2024

Jacob Howland, Ph.D.

Provost, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dean of the Intellectual Foundations Program, University of Austin

"State, Constitution, and the Death of Politics" September 20, 2024

Julián Castro, J.D.

Chief Executive Officer, Latino Community Foundation

"How You Can Change American Politics" October 4, 2024

Amanda Stronza, Ph.D.

Environmental Anthropologist, Texas A&M University

"More than Conflict: Insights on Human-Wildlife Coexistence from Social Science and Indigenous Knowledge" November 1, 2024



ART AND SCIENCE IN PUBLIC



HONORS LEARNING ABROAD AND LEARNING AWAY

2023-2024 LEARNING ABROAD/AWAY



Learning Away: Creative Work Artists and Their Regions



Learning Away: Houston Health Museum



Learning Abroad: GalapaGO! Research Based Learning Abroad!



Learning Abroad: F.E.E.T. Scholarship



Learning Abroad: Dominican Republic

HONORS LEARNING ABROAD AND LEARNING AWAY

2024-2025 LEARNING ABROAD/AWAY



UH LEARNING ABROAD OFFICE



The University of Houston Learning Abroad office wants to help you explore new worlds. The office can help you acquire a passport and develop a Learning Abroad plan that complements your Honors education. Attend a Learning Abroad 101 Workshop to learn about program options, scholarships and funding opportunities, academic and program eligibility, and how to find the best program for you.

OTHER HONORS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAMS



HONORS IN CO-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT

The Honors in Co-Curricular Engagement (HCCE) transcript designation is awarded to students upon graduation who pursue a broad range of experiential learning opportunities from freshman to senior year. Students can pursue undergraduate research, internships, learning away and abroad, service learning, leadership experience and other academic enrichment opportunities. Students are strongly encouraged to be intentional about their program selection and focus on experiences that support their long-term goals, help them develop skills they need, and align with their values and interests.

ROSS M. LENCE MASTER TEACHER SERIES



Ross M. Lence taught in the Political Science department and the Honors College for 35 years until his passing in 2006. Dr. Lence was committed to the transformative effect of undergraduate education, to which he applied a profound energy and intense interest in books and young people. His mode of interaction was conversational, his style provocative, and his dedication to students relentless.

Honoring Dr. Lence and other master teachers who shaped the intellectual development of Honors College students across the decades, The Lence Master Teachers Series invites a “master teacher” to engage with students, faculty, alumni, and friends of the Honors College. The engagement features lectures for Honors College courses; workshops and informal discussion with faculty, students, and alumni; and a public lecture and dinner.



HONORS SOCIETIES
AND STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS



HONORS COLLEGE HONORS SOCIETIES

PHI BETA KAPPA



Since its founding in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa (PBK), the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society, has celebrated excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and championed freedom of thought. PBK recognizes the best and brightest liberal arts and sciences undergraduates and grants lifelong membership through a highly competitive selection process. The Mu of Texas chapter, PBK's 284th, was installed on March 4, 2016, at the University of Houston.

PHI KAPPA PHI



Established in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) is the oldest honor society to recognize excellence across the academic disciplines. Invited members graduate in the top 10 percent of their class. When translated from Greek, PKP's motto is "Let the love of learning rule humanity." This is demonstrated by the society's mission to engage its community of scholars in service to others. The University of Houston chapter was installed in 1949.

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA



Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) is the national leadership honor society. Its purpose is to recognize University of Houston students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and scholarship. ODK acknowledges and encourages achievement in scholarship, athletics, campus community service, social and religious activities, campus government, journalism, speech, mass media, and the creative and performing arts.



2024 Phi Beta Kappa Induction

HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



CLUB THEATER

Club Theater is a student acted, directed, produced, and written theater troupe that produces a series of short plays every semester showcasing the theatrical talent of Honors students. Club Theater welcomes individuals with all levels of experience and interest in all aspects of theater.

HONORS ADVOCATES

Honors Advocates is a volunteer organization that recruits and orients new students to the University and the Honors community. Some advocates also serve as advisers and counselors with the Honors staff during summer orientation sessions and the Honors Retreat.

HONORS AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors are a select group of Honors College students who represent the College to both internal and external constituencies, including prospective students, alumni, and donors.

HONORS COLLEGE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Honors College Mentorship Program provides guidance and support to incoming students through peer mentoring. Incoming Honors students are encouraged to meet with student mentors regularly as well as participate in a variety of Honors community building events to ensure a successful transition to the University of Houston.

HONORS IN COMMUNITY HEALTH (HICH)

This student-led organization with over 200 members facilitates seven independent projects oriented around community health engagement, advocacy, and research. HICH also acts as an incubator for projects that emerge from existing collaborations between UH students and community partners (including the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship program).

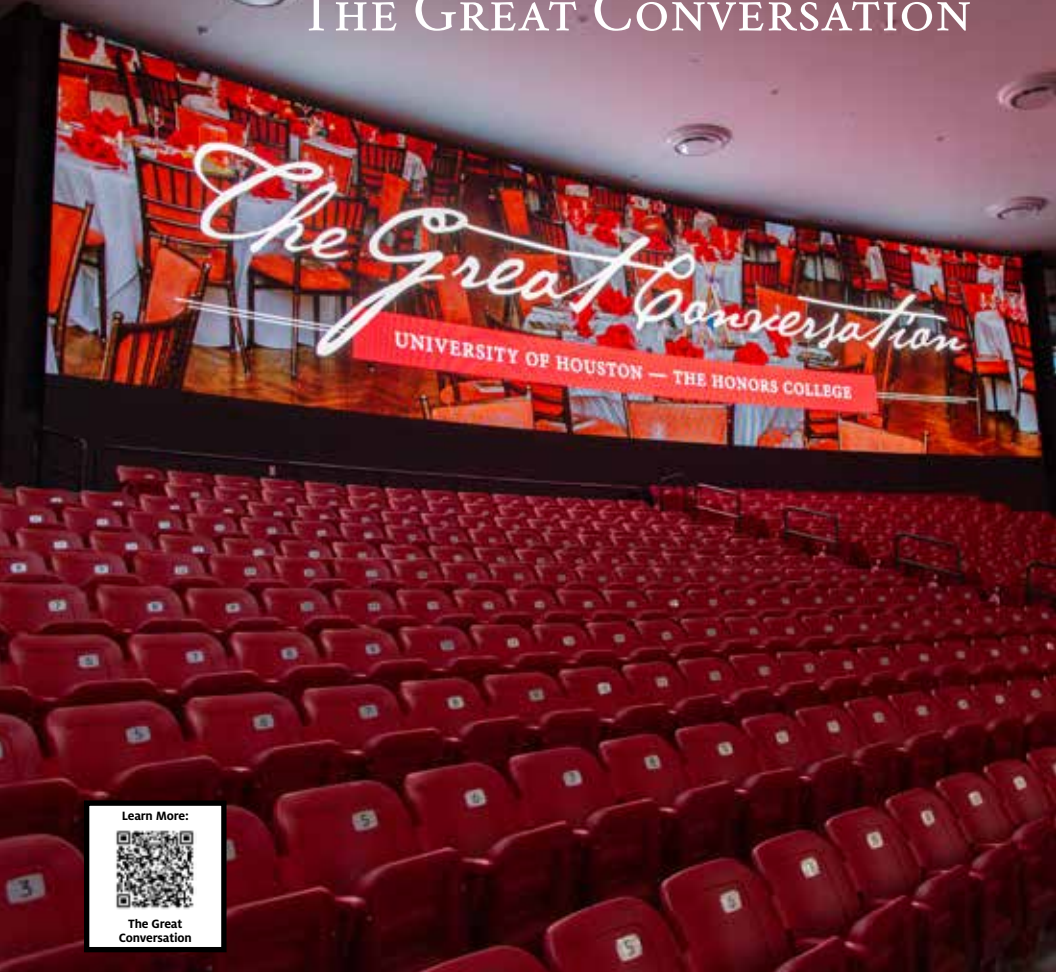
STUDENT GOVERNING BOARD

The Student Governing Board (SGB) functions as a liaison between the Honors faculty, administration, and students, and as a planning body for the various social activities for the College.

TERRY SCHOLARS

The Terry Scholars chapter promotes student success both inside and outside the classroom, providing its members an academic support network and sponsoring monthly community service opportunities open to all University of Houston students.

THE GREAT CONVERSATION



Learn More:



The Great Conversation

BE A GREAT CONVERSATION VOLUNTEER

Come be a part of an amazing team of volunteers for the Honors College's biggest fundraising night! Join our team of volunteers for the 33rd edition of The Great Conversation, taking place on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Morian Hall of Paleontology.

Our yearly gala is a great way for Honors students to give back to the college, help raise funds for student scholarships, and enjoy a night of fun conversation with professors, alumni, and Houston business leaders. This is a night to celebrate YOU and all of the students who benefit from Honors College scholarships.

Fill out the Volunteer Interest Form at thehonorscollege.com/2025gcvolunteer.

Let us know your interest by Monday, October 28, 2024.

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