



Honors open house draws crowd of prospective students

On October 19, 2013, Honors hosted an open house for nearly 120 prospective high school juniors and seniors who are interested in pursuing Honors. Students were able to explore various resources and opportunities Honors offers.

Prospective students had the opportunity to speak with representatives from Housing and Residence Life, Office of Admissions, Emory Lindquist Honors, Emory Lindquist Scholars, and various other student organizations. Faculty from business, health professions and liberal arts and sciences were available to inform students about opportunities for undergraduate research. Students also had the opportunity to tour WSU's chemistry and biology labs.

We thank the various organizations, student volunteers and faculty who represented Honors. Finally, thanks to all of the prospective students who attended, for allowing us the opportunity to show why you should choose Honors at WSU.

Emory Lindquist Scholars serve Kansas Humane Society at Woofstock

On October 5, the Emory Lindquist Scholars (ELS) fulfilled their community service pillar by volunteering at Woofstock, the Kansas Humane Society's (KHS) 17th annual dog-friendly fundraising event.

ELS President Adam Cameron attended this year's event. "I can't speak for everyone, but I had a great time at the event," he said. "The work was not too difficult, but it kept me busy enough that time passed quickly. I also enjoyed seeing the wide variety of dogs at the event – dogs larger and smaller than I knew existed."

This year, the group helped with parking. Because the event is so large, volunteers help mitigate the chaos of parking in such a large park with many pedestrians and animals.

ELS is hosting more events this semester, including a bowling night, personality testing, a tour of the massive Beech Wind Tunnel, and a presentation on stress management. They are also starting a fiction book club. Anyone interested in getting involved can email Cameron at adcameron@wichita.edu or search for ELS on Facebook.

"Ultimately, our focus on service, academics and leadership is geared towards forming a stronger community of Honors students," Cameron said. "I've made several friends in Honors who I never would have met without ELS."



Photo by Kimberly Engber

ELS President Adam Cameron and member Peyton Howard help dismantle fencing at the annual Woofstock fundraiser.

CCSR team internships unique opportunity for Honors students

In Spring 2014, Honors students will have a unique opportunity to participate in team internships at WSU's Center for Community Support and Research (CCSR). These Honors internships will be an immersive experience, incorporating lessons on the content of the project and leadership.

CCSR facilitates five broad projects connecting WSU to the Wichita community: leadership development, organizational capacity building, community collaboration, research and evaluation, and mental health consumer initiatives.

Teresa Strausz, Community and Organizational Specialist at CCSR, explains that the projects students would be facilitating at CCSR in a team internship are ones that will "add value to the work that we are already doing."

The premise of the team internships is that a group of 4-5 students of different disciplines will come together to complete a project. CCSR staff have identified needs in their departments that can be met with student interns. "The

project delivery almost solely falls on the student team," Strausz said, explaining that they'll have the opportunity to consult with CCSR staff about the project, but the proposal and timeline for the project are set by the team.

The facilitated leadership training the students will receive is the unique caveat of this course. During the semester, students will meet with a leadership coach about 7 times to "give students the opportunity to evaluate their own working dynamics," Strausz said.

Strausz said that students who are interested in this kind of work should be curious and task-oriented. "We want them to have a willingness to stretch what it means to be in a learning environment," Strausz said.

You may talk to Strausz (teresa.strausz@wichita.edu) for more information. Consider taking Dr. Peter Cohen's Leadership Challenge pre-session. Though it is not a prerequisite, this course will enhance the team internship.

Looking Ahead >

Nov. 11: Enrollment begins! Remember: Honors students receive priority enrollment. All Honors students can enroll on Monday, regardless of your academic standing. Call us with questions!

Nov. 14: Peter Behrens, Novelist, Screenwriter and Short Story Writer visits WSU's Ulrich Museum for a reading, 5:30-8pm. Email honors@wichita.edu for more information.

Mar. 28-30, 2014: Interested in attending the Great Plains Honors Council in Fort Smith, Ark.? Look for more information soon, or email stephanie.fowler@wichita.edu.

Fulbright offers post-graduate scholars opportunities beyond the borders

U.S. students who wish to travel abroad after graduation to promote international good will, exchange culture and language, or conduct research may apply for the Fulbright U.S. Student Grants at the beginning of May 2014. This prestigious tradition - sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and more than 155 countries around the world - is open to any student and has no minimum GPA requirements.

On September 11, 2013, Emory Lindquist Honors hosted Lee Rivers, a former Fulbrighter and Assistant Manager of Outreach & Special Projects for the Institute of International Education (IIE), which coordinates the Fulbright application process. Rivers was enthusiastic about WSU students applying for the Fulbright grants, stressing that the program is constantly looking for diversity. This means, overall, more students from Kansas, and specifically, more student applications from WSU.

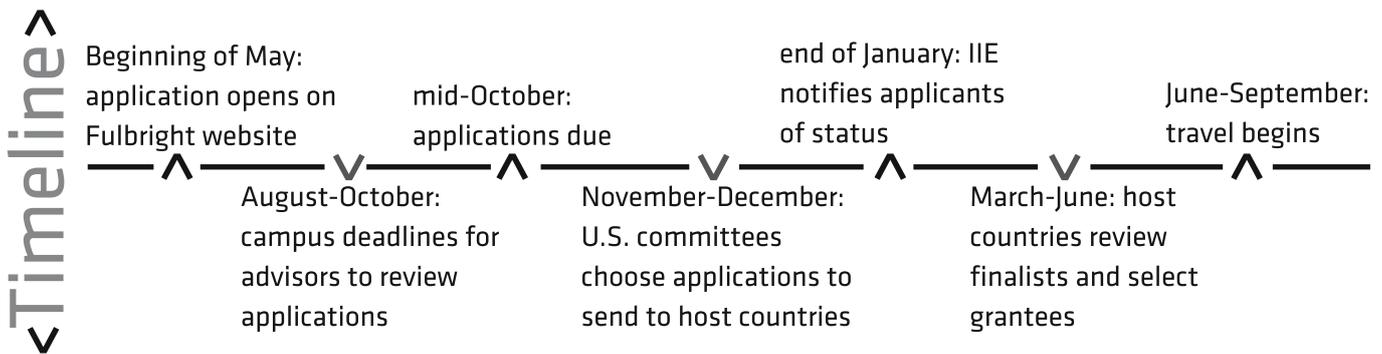
The application process has many steps. Applications open in May, and must be submitted before the national deadline in mid-October. U.S. committees review the applications and send on the top contenders to their respective countries for final decisions from March-June. See figure below for more details.

Rivers suggests that students first browse the countries tab on the Fulbright website (www.us.fulbrightonline.org), which details

participating countries and what they are seeking in their applicants. Most countries feature both types of awards: English Teaching Assistantships and Fulbright Study/Research Grants. For an English Teaching Assistantship, the grantee travels to the country to help with English as a second language classes in students of all ages. The other type of grant is a Study/Research Grant, which funds research in another country.

Shan Jabara, Study Abroad and Programming Advisor, attended the lecture. She suggested that students who are interested in another culture could sign up to be a buddy with an incoming international student on campus who may give you insight into their homeland. If you do not know any international students on campus, the International Student Union can help (fill out the contact us form at wichita.edu/isu). Rivers supported this idea, mentioning that many students' applications mention experiences with international students as the spark that lit their fire to travel outside of the country.

Kimberly Engber, Honors Director and Fulbright Program Adviser, is enthusiastic to help students prepare for the Fulbright awards. If you have considered traveling out of the country and would like to discuss the Fulbright opportunity, please contact her at kimberly.engber@wichita.edu.



Letter from the Director: Autumn means new opportunities

Autumn Rivulets

*As consequent from store of summer rains,
Or wayward rivulets in autumn flowing,
Or many a herb-lined brook's reticulations,
Or subterranean sea-rills making for the sea,
Songs of continued years I sing.
--Walt Whitman--*

September's reflection began with the American poet Walt Whitman's call to unscrew the locks from the doors—a call to carry the spirit of Emory Lindquist Honors to the new residence hall and the first Honors College in Kansas. I begin again with Whitman, this time with his meditation on autumn's "wayward

rivulets." These are "currents for starting a continent new." Even in autumn, Whitman finds evidence of renewal. We are not so different.

Honors students all over campus are like these currents that Whitman describes: small, powerful agents of change. Did you know that Engineers Without Borders, Global Faith in Action, and the current SGA are all led by Honors students? These are only a few examples. Send news about your campus



involvement.

And consider the following opportunities for Honors students in Spring 2014: HNRS 481N the Honors-only team internship at the Center for Community Support and Research; HNRS 304E Arts in Wichita hybrid course; and our new HNRS 305D Model and Analogies in Science—a General Education Issues and Perspectives in Humanities course.

My door is open. Drop by Neff for a conversation!

The Honors College is located in Neff Hall on Wichita State University's main campus. Inspired by the 1963-1968 President of WSU and Rhodes Scholar, Emory Kemper Lindquist's commitment to others and the common good, Honors emphasizes high achievement, and innovative problem-solving to create lifelong, passionate learners.

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