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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



It seems like only yesterday that I wrote the last Director's Corner message, but with such a jam-packed year of exciting activities in the Campus Honors Program (CHP), time passes very quickly. We recently graduated another class of highly talented students and honored President Emeritus of the University of Illinois, B. Joseph White, with the King Broadrick-Allen Award for Excellence in Teaching. It was a pleasure to present the award because Dr. White has provided many years of exceptional teaching service to honors students.

We began the year by welcoming students during New Student Orientation with CHP t-shirts and a wonderful breakfast at the Illini Union in which Professor Steve Petruzzello served as the guest speaker. Early in the fall we also hosted a trip to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago followed by a pizza dinner in the city. In late fall, we welcomed author and Pulitzer Prize recipient, Sonia Nazario, to give the Keith Kelroy Convocation Lecture related to her book, *Enrique's Journey*, the real-life story of immigrants seeking better lives. In addition to other events throughout the year, and an end-of-the-semester reception, we finished the year with an exciting semi-formal dinner and dance that was largely sponsored with alumni support. The event drew more than 100 eager students who were dressed in their finest attire to celebrate their achievements, recognize HSC leaders, and further bond with each other. At one point I even noticed that every single student was on the dance floor participating in a line dance. What an exciting night!

In January, a group of Chancellor's Scholars accompanied Professor Bob Pahre to explore the National Parks of West Texas and New Mexico where they learned about the politics of the National Park System. Recently, Anne Price and I accompanied a group of students from Professor Kevin Hinder's class to Rome, Pisa, and Florence, Italy where they learned about culture and architecture. These trips are so important because they provide knowledge in an authentic setting, important travel experiences, and the opportunity to closely connect to other students with similar interests. A wonderful time was had by everyone.

In order to meet University guidelines and to provide more opportunities for students to engage in leadership roles within the program, one of our major undertakings included the restructuring of Honors Student Council (HSC). A primary objective for the HSC Executive Committee was to involve a greater number of students enrolled in CHP with opportunities to participate in HSC meetings and attend a variety of social events (Honors After Dark). The restructuring was a tremendous success as witnessed by the large number of students who consistently attended meetings and participated in social activities. Some of the events we helped facilitate included Hot Dog Day, pumpkin carving, gingerbread decorating, Improv Night, art projects, a murder mystery dinner, public speaking opportunities (Chit Chat), game nights, power lunches with professors and the Chancellor, and much more!

On behalf of the amazing staff who provide such incredible vitality to the program and work exceptionally hard to keep up with the fast pace of honors students, I thank you for your interest in CHP and emphasize that the Honors House will always be your home.

Best wishes.

Kim C. Graber, Ed.D.

Director, Campus Honors Program
Professor, Kinesiology and Community Health

2019 CHP INTERCULTURAL STUDY TOUR ROME



From May 13–23, 2019, University of Illinois Architecture Professor Kevin Hinders taught a CHP section of HIST 199, Architecture and Culture of Rome, and led a CHP Intercultural Study Tour to Rome, which was co-led by CHP Director Kim Graber and CHP Assistant Director Anne Price.

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The CHP was delighted to support this immersion into the history, culture and architecture of Rome and surrounding areas, a shared foray with LAS James Scholars. Students experienced the wonders of the Colosseum, Pantheon, and the Roman Forum, visited Saint Peter’s Basilica including a papal audience, and toured the Vatican and its treasures, including the Sistine Chapel. The group visited palaces and piazzas, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain and explored the food, culture and urban environment of the historic city center. Students also participated in a day trip to Pisa and Florence, and a day trip to Tivoli enhanced participants’ understanding of the Roman and Italian culture through visiting the Italian countryside and its villas. The course began on campus with a preparatory mini-course designed to provide students the historical and cultural background knowledge to make the most of this Rome experience.

Pablo Sanchez (*ENG Electrical Engineering*) wrote of the experience: “There are no words that can exactly describe how amazing this experience was, but I will attempt to describe it the best way I can. A place of multilinguistic culture, of antiquity and grandeur, and of ingenuity preserved over millennia, with an incomparable culinary experience, left me longing to return. I felt completely immersed in a new city, but at home at the same time. Our group was amazing and grew very close over the course of the trip.”

Jordan Kelsey (*LAS Psychology*) added: “The honors trip to Rome was the most meaningful opportunity I have received at University of Illinois thus far. This was my first time studying abroad, and since I had such an exceptional experience, it will definitely not be my last. During my time in Italy, I gained independence, self-awareness, and a new perception of culture. I am so grateful to have been a part of such an outstanding study abroad program!”



Cover: Chancellor’s Scholars at Hadrian’s Villa in Tivoli, Italy

Above: Chancellor’s Scholars in front of the Pantheon

Left: Chancellor’s Scholars in Rome

2019 CHP NATIONAL PARKS FIELD TRIP TEXAS | NEW MEXICO

By Briana Sobecks, LAS Chemical Engineering

Over Winter Break, I had the exciting opportunity to travel to Texas and New Mexico for *PS 224: Politics of the National Parks*. I had never been to that part of the country before and had no hiking experience, so the trip promised to be full of new experiences. However, just a couple weeks before we were set to leave, the U.S. Federal Government was shut down. Our professor, Dr. Pahre, emailed us saying the trip was still on, but that our plans would change depending on what was open.

Several of the plans remained the same. At the Guadalupe Mountains National Park, we walked on our first hiking trail. Along the way, we discussed the Wilderness Act, which allows the National Park Service to designate a section of land as a legal wilderness. We also hiked Devil's Hall, a beautiful route that went through picturesque rock formations. Later, we visited the Big Bend National Park, where far before we arrived, I saw the peaks of the Chisos Mountains far in the distance. Coming from Illinois, it was shocking to see such large natural features. We did a nature trail in a flatter part of the park, and saw an exhibit of fossils that had been unearthed nearby, showing the National Park Service's job to educate the public. After that, we hiked down to the edge of the Chisos Basin, where all the water in the mountains flows.

On our last day in Big Bend, we woke up early to a shower of rain. Our goal was to hike five miles up to the top of Emory Peak. Initially, trudging through the rain at 6:30 a.m., I regretted my decision to go on the hike. But as we climbed higher, making it past the steepest sections, the rain gradually stopped, and the basin below became visible. The sun came out right as we reached the peak, where we stopped and sat to enjoy the view. The accomplishment we felt from reaching the top made the exhausting hike worthwhile.

While we weren't able to enter Carlsbad Caverns, Dr. Pahre knew a lot of the hiking trails in the park, so we hiked down to Rattlesnake



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Canyon (where thankfully we saw no rattlesnakes). The view was gorgeous, and though we were in the desert, there were many colorful plants growing in the canyon.

Later in the trip we were scheduled to cross the Rio Grande and visit the scenic Mexican village of Boquillas and learn about transboundary issues, but the gate was closed. We were all disappointed initially, but our mood brightened after we hiked along the river bank and observed the wildlife, and looked at historical trails and buildings scattered throughout the park. The border closing actually helped us understand how ecosystems transcend both park and national boundaries. While we were disappointed that we couldn't go into Boquillas, there was a place where we could cross into Mexico from the city. We walked over the bridge crossing, where we saw both the U.S. and Mexican sides of the Chamizal Monument (though we couldn't enter the U.S. side).

The trip was both an educational and enjoyable way to study the National Parks. Even though we couldn't enter a lot of the government-owned buildings, we still learned a lot about the issues surrounding National Park management through on-the-field observation. I'm incredibly glad to have had this opportunity for experiential learning, and I would highly recommend it to anyone who has the chance to go on a similar trip.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to build international relations to solve global challenges, and the Office of National and International Scholarships administers the Fulbright Program at Illinois.

Jordan Blake Banks (2019 graduate, *ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering*) was awarded a Fulbright to pursue a Master's degree in Bioenergy Systems at Lappeenranta University of Technology in Finland. Blake plans “to research and develop advanced biofuels, leaning toward utilizing crop residue or algae instead of corn or soybeans. The Fulbright grant will allow me to pursue my master's degree in Bioenergy Systems at Lappeenranta University of Technology. There I'll gain an expertise in the entire bioenergy process, from biomass selection to bioenergy markets.”

While on campus, she was a Resident Advisor for three years, participated in Hurricane Maria Disaster Relief Projects, served as

Public Relations Chair for the National Society of Black Engineers, and was engaged in Community United Church of Christ's Campus Ministry. She also studied abroad in Madrid, Spain, participated in the Fall 2019 CHP Politics of the National Parks trip, and conducted research on and off campus. Blake states: “CHP allowed me to take several phenomenal classes, all of which were unrelated to my major. Most were art classes which helped me take a break from rigorous engineering classes while exploring my creative side.”



CHP graduate Blake Banks



Chancellor's Scholar Philip Kocheril

GOLDWATER RECIPIENT

Philip Kocheril (*LAS Chemistry*) has been awarded a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for the 2019–2020 Academic Year. His current research in the Zimmerman Laboratory is synthesis, modeling, and design of potential small molecule therapeutics for myotonic dystrophy type 1, and in previous research in the McCall Laboratory, he performed mid-infrared spectroscopy on molecular ions found in the interstellar medium. Philip minors in music, and is a Matthews Scholar, a James Scholar, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. In addition to his research interests, Philip plays in local jazz bands, and he tutors students in chemistry, physics, biology, and mathematics. For his future goals, Philip is interested in time-resolved spectroscopy. He envisions wide applications to medicine (similar to the development of magnetic resonance imaging from nuclear magnetic resonance), and he is excited to help advance the field.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was established by Congress in 1986 to honor Barry M. Goldwater, who served 30 years in the U.S. Senate. The program provides a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to sophomores and juniors from the U.S. who intend to pursue doctorates.

CHP'S FIRST ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

As we reported in the last *Annual*, **Matthew Rodriguez** (*5/99 alumnus, LAS Physics and Mathematics*) endowed the first scholarship for a Chancellor's Scholar who is majoring in mathematics, the **E. Graham Evans, Jr. Scholarship**, in honor of a beloved retired faculty member in the CHP. In addition to his degrees at Illinois, he earned an M.A. in Mathematics and M.F.E. in Financial Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley in 2002 and 2004, respectively. Matthew is currently a Managing Director for BlackRock in New York, and serves as a Board Member for Quill.org and as an Advisory Board Member for the Department of Mathematics at Illinois.

The second recipient of the E. Graham Evans, Jr. Scholarship is **Quentin Wetzel** (*LAS Mathematics*), who graduated from Normal Community High School, where he co-founded the school's math team and competed in Scholastic Bowl. Quentin also played cello with the Bloomington Normal Youth Symphony, and his high school's orchestra. Quentin said, "The E. Graham Evans Jr. scholarship made the math major personal to me; it made me feel like more than just a number. It was nice to meet a UI math alumnus that has been successful in his work. I hope to pursue a graduate degree in mathematics, and my undergraduate work is laying the foundation for that."

Matthew Rodriguez hopes others will be moved to contribute to this fund, so that future students can be supported in their mathematics studies. The E. Graham Evans, Jr. Fund can be found in the drop-down menu at www.honors.illinois.edu under **Giving**.



Graham Evans, Matthew Rodriguez, Quentin Wetzel, and Kim Graber

CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS RECEIVE NSF GRF'S

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) provides three years of support toward advanced research-based degrees. More Chancellor's Scholars (alumni and recent graduates) than ever before were awarded **National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships** providing three years of support toward advanced research-based degrees): **Rianna (Ria) Greer** (*2019 graduate, LAS Chemistry*), **Kenneth Hoffmann** (*2017 alumnus, ENG Mechanical Engineering*), **Athena Lin** (*2017 alumna, ENG Materials Science and Engineering*), **Kelly Mack** (*2019 graduate, ENG Computer Science*), and **Erin Tevonian** (*2019 graduate, ENG Bioengineering*). Ria Greer will be attending Northwestern University; Kelly Mack is heading to the University of Washington; Erin Tevonian is heading to MIT; Kenneth Hoffmann is attending Stanford University; and Athena Lin has remained at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

CALVIN KE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

By Kim Graber, CHP Director



Calvin Ke

Calvin Ke was an outstanding student leader in the Campus Honors Program, who passed away unexpectedly from an acute asthma attack in May 1991. Calvin was a former President of the Honors Student Council, played the clarinet in the orchestra and marching band, and was a member of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. In May 1991, his family established a memorial fund to honor high-achieving students in the program who demonstrate future promise, encouragement of others, and leadership abilities. This year, his mother, **Hsiang Ke**, announced her plans to gift part of her estate to the Campus Honors Program to provide scholarships to our most promising students. Director Graber and Justin Seno, Associate

Director of Gift Planning for the University of Illinois Foundation, had the pleasure of traveling to Topeka, Kansas to have dinner with Mrs. Ke and her daughter, Victoria.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Calvin and hear stories about his experiences as a student at Illinois. We are very grateful for the generosity of the Ke family and pleased that Calvin will be honored through future scholarships to other students.



Hsiang Ke, Kim Graber, Victoria Ke, and Justin Seno

POST-GRADUATION PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES



Collin Anderson
ENG Materials Science and Engineering
Working at Lam Research in Fremont, California as a Product Engineer

Evan Armstrong
ENG Computer Engineering
“I intend to pursue a professional Master’s degree in ECE from UIUC.”

Kelly Aves
ACES Crop Sciences
“I will be attending the University of Chicago for a Master’s in Public Policy!”

Jordan Blake Banks
ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Received Fulbright to pursue two-year master’s degree in Bioenergy Systems at Lappeenranta University of Technology in Finland

Jordan Barry
LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
“I will be taking a gap year before applying to medical school. I will be working as a research associate in the Glaucoma LOCI Laboratory at the UI College of Medicine Chicago campus, where I will be studying Glaucoma and Alzheimer’s diseases.”

Kyle Bathgate
ENG Civil Engineering
“I have accepted an offer to attend the University of Texas at Austin to pursue a PhD in Civil Engineering with a focus on transportation systems engineering. I was awarded a fellowship from the Cockrell School of Engineering at UT for my graduate studies.”

Julia Beccue
LAS Chemistry
“I’ll be attending medical school at the University of Illinois College of Medicine-Rockford.”

Lily Benig
ENG Bioengineering
Working at Epic Systems in Verona, Wisconsin in Technical Services

Joey Bloom
ENG Computer Science
“I will be working as a Software Engineer at Opploans in Chicago.”

Austin Born
ENG Computer Engineering
“After graduation, I will move to Los Angeles to work as a Software Developer for the cryptocurrency platform start-up, Omniex, which financial institutions use to trade large volumes of cryptocurrency.”

Celeste Bremley
BUS Finance and Information Systems and Information Technology
Boeing Business Career Foundation Program in Southern California

Sarah Brennan
AHS Kinesiology
“I have decided to attend Rush University in its Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program beginning this fall. I am also excited to share that I was awarded a Graduate Assistantship Award for this program, so that in addition to the scholarship, I will also be assisting a faculty member within the OT Department each week during my first year of school.”

Aya Bridgeland
ACES Crop Sciences
“My summer will be spent with a research internship at RIKEN, a large research institute in Japan. In August I will be moving to Texas and starting my PhD. I will be attending Texas A&M University and studying Plant Breeding in their Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, specifically working on improving the nutritional content of rice.”



Alex Brockamp
ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering
“I will be working for Caterpillar as a Lower Powertrain Design Engineer in Decatur, Illinois.”

Kara Brockamp
ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering
“I will start working for BNSF Railway in September 2019 as a Track Engineering Management Trainee in Galesburg, Illinois.”

William Brockschmidt
ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering
Reactor Engineering at the Clinton Power Station

Austin Brown
ENG Computer Science
“I will be living in Boulder, Colorado and working for Google as a software engineer.”

David Cao
LAS Chemistry and Molecular and Cellular Biology
“I have decided to attend medical school at the University of Chicago starting in the fall.”

Katherine Carroll
ENG Aerospace Engineering
“After graduation, I will be pursuing a graduate degree at MIT in the Engineering Systems Lab within AeroAstro.”

Crystal Chen
FAA Industrial Design
“I’m hoping to work in Chicago, either marketing or design consulting.”

Kevin Cheng
LAS Chemistry and Economics
“Traveling to Europe, Asia and the Western U.S. before starting pharmacy school at UIC in August!”

Kelly Cho
LAS Biochemistry
Applying to medical school

**Samuel Cler***LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*

"I'll be attending Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis this fall!"

Bruce Crabtree, Jr.*ENG Engineering Physics*

Working as a data strategist at Reinsurance Group of America at their headquarters in Chesterfield, Missouri

Frazier Curless*ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics*

"I look forward to continued learning and to using what I have learned thus far to productively engage in the field of agribusiness. I just started a job with Moore & Warner Farm Real Estate."

Cameron Cuzmanko*ENG Computer Science*

Travel and then work at Facebook in Seattle

Maya D'Souza*ENG Mechanical Engineering*

"I will be a Design Engineer at 3M in Minneapolis."

Grant DeAtley*ENG Mechanical Engineering*

Attend UIUC for the Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering Program

**Michelle Delana***ENG Bioengineering*

"I'm currently working as an Assistant Project Manager for BURG Translations, and will probably attend graduate school in a year or two."

Sarah Derango*LAS Actuarial Science and Spanish*

"I'll be a Life/Health actuarial analyst at State Farm!"

Amanda Dewey*LAS English and Creative Writing*

Working for the next year to prepare my graduate school application

Cassidy Donnelly*ACES Animal Sciences*

"I started as a full-time Animal Keeper at Wildlife Prairie Park in Hanna City, Illinois in January [2019]."

Joseph Dutton*ENG Aerospace Engineering*

Seeking employment

Simon Egner*ENG Materials Science and Engineering*

"I am officially enrolling in Northwestern University's Materials Science and Engineering program."

Christina Ernst*ENG Computer Engineering*

"I will be living and working full time in Chicago as a software engineer at Google!"

Molly Fane*ENG Electrical Engineering*

Starting position at Qualcomm in San Diego, California

Zachary Fishman*ENG Engineering Physics*

"I will be attending Northwestern University this summer for their master's in journalism program, specializing in Health, Environment and Science."

Nathan Gaertner*BUS Finance*

Full-Time Associate at the Boston Consulting Group in the Chicago office

Michael Gleason*ENG Bioengineering*

"I will be attending SIU School of Medicine."

Viraat Goel*ENG Bioengineering*

Ph.D. in Biological Engineering at MIT

**Jing Kai Goh***LAS Actuarial Science and Statistics*

"Planning to travel around USA and Canada before starting work!"

Rianna (Ria) Greer*LAS Chemistry*

"I will be pursuing my PhD in chemistry from Northwestern University."

Kristen Guglielmi*LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*

"I am applying for jobs to work as an EMT at a hospital in the Chicago-land area and then will be applying to grad schools next year!"

Erica Hackett*BUS Management and Marketing*

"I have signed a full-time offer with Boeing in Washington, DC!"

Rebecca Haight*LAS Chemistry*

"I have accepted my offer to attend the Ohio State University this coming fall to pursue a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry."

Luke Hanselman*ENG Civil Engineering*

Technical Problem Solver with EPIC Systems

Genevieve Helsel*ENG Computer Science*

"I'll be starting at Facebook as a Software Engineer in August."

Jessica Hoffelder*LAS Integrative Biology*

"I will be starting a Master of Public Health in Environmental and Occupational Health at the University of Illinois Chicago in the fall."

Hannah Holmes*LAS Chemical Engineering*

"I will be starting a Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering PhD program at Georgia Institute of Technology in Fall 2019."

Heather Holmes*LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*

Physician Assistant program at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science



POST-GRADUATION PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES *continued*

Eric Hudec

LAS Physics

Applying for position with IEMA, keeping graduate school open as an option

Arjit Jaiswal

ENG Industrial Engineering

Software Engineer at Tesla

Joy Jin

AHS Kinesiology

“Starting in August 2019, I will be attending Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University in pursuit of my M.D. I hope to eventually work at a teaching hospital as an emergency medicine practitioner.”

Anne Johnson

FAA Music Education

Music teacher in the K-12 education system

Walter Kasmer

FAA Music Composition

“After graduation, I’ll be taking a gap year to work and compose while applying to graduate programs for music theory and composition.”

Robert Kaucic

ENG Computer Science

“I plan to work for a virtual reality game development startup.”

Andrew Kazenas

LAS Mathematics

“I will be working as a software developer at Epic, and improving my Japanese language proficiency.”

Mohammed Ali Khan

BUS Finance and Accountancy

Real Estate Brokerage

Ian Klatzco

ENG Computer Engineering

“I’ll be home for the summer, Japan for the fall/winter, then shoot for a job at Stripe.”

Timothy Klem

ENG Computer Engineering

Full-time software engineer at Pure Storage in Mountain View, California

Andre Kohn

LAS Actuarial Science

“Working as an actuarial associate at PwC at their Chicago office. Before I start, I plan on traveling as much as possible.”

David Krein

ENG Engineering Physics

Work

Aubrey Laskowski

LAS Mathematics

“I will be working as a software engineer at The HDF Group while pursuing a Master’s in Mathematics at UIUC.”

Benjamin Lawyer

LAS Actuarial Science

Working as P&C Actuary with Allstate

Alexander Layton

ENG Engineering Physics

Java XP Engineer, Senior Analyst at CVS Health in Minneapolis, Minnesota

Aleeza Leder Macek

LAS Integrative Biology

“I am planning on attending Harvard Medical School.”



Grace Liu

EDU Elementary Education

“I will be teaching 5th grade at Nerge Elementary School in Schaumburg, Illinois.”

William Liu

LAS Chemical Engineering

Working as a manufacturing engineer with P&G in St. Louis, Missouri

Madyson Locke

AHS Kinesiology

“I will be attending Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee to pursue my Doctorate of Optometry degree.”

Kelly Mack

ENG Computer Science

Graduate school at the University of Washington

Danish Majid

LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

“I will be attending medical school at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University.”

Lingfei Laura Mao

LAS Actuarial Science

P&C Actuarial Intern at State Farm

Kevin Maxson

BUS Finance and Accounting

FTI Consulting

Keaton McClure

LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

“I will be working as a Simulation Research Assistant at the Jump Trading Center in the Order of Saint Francis Medical Center before applying to Medical Schools.”

Mahir Morshed

ENG Computer Engineering

“I will be staying at the University of Illinois, pursuing a master’s degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering.”

Matthew Niewiara

ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Working for Anheuser-Busch in their Brewery Trainee Program (starting in June) in Los Angeles

Elena Ochoa

BUS Accountancy

“I will be interning at EY this summer in downtown Chicago. I am returning in the fall to complete my Master’s program for accounting.”



Joshua Khazanov

ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Internship at Accenture in Summer 2019, Graduate school: Pursuing M.S. in Analytics at Northwestern University starting Fall 2019

Laura Olander*ACES Animal Sciences*

"I will be starting veterinary school in the fall at the University of California-Davis."

Kevin Peralta*ENG Mechanical Engineering*

"I will be working full-time as a payloads engineer for Boeing in Seattle, Washington."

Colton Rainey*ENG Mechanical Engineering*

"I will be attending a PhD program for mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor."

Alishba Rehman*LAS Chemical Engineering*

Working as an upstream engineer for ExxonMobil in Tokyo or Saudi Arabia

Mary Elizabeth Rhode*ENG Bioengineering*

Working as a Manufacturing Scientist at Eli Lilly in Indianapolis, Indiana

Dennis Rich*ENG Electrical Engineering and Engineering Physics*

"I've decided to pursue a PhD in 2D semiconductors at Stanford."

Zoe Richter*ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering*

Attending UIUC for grad school, pursuing a PhD

Jacob Rosenberg*LAS Economics*

"I will be working at a small financial counseling/asset management firm in Chicago."

Armando Sanchez-Monsivais*MED Advertising*

"After graduation, I will be a full-time Associate Account Executive at Amazon in Chicago."

Kathryn Sandoval*BUS Business Administration*

Business Development Trainee for Sales Management at Kraft Heinz

Lea Savard*ENG Engineering Mechanics*

"I will be working for The Boeing Company as a Structural Analysis Engineer in Everett, Washington."

Elizabeth Schindler*LAS English*

"I'll be working as a Competitive Intelligence Research Analyst for State Farm beginning on June 3! Then, I plan on going back to graduate school to eventually be a professor."

Benjamin Schreiber*ENG Computer Engineering*

"I will be continuing into the graduate ECE program here at UIUC, working on compilers for machine learning with Professor Vikram Adve."

Annabelle Shaffer*ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition*

"I decided to do my MS degree here and will be working in Dr. Nakamura's lab in Division of Nutritional Sciences. I plan to attend medical school the following year."

Emily Stanfield*ENG Industrial Engineering*

Working for Kraft-Heinz in their Manufacturing Management Program

David Stone*ENG Electrical Engineering*

Pursuing a Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering at UIUC

Sebastian Sulewski*LAS Philosophy*

"I am currently looking for a job around Chicago. I am taking my LSAT in July and getting my applications together for law school. Outside of that, I will be doing some volunteering work in my free time."

Brenda Tang*BUS Accountancy*

Graduate School at the University of Illinois MAS degree in accounting with data analytics concentration, starting full time with KPMG in October 2020 as tax associate

Joel Tansey*LAS Economics*

Graduate school for master's in agricultural economics

Erin Tevonian*ENG Bioengineering*

"I will be attending MIT for a PhD in Biological Engineering."

**Wesley Tung***LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*

Spend two years at the NIH doing a post-bac research immunological diseases, then apply for MD/PhD programs

Girija Vaidya*LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*

Working at home for a year and applying to medical school

Vivek Vermani*LAS Chemical Engineering*

Research Engineering at ExxonMobil in Houston, Texas

Nathan Walters*ENG Computer Science*

"Traveling Europe for 6 weeks in May/June, then starting in August as a full-time engineer at NerdWallet in San Francisco!"

Kevin Wandke*ENG Mechanical Engineering*

"I will be pursuing a PhD in electrical engineering here at UIUC after I graduate."

Sarah Warren*ENG Bioengineering*

"I am going to train for the 2022 Olympics in Speed skating. After that, I plan on going to Medical School with the hopes of becoming a surgeon."

Tianming You*LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*

"I will be starting school at Northwestern's MD/PhD program in the fall."

Joseph Zabinski*ENG Computer Engineering*

"I will work for Optiver in a Software Engineering role starting in the fall."

Daniel Zolecki*LAS Anthropology and Comparative World Literature*

"My plans are to graduate from grad school in Secondary Education: Social Studies, teach high school and eventually go back to school to study Education Policy and Administration."

Daniel Zou*ENG Computer Science*

Software Engineer at Robinhood

IN THE NEWS

Federico Hernandez Nater (*FAA Music Technology*) secured rights, produced, and directed **Nona**, a fixed-media radio drama based upon a story by Stephen King. He worked with a cast of 23, a casting team, creative consultants, an editor, and a graphic designer in adapting this work for another medium. *Nona* played on UI's internet streaming, non-commercial, radio station (Pizza FM) on 4/27/19, including a live Q&A with select cast members by phone. It also was presented at the UI Music Building Auditorium on 4/29/19; following the presentation of *Nona* and an intermission, the live event also included a presentation about the production process and a cast/crew panel. Federico also performed a piece for the 9/24/19 Tukimi (moon viewing event) at Japan House.

Allison Place (*ACES Crop Sciences*) was featured in a 5/16/19 *News-Gazette* article as the recipient of the **2019 News-Gazette Farm Leader Scholarship**, for which she was recognized at the Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation banquet in Champaign. The article notes: "Athletically and academically gifted, Place was named a Chancellor's Scholar (academic excellence and leadership potential) as a freshman at the UI. 'I was nervous and excited when I found out I was invited to the program because it is an extremely small percentage of the student body,' she said."

Madeline Smith (*LAS Integrative Biology*) helped lead the **UI Earth Week Quad Tree Walk** on April 25, 2019. For this effort supported by the Horticulture Club, students, faculty, and community members were invited to take a self-guided tour of the Quad to learn about UI's impressive campus trees and celebrate Earth Week. Twenty trees on the main Quad were highlighted, and this tree walk effort is expected to continue and improve in future renditions. The Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (ISEE) publicized the effort through a press release entitled "Arbor Day and Earth Week: Top 5 Trees to See on Urbana-Champaign Campus" at <https://sustainability.illinois.edu/arbor-day-and-earth-week-top-5-trees-to-see-on-the-urbana-champaign-campus/>.

Ally Merrett (*FAA Urban Studies and Planning and Landscape Architecture*) was a 2019 Summer Design Intern for the new **Siebel Center for Design**, and **Tiffany Duong** (*ENG Materials Science and Engineering*) was an Intern for them as well, conducting user research into the donor journey.

Jackie Ovassapian (*FAA Theatre and LAS (Psychology)*) and **Zoe Replinger** (*FAA Theatre and MED Advertising*) had roles in the October 2018 KCPA production of "**A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**" and the March–April 2019 KCPA production of "**Because I am Your Queen.**"

Heather Holmes (*2019 graduate, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*) was featured in the *LAS News* 2019 newsletter for her work at a **summer camp for people with special needs** and her plan to become a physician assistant. The article notes that she "realizes the power of her scholarships, which allowed her to work at the camp without worrying about making money. It meant that she found her calling. It means that someday, someone will fall under the care of a certain physician assistant who feels her responsibility to the core." More info on this story is at <https://las.illinois.edu/giving/stories>.

Students were elected to **Illinois Student Government (ISG)** and related roles: **Rhea Bridgeland** (*ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Science*) is State House Legislative Aide, **Fernando Arias** (*LAS Political Science and Economics*) served as Chief Justice of the ISG Judiciary, **Lydia Walsh-Rock** (*LAS Physics*) was Chair of Public Relations, and **Neil Shah** (*LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*) is an ISG Senator for LAS.

On 4/18/19, **Pat Basu** (*2000 alumnus, ENG Mechanical Engineering*) was featured in a *Daily Illini* cover story about his involvement in academic ventures and social life at the University of Illinois in the late 90's in light of his recent promotion to **CEO of Cancer Treatment Centers of America**, and his receipt of a 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Engineering. The article provides context for his rise to the position, including serving as a M.D. at Stanford University and a White House Fellow under President Barack Obama, and he credits the University for being launching pad for his success," including naming impactful opportunities, such as friends he made, his fraternity, sports, student government, and, of course, the Campus Honors Program. In the 2017 *CHP Annual*, Basu wrote "The Campus Honors Program was the number 1 reason I chose Illinois over private institutions in Chicago, California and the Northeast. It gave me a chance to be among and learn from not just the best and brightest in Illinois but from around the nation. The program is amazing and in some ways I only realized its wisdom after the fact."



CHP alum Pat Basu

Greg Crimmins (*2002 alumnus, LAS Cellular and Structural Biology*) won a pitch competition in September 2018, as **Remedy Plan** was one of five companies who gave a five-minute pitch at the Maryland Tech Council's 2018 Bio+Tech Conference. Remedy Plan's win was also highlighted in the *Baltimore Business Journal*.

The CHP's Honors House made the **2019 Larry Kanfer** calendar for the month of July! See: <http://kanfer.com/2019uicalendar>

Sophie Luijten (*LAS Global Studies*) was selected to be an Integration Plan Intern at the New American Welcome Center at the University YMCA in Champaign.

Emily Pasetes (*ENG Engineering Physics*) worked at the Nuclear Physics Laboratory on the sPHENIX Project in Summer 2019.



Austin Lindell (*ENG Aerospace Engineering*) and **Connor Latham** (*ENG Aerospace Engineering*) were two of three students who initiated the “**Alma Otter**” idea for a UI mascot, in December 2018. This humorous idea was initially posted to University subreddit as well as Facebook meme page “UIUC Memes for Underfunded Teens” — and quickly turned into a movement. On Reddit, it garnered 500 upvotes; on Facebook it received nearly 1,500 reactions. This referendum gathered steam, and “Do you approve of making Alma Otter an official symbol of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign?” was put to a vote on the Spring 2019 Illinois Student Government ballot. While this referendum lost by 3,510-3,807, this effort was featured in many publications, including the *Daily Illini*, the *News-Gazette*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, as well as discussed on shows such as ESPN’s “Around the Horn.”

Matt Macomber (*2014 alumnus, LAS Atmospheric Sciences*) writes for **Smile Politely** (www.smilepolitely.com) in March 2018. This past year, his posts included “A bevy of foods at Bevier Café,” “An Omakase to remember,” “There’s more than helado at El Oasis,” “Meandering over to Mandarin Wok,” and “Live and Let Pie.”

Luiz Mendes (*2008 alumnus, ENG Computer Science*) was featured in “**The Big 10 with Jeff D’Alessio**” in the Champaign-Urbana *News-Gazette* on 7/8/18, when they asked ‘townies’ from Champaign County high schools to tell us about their favorite places on the UI campus: “My greatest memory from campus, and certainly what I miss the most today, is going to Illinois basketball games at Assembly Hall with my dad. We had season tickets every year and it didn’t matter how cold it was or how much snow was on the ground — we were there for every game, from the Lou Henson days in the ‘90s all the way through the Bruce Weber days in the late-2000s. Those frigid nights in January and February were the best tradition: my dad and I would bundle up and brave the cold together, enjoy the game, listen to the victory song inside the stadium, and then break down the game on the car ride home, listening to the postgame on the radio.”

Techstars Chicago’s 2018 class included **Sam Walder’s** (*2017 alumnus, ENG Computer Engineering*) startup **Trala**, a Juilliard-approved app that teaches users how to play the violin through tutorials, daily lessons and instant feedback on mistakes. Techstars Chicago is the annual accelerator that provides mentoring and resources to 10 early-stage startups. To choose them, the Techstars team visited 15 Midwest startup hubs, from Chicago to Pittsburgh, and screened more than 2,000 applicants. For more information, see <https://www.bizjournals.com/chicago/news/2018/07/17/here-are-the-10-startups-in-techstars-chicago.html>.

Robert Pahre took Chancellor’s Scholars on a course field trip from 1/4/19 to 1/12/19 to New Mexico and Texas for his course “**Politics of National Parks**” (see more info on Page 4), which was featured in “Shutdown provides unfortunate lesson for UI ‘Politics of National Parks’ class trip” in the Champaign-Urbana *News-Gazette* on 1/19/2019. The article notes that because “Caves inside national parks, it turns out, are classified as federal buildings,” students were unable to visit Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. The article continued: “The students still got to see lots of sites, with a few extra hikes thrown in to substitute for the museums and visitors centers they had planned to tour.” **Lily Benig** (*ENG Bioengineering*) added additional context in the article: “You don’t get the satisfaction of climbing to the peak of a

mountain or get the same sense of wilderness and nature in a classroom, no matter how many excellent readings you do. I appreciate the understanding I was able to gain of just how far the government shutdown reaches — to our parks and their integrity, to a bunch of college kids studying them, and even past the border to a nearby village mostly dependent on the flow of tourists.” For more details on the trip, see: <http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2019-01-19/shutdown-provides-unfortunate-lesson-ui-politics-national-parks-class-trip>.

Viraat Goel (*ENG Bioengineering*), **Mike Rotter** (*EDU Special Education*), and **Erin Tevonian** (*ENG Bioengineering*) participated in **Illini 4000** in Summer 2019, cycling from New York to San Francisco, with the group being welcomed at UI on June 4, 2019. **Tory Cross** (*2015 alumna, LAS Individual Plans of Study*), who was a leader with Illini 4000 on campus, helped with some local logistics, and is meeting them at the finish line in San Francisco. This past year, Mike Rotter was Director of Fundraising, and **Christina Su** (*LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*) was Vice President; this year, Mike is Vice President, and Christina serves as President.

Mike Rotter, who did the ride in Summer 2018 as well, gave some context about the Illini 4000 initiative, having found out about the effort on his first Quad Day, and he has now become a Ride Leader. He is motivated by a friend who was battling leukemia, as well as a faculty member and mentor who passed away from cancer. Mike has a lot of happy memories from his ride in Summer 2018, and he has enjoyed “seeing a lot of the different parts of the United States,” including forests and deserts, and different people and cultures. In terms of the cancer education efforts, the Portraits Project is very important to him, as it shows “lots of different coping mechanisms and perspectives of life in general” from those impacted by cancer, including survivors and caregivers.

“The Illini 4000 is a non-profit organization dedicated to documenting the American cancer experience through The Portraits Project, raising funds for cancer research and patient support services, as well as spreading awareness for the fight against cancer through annual cross-country bike rides.” — www.illini4000.org

Chancellor’s Scholars Rotter, Goel, Tevonian, and Su



Ethan Simmons (*BUS Curriculum Unassigned*) is a News Reporter for the *Daily Illini*, and **Jada Fulcher** (*MED Journalism*) is a writer for *Buzz*, an entertainment weekly section of the *Daily Illini*.

Madeline Whitesell (*2016 alumna, FAA Voice*) was interviewed by *Smile Politely* on 2/1/19 as the dramaturg of “Hit the Wall,” a dramatic interpretation of the 1969 Stonewall Riots, which played at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts in February 2019.

Michelle Boulé (*1999 alumna, FAA Dance*) performed a solo and participated in a panel at Links Hall in Chicago in April 2019. For the program entitled “From Sybil Shearer to Michelle Boulé: Breaking Away and Creating Legacy,” Boulé performed “The Monomyth.”

IN THE NEWS *continued*

CHP Professor **Michael LeRoy** and his wife and Leal Elementary teacher Janet LeRoy were featured in the 10/16/18 article “It doesn’t stop with an opinion” in the Champaign-Urbana *News-Gazette*, related to a joint class discussion at the UI Rare Book Library, focusing on **Japanese internment camps** during World War II.

They teamed up to give college students (from his CHP LER 199 class) and fourth-graders new tools to fight prejudice and racial separatism. In the article, Michael LeRoy said, “I think the best way to address the re-emergence of racial intolerance is to teach young kids and college students... to equip them with arguments so that they can counter these intolerant messages, educating students to find ways on their own to speak up and speak out. I think you have to do it at the grassroots level, to make it unacceptable again. It’s not acceptable to promote the superiority of one race over another.” The project grew out of a study he published, “Targeting White Supremacy in the Workplace,” which was motivated by the rise of white nationalism in the United States and its impact on immigration and employment. The news item adds, “LeRoy decided to teach a Campus Honors Program course on the same topic, ‘Immigration and Race: Inequality in Labor,’ drawing on documents from the U.S. Constitution to recent executive orders that would limit visas for highly skilled tech workers from India and Asia.” For more information on this CHP class and how they connected with elementary school students, go to www.news-gazette.com/blogs/there-yet/2018-10/it-doesnt-stop-with-opinion.html.

Ryan Ross (2008 alumnus, *LAS English*) was profiled in a 2/15/19 article entitled “**Ross brings University history to life at Illinois**” at <https://ischool.illinois.edu/news-events/news/2019/02/ross-brings-university-history-life-illinois>. The article detailed his work as coordinator of history and traditions programs for the UI Alumni Alliance (UIAA), for which he curates exhibits for a campus welcome center at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center. The completed Richmond Family Welcome Gallery, opened at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center in October 2018 during Homecoming Week, and it has already welcomed thousands of visitors.



CHP alum Ryan Ross

The article also details Ryan’s work in developing public programming related to University history, such as an annual Mt. Hope and Roselawn Cemetery Walk, a living history theater event with costumed actors portraying people from University and local history. Ryan notes that “the audience meets six to eight characters along the route and learns about their lives from dramatic monologues, and that he selects “the characters, conducts the research, writes the scripts, casts and directs the actors, choose the costumes, and manages the logistics of the event.” He also gives a lecture series about University history that he delivers to local groups and alumni clubs around the country, and he has taught a course on University history through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UI.

David Franklin (1992 alumnus, *LAS Humanities*), who previewed his film “**As Far as the Eye Can See**” for Chancellor’s Scholars and others on 2/13/18, was featured in “David Franklin explores small-town American in ‘As Far as the Eye Can See’” in *LAS News* on 10/24/18. The news item details his educational background and roles as an editor and producer, most notably with CBS’ series *48 Hours*, for which he won two Emmys, before breaking into narrative filmmaking. In the article, David Franklin notes, “The inspiration for me was to tell a story about rural America that was unconventional,” Franklin said. “I think that classical pianist isn’t the first occupation you think of when you think small-town America, but many of America’s finest pianists actually do hail from small towns. I’m hoping that our film shows how ‘high culture,’ which is often associated more with our big cities, is actually both familiar and meaningful to the people of rural America.” The film won the Festival Prize as Best Texas Film at the Lone Star Film Festival, and David Franklin was nominated as best director and the film as best film at the Hill Country Film Festival. The piece adds that when “Franklin returned to campus earlier this year for a free screening of his movie in Burrill Hall, it was both exciting and nerve-wracking to see how many people from his alma mater were interested in his work.” For more info, go to: <https://las.illinois.edu/news/2018-10-24/las-alumnus-directs-his-first-feature-film>.

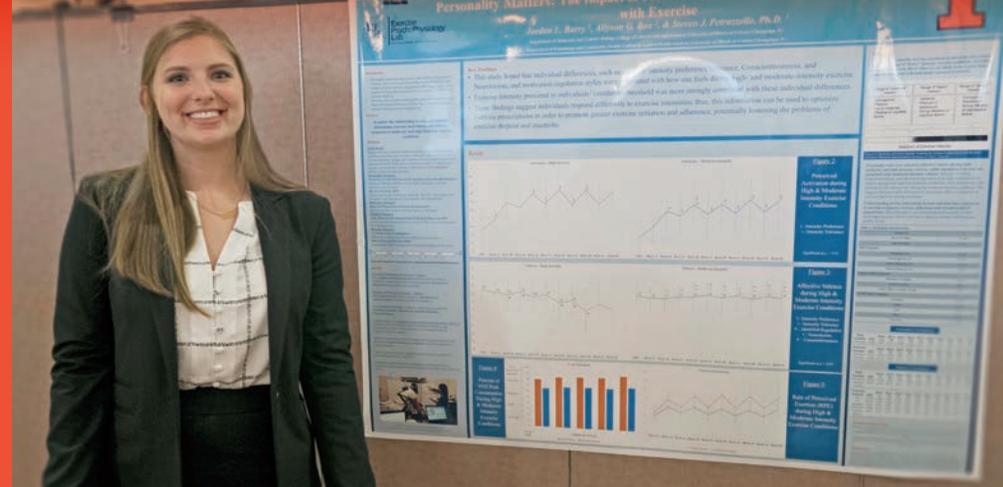
Kimiko Gunji (Emeritus Professor, *Art and Design*) had her new book, *The Art of Wagashi*, publicized at: www.smilepolitely.com/food/a_morning_of_japanese_teas_and_wagashi_at_japan_house/ and <https://dailyillini.com/features/2019/04/22/professor-writes-japanese-cookbook>.

Kimiko Gunji leads Japan House Tea Ceremony SAS



Chancellor Robert Jones visited the Honors House on 4/26/19 (below), meeting for lunch with a small group of Chancellor’s Scholars to talk about important campus and societal issues.





UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The 12th **Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS)** and **Illinois Scholars Undergraduate Research Symposium (ISUR)** took place on Undergraduate Research Week from April 14–20, 2019 in the Illini Union and other locations. Below are the Chancellor's Scholars who presented or co-presented their research at these events. For more information on student presentations, go to <http://undergradresearch.illinois.edu/researchweek.html>.

Left: CHP graduate Daniel Zolecki at the URS
Right: Chancellor's Scholar Jordan Barry shows her research

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM (URS) OR URS WEEK PRESENTERS:

- Alp Aktuna**
ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering
- Kelly Aves**
ACES Crop Sciences
- Spenser Bailey**
LAS History
- Jordan Barry**
LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Aya Bridgeland**
ACES Crop Sciences
- Maxwell Chan**
FAA Industrial Design
- Katherine Douglas**
ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Emma Erickson**
ENG Electrical Engineering
- Shehani Gunawardena**
LAS Integrative Biology
- Kellie Halloran**
ENG Mechanical Engineering
- Federico Hernandez Nater**
FAA Music Technology
- Ashley Hornig**
EDU Special Education
- Alayna Johnson**
LAS Chemistry
- Kieran Kaempfen**
LAS Mathematics and Computer Science
- Aidan Kelly**
LAS Biochemistry

- Aleeza Leder Macek**
LAS Integrative Biology
- Aditya Mansharamani**
ENG Computer Science
- Alex Nobbe**
ENG Engineering Physics
- Rithva Ramesh**
LAS Biology
- Jensen Rehn**
LAS History
- Bianca Savant**
LAS Biology
- Aditya Shedge**
ENG Mechanical Engineering
- Holly Stallard**
ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Christina Su**
LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Santosh Sudhakar**
LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Wesley Tung**
LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Cason Wang**
LAS Statistics and Computer Science
- Diane Wei**
LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Leah Ziolkowski**
ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Daniel Zolecki**
LAS Anthropology

ILLINOIS SCHOLARS UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM (ISUR) PRESENTERS:

- Lily Benig**
ENG Bioengineering
- Julia Elizabeth Brodecki**
ENG Materials Science and Engineering
- Simon Egner**
ENG Materials Science and Engineering
- Jake Ribich**
ENG Engineering Physics

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL

Honors Student Council 2018–2019

By James Tiao, BUS Accountancy

This year, Honors Student Council, or HSC for short, was restructured from an independent Registered Student Organization that University guidelines prevented CHP from continuing to fund, to a group that was an integral part of the formal CHP structure. It provided an opportunity to accommodate more students' visions regarding the events hosted by the CHP, as well as additional opportunities for students to serve in leadership positions. This year the HSC was comprised of four committees that focus on different areas of student engagement. The committees are **Social Engagement, Academic Engagement, Publications, and Art & Community Engagement**. Next year, the Art and Community Engagement Committee will be split into two separate committees, which will provide even more opportunities for student participation, and brings the total number of HSC committees to five. While these committees have

different focuses, the overarching goal is to create an all-inclusive, close-knit community of Chancellor's Scholars.

After meeting as a large group during HSC meetings, each of the committees splits up to plan Honors After Dark programs, bi-monthly events at the Honors House, and other events that occur throughout the week. The Social Engagement Committee plans fun social activities during events such as Bob Ross painting, game days, and Oktoberfest (with hot dogs, chips, cookies, and root beer). The Academic Engagement Committee focuses on planning events that broaden a student's knowledge through activities such as lunches with CHP professors and deans of various colleges. They also invite CHP professors to speak about the classes that are offered the following semester to provide students a better idea of what different courses will entail. The Publications Committee is responsible for various newsletters that keep the Honors community engaged with the activities of the CHP. For example, they assist in writing articles for the *CHP Annual*, and are responsible for creating



2018–2019 HSC Executive Board

Equinox, our literary and arts magazine. Last but not least, the Art & Community Committee is responsible for art projects and community outreach activities. They painted the beautiful mural on the second floor of the House and decorated this year's Semi-formal at the I-Hotel. They also keep the Honors House looking lively and modern!

HSC is a place where everyone's opinions can be expressed and turned into actionable plans to engage the Honors community. As President, I strongly encourage everyone to attend our **bi-weekly meetings on Tuesdays 6:00–7:00 p.m.** to voice your opinion and help make the Honors community stronger! Did I mention there's pizza at every meeting? On behalf of the whole Executive Board, thank you for helping us create a welcoming community within the Campus Honors Program thus far! We hope to see you there in the future.

HSC/CHP Semi-Formal

The CHP's 14th Annual CHP Semi-formal was held at the I-Hotel, and a wonderful time was had by all! This year's theme was "**Great Gatsby**" and students arrived in style to celebrate! In addition to the décor fitting the theme through balloons and other items at each table, there was art contributed by the Arts Committee of HSC, and additional costume enhancements for photos. The food was excellent, and every student was up dancing at some point in the evening.



HSC Academic Engagement Committee: Class Quad Day

By Maya Chatteraj, LAS Physics

One of the most difficult decisions Chancellor's Scholars make every year is which incredible CHP course to enroll in for the next semester. In order to help students select the perfect class, the HSC Academic Engagement Committee held an inaugural event in the fall semester: Class Quad Day! Held on October 16, 2019 in the Honors House classroom, this event **hosted professors of new CHP courses**, who each gave a brief overview of what their class is about and answered students' questions about their background and their course offering.

HSC was lucky enough to host two phenomenal professors, Christopher Napolitano and Dr. Sandra Goss Lucas. Professor Napolitano spoke about the unique topic of his class, "Understanding Adolescent Development through Literature." Dr. Goss Lucas introduced her intriguing course "Is Humanity Doomed or Thriving?" The attendees had a plethora of questions for the CHP professors and gained an in-depth perspective on two fantastic CHP course options for the spring semester!

Chancellor's Scholars at
Semi-formal dinner



Chancellor's Scholars at HSC Semi-Formal



HSC Power Lunch with CHP Professor Prasanta Kalita

Student Art Project

By Matthew Haak, FAA Architectural Studies

This past fall, more than ten Chancellor's Scholars got together to create a mural which is now on display in the Honors House. The Honors Student Council's Art Committee spent weeks planning and organizing this event. All of the members wrote on slips of paper some of their favorite places or things related to campus. Chancellor's Scholars then picked the slips of paper from a bucket and added the object described on the slip to the mural. This format brought about a **very eclectic and unique mural** that includes many parts of campus

in different art styles. This was just one of the great events that the art committee sponsored this year. Some of the other big events were gingerbread house decorating and pumpkin carving. Each of these events gave honors students opportunities to take a break from their rigorous coursework and to enjoy the company of their fellow honors students. The Honors Student Council's Art Committee looks forward to sponsoring more events like these in the future.



Chancellor's Scholars work on Community Mural

Professor Kalita Power Lunch

By Pradyot (Rony) Midya, LAS Computer Science and Linguistics

Dr. Prasanta Kalita is a world-renowned Professor of Agriculture and Biological Engineering at UIUC. In addition, Professor Kalita serves as a Presidential Fellow of the University of Illinois System. Dr. Kalita came to the Honors House on February 22, 2019 to talk to Chancellor's Scholars about his campus-renowned class, ABE199: Water in the Global Environment.

Professor Kalita explained the important role UI students have in developing technologies that **reduce water usage, promoting water conservation, and passing legislation** that incentivizes industries to adopt water-conscious measures. While water science is normally relegated to the fringes of agricultural science, Professor Kalita's shining personality and incredible intelligence give him the ability to make any topic interesting; he kept a group of twenty students thoroughly engaged when discussing the intricacies of drip irrigation.

Professor Kalita wrapped up the power lunch by telling us the story of how he found his Professor, Dr. Jens Moller Nielsen, after seeing him last in AIT, Bangkok in 1998. For those interested in the story, the full story is available here: <https://pkalita2050.blogspot.com/2018/09/finding-my-professor-on-island-of-mon.html>.

Murder, They Wrote: HSC's Murder Mystery Night

By Ethan Frobish, LAS English

When October rolled around this past fall, the horror-heads and masters of the macabre in the Honors Student Council's Publications Committee gave themselves a ghoulish mission: **write a murder mystery** starring their fellow Chancellor's Scholars set it in the Honors House.

The framing device was devilishly easy to devise. They wrote a ghost into HoHo history. She was a student once, much like themselves, and almost as overworked and stressed as her writers. One stormy night near finals, she neared her breaking point and came to the House to cram, and she happened to be struck by lightning. What were the odds? Some say her spirit still roams the locked basement of the House... for some reason.

With the ghost in place, the rest came (super)naturally. Their cast was their peers, and their roles came from every bad movie you've ever seen. There was a ruthless Ice Queen business woman; her ex-husband, a mechanic; their daughter, a #edgy teen; a skeptic physician; a

reclusive axe enthusiast; a manic pixie dream girl; and a former chemistry teacher turned UFO investigator who may or may not have been David Bowie's son. With such an esteemed group of archetypes, something fun was bound to happen.

That "something fun" was a murder, in the classroom, with some poison. The participants all gathered for dinner and a séance to summon the sparky spirit of the student ghost, and her appearance (or a very convenient broken fuse) caused the lights to flicker just long enough for someone to be poisoned... to death!

It was a regular whodunnit, and what ensued was an hour of Chancellor's Scholars using pointed questions and deductive reasoning to interrogate their peers and unravel the finest murder mystery plot since Season 6, Episode 10 of *The Office*. There were lots of laughs, many wild accusations, and several terrifying twists and turns along the way. In the end, everyone who came and got even remotely close to an answer got a prize because really, if you can't have a little fun and earn a few prizes while doing a murder, why even bother?

(No Chancellor's Scholars were harmed in the making of this mystery.)

SAS/KDR UPDATES

CHP presented some returning favorite programs and several new and exciting ones in 2018-2019!

Please see www.honors.illinois.edu and click on **Students** to scroll down for the **Krannert Dress Rehearsal** listings and the **Scholar Adventurers Series** programming.

Elizabeth Rockman (rockman@illinois.edu) coordinates these events, and welcomes ideas for new programs.

KDR Reviews

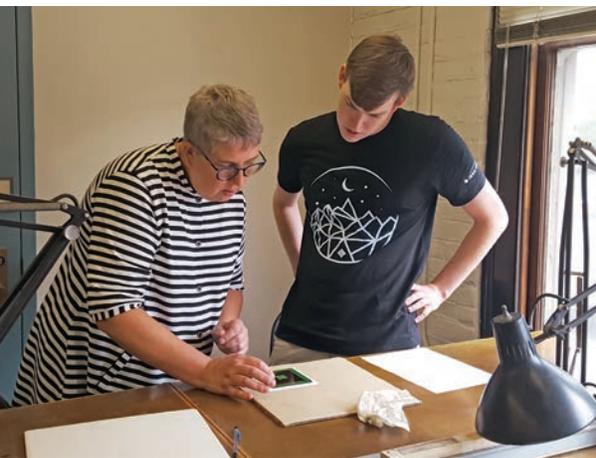
By Gail Schneiderman, FAA Graphic Design

In CHP, I have an amazing opportunity to attend open dress rehearsals at the Krannert Art Center for the Performing Arts. Before the show, Chancellor's Scholars are given a pre-lecture from someone who was extremely involved in producing the play. This year I attended two shows: "La Bohème" and "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time." "La Bohème" is an opera about two lovers in 19th century France. Before the show, we were given a talk about the musical score of the play. It was my first opera and a really cool experience. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time" focused on an autistic boy and how he responded to the world. The play was extremely well-done and really portrayed how someone with autism reacts to the world. Before the play, the director spoke to us. Attending these Krannert Dress Rehearsals were a fun and cool experience and I plan to attend more throughout my college career.

Climate Change SAS

By Claudia Dudzik, LAS Mathematics, and Marissa Yanez, LAS English

This SAS mainly discussed the importance of atmospheric science and how climate change is affecting the world today. Professor Donald J. Wuebbles came to the Honors House to speak about climate change, and he did it in a way that showed he both knew what he was talking about and wanted us to understand and care. In his presentation "Why We Should Care About Climate Change," he provided data evidence that supported the claims he made about how the climate was changing, provided examples of outcomes that already happened and that could possibly happen, and showed that the planet's climate was likely to go in the coming years. He was above and beyond other lecturers in the simplicity of his words, especially to those of us in the room with humanities backgrounds. In the end, he reassured us with ways that we could immediately take action on small scales and large scales, which helped maintain perspective and reminded all of us not to lose hope.



Above: Billie Theide shows David Stone how to cut glass at SAS

Right: David Schug at National and International Scholarships SAS





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Chancellor's Scholars Have a (Solar) Flare for (Literary) Style: My Experience as the Editor of *Equinox*

By Ethan Frobish, LAS English

I was privileged this year. I could just end this piece there and call it an article. With that sentence under that headline, that's all you really need to know. I was privileged this year in many regards (in my continued attendance here at the university, in my inclusion in CHP, in my health, in my relationships, etc.), and I have so much to be thankful for. But this year, something new I was grateful for was my position as editor for this year's issue of *Equinox*, and I cannot be happier with my experience.

For those not in the know, *Equinox* is the annual literature and arts magazine compiled by CHP students of other CHP students' poetry, short fiction, art, and photography for an audience of their fellow CHP students and, of course, anyone at all with an interest in the affairs of the Campus Honors Program. Now, my repetition of CHP in that previous sentence is not an accident; I haven't misplaced my thesaurus. I could just as easily have said "Chancellor's Scholars" or "Future Revolutionaries" or "Exceptionally Brilliant Group of Exceptionally Brilliant Students on an Already Exceptionally Brilliant Campus," but that last one tempts the thesaurus question again, and it's probably best to move on before I resume my gushing. I think my point in the repetition of CHP is to highlight the insularity of the magazine.

"But wait, Ethan!" I hear you protest. "That doesn't sound as brilliant as you painted it before. Aren't there some icky connotations with something like this being so insular?"

Normally, I'd agree. Not to mix metaphors, but nepotism and small ponds breed big dumb fish who no write good. However, I believe that all of these pieces stand as quality art on their own without the CHP label attached, and if you were to flip through the magazine, I'm sure you would agree. Bound in the same magazine, these pieces are an

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eclectic collection — where else can you find an infographic extolling the virtues of pineapple on pizza as a frontispiece for a dramatic retelling of Medea's murder of her children? — but if nothing else, so is CHP. This eclectic diversity is what makes the group special. Sure, no one in the magazine is the next Hemingway or Picasso, and feel free to prove me wrong on that, but that's what is unique about the magazine. *Equinox* is art made by students who spend most of their time pursuing and perfecting things that are not art. *Equinox* is stories told by crop scientists and moments captured on film by microbiologists and detailed flourishes of charcoal from the hands of business entrepreneurs. *Equinox* is made of content that comes from a love of medium and a pure want of expression, not for anything so cynical as a grade or a paycheck.

There is a lot of love in this issue of *Equinox*, from my end, from everyone working on it, and from everyone who submitted their art. Thank you to everyone who helped make this magazine possible. I'm proud of what we created.

Gingerbread House Decorating

By Claudia Dudzik, LAS Mathematics, and Marissa Yanez, LAS English

The gingerbread house event was a contest, but we all lost ourselves in the fun of just playing with icing and forgot we were supposed to be competing. The room was filled with the sound of holiday music and lively chatter between students. The table was covered in various types of sprinkles, empty gingerbread house boxes, and colorful gumballs. We all worked diligently in pairs on creating masterpieces of gingerbread houses, and we tried to use every single item in the kit. There were ten to fifteen groups and everyone had their own style. There were

monochromatic styles, minimalists, flamboyant designs, and one house that took the form of an ancient ruin, only made out of cookies and a stuck-on leftover wrapper.

CHP has so many events catered to the professional side of this transitory period of college: mock interviews, informational meetings and resources, and tips on job seeking and preparation. But with the gingerbread house event, all of us got to experience something on the childish side, something that most of us hadn't done in years. It was stress-relieving with a bonus, because once you put all the hard work in, you could eat what you made.



Chancellor's Scholars MaryRose O'Donnell, Ethan Frobish, and Taylor Falconer

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Bronze Tablet

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CHP graduate
Cassidy Donnelly

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Graduating seniors, minor for engineering and business students

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Viraat Goel, ENG Bioengineering

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Aleeza Leder Macek, LAS Integrative Biology

Undergraduate Research Certificate

Office of Undergraduate Research

Jordan Barry, LAS Molecular and

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Wesley Tung, LAS Molecular and

Cellular Biology



Left: CHP graduate
Erica Hackett

Middle: B. Joseph White
accepts Broadrick-Allen Award

Right: Chancellor's Scholar
Sam Feathers

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LAS Molecular and

Cellular Biology

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Computer Science



CHP graduate
Danish Majid

2019 CHP Summer Research Awards

Niraj Lawande, LAS Biology, Genetic loss of
diazepam binding inhibitor in mice effects with
Professor Catherine Christian

Haley Penkala, LAS Molecular and Cellular
Biology, Mechanistic characterization of the
posttranslational backbone modification on
Methyl-coenzyme M Reductase with Professor
Douglas Mitchell

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Analysis of Laurie Anderson's work in music and
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Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering

Elizabeth Martin, ENG Bioengineering

Arthur L. Friedberg Award

Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Collin Anderson, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Donald W. Hamer Scholarship

Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Julia Brodecki, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Harold and Ruth Hayward/Tau Beta Pi Scholarship

College of Engineering

Simon Egner, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Sarah Warren, ENG Bioengineering

Frima Lukatskaya Scholarship

Department of Computer Science

Robert Kaucic, ENG Computer Science

Robert C. MacClinchie Scholarship

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dennis Rich, ENG Electrical Engineering and Engineering Physics

Benjamin Schreiber, ENG Computer Engineering

NPRE Outstanding Academic Achievement Award to a Graduating Senior

William R. Brockschmidt, ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering

Charles and Lucille Wert Scholarship

Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Samuel Feathers, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS

Distinguished Legacy Award

College of Fine and Applied Arts

Michelle Boulé, 1999 alumna, FAA Dance

Division Achievement Award in Jazz Performance

School of Music

John Offutt, FAA Jazz Performance

Division Achievement Award in Voice

School of Music

Sydney Hoel, FAA Voice

Division Achievement Award in Woodwinds

School of Music

Kate Bruns, FAA Instrumental Music

Daniel J. Perrino Scholarship

School of Music

Anne Johnson, FAA Music Education

Verna K. Townsend Award

School of Music

Anne Johnson, FAA Music Education



Anne Johnson

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Economics Success Scholarship

Department of Economics

Joseph Park, LAS Philosophy

James K. Grant Scholarship

School of Chemical Sciences

Vivek Vermani, LAS Chemical Engineering

Wilmer E. Hellenthal Scholarship

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Samuel Cler, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

J.J. Lagowski Undergraduate Scholarship in Chemistry

School of Chemical Sciences

Leah Ziolkowski, LAS Chemistry

Lincoln Scholars

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, graduating seniors

Hannah Holmes, LAS Chemical Engineering

Heather Holmes, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Phi Beta Kappa

Liberal Arts and Sciences Honorary, top 1% of junior class or top 3% of senior class

Fernando Arias, LAS Political Science

David Cao, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Kevin Cheng, LAS Chemistry and Economics

Tanner Corum, LAS Actuarial Science

Sarah Derango, LAS Actuarial Science

Jing Kai Goh, LAS Actuarial Science and Statistics

Philip Kocheril, LAS Chemistry

Aleeza Leder Macek, LAS Integrative Biology and Chemistry

Jensen Rehn, LAS History

Matthew Rice, LAS Political Science

Daniel Stelzer, LAS Linguistics

Christina Su, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Wesley Tung, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology



CHP graduate
Kevin Cheng

Mark Pytosh Scholarship

School of Chemical Sciences

Douglas Chan, LAS Chemistry

Kevin Cheng, LAS Chemistry and Economics

Alayna Johnson, LAS Chemistry

Rebekah Schiff-Berger Memorial Scholarship

School of Chemical Sciences

Beth Born, LAS Chemical Engineering

State Farm Actuarial Scholarship

Department of Mathematics

Sarah Derango, LAS Actuarial Science

Glenn Rhodes Wilson Scholarship

School of Chemical Sciences

Rianna Greer, LAS Chemistry

Rebecca Haight, LAS Chemistry

Bruno J. Wojcik Memorial Scholarship Award

School of Chemical Sciences

Philip Kocheril, LAS Chemistry

Alishba Rehman, LAS Chemical Engineering



CHP graduate
Alishba Rehman

COLLEGE OF MEDIA

Calvin Hugy Scholarship

College of Media

Lincoln Rogers, MED Advertising

Klues Family Foundation Scholarship

College of Media, for an advertising student



CHP graduate
Armando Sanchez-Monsivais

Armando Sanchez-Monsivais

MED Advertising

Carl and Ruth S. Stephens Scholarship

College of Media, for a journalism student

Jada Fulcher

MED Journalism

ALUMNI NEWS

Nicole Alexander (2007 alumna, *AHS Kinesiology*) in 9/18: “Right now I’m on faculty at the University of Florida and work as an OB/GYN generalist, and hope to also become certified in pediatric and adolescent gynecology. My favorite clinic is one for special needs teens and how to control their menstrual cycles and protect them from pregnancy. I’m the only provider in my part of the state who sees these patients!”

Amanda Cowfer (2018 alumna, *LAS Chemistry and Molecular and Cellular Biology*) in 7/18: “I made it to Boston, and I have been working for the last two weeks in lab. I am slowly learning my way around. Boston has some awesome 4th of July fireworks! I will be living very close to campus and we will even have a small backyard!”

Anna Czapar (2012 alumna, *ENG Bioengineering*) in 9/18: “I’m applying to residency in internal medicine with an interest in infectious disease.” And in 3/19: “So excited and grateful to have matched to UChicago for internal medicine physician scientist development program! Thrilled to be continuing my training in an amazing program in the best city in the world.”



CHP alum
Mrunmayi Deshmukh

Mrunmayi Deshmukh (2018 alumna, *ENG Electrical Engineering*) in 6/18: “I’m doing a summer internship in Tokyo right now. It’s been a great experience so far. And I start grad school right after in August. So far I’ve enjoyed exploring Shibuya, Odaiba and Asakusa. This weekend I’ll be going to Fujisan at the base of Mt. Fuji. Being here and working in a Japanese company has been quite exciting so far, especially with the language barrier. It’s a great learning opportunity for me so I’m trying to pick up as much Japanese as possible. And of course, try all the delicious seafood and ramen while I’m here!”

Max Ellithorpe (2011 alumnus, *LAS Political Science*) in 4/19: “CHP is the only unit on campus that I support — it made my time at UI special and I have fond memories of the courses and extracurricular activities I participated in at the Honors House. I am lucky to have been admitted to a couple of medical schools and am excited to be making a career change from finance to medicine this fall. I will most likely be going to Tulane. I love receiving the CHP newsletter each year! CHP definitely made a very strong impact on me during and after my time at UI. After my home department closed the Civic Leadership Program, CHP feels like my true home on campus.”

Christine Evans (2011 alumna, *LAS Mathematics and Germanic Languages and Literatures*) in 5/19: “I have been in Madison since 2012, and I am in the final stages of writing my dissertation in German linguistics. I have loved teaching German, and I received an all-campus TA award this year (<https://grad.wisc.edu/2019/02/11/2018-teaching-assistant-awards/>). My passion for higher education and working closely with students led me to explore advising, and in January I started full-time as an academic advisor with the Letters & Science Honors Program at UW. It’s been a nice transition, and I’m delighted to get to stick around Madison! I try to provide welcoming space and helpful ideas/resources to students in a way that pays forward all the support I received from you.”

Paritosh Gangaramani (2014 alumnus, *LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*) in 4/19: “I’m still working towards my Biology PhD at MIT, but my fiancé is going to be starting in the linguistics PhD program at UIUC this coming fall, which means I’m going to find myself visiting Champaign pretty often.”

Alex Kordas (2015 alumnus, *ENG Computer Engineering*) in 4/19: “Japan was great! It was great to see a side of Kyoto that I never would have thought to explore without **Dario (Aranguiz, 2015 alumnus, ENG Electrical Engineering)** living there. And visiting a few places where I hadn’t been last time (Hiroshima, Miyajima, Mt. Koyasan) rounded out the trip well. Weather was very cooperative too — way better than visiting in the middle of summer like last time.” Also on the trip were **Pooja Bag** (2015 alumnus, *ENG Bioengineering*) and **Sean McLaughlin** (2015 alumnus, *ENG Engineering Physics*).



Sean McLaughlin, Alex Kordas, Melani Ortiz, and Pooja Bag

Anjana Krishnan (2017 alumna, *ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences and ENG Civil Engineering*) in 9/18: “I moved to Uganda after I graduated, and I really love it here — the people are welcoming and generally lovely, and my job is great. I work at a social enterprise doing construction in the water and sanitation field. It’s exactly the kind of thing I studied for, but even so I’ve learned a ton and feel really lucky to have the opportunity to be here. I just wanted to reach out and thank you again for mentoring me as I tried to find my place in the world, somewhere I could learn, grow, and maybe make a small difference. Your support was really invaluable in helping me convert my education into a dream job.”

And in 7/19: “I’m going to Imperial College London for graduate school, it was my first choice! Big change moving from small-town Uganda to a major world city!”

Ga Eun Jackie Lee (2017 alumna, *AHS Interdisciplinary Health Sciences*) in 6/19: “I am working at Korean National Institute of Forest Science as a research assistant at a lab which studies the relationship between forest and human health.”



CHP alum Sam LeRoy

Samuel LeRoy (2018 alumnus, *BUS Marketing and Management*) in 8/18: “As I settle in here at Michigan, I am beyond grateful for all of my experiences at the Campus Honors Program. My CHP classes provided a well-rounded understanding of the world upon which to begin understanding public policy, and my fellow CHP’ers will help me always remain connected to Illinois. I am also grateful for your recommendation, which has certainly helped me reach this point in my academic journey.”

Megan Lindgren (2015 alumna, *LAS Economics and Statistics*) in 5/19: “I should be back to Chicago by end of September. I’m working in D.C. for the law firm Cleary Gottlieb for 8 weeks,

then the Federal Reserve Board of Governors for another 8 weeks in the Legal Department. These were my dream internships, and I couldn’t be more excited!”

Matt Macomber (*LAS Atmospheric Science*) was an invited guest to an HSC Power Lunch on 2/1/19. Publicity materials noted: “A CHP alum, Matt has worked in quality assurance, software development, and as a contractor. Come hear Matt share how the skills he developed as a Chancellor’s Scholar helped him to work in an extremely wide variety of fields!”

Todd Plotner (1995 alumnus, *LAS Economics*) is a Partner with Chapman and Cutler LLP, and he and his son enjoyed traveling through Japan in 2018, using knowledge learned in Emeritus Professor Kimiko Gunji’s class 26 years prior.

Hannah Rickey (2015 alumna, *LAS Anthropology and Spanish*) in 9/18: “Things are still going well for me in Madison. I’m coming up on my two year work anniversary in a couple months, and (to my delight), I’ve officially gone over a year without moving for the first time since I started college! September always makes me a bit nostalgic for U of I, and I’m missing the HoHo as always.”

Anne E. Rivas (2009 alumna, *ACES Animal Science and LAS Integrative Biology*) in 1/19: “I finished my residency and have a job at

the Birmingham Zoo where I will be for the foreseeable future. Birmingham has been a pleasant surprise — culture is a little bit like a mini Portland with awesome food and microbrews. I am mired in studying for my specialty boards (goal is getting diplomat status in American College of Zoo Medicine) — hoping to take the test this fall.”

Sharon Roth (1991 alumna, *LAS Political Science*) stopped by the Honors House on a cross-country trip from Las Vegas, her home, to Chicago with her family. She related fond memories of friends debating a variety of topics in the Honors House.



CHP alum Sharon Roth with her family

Parrish Smith (2018 alumna, *ACES Crop Sciences*) in 8/18: “The house is sold and we’ve officially moved down to St. Louis. I started my new job with DuPont yesterday in Mascoutah!”

Emily Sylwestrak (2006 alumna, *LAS Biology and Chemistry*) in 1/19: “It seems like ages ago that I first strolled the halls of the HoHo, but as my career has recently reached a critical transition, I have been reflecting on the important people, programs, and opportunities that have led me here. In 2005, the CHP generously awarded me the Summer Research Grant. It was this opportunity, along with the

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“ Received the CHP newsletter at home and thought I’d send an update! I started a new role as a national correspondent for ESPN, based out of Chicago. It’s great to be back home — I’ll continue working on investigative and feature pieces for ESPN along with opportunities to anchor SportsCenter and other programming across the ESPN family of networks. ”

Michele Steele 2000 alumna, *LAS Economics*, in 9/18



dedicated support of my research mentor Dr. Lee Cox, that solidified my path to a career in research. Unfortunately, in careers with such protracted training periods, the effort of early mentors and programs can be overlooked as we assign credit to more proximal events. In an effort to combat this bias, I would like to offer my most sincere thanks and deepest gratitude to the CHP for its early help in launching my research career. As I start up my own lab as an Assistant Professor of Biology at the University of Oregon this year, I will strive to provide these opportunities to my own students.”

Sam Walder (2017 alumnus, *ENG Computer Engineering*) in 5/19: “I’m completely focused on work. My company now has 8 employees. For a long time I have had this dream of making the world more a musical place, and in very little bits I’m starting to see it come true. I’m also getting more involved in climate change activism. Trying to balance my entrepreneurial work with wanting to devote myself to activism. In either case, I’m trying to do some good for the world every day.”

Victoria Wallace (2018 alumna, *LAS Integrative Biology and Global Studies*) in 3/19: “I made a decision! I accepted the offer to Bren School at UCSB. I love the program’s focus on interdisciplinarity,

collaboration, and finding & implementing practical solutions. I’m also happy to say that their recruitment scholarship and TA-ship opportunities make it a very affordable option. I’m getting really excited to move to Santa Barbara, too. Can’t wait to explore the area! Best wishes to everyone at CHP, and thank you again for all your support!”

Karin Wang (1992 alumnus, *BUS Finance*) in 9/18:

“After more than 20 years in civil rights advocacy and enforcement, I’ve embarked on a new challenge as Executive Director of UCLA

School of Law’s David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy. UCLA has one of the best programs in the nation, training and mentoring new generations of lawyers who seek to use the law on behalf of broader public good. Interest in public interest lawyering has never been so high and I’m excited to have this chance to work with the future lawyers who will protect our environment, defend immigrants and other vulnerable communities, fight for those in detention or incarcerated, and aid those who lack basic food, health care, and housing. I welcome hearing from UI alums who want to pursue public interest law or policy.”



CHP alum Victoria Wallace

Ian Williams (2012 alumnus, *LAS Political Science*) in 12/18: “The CHP 2018 *Annual* brought back a lot of great memories. I graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in May of 2018, and passed the Illinois Bar Exam this July! I am staying on at Michigan Law for a two-year fellowship with the new Law & Mobility Program. The program is focused on law and policy surrounding self-driving cars and other mobility issues. I’m hoping to focus my legal career on emerging technology, privacy, and civil liberties. As an undergrad I knew I wanted to be a lawyer, but I never imagined getting to work on issues like this — that came through my work after college and during law school.”

Nicholas Wisseman (5/03 alumnus, *LAS Anthropology and History*) in 5/19: “*The Black Resurrection*, the second book in my *Red Wraith* series, is available for pre-order! While this is technically a sequel, it more or less stands alone. The third and final book — tentatively titled *The Amber Revenant* — should be out next year. Before then, I’ll release *Magic in the White City*, a separate historical fantasy set at the World’s Fair of 1893 in Chicago. *Magic in the Mud Show*, a prequel novella, will also be coming out in the near future.” He continues to write monthly science fiction and fantasy book reviews at www.nickwissemann.com.

Kevin Wolz (2013 alumnus, *ENG Civil Engineering and LAS Integrative Biology*) updated that his company and non-profit have been expanding over the last year. His company changed names from MARS (Midwest Agriculture & Restoration Services LLC), which was founded in 2013, to Midwest Agroforestry Solutions in 2018. In addition to planting over 125,000 trees, shrubs, and other perennial plants on 20 sites around the Midwest, MARS established Vulcan Farm, their first in-house agroforestry farm, and Saturn Farm, a 25-acre commercial farm focused on chestnuts, hazelnuts, and currants. [For more information, go to www.midwestagroforestry.com.] Additionally, the Savanna Institute (www.savannainstitute.org), the non-profit that deals with related issues, launched the first season of their Agroforestry Farmer Apprenticeship Program in 2019, and held their 6th Annual Perennial Farm Gathering for agroforestry farmers and researchers. Kevin noted: “The Savanna Institute is the non-profit R&D side of things, and [the company] is the for-profit, get-trees-in-the-ground side. Both angles are critical.”

Whitney Wyckoff (2009 alumna, *MED News-Editorial*) in 9/18: “I just got my annual newsletter. Looks great! Please let me know if there’s anything I can do to help CHP and its students. Always happy to give people advice on journalism careers or even neighborhoods to live in if they’re relocating to D.C.”

Ryan Young (2012 alumnus, *LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology*) in 1/19: “I’ve been back [at UI] since February [2018], doing all of the Research and Assessment (and surprisingly Marketing) for OMSA [Office of Minority Student Affairs]. I will be finishing up my PhD in Educational Policy and Leadership Studies focusing on Higher Education Administration and Policy from Iowa this semester.”

Please continue to forward updates to rockman@illinois.edu so your news can be included in future newsletters.

ALUMNI PROFILES

3 QUESTIONS WITH MICHELLE BOULÉ

1999 alumna, FAA Dance

- 1 You are a choreographer, performer, teacher, and certified BodyTalk practitioner who has been honored with a New York Dance and Performance (“Bessie”) Award in 2010, and you recently returned to campus to receive the College of FAA Distinguished Legacy Award at the 50th Anniversary of the Dance Department. As an undergraduate, what motivated you to return to dance after exploring other majors, and how did the UI shape your development?**



I enrolled at UI as a Business major and wasn't dancing at all due to injuries. I didn't even know there was a Dance Department until I walked past the Dance Studio on Nevada Street. I was searching like crazy for what to study at UI, exploring everything from Urban Planning to Spanish to Journalism. I started taking dance classes, but was of the belief system that my body wasn't fit for dancing until my dance teacher asked me “Why aren't you doing

this?” and assured me that I could dance because I was! I had a lightbulb moment that this was a fit for me. I don't remember asking to be in the Dance Program, but next thing I knew, I was a dance major with a scholarship.

- 2 What area/s do you want to expand into, and what gives you greatest joy in your work?**

In its simplest form, dancing is movement and life, and I am especially curious about the consciousness organizing all of that. When is it free to move? When is it blocked? What consciousness supports movement, creativity, possibility? In this way, the wisdom of dancing can be applied to almost anything. Yes, I am a dancer, a mover, and a choreographer. For decades I have studied how to feel and embody movement and its potential, and there are so many more applications of this knowledge. Dancing is often reduced to a series of steps, but it's so much bigger than that and requires skills such as spatial and temporal organization, coordination, creativity sensitivity and problem-solving, relational empathy, and being “in touch.” I like to say that learning to dance well is learning to live well. In Shamanism, when someone is ill, one of the first questions the shaman asks is “Are you dancing?”

- 3 How did the Campus Honors Program impact your experience at UI, and what advice would you give to current and future Chancellor's Scholars?**

Bruce Michelson, my English teacher my freshman year, told me about the Campus Honors Program, because he saw something in me. What it gave me back was the opportunity to excel, actualize my potential, and dive deeply. While it wasn't the artistic home I found in the Dance Department, CHP was a way to remind me that I am choosing to do my best. What I would tell Chancellor's Scholars is to be gentle and go for exactly what you want in life.

3 QUESTIONS WITH MARK RIVERA

2011 alumnus, MED Broadcast Journalism

- 1 After graduating from UI, you worked at WAND-TV in Decatur, Illinois and WTSP-TV in Tampa Florida, and you joined the ABC 7 Chicago Eyewitness News Team as Weekend Morning News Anchor and Reporter in December 2017. As an undergraduate, what strengthened your interests and shaped your aspirations?**

So much of my college experience strengthened my interests in journalism. I firmly believe a well-rounded liberal arts education is an incredible foundation for any journalist. My opportunities with the Campus Honors Program and my other courses allowed me to satisfy my curiosity and interest exploring everything from philosophy and religion to anthropology and opera.

I got a great piece of advice from one of my journalism professors. Even though I was studying broadcast journalism, she recommended I also branch out and write for the student newspaper, *The Daily Illini*. That experience opened up a new style of reporting to me and allowed me to pursue work as a news editor and reporter for the student radio station, WPGU, as well as Champaign's local AM

newsradio station WDWS.

Journalism is craft. The more experience you have telling stories, the better you become at it. That advice, and a broad education, helped me frame stories in unique ways and start working on my craft.

- 2 How do you see the world of journalism and media evolving, and what do you want to contribute to that evolution?**

News, both local and national, is available at your fingertips on all platforms and at all times. The iPhone came out the year I started college, and since then, an explosion of smartphones has revolutionized the way we interact with each other and consume information. Journalists are working to navigate and break through a noisy world to bring you the



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information you want and need — whether that’s on-air during a newscast, in an Instagram story, a Facebook Live, a YouTube explainer video, or a threaded series of Tweets. Personally, I want to make use of every avenue I can to reach our audience because, even though the means of production and dissemination are vastly different now, the heart of what we do as journalists is not. This path is a vocation. It should be a service-based industry. We report and anchor because we want to help our audience bring context to their lives, make them smarter, highlight the good works happening in our community, and help hold the powerful accountable for their actions. I want my contributions to continue innovation in the journalism and media field while keeping the heart of what we do intact.

3 QUESTIONS WITH SAM WALDER

2017 alumnus, ENG Electrical Engineering

- 1 You founded Trala, a startup which develops an app that teaches violin to tens of thousands of users, and which recently raised a \$1.29M seed round of financing from investors that include Origin Ventures and the CEOs of LinkedIn and Duolingo. As an undergraduate, what motivated you to undertake this experience?**

Walking through Urbana as an undergrad, I’d occasionally pass houses where someone was practicing music. I’d hear it through the window. And the sound was so beautiful, I just had to stop and listen. I thought, Why can’t there be more of this? I want the world to be more musical. And I saw that everyone who is musical has either a bunch of time or a bunch of money. That’s not okay.

So my roommate, Vish [pause for applause!!], and I started working on software to teach people music, like Duolingo teaches language. We started with violin — we wanted anyone to be able to pick up the world’s most difficult instrument and learn as well as if they were paying \$80 an hour to a private teacher.

We started writing code in all our free time, and we found support nearly everywhere we asked. Professors from the ECE department and the school of Music were extremely helpful. We won Cozad and participated in the iVenture accelerator on campus. We got our first paying customers.

Once graduation approached I had a tough decision. All my friends were getting ECE jobs. And we had maybe 400 dollars in monthly revenue. The choice was about whether I truly believed in the vision. And I did.

- 3 How did the Campus Honors Program impact your experience at UI, and what advice would you give to current and future Chancellor’s Scholars?**

The Campus Honors Program is a fantastic opportunity. To current and future Chancellor’s Scholars, I say take full advantage. This is a chance for you to explore a subject in your field, or out of it, and that gets you out of a traditional lecture hall and allows you to learn in an environment that few college students will experience. And hopefully there’s still free coffee at the Honors House. Drink up!



CHP alum Sam Walder with Chancellor Jones and Director Graber

- 2 What direction/s do you see Trala developing into, and what other interests are you most inspired by?**

Our goal is to be the center of the music education universe. We rank #1 if you search ‘violin’ in the app store. I aim for that to be the case for every instrument. I’m inspired by house shows, classical concerts, running groups, circle singing, art collectives — any place where people gather to do something they love that makes them feel great.

- 3 How did the Campus Honors Program impact your experience at UI, and what advice would you give to current and future Chancellor’s Scholars?**

I miss taking CHP classes — great books, great discussion. CHP let me talk with really smart, driven people every day, and that influenced me a lot. I don’t ever want to be in a place where I don’t get to do that. Now I get to work with those people! Our earliest employee is a CHP alum and fellow *Equinox* editor, **Lauren Solberg** [pause for cheering!!!].

Advice? You want advice? Stop stressing, get some sleep, and value your friends. If you’re what the system calls successful it will only get harder. Be one of the good ones. And go chat with Elizabeth & Kim, and all your CHP professors. They are truly your biggest supporters.



Left: Chancellor's Scholar
Meral Aycicek

Right: Chancellor's Scholar
Carley Peldiak

FREQUENT FLYERS/STUDY ABROAD

The following Chancellor's Scholars participated in or are participating in study abroad in Academic Year 2019–2020. The sponsoring units are in parentheses. The list does not include recipients of CHP travel awards, who appear on Page 21 of this newsletter.

Meral Aycicek

(LAS Global Studies)
Summer 2019, LAS Morocco

Christopher Bauer

(ENG Mechanical Engineering)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Technology & Management in China

Paige Borrowman

(BUS Curriculum Unassigned)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Paris/Brussels Professional Responsibility

Lauren Excell

(ENG Civil Engineering)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Technology & Management in China

Keyu Guo

(BUS Accountancy)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Technology & Management in China

Abigail Iuorio

(ENG Civil Engineering)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Technology & Management in China

Elisabeth Jaszka

(BUS Accountancy)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Paris/Brussels Professional Responsibility

Mason Kaiser

(BUS Finance)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Honors in Brazil

Abhi Kamboj

(ENG Computer Engineering)
Fall Semester 2019, ENG Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL)

Nicholas Kasner

(ENG Systems Engineering and Design)
Summer Short-Term 2019, ENG 398 in Brazil

Austin Lindell

(ENG Aerospace Engineering)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Technology & Management in China

Andrew Marszewski

(ENG Engineering Physics)
Fall Semester 2019, Engineering in Singapore — National University of Singapore

Maryrose O'Donnell

(LAS Communication)
Fall Semester 2019, IAGE Exchange: Chinese University of Hong Kong

Carley Peldiak

(BUS Accountancy)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Honors in Brazil

Allison Place

(ACES Crop Sciences)
Summer 2019, ACES Study and Intern in Spain

Chloe Robinson

(DGS Undeclared)
Summer Short-Term 2019, ACES Focus on the Mediterranean Lifestyle in Greece

Jacey Schick

(ACES Agricultural and Consumer Economics)
Summer Short-Term 2019, ACES/ENG Global Service Learning Disaster Relief Projects — Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico

Rachel Spencer

(LAS English)
Summer 2019, IAGE Arcadia in England at University of Cambridge

Robert Stavins

(ENG Mechanical Engineering)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Technology & Management in China

Christina Su

(LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology)
Summer 2019, IAGE Arcadia in England at University of Cambridge

Vongai Tizora

(ENG Bioengineering)
Summer Short-Term 2019, ACES Faculty-Led Program: Service Learning, Health Care and Animal Rescue in Zimbabwe

Madison Wray

(BUS Curriculum Unassigned)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Honors in Brazil

Franklin Ye

(ENG Computer Science)
Summer Short-Term 2019, BUS Technology & Management in China

FACULTY NEWS

Glen Davies (*Art and Design*) received the Jurors Prize in Summer 2018 for his work in the “**Rockford Midwestern**” exhibition at the Rockford Art Museum. His work was featured in the book *Painters of the Peculiar: A Guide to Sideshow Banner Artists & their Respective Work* by Johnny Meah and Michael Papa, as well as in the 2019 exhibition “Sing Muses: History and Allegory in Narrative Art” at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield, Illinois.

Matthew Ehrlich (*Journalism*) has a new book, **Kansas City vs. Oakland: The Bitter Sports Rivalry That Defined an Era**, which will be published in September by the University of Illinois Press.

Grace Giorgio (*Communication*) was promoted to **Associate Teaching Professor** (bypassing assistant) this year. She notes: “I am deeply grateful for the support CHP provides instructors with our courses, particularly the field trips CHP sponsors. This year my Gender Communication course visited Arthur, Illinois, Amish country, to witness and engage with a more traditional gendered community than what we might experience on campus. The students were polite and respectful of the Amish, yet expressed amazement at the buggies the Amish drive!”



Chancellor's Scholars in Grace Giorgio's CHP class

Kimiko Gunji (*Art and Design*) has a new book out, **The Art of Wagashi**, which is exclusively published by Japan House. The book features stunning full color images and over 75 wagashi recipes with detailed instructions and tips on how to make wagashi at home. More info is at <https://japanhouse.illinois.edu/shop/wagashi>.

Erik Hemingway (*Architecture*) had a student's project from his Arch 571 Spring 2018 Competition Studio selected as one of the 5 honorable mentions in the Open Category of the 18th Annual ACSA Steel Competition, and another student's project was selected as one of the Top Entries in the Archdux Competition. He serves as the **ACSA (Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture) Representative** on NAAB (National Architecture Accrediting Board) Visiting Teams.



Chancellor's Scholars in Erik Hemingway's CHP class

Christopher Higgins (*Education*) shared in 5/19 his “happy/sad news that I have accepted a new position at **Boston College**. I enjoyed teaching in CHP last year and wish I had done so earlier in my time at UIUC.”

Kevin Hinders (*Architecture*) completed a chapter entitled “**Teaching Urban Design and the Reconquest of Time**” for upcoming book, *The Urban Design Legacy of Colin Rowe*. In addition to architectural design work, he has continued research with the CHP Course: *The Design of the Built Environment*, for which the draft manuscript has been sent to outside reviewers with publication expected in the next year, and through a funded publication related to the Chicago Studio, to be published in Summer 2019. His work with the Chicago Nolli Booklet, which illustrates accomplishments of his ARCH 576 seminar, has also led to a Chicago Nolli Model in production. Kevin also led our most recent CHP Intercultural Study Tour, teaching in Rome and surrounding areas May 14–May 27, 2019 for CHP and members of the LAS James Scholar Program.

Hans Hock (*Linguistics*) was awarded an **honorary degree of D.Litt.** (Doctor of Letters) from the Deccan Postgraduate and Research College, Pune in August 2018 for his work in historical linguistics and Sanskrit. Also in August he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the Societas Linguistica Europaea.

Helaine Silverman (*Anthropology*) is the co-recipient of a major Presidential Initiative Award for the Celebration of the Humanities and Arts. This two-year grant is for a project called “**The Mythic Mississippi: I-Heritage as Public Engagement and Economic and Social Development.**” The goal of this project is help communities in downstate Illinois use their cultural heritage as attractions for tourism and tourism to be an engine of economic and social development in these communities. Another goal is to develop themed tourism routes including: coal mining history/labor heritage, French colonial heritage, African-American heritage, Native American heritage, Mormon heritage, and German heritage. She hopes to offer a CHP course based on the project, and students will be able to enroll in the Summer 2020 ethnographic field school for the opportunity for active participation in the project.

COURSES



Chancellor's Scholars work on FSHN 199 project

Chancellor's Scholar reflections on Soo-Yeun Lee's FSHN 199 class

By Ethan Simmons, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

In **Dr. Soo-Yeun Lee's** fourth year teaching "FSHN 199: Taste of Food Science," her class operates on the same key principles: a sensory focus, constant hands-on work, and plenty of food samples. Lee recalls only one or two classes this year where students weren't served snacks during lecture. After all, Lee wants her students to get what they signed up for. "My main thing is that students have fun," Lee said. "I think the students enjoy the experiential aspect of the class a lot."

Snacking is one of several unique practices in FSHN 199. Despite concept-laden scientific material, there are no traditional examinations. Instead, Lee and her guest lecturers lay a groundwork of food science knowledge through tasting, interactive presentations, online statistical lectures and conceptual recall. The class keeps a brisk pace; what students learn one day they try the next.

The class culminated in the descriptive analysis and consumer test group projects. In the first, students became two panels of sensory analysts by generating descriptive modalities for two products: Cheez-It crackers and chocolate chip cookies. Students assigned proper terminology for aroma, mouthfeel, taste and texture aspects to rate between different brands of the selected products. After a lengthy tasting session, groups analyze variance between ratings to determine if significant differences existed between the brands. The process is informative as it is exhaustive. "I never want to see a cookie again," said Chancellor's Scholar **Jaden Lucas** (*ENG Mechanical Engineering*).

By design, students handle a variety of disciplines in "Taste of Food Science" to engage with the content and draw conclusions. Lee gears the class for non-food science majors, and uses the topic as a vehicle to gain professional skills. By course's end, students have built skills in group work, and presentation, statistical analysis and reflective writing — all integral for industry positions and life in general.

In future iterations, Lee might add lectures with nutritionists or food safety microbiologists to cover hot topics in modern food science. However, she wouldn't want to distract from the sensory focus, nor speed the class pace beyond a manageable level. Lee understands her students are busy; keeping FSHN 199 a fun, experiential escape into the world of food science is a rewarding cause.

Sex and Gender in Antiquity Course

By Claudia Dudzik, LAS Mathematics, and Marissa Yanez, LAS English

"Sex and Gender in Antiquity" discussed women's roles and how they were viewed in communities in ancient Greece and Rome, and how sexuality was expressed and understood at the time. The class draws upon the sources modern times have about women, whether they be famous names like Helen of Troy, Cleopatra, or Penelope, or other women going about their daily lives. It was a pleasure to go to class, since **Professor Angeliki Tzanetou** has an effervescent personality and is extremely passionate about the subject matter, and she makes often intimidating material accessible to students unfamiliar with the classics. She combines artifact knowledge, video, primary source text, secondary source text, and interactive projects to help her class understand the intricacies of not only women's role in antiquity, but also of the relationships between genders in the political, economic, medical,

social, and erotic senses. One interesting experience was visiting the ancient Mediterranean part of the Spurlock Museum, aided by the enriching commentary of Professor Tzanetou, which made the history come alive. It was nice to be in an environment with fewer students since it felt easier to speak up and answer/ask questions in class, and this gave the class a better sense of community, in addition to the fact that we are all Chancellor's Scholars. Learning about ancient civilizations is definitely more fun than you think.

Matthew Ehrlich's Journalism Course

By Lauren Dubravec, LAS English

Historically, the press is the only way people without property can participate. It is intended to be an equalizer connecting the "common man" to the government. The first duty of the state is to prevent the U.S. government from becoming an empire. Thus, the government has a responsibility to protect the rights of the press. The press acts as a check on the government, preventing continual warfare. However, over the past century, inequality and the gaps between social classes have increased as well as the U.S.'s defense spending. By definition, we had become an empire. Commercial journalism emerged with this new U.S. empire, a form of journalism completely centered around financial profits rather than democratizing and informing us. Journalism became very concentrated in a small number of powerful corporations, monopolized by a few wealthy people with uncontrolled power. Following commercial journalism, professional journalism is a reaction to the conflicts of interest dominating the press. It was intended to democratize the journalistic process and provide a form of news that was more a public service than a form of entertainment.

ENGL 116: Democracy in Hamilton's America

By Lauren Dubravec, LAS English

In "English 116: Democracy in 'Hamilton's America,'" students critically analyzed the musical "Hamilton," evaluating the level of accuracy of its representation and interpretation of America's revolutionary war era. Criticisms of the show specifically relate to its portrayal of women, people of color, and the culture surrounding hip hop, making it even more important to analyze shows, like "Hamilton," that identify with classic hip hop and represent diverse peoples to ensure that they actually do what they claim to. However, as **Dr. Derrick Spires** explained, these criticisms make "Hamilton" more valuable and significant as a cultural artifact, not less. In the class, we read primary and secondary sources that coincide with the chronology of the show; analyzed how song lyrics relate to actual historical sources; watched videos and clips from the musical to understand meaningful staging and characterization; and evaluated the musical's representation of women and minorities.

Dr. Spires explained: "For me, 'Hamilton' was a foot in the door. The show is entertaining and does productive work in terms of showcasing actors of color. At the same time, those virtues contribute to the erasure of complexity and entire groups of people — enslaved and free black people, Native Americans, even the white women who only have voice in relation to the men in the show. 'Hamilton' is a vector into what the show itself overlooks, and I saw the class as a way to introduce students to some of this overlooked (or intentionally elided) complexity. Complexity doesn't diminish our ability to enjoy the show — well, it might — but it does make one more attentive."

TRANSITIONS



CHP Office Support Associate Ankita Chadha

We are delighted that **Ankita Chadha** joined the Campus Honors Program in September 2018 as an **Office Support Associate**. Prior to this, she worked as a substitute teacher for the Champaign Unit 4 School District and as an elementary school teacher in India. She moved to Champaign with her spouse, Rajat, in 2014 and has been in love with the laid back yet dynamic Champaign-Urbana area. Ankita earned her Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Delhi University and her Bachelor in Education from Jammu and Kashmir University.

A major part of Ankita's job is to ensure the smooth day-to-day functioning of the Campus Honors Program. She likes to engage in meaningful conversations with students, faculty and staff and understand the world from each person's point of view. She enjoys helping and supporting Chancellor's Scholars.

It was bittersweet to announce in the last *Annual* that after nearly **23 years of dedicated service** with the Campus Honors Program, **Margaret Cupps** retired from the role of Office Support Specialist effective September 1, 2018. "I am grateful to have served in such a congenial working atmosphere for nearly 23 years, and have been privileged to interact with the many students of high academic achievement and memorable personalities. They are the future and are already out in the real world doing impressive work."

Margaret's warm personality was evident in her daily interactions with faculty and students, and her creative touches helped make the CHP a second home for all. CHP Director Kim Graber and the Campus Honors Program staff hosted a celebration in her honor on Monday, October 29, 2018, where family, faculty, friends, and students gathered. We wish Margaret all the best as she spends more time with her friends and family!



Margaret Cupps with CHP Directors Burkhardt, Michelson, and Graber

IN MEMORIAM

James P. Warfield, who taught for the CHP for many years, passed away January 14, 2019. We will always be grateful for his many contributions to the Campus Honors Program. He inspired students in his classes, and their lives were enriched by his interactions with them.

As excerpted from his *News-Gazette* obituary, "Jim was an architect and professor of architectural design at the UI School of Architecture.

As a student at UI, Jim received many awards, including Bronze Tablet. During the late 1960s, Jim and [his wife] Chelle served for two years in the U.S. Peace Corps in Bolivia, Jim's first teaching experience, which led to his choice to teach at UI on returning to the U.S. He loved teaching so much that, after becoming a professor emeritus in 2003, he continued

teaching through 2018. In addition to teaching architectural design, he taught a CHP course for more than 20 years to students in majors other than architecture. His classroom for most of the semester was a large van, which he used to drive the students to prime examples of architecture to teach them what architecture is.

"He was an excellent photographer, with a website of 50,000 pictures at www.jameswarfield.us. He also designed 65 built structures. Jim was the author of seven books. Jim was a prolific sketcher whose drawings were widely admired and published and exhibited at the UI, across the U.S. and abroad. His passion in life was a trip to anywhere in the world."

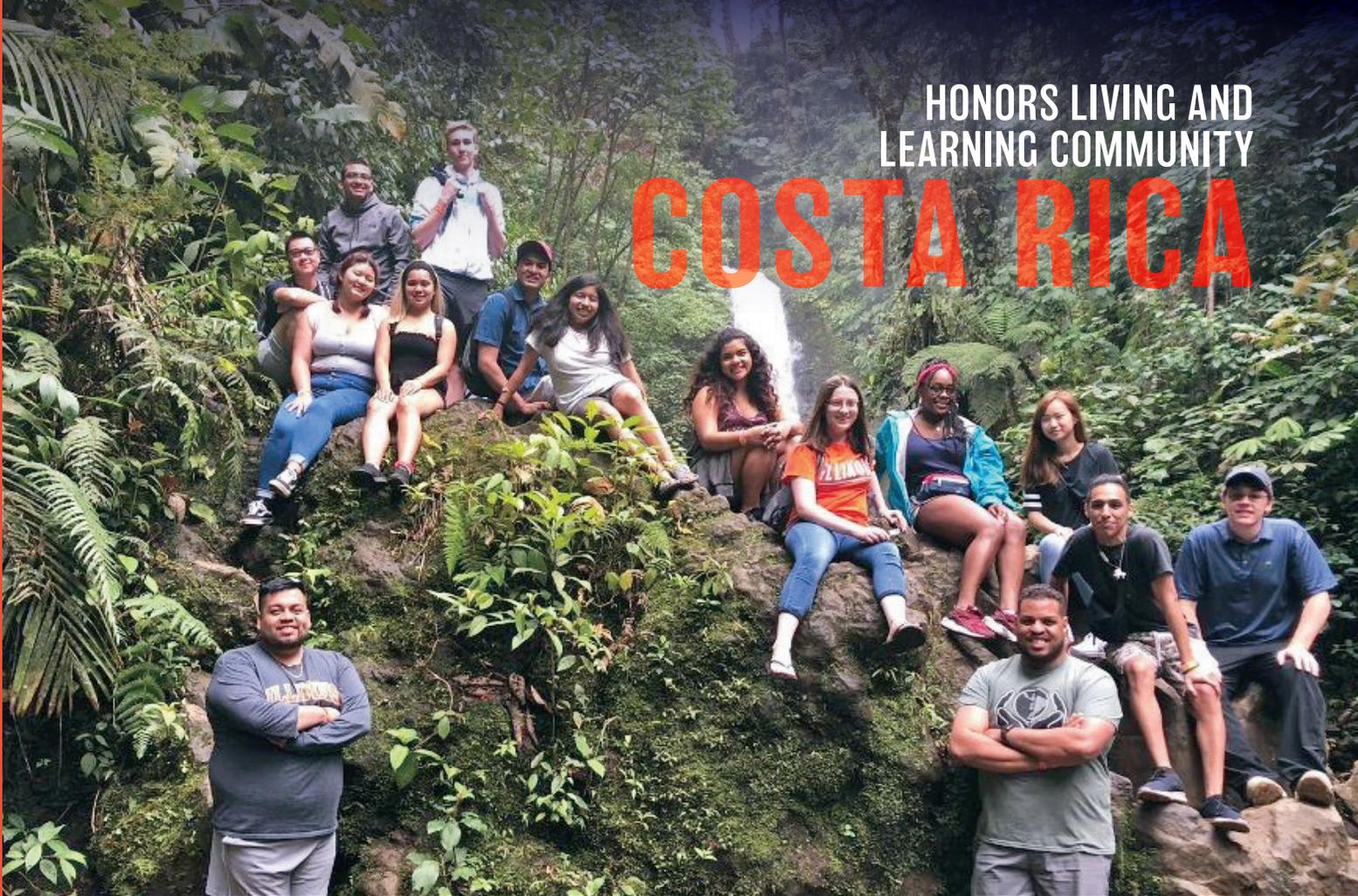
A celebration of his life was held at Clark-Lindsey Village in Urbana on February 9, 2019, where family, faculty, students, and friends honored his memory.



CHP Professor Jim Warfield

HONORS LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Honors Living and Learning Community

Designed exclusively for James Scholars and Chancellor's Scholars, the Honors Living-Learning Community is housed in Nugent Residence Hall and offers special interdisciplinary courses, allowing Honors LLC residents greater interaction with Honors faculty. Curricular and co-curricular aspects of the LLC are designed around the LLC's three pillars: Inquiry, Civic Engagement, and Leadership. For more information about this community, please visit: www.housing.illinois.edu/honors.

The Honors LLC has established solid partnerships on campus to create a well-rounded experience for residents, including collaborations with the Campus Honors Program, the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations, the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, and the Study Abroad Office. UI Honors Deans have been engaged with Honors LLC residents through a series of "A Night with the Deans" programs.

HLLC Costa Rica Trip

By Niraj Lawande, LAS Biology

This past school year, the Honors Living and Learning Community (LLC) had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica as part of the Honors Abroad Series. Under the course "CHP 199: Culture, Society, and Health", students were able to attend several on-campus lectures from several health professionals prior to departure. While in Costa Rica, students visited a variety of clinics, tried new food, volunteered with the elderly and stayed with host families. The trip felt very culturally immersive, and having the opportunity to stay with host families allowed much more significant interaction with the culture and community. Not only were students able to practice Spanish, but they were ultimately rewarded with fantastic hospitality and delicious food.

Topics covered during the trip included Costa Rica's health care structure, tropical diseases, public insurance, service initiatives, cooperatives, and more. In addition to the learning, several fun "tourist" aspects were planned such as visiting the famous beaches including Manuel Antonio National Park. One of the group's favorite parts was volunteering in a senior home. Getting to play games with elder Costa Ricans helped show how much interaction can take place even with a language barrier. With an assignment of reflecting on each day in a blog, students were given the opportunity to compare and contrast this to the U.S., and ultimately reflect on what can be learned from a broader point of view.

Towards the end of the trip, the whole class had gotten very close. In addition, each student was very close to his or her family. The experience of traveling with peers, sightseeing, and relaxing made this an unforgettable experience. Even three months later, I think back to how I learned so much, created a new group of friends, saw so much of the beautiful country, and even had some time to relax all in ten days.



Honors LLC
Director
Brian Moffitt

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2018

By Briana Sobecks, LAS Chemical Engineering

I woke up on a cold, wet Friday, feeling a mix of anticipation and anxiety on the day of the CHP Orientation. I didn't know anyone there, but I hoped I would meet lots of people, and learn all about the Program. When I arrived at the Union with soaking wet hair and drenched feet, I felt less optimistic. I sat down in a random spot, trying not to drip too much onto the chair.

The breakfast started soon after. All the Honors House Staff gave their personal introductions and welcomed us into the Program. As they spoke about the group's benefits and programs, my excitement grew. The people at my table were also very friendly, though we all felt slightly awkward. Still, I was sure that I would make great friends.

At one point during the Orientation, a large group of people went to the restroom. As I stood in line, I started talking to the girl next to me. Her name was Gail, and she was a graphic design major, totally different from my chemical engineering major. However, she was funny, nice, and happened to be from the town next to mine. Not only that, it turned out we lived in the same dorm! We decided to walk home together after the breakfast.

Later that day, Gail (Schneiderman) and I met up at the CHP picnic. We sat at a table with several CHP upperclassmen, who told us their favorite aspects of CHP. Beyond the classes, I learned about SAS and HSC. I was surprised to hear how involved the social component of HSC was. All the upperclassmen I met were very smart, but were also extroverted and involved in several different kinds of activities. The more I talked to people, the more confident I felt that this was the place for me.

To this day, Gail and I are very close and are even living together next year. Inspired by the HSC members I met, I joined the Council and have been involved in many of their activities. I am very glad I was able to feel at home in this community as a result of Orientation.

By Gail Schneiderman, FAA Graphic Design

Friday, August 24, 2018 was a rainy and dreary day but that didn't stop the Chancellor's Scholars from attending the orientation breakfast bright and early at 8 a.m. in the Illini Union. When I arrived (only after getting slightly lost), I checked in and got a name tag and a CHP t-shirt. I sat down at a table with seven other students. After getting breakfast, we went around and introduce ourselves. After that, Professor Steven Petruzzello gave a motivational speech, and Dr. Antoinette Burton informed us about Illinois Research for the Humanities. Then, CHP staff and students introduced the unique programs of CHP. I was excited to sign up for the KDRs and SASs, and to join Honors Student Council.

Afterwards, we were dismissed to attend the New Student Convocation at the State Farm Center. One girl — Briana Sobecks — asked me if I wanted to walk together to the State Farm Center. As we were walking, we were talking and it turned out that we lived in the same dorm. We attended the New Student Convocation and ate lunch together. Later, we met up to attend the CHP BBQ at the Honors House. The BBQ was a lot of fun. There was great food and music playing in the background. I sat in the tent outside at one of the tables and met other students. It was a relaxing evening and great way to meet other Chancellor's Scholars!

The day was extremely informative; I learned about all the unique programs CHP has to offer and I was excited to get involved in them. Which I plan to continue throughout my college career. I met a super sweet girl. Over the year, we grew a lot closer and are roommates next year! We even have the same birthday, which we celebrated together. Overall, the day was a great success and great start to a rewarding year.



Chancellor's Scholars enjoying Orientation Picnic

CONVOCATION FALL 2018

This annual Keith Kelroy Convocation Lecture and Dinner is in honor of Keith Kelroy, a Chancellor's Scholar who passed away shortly after graduating from the university. It is made possible by the generosity of his parents and other donors, many of whom are former honors students or faculty. Without their contributions, this event would not be possible.

This year's guest Convocation author was **Sonia Nazario**, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and journalist, whose book *Enrique's Journey & America's Immigration Dilemma* was provided to Chancellor's Scholars. Convocation 2018 was held on October 24, 2018 from 5:15–8:30 p.m. in the SDRP (Student Dining and Residential Programs Building) with a CHP-only dinner and a public lecture. The program was offered in partnership with the Honors Living Learning Community at Nugent Hall and La Casa Cultural Latina.

Sonia Nazario has spent more than 20 years reporting and writing about large social issues in the U.S. — hunger, drug addiction and immigration — at the *Wall Street Journal*, and most recently as a projects reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*.

Sonia Nazario has won numerous national journalism and book awards. Her story of a Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother in the U.S., won more than a dozen awards, among them the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing, the George Polk Award for International Reporting, and the Grand Prize of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award. Expanded into a book, *Enrique's Journey* became a national bestseller, and won three book awards. Sonia Nazario is a speaker with a reporter's eye to the truth, and she humanizes the issue of immigration, posing new perspectives that fall on both sides, while offering solutions destined to change the national dialogue.



Brian Moffitt, Sonia Nazario, Kim Graber, and Anne Price



CHP GRADUATION 2019

The CHP Graduation Reception and Ceremony was again a big success, as **Chancellor Robert Jones** provided remarks, and CHP Director **Kim Graber** corded graduates. Student speakers Christina Ernst and Viraat Goel gave inspired comments, and Calvin Ke Awards were given to Christina Ernst, Viraat Goel, and Armando Sanchez-Monsivais. B. Joseph White received the King Broadrick-Allen Award for Excellence in Honors Teaching.

Christina Ernst (*ENG Computer Engineering*) was in Engineering Ambassadors and Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering, and received the Alwan Scholarship, an Engineering Visionary Scholarship, 1517 Grant Fund Award, HackIllinois Long Con Award, and an Engineering Speaking Competition Award. Christina was a CHP Computer Administrator for four years, including serving as the Senior Leader of the group two years.

Viraat Goel (*ENG Bioengineering*) was engaged with the Biomedical Engineering Society, Model United Nations, and Engineering Ambassadors. Viraat worked with the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the EOH Central Committee. He did research for the last three years in the Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory. He served on the Executive Board of the Honors Student Council, and was a CHP Student Leader.

Armando Sanchez-Monsivais (*MED Advertising*) was named to the Bronze Tablet, and was President of the American Advertising Federation. Named as an American Advertising Federation Most Promising Multicultural Student in 2018, Armando was the leader of the CHP Art Project, helping to create original works by Chancellor's Scholars for display throughout the Honors House, and he has created a video about the Campus Honors Program.

B. Joseph White is president emeritus of the University of Illinois and UI James F. Towey Professor of Business and Leadership. He is dean emeritus of the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, where he also served as interim president, and Wilbur K. Pierpont Collegiate Professor of Leadership in Management Education. He is the author of *The Nature of Leadership and Boards That Excel: Candid Insights and Practical Advice for Directors*. B. Joseph White has taught for the CHP since Spring 2011.

CHP Ke Award Winners Goel, Ernst, and Sanchez-Monsivais



Graduation, CHP, and Community

By Erica Hackett, BUS Bachelor of Science in Management and Marketing

When I reflect on my time in the Campus Honors Program, I cannot emphasize enough how much it enhanced my college experience. As an off-cycle entrant to the program, I experienced this university both with and without CHP. Joining CHP was one of the best things that could have happened to me for my college experience. The classes that I have taken through CHP have been unlike all the other courses I've taken, in the best way possible.

It would be hard to enumerate all of the things that I learned from my time in CHP, but I think the biggest overarching theme is community. Even though I wasn't in the program as a freshman, fellow Chancellor's Scholars welcomed me, and I always felt at home in my CHP courses. Whether I was creating art with novel materials in **Glen Davies'** art course, learning about the history of Charles Darwin in "Darwin & the Darwinian Revolution" or discussing gender and politics in **Grace Giorgio's** gender communication class, I always felt a deep sense of camaraderie with my classmates.

My final semester was marked by snagging a spot in the highly sought-after Japan class, "Rigidity and Flexibility in Japanese Arts/Culture" with Professor **Jennifer Gunji-Ballsrud**. In this class, we got to go to the Japan House every week to learn about Japanese tea ceremony, history, and culture. And as an added bonus, we would drink a frothy bowl of matcha tea with a homemade sweet each class. This course has been a wonderful culmination of my time on campus, with its deep focus on principles of Zen and Japanese culture, and I will carry what I learn from this class long after I leave campus.

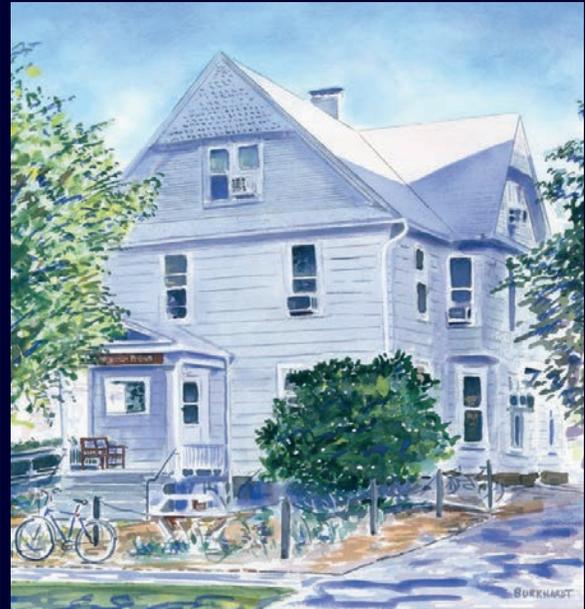
CHP truly helped me find a community on campus. Now, as I prepare to graduate, I know that CHP will stay with me long after I leave Champaign as a pivotal part of my time at UI.

STOP BY THE HONORS HOUSE
when you are in town to let us
know your updates and have a
cup of coffee or cocoa!

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what our amazing students are doing!

Right: Painting by Richard "Chip" Burkhardt, 2011

Below: Honors Student Council



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