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News and notes from the *University of Dayton Honors Program*



Honors Alumnus
Robert Saum in Afghanistan
viewing an Afghan version
of polo

the thesis

Berry Summer Thesis Institute

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM is pleased to announce a new opportunity for rising juniors interested in writing a thesis. The **Berry Summer Thesis Institute** will welcome its first cohort of ten students in the summer of 2012. This program, supported by the Berry family and all academic units, will consist of a ten-week, on-campus workshop with research and scholarship opportunities, academic Honors credit, professional development sessions and public presentation forums.

Students will work directly with thesis advisors in their majors doing research or scholarship and will participate in a ten-week, team-taught course introducing students to service, learning and leadership skill development. Students will also have the opportunity to attend a series of workshops to learn about national fellowship and scholarship opportunities, and how to prepare applications for these prestigious awards.

The goals of this program are to attract the University's highest-achieving students to the thesis program and introduce them to scholarly research a year earlier than the usual Honors thesis process. This will position more students for national fellowships

and result in more opportunities for students to publish and present their research at conferences.

Once students have completed the Berry Summer Thesis institute and have committed to thesis research, they may apply to be Berry Thesis Fellows. Aside from their thesis projects, these fellows will have leadership roles in the Honors Students Symposium and help new cohorts in the following year's Summer Institute.

Students must be nominated by a faculty member willing to serve as a mentor over the course of the ten-week summer program. To apply for the summer institute students must be in their third semester, in good standing, have a cumulative GPA of 3.75, and a record of leadership.

New Workshops Aid Thesis Writers

THIS FALL the Honors Program piloted a new exercise for senior thesis writers. Students were paired off randomly in a "speed dating" style to talk for four minutes about their thesis. The goal of the exercise was to prepare

students to explain their thesis work in a limited amount of time to someone unfamiliar with their project, similar to a graduate or job interview experience.

For junior thesis writers, two workshops will be piloted in the spring 2012 semester. Every thesis writer will attend an ethics workshop tailored to their major. For instance, science majors will focus on lab reporting and notebook guidelines, while students in the social sciences and humanities will attend a workshop focused on identifying accurate, reliable sources.

All junior thesis writers will also attend a research workshop and be matched with a research librarian in their majors. The students will meet with the librarian and have the opportunity to explore all of the options available for research through the library. "This will allow students to access more databases to which the library pays subscriptions that students would not be able to access otherwise," said Dr. Carissa Krane, Honors Program Associate Director of Research. Throughout the workshop students will be working on their own thesis topics to begin compiling resources.

Thesis Articles written by Amy Timmerman, UHP 2014

AS BARDS OF ALL THE AGES HAVE NOTED, "time waits for no one," as much as we would like occasionally to drag our feet and slow it down a bit. As I reflect on the past year, a lot has happened. Vocation, or "calling" has taken on greater import for our program as we have formally welcomed the Chaminade Scholars into our fold. As always, our students' work continues to amaze, inspire, and fill me with thankfulness for the daily opportunities our office has to walk the path of Blessed Father Chaminade, facilitating our students' discernment of who they are becoming — what they are called to be. In the coming year you will have multiple opportunities to see this for yourself. On January 20 you can enjoy our students' artistic talents with the opening of the annual Honors Art Exhibition. Or, if you'd like, come see what mysteries of God's creation our students have explored at the Honors Students Symposium 2012 on March 23, where we will also celebrate 10 years of the Berry family's support of our program and its students. As always, we welcome a visit at any time, and appreciate updates on your lives.



Best wishes,
David W. Darrow
David W. Darrow, Ph.D.
Director



Honors Students Welcome 2011

WITH SUMMER FAST DISAPPEARING, fall swept into the University of Dayton amidst a refreshing sea of new faces, the strengthening of friendships both old and new, and a wave of exciting new opportunities for students of the University Honors Program.

The UHP family is constantly expanding, and with the addition of 327 new Honors students, this year is no exception. We kicked off the new school year by holding our annual **Honors Students Welcome** — our first-years had the privilege of moving into their dorms a day before their fellow classmates, getting a head start on touring the campus, interacting with each other, and learning more about the Honors Program. Move-in was executed in the morning, followed by a family lunch and presentation delivered by Dr. David W. Darrow, our Director for the University Honors Program.



The afternoon of the **Welcome** was brimming with chances for social interaction and integration through activities such as a scavenger hunt, field day games and Jeopardy. Incoming students were divided into small groups of their peers who had similar majors and who were assigned to the same residence halls. Participation numbers were high — a total of 85 upperclassmen leaders and 254 first-years attended — and the event ran smoothly throughout its entirety.



Honors Students Welcome 2011, from the top: Field Day activity; Scavenger Hunt destination; HSW11 head leaders (left to right) Jesse Grewel, Jacob Rosen, Andy Kelly, Natalie Berra, Carol Harper, Amy Timmerman, Whitney Crim, Stephanie Pugar (center); and Honors Jeopardy!

Call to Question Community

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM places a strong emphasis on the search for truth, which forms the heart of the University's Catholic Intellectual Tradition. A particular goal is to call upon students to critically examine the pertinent relationship between these values and everyday issues in their pursuit of knowledge.

The newly integrated, Honors-designated Learning-Living Community (LLC) is one element of the Honors Program that brings together scholars in a small community especially suited for this common purpose. In the *Call to Question* LLC (C2Q), students expand upon the areas of history, philosophy, and religious studies, exploring the different ways in which significant human values have emerged and progressed throughout time. During the fall semester some of the courses shared among students included HST 103 (West and the World), PHL 103 (Introduction to Philosophy) and REL 103 (Introduction to Religion: Catholic Option), all of which not only fulfilled general education graduation requirements but also carried Honors credits applied to the Honors Program diploma requirements. Located in Stuart Complex and open to incoming Honors students of all majors, the learning-living community is coordinated by Dr. Darrow, and its faculty consists of Dr. Michael Carter (History), Dr. Alexis McCleod (Philosophy) and Dr. Dennis Doyle (Religious Studies).

Within the C2Q Honors LLC there is a wide range of community activities available — the *New Beginnings* retreat, for instance. In addition, two *Perspectives on Faith and Life* events in the fall semester provided students with the opportunity to critically analyze academic, religious and social topics through meaningful discussions with peers and academic faculty members. This discussion series, open to 60 to 80 participants for each session, involved presentations by invited speakers and facilitated small group table conversations during which students were challenged to share individual opinions and beliefs.

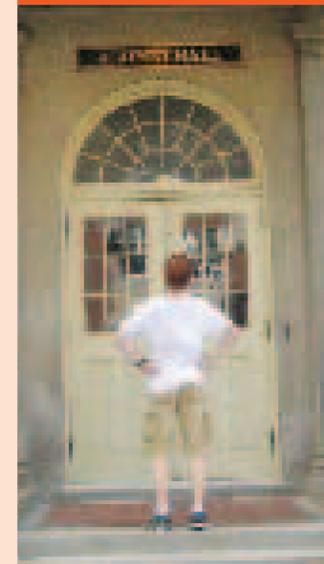
On a broader scale, the UHP also seeks to facilitate integration between students and their knowledge of the University and the City of Dayton — dinners and dialogues with faculty members, tours of the Marian library collection, or performances by the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra in downtown Dayton are just a handful of such social and cultural activities. First-year students interested in the LLC are further encouraged to be participants in the Campus Ministry's *Callings* Program held over the summer.

Call to Question is just the newest of several Honors LLCs available to our incoming students which combine earning Honors credits with a cohort experience in both the classroom and residence life.

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What's New at the UHP?



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HONORS STUDENTS at the University of Dayton are given numerous opportunities to develop and cultivate their leadership skills. In this highly competitive, globalized world it is important for students to stand out and become leaders in the workforce.

The Honors Program has made pivotal contributions to its graduates. Highlighted are four alumni of the Honors Program who are making their mark in business and government.

Jon Huston, Class of 1987

As an Honors Computer Science student at the University of Dayton, Jon Huston has fond memories of experiencing the “golden age of arcade kids.” With the birth of Donkey Kong, Pacman, and Star Wars to name a few, Huston loved going to the arcade and seeing the classics being born one by one. His passion for gaming was clear as he owned 150 arcade games and worked at a gaming store. While Huston worked at this gaming store in Huber Heights and traded game cards at card shows, he realized that he wanted to create “one place where people can go to get any kind of gaming card and accessory.” In 1994, no longer interested in just operating stores, Huston made the leap into opening his own business. He went on to create *Troll and Toad*, a store and website where people, according to the website, can purchase “collectible game cards, especially out of print *Magic: the Gathering* single cards.”

In order to bring his idea to fruition Huston ran an ad for his new business in *SCRYE* magazine and purchased a 1-800 number to take orders for game cards. Huston only expected to make 2,000 sales, but he actually completed 50,000 sales, taking orders from 10 am to 10 pm, and unplugging his phone at night because he was accumulating so many orders. Since this was in 1994, Huston had no computer and used index cards and jiffy bags to complete his orders. The *Troll and Toad* expanded slowly. The arrival of the internet proved to be a turning point and in 1996 Huston partnered with a man in California to increase his stock, both owning 50% of the company.

After some ups and downs in the business, in 2002 Huston was able to buy out his partner and own the company himself. He then started a plan to carry out other kinds of cards. Now the *Troll and Toad* has been listed on the **INC 5000** for two years in a row and is one of the most successful gaming card businesses.



Jon Huston loves the fact that “my company and the people who work for me have accomplished a goal that is similar to a basketball game. We work hard, work together, create something and then accomplish it.” The Honors Program helped motivate Huston because to him there was “always a reason to try and excel” in the program. The drive and determination of his fellow Honors Program peers taught Huston that “there is always a higher level to which one can excel.” Huston says that for current UD honors students, it is a “good time in history to be an entrepreneur. This is one of the best times in history if you want to go out and do whatever you want to do. If you find that a regular job isn’t working or isn’t something that is fulfilling, do what will fulfill you. Go after your dream.”

Carol Anne Pitzer, Class of 1983

Carol Anne Pitzer has worked as a systems analyst for Eli Lilly since her graduation from the University of Dayton and the Honors Program in 1983. Eli Lilly, according to their website, is the 10th largest pharmaceutical company in the world. Pitzer has had a variety of job experiences at Eli Lilly, and she has been in her current role since 2010 working with external collaborations when the company is outsourcing or working with external organizations. She helps Eli Lilly to develop capabilities seamlessly, specifically with the company’s technical strategies.

Pitzer asserts that it is important to “know your stuff and know what you are talking about. It is crucial to know both the broad picture and the depth of the situation. It is important to know the depth in order to gain credibility with experts in each specialized field.” Other important leadership qualities that Pitzer values are “a sense of accountability” and “a respect for people.” To Pitzer, if people see that you’re invested in making things work, then they will follow and work with you. Respect is also key in allowing her

partnerships to work well since it requires “being sensitive to how different people work and to what drives them.”

What Pitzer loves most about her job is the fact that there is a “tremendous amount of flexibility. “No one in the company tells her what to do step by step, but rather she is given free rein to think and solve problems independently. This idea of flexibility translates to what Pitzer learned in the Honors Program at UD. “The Honors Program itself is intended to give you that free rein to be able to take things and run with them.” What she loved most about the Honors Program was that her peers “challenged her because they were all smart. Being able to figure out how to work through those barriers is something that you can apply to any situation.” She encourages current Honors Program students to simply follow their passion because this passion will show in their work.

Eli Lilly embodies a strong calling to service within their mission, and at the end of this past summer Pitzer was given a paid week off to be involved in the Disaster Relief



Operations in the East Coast for Hurricane Irene. She was in Providence, Rhode Island and Connecticut to help with shelter operations and social services. Through that team experience she

learned more about co-operation, teamwork, and leadership skills. Pitzer experienced another service opportunity with Eli Lilly in Costa Rica in December 2011.

Robert Saum, Class of 1984

Robert Saum is currently the Chief of Staff to the Managing Director of the World Bank. The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans to developing countries for capital programs. Its official goal is the reduction of poverty. By law, all of its decisions must be guided by a commitment to promote foreign investment, international trade and facilitate capital investment. Saum’s boss, Sri Mulyani Indrawati, is in the second most powerful position in the organization under the President. Indrawati is the former Minister of Finance of Indonesia and is the 65th most powerful woman in the world. Saum’s position allows him to work with Indrawati on all policy matters and decisions for the organization.

Saum has worked at the World Bank for thirteen years and has been in his current position for two years. Since his advising position is a corporate assignment, he will stay in this role for two to three more years and then return to operations. His previous positions include Manager of Financial Management in the South Asian branch. He led fifty people on anti-corruption, accountability and other critical issues for the area. His work was based in the country offices of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Saum worked in the communications office at UD as a student and graduated with a degree in Accounting and a minor in Political Science. He did his Honors thesis on budgeting for non-profit organizations, and this thesis led him towards working in the non-profit sector.



Saum first acquired experience at Ernst and Young, CPAs, for six years in Dayton and was one of four people selected to do international work for the company in London. Saum then decided he wanted to work more with international development. Because of this, Saum decided to leave Ernst and Young to attend the Thunderbird School of Global Management, ranked the number one international business school in the world. After earning his graduate degree Saum worked overseas for eight years with non-profits, working in Pakistan, areas of Africa including Zimbabwe and Kenya, and in East Jerusalem as a hospital administrator for a Palestinian hospital. He joined the World Bank in 1998.

What Saum most loves about his work is the fact that he is able to combine professional and personal interests. The Honors Program provided extremely useful opportunities for Saum. Dr. Ruff, his English professor, offered a class that demanded analysis and provided a much broader view on certain issues. Saum says that current Honors students should “be open-minded and willing to learn and experience the unexpected. Be intellectually curious and seek out opportunities that take you in directions you may not have expected.”

Saum hasn’t lived in Dayton since 1990 but he still has season tickets to UD Basketball at the 200 level — “It’s a good opportunity to get back, although I don’t get to as many games as I would like.”

Carol Bennett, Class of 1986

Carol Bennett is currently a lawyer in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She specifically works in the Office of General Counsel in the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid division (CMS). Bennett exhibits her exemplary leadership skills leading a team of attorneys that “deal with issues that relate to fraud, abuse and program integrity.”

Bennett has a clear idea of what makes a good leader. She tries to improve her team by developing “each individual to the fullest extent possible” and by “delegating as much responsibility to them as they can handle so that they can grow professionally.” Along the lines of professional development, Bennett allows her team to establish contact with upper management in the Department, which allows her team to be more involved and integrated in the decision-making process. Bennett’s leadership motto is, “I am here when they need me, but I want them to take as much responsibility as possible.”

What Carol Bennett loves best about her job is that she “gets to work with a lot of really smart people. It is very important that the Medicare and Medicaid programs are not defrauded, and the money doesn’t leak out.” She receives a lot of satisfaction working with these programs — “this complicated, nuanced part of the law is always a challenge. There is never a dull moment around here.”

The Honors Program influenced Bennett immensely, providing outlets to practice different ways of thinking about a variety of subjects. All of these opportunities opened



her eyes to what was possible for the future. Her advice for current Honors students interested in the legal profession: “Before you go to law school, be committed to being a lawyer. Find as many opportunities as possible both in the summer and during the school year to do internships. These can really expose you to the broad area of law and help you figure out which area you are passionate about.” Initially, Bennett did not even dream of being a healthcare lawyer, but once she was exposed to this area of law, she loved it and began to pursue it.

Article written by Kristina DeMichele, UHP 2013

Link profile Jacob Rosen

As an APPLIED MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS MAJOR with minors in Spanish and business administration, most people would think senior Jacob Rosen would be too busy to be the editor-in-chief of *Flyer News* (FN). “I’ve been writing since I was a little kid, mostly sports,” Rosen said. “I was chief sport writer here sophomore year and sports editor last year.” As editor-in chief, Rosen has to oversee the publication of 40 issues a year of more than 5,000 copies each, as well as update the FN webpage on a daily basis.

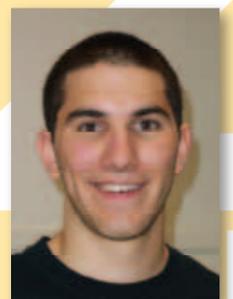
When asked about the impact FN has on campus, Rosen replied “I don’t think there’s any other organization on campus that people see more day to day than *Flyer News*. I’m really excited to be involved in day-to-day basis with that....Lots of late hours, sure, but it’s worth it to see people enjoying it and making a change.”

According to Rosen, being editor-in-chief has very little to do with writing and lot to do with being a leader. With a full-time staff of 40 and over 80 contributors, Rosen says that there is “a lot of different kinds of leadership and management that goes into that, and not just the journalism stuff.”

Even though FN takes up much of his attention, Rosen remains quite active with the rest of UD. He served a year and a half with SGA overseeing its elections, as well as organizing an interfaith Passover Seder on campus last April. Rosen is also a member of the Diversity Lecture Series committee. Within the Honors Program, Rosen was one of the five head leaders for the **Honors Students Welcome** this year and has been a member of the Student Advisory Committee since his freshman year. “The Honors Program is the reason why I’m here; it was the first place I went to when I visited UD. If it weren’t for the Berry scholarship and the special attention from Honors staff, I probably wouldn’t be here at UD.”

According to Rosen, the Honors Program has impacted much more than just his academic life. “Just about every friend I have that I see on a daily basis is connected to the Honors Program. So it means a lot to me. It’s not something that was with me in the classroom but something that has really meant a difference for me pretty much every moment I’ve been on campus.”

Article written by Coral Flamand, UHP 2013



Class of 1986

JOHN FELLER
Here's a photo of a few Honors Program friends that met during this summer's UD



(left to right) Kevin Sullivan, John Feller, Randy Burkett and Mark Clemente (Kevin, Mark and John were part of the 1986 Honors Program class)

Reunion Weekend, our 25th anniversary year! It was great to see everyone again and the UD campus looks great.

Class of 1987

TED BINZER (BIO '87) married fellow UD alum, Joan Bowling (MIS '87), in 1992 and they have 3 children: Jack, Anna and Audrey (ages 16, 14, 12) at least two of whom are eyeing the University of Dayton as a potential college. Ted is owner and chief veterinarian at Apple Valley Animal Hospital in Beavercreek, OH. Ted and Joan are looking forward to our reunion in 2012 and encourage all to attend!

RAFE DONAHUE
Michelle and I are still employed at BMTI doing stats and data management work. We sent Harry off to college at USMA in June. He's having a ball. Zach is looking at colleges as a senior. On his list are Gonzaga, UD, Valpo, and other such places. Olivia is a sophomore and having a great time in school. All is well in warm and cheerful Brentwood, TN.

JONATHAN HUSTON
A few years after graduating from the Honors Program, I started a company called Troll And Toad, mail ordering gaming merchandise, in Keavy, KY in 1994. As of last month, the company has achieved ranking in the Inc 5000 two years in a row. This year's rank is #1063. We also ranked for the first time this year in the Internet Retailer 500. In April, we purchased a former headquarters building for American Greetings Corporation, a 1 million square foot building in Corbin, Kentucky, as our new headquarters.

Class of 1990

MAURA DONAHUE recently defended her master's thesis in Theological Studies at the University of Dayton. She is now a faculty member in UD's Department of Religious Studies and is enjoying putting her Ph.D. in finance to work in a new way by teaching REL 368, Christian Ethics and the Business World.

Class of 1991

ANNMARIE LOGUE spent much of this past summer in Ghana with the International Development Design Summit (IDDS). In its 5th year, the Summit brings together approximately 70 people of diverse backgrounds from nearly 20 countries, who for 5 weeks collaborate to co-create solutions addressing some of the most pressing challenges of poverty. Participants included engineers, farmers, health care workers and teachers, among others, and represented both developed and developing countries. Annmarie has spent most of her career in the mobile communications industry and, accordingly, served on a team investigating how user generated content approaches could serve in markets such as Ghana. Annmarie currently lives in Colorado and extends well wishes to the UD family.

Class of 1995

ELIZABETH SIMON
Beth (married to Chris Hatch, Scholars, '94) earned tenure this summer at UC, San Diego in the Computer Science and Engineering Department. As a first step in becoming "deadwood" on campus, Beth accepted a 50% appointment as the Director of the Center for Teaching Development, charged with developing a new mission for the Center. Clearly she needs some additional instruction in "how to say no."

Class of 1996

BILL KING is now the College of Engineering Bliss Professor in the Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, and Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He lives in Champaign, Illinois, with his wife Christa and children William (age 5) and David (age 2).

Class of 1998

ELIZABETH DALLMAN BENTLEY earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy this past May. She is currently completing a Pharmacy Practice Residency at North Shore University HealthSystem in the Chicagoland area. She and her husband, John, have two daughters: Annabelle, 3 and Nora, 1.

DARREN NEALY
My wife (Erin Higginbotham Nealy '00) and I welcomed our second daughter, Adele, in July of 2011 and in September I concluded my four year term as the President of the University of Dayton's alumni chapter in Columbus, Ohio. Also, I recently assisted in a publication that appeared in the American Journal of Public Health: Ferketich, A. Liber, M. Pennell, D. Nealy, J. Hammer and M. Berman, Clean Indoor Air Ordinance Coverage in the Appalachian Region of the United States, Am. J. Public Health, 2010 July; 100(7): 1313-8.

Class of 1999

WILLIAM KNIGHT
I remain busy in Cincinnati working for the University of Cincinnati Physicians. I work in both the ER and the Neuro ICU at University Hospital. I still get to fly with our medical helicopter program, Air Care at least once a month as well which is fun. I married a UD girl (Annie Poirier Knight) and we have 2 kids — Reina and Liam (actually William V.). We stay busy but have fun.

Class of 2000

DAN ALTENAU
My wife Amy and I had a baby girl, Elise Patricia, born on February 25th. She's ready for her first UD game in a few more weeks! We live in Cincinnati, where I'm a Financial Planner, and my wife Amy is a Speech Pathologist.

Class of 2004

JANE KREBS
I'm glad to hear things are going well in the Honors/Scholars office! I'm still living in Dayton and working as a Speech Pathologist. If you know of any students who may be interested in this field, you are welcome to pass on my contact info! Also, I have been pretty active in promoting Dayton. I am on the steering committee for Generation Dayton, which is a group of young professionals whose goal is to keep young people in the Dayton area. I also write a column for DaytonMostMetro.com about things to do in the area.

On-line issues of **HONORSlink** can be found at: <http://issuu.com/udhonorsnews>

Class of 2005

JACOB CRESS
After five solid years at the University of Notre Dame, marching in the Band of the Fightin' Irish and working as an Assistant Rector in St. Edward's Hall, I earned my Doctorate of Philosophy in Aerospace Engineering in August of 2010. I spent the next year discerning a call to the priesthood with the Congregation of Holy Cross, but ultimately determined that wasn't where God wanted me to be. I plan to return to the Dayton area where my family lives and start working in the engineering field.

KRISTAN MOORE OTT
Big news here in Cincinnati, I just got married and am having a baby in the spring! I'm still enrolled in the PhD program at UC in criminology, but plans may change now that there's a new dependent on the way. I did complete my MS in criminology in 2009 in the same department.

Class of 2006

JULIE CORVO BYRNE
My husband, Matthew, and I are proud to announce the birth of our daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Byrne, on September 22, 2011.

CARRIE PAPPAS
I just started a Ph.D. Program at the City University of New York. The degree will be in Psychology, and I'm doing a sub-program in Cognition, Brain, Behavior. It's an experimental, not a clinical program.

Class of 2007

HAQUYEN PHAM
After a year teaching COM modules and finishing my MA in Communication, I moved to New York City to volunteer for 2 years with the Mennonite Voluntary Service. I was placed at a great, progressive legal services non-profit called the Urban Justice Center, where I did paralegal work in housing and consumer law. Being a part of the activist community has really fired up my enthusiasm for social justice, and I currently continue to work with UJC as a grant administrator.

ALUMNI
Classnotes are featured in every January issue so send us your news!

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Class of 2008

JANE KAUFMAN
I think personal updates are way more exciting than business ones :) so here is a photo of me and my dog Moose! He's a 3-year-old Great Dane I rescued — 180 pound lap dog. We



live in Charleston, SC. Hope you all are doing well. I miss everyone in the office and I definitely miss UD!! [Jane's video is posted on the University of Dayton Honors Program Facebook page or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dqQvZq8004>, so check it out.]

ALI KINSELLA
I returned to the states recently after three years in Ukraine as a Peace Corps volunteer. I taught English at a secondary school in the western Ukrainian town of Brody. I loved it and miss all of my students, colleagues, and friends. Currently I'm taking two economics classes at the local community college and will start looking for substitute teaching jobs tomorrow (I just got my license in the mail today). I guess other than that I'm going to take the GRE in a few weeks and hopefully the LSAT in December.

KAITLIN MOREDOCK
I graduated from Notre Dame Law School this past May, ending my academic exploits for now. After taking the bar exam in July (and relaxing by exploring South Dakota with my boyfriend), I began my legal career in Ann Arbor, MI. I clerk for Judge Ray Kethledge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and every day brings new, challenging and interesting cases to work on. I plan to make it back for a couple of Flyers basketball games this winter, and visiting Dr. Krane in her new office as Associate Director for Research!

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Class of 2009

ALEX ORLOWSKI
I'm in my last year at the University of Chicago Law School. After graduation this spring, my wife (Katie Orłowski (Hill)) and I will be moving to Indianapolis where I have accepted a litigation position with the law firm of Barnes and Thornburg, LLP. Hope all is well back home at UD.

Class of 2010

CHRISTINA BACK PAO
I'd like to share a few updates. On June 18 my husband Lionel (class of 2008) and I were married at the Chapel on campus. In July we moved to Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and I began my first year of law school at Case Western Reserve University. It's been a truly exciting year.

KATE JENNRICH TALIAFERRO
My husband, Ben Taliaferro (Dayton grad '10) and I just had our first son, John Michael Taliaferro, on June 30, 2011. We are currently living at Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus, Mississippi, where Ben will be finishing pilot training at the end of October. We will then be moving...but we don't know where yet. The Air Force will tell us soon!



Class of 2011

ANDREW GERBETZ
I am currently living in Manhattan and working in outside sales for Continental Tire, a German tire manufacturing company. My territory includes the great cities of Boston, New York City, and Philadelphia which I have and will continue to enjoy.

ABAGAIL LAWSON
My classes at the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy are going well thus far. I just returned from New York City where I will start interning for the Marianist International NGO office part time. I will be mostly involved with women's issues in various NGO working groups, but it should give me plenty of exposure to the NGO-UN system. Plus it's an opportunity to combine two things that I love — the Marianists and the UN.



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Sonya Bilocerkowycz, Class of 2011
Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

Sonya Bilocerkowycz, a English major who graduated in 2011, was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Belarus. She will travel there for a year, during which she will teach English in a series of ESL courses.

AJ Ferguson, Class of 2013
Truman Fellowship Finalist

AJ Ferguson, a Mechanical Engineering major, has been named a Truman Fellowship Finalist. The program offers funding, internship placement and professional development for students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields.

Jason K. Heyl, Class of 2013
SPIE Scholarship in Optics and Photonics

Jason K. Heyl, an Electronic and Computer Engineering Technology major, has been awarded a 2011 Scholarship from the International Society for Optics and Photonics (SPIE). Heyl was recognized for "his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field" in a recent SPIE press release.

Leslie Sollmann, Class of 2012
Ohio Space Grant Consortium Scholarship

Leslie Sollmann was awarded the Ohio Space Grant Consortium Scholarship for her Honors thesis, *Bleed Hole Configuration, Sizing, and Location for Use in a Hypersonic Inlet*. Sollmann recently attended the Regional Space Grant Consortium Meeting where she presented her research. She will also make a presentation at the Ohio Space Grant Consortium Meeting in spring 2012.

Honors Students Win Accounting Scholarships

The following Honors students were awarded scholarships this year from the SBA Department of Accounting: Adeline Bodart, Melissa Ehrbar, Benjamin Foster, Molly Hobbs, Lauren Ranly, Brittan Stegemiller, Mary Hannah Viertel and Kristin Whalen.

Twelve Honors Students Graduate December 17, 2011

Congratulations to Eunice Awonuga Asigon, Nicholas Direnzi, Claire Ellerhorse, Lauren Epner, Nichole Hanus, Daniel Prindle, Dana Rhoades, Elizabeth Schmackers, Leah Schumacher, Paul Thomas, Andrea Varney and Melanie Wagner!

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January

- 20 Honors Art Exhibition Open House
- 27 Honors Students Symposium: Senior Registration Due
- 31 Hull Fellowship Applications Due
- 31 Chaminade Scholars Applications Due

February

- 20 Imani Winds Workshop
- 24 Summer Thesis Institute Applications Due

March

- 23 Honors Students Symposium and Reception

April

- 1 Juniors: *Thesis Proposal and Fellowship Request* Documents Due
- 8 Seniors: Theses Due
- 18 Joseph W. Stander Symposium

May

- 5 Honors Graduation Brunch
- 6 Graduation

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