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We are exceedingly proud of the students featured in “CHP Annual 07,” though there are other equally deserving CHP students whom we couldn’t recognize here.

All CHP graduating seniors are profiled in our Yearbook, available upon request.

CHP FARES WELL IN NDSEG AND NSF COMPETITION, WITH 5 WINNERS

This year, current and former Chancellor’s Scholars won four National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships and one National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship. The NDSEG, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense, offers approximately 180 awards annually, to seniors and first-year graduate students who are U.S. citizens or nationals, for doctoral study in science and engineering, providing three years of stipend plus tuition and fees which involves no military or service obligation. Similarly, NSF offers three years of support for Ph.D. study in science, mathematics, and engineering.

Cardboard boxes, rolled rugs and stacked furniture, and computers heading for storage or surplus – the summer of 2007 is seeing more transition in the Honors House than we have experienced in twenty years. Most of us that work here will be in new jobs. Sonia Carringer’s retirement is a blow that we’re all dealing with, but Elizabeth Rockman has the energy, compassion, experience, and fire to be a great new Associate Director. As Carolyn Allen settles in as our new Assistant Director, we’ll have a great new colleague to help us navigate the coming years; and Susan Schmall-Ross, our new Administrative Secretary, is already at the helm of important operations that Tammy Carswell handled so brilliantly before she moved to the Office of the President. When we get all done with shifting the furniture and the files and the hardware, we’ll shampoo or replace the carpets, maybe paint a few walls that got scuffed from the year’s action, and make ready for the fall.

Once again, a terrific group of students has graduated, and you’ll learn about them in the following pages. Another terrific group will be joining us at the end of August, and we’ll be excited to receive them. The paint may be peeling from the frames of this old north window on the Honors House, but who cares? The fun of this program, and the heart of it, is the community that literally bows the walls outward with energy and creativity and spirit.

Please join us in celebrating the exploits of our new graduates and our alumni, and in looking forward as well.

Bruce Michelson, CHP Director and Professor of English
The recipient of departmental Exelon, Micron, Vodafone, and E.C. Jordan Scholarships, Mike achieved alternate standing for a national NSEP Scholarship and graduated with a CHP Outstanding Senior Award and Bronze Tablet honors. “I plan to stay at U. of I. for grad school in electrical engineering,” he writes. “I will most likely stay with the Antennas group, in which I am doing research for my senior thesis on reconfigurable antennas.” These antennas promise to reduce the size of portable devices and to improve the quality of wireless links. He works with Prof. Jennifer Bernhard.

**MARIE ANNETTE MAYER** (senior, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING) won departmental Wert and (multiple) Eckel Scholarships and a Friedberg Award, plus induction into Tau Beta Pi and selection as a College of Engineering 2007 Knight of St. Patrick (for leadership, character, and contribution). A specialist in electronic materials with a chemistry minor, she was a research assistant in the Lyding Group (five semesters), a teaching assistant in chemistry, and a summer intern in GM’s Electromotive Division and at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. Marie founded the AVS Student Chapter, chaired the Engineering Council’s Student Introduction to Engineering Committee three straight years, and held office in Alpha Omega Epsilon engineering sorority (President) and Keramos materials science honorary (VP). She was also a member of the Illini Swing Society and a certified girls’ softball umpire.

Next year, Marie will begin a doctoral degree in Electronic Materials Science at the University of California-Berkeley, most likely specializing in photovoltaic or nitride materials.

**ANDREW G. MCCORMICK** (5/06 alum, LAS PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICS) participated in five research projects as an undergraduate: on non-Gaussian laser optics as a freshman; Summer 2003 and 2004 internships with the Collider Detection group at Fermilab and the PHENIX group at Brookhaven, the latter under the DOE SULI program; on the detector test stand being set up for the PHENIX muon trigger upgrade at UIUC; and on low-temperature superconductivity with Dr. Russell Giannetta. He won the LAS all-college Kevin Allwin Shrote Scholarship for physics and astronomy students, a national Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for outstanding potential researchers, and graduated with Bronze Tablet, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Beta Kappa honors. He belonged to the UIUC Physics and Math Societies, tutored science and math; he also played chess, lifted weights, and reigned as a badminton champion.

Andrew entered Harvard’s Ph.D. program in physics with a departmental fellowship, doing research in quantum mechanics.

**TRISHA A. PRUIS** (12/04 alum, LAS HONORS BIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY) completed a psychology honors thesis in May 2004 with Dr. Donna Korol on the “Effects of Estrogen Replacement and Exercise on Cognition in Middle-aged Brown Norway Rats.” She presented her thesis at a poster session at the annual Society for Neuroscience conference, partially funded by a CHP conference grant, then extended the project to include young animals. “After graduation,” she wrote, “I will continue to work in Dr. Donna Korol’s lab. I will finish collecting data and prepare a manuscript for publication for the project that I am currently working on, and I will help her start a new project that she recently got a grant for. This one involves the effects of phytoestrogens on learning and memory in female rats.” Her NDSEG Fellowship is in cognitive, neural, and behavioral sciences.

Trish spent Summer 2002 studying at the Wirtschafts Universitat Wien in Vienna, Austria, towards a German minor. During her undergraduate career, she worked extensively to raise awareness of various women’s issues—as a sexual harassment researcher, President of the Feminist Majority, and coordinator of a Women’s Lives march in Washington DC.

As the winner of a NSF Fellowship, **JESSICA A. KOSCHMEDER** (senior, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING) will use her award to attend the University of California at Santa Barbara when she completes her undergraduate degree in August 2007.

Jessica has achieved departmental recognition every year, including the Kimberly Clark, Froberg, and Beckemeyer Scholarships and the Friedberg Award, plus three consecutive Allen Awards, induction into Tau Beta Pi, and selection as an all-college 2006 Knight of St. Patrick. She spent Summer 2006 at the University of Bristol in Great Britain, doing a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in the Physics Department, then studied in Germany at the Technische Universitaet Muenchen during Fall 2006.

Jessica was also an Intel Undergraduate Research Scholar, working with UIUC Prof. David Payne on a project best described in her own words: “Lead is used in many current ferroelectric applications. A recent movement, initiated in Europe, has called for the elimination of lead in all consumer products because of its toxicity. It is therefore necessary to find a lead-free ferroelectric material to serve as a replacement. Single crystals of [a substance she calls BNT in the Sodium Bismuth Titanate System] have been grown by HC Materials in Urbana, IL. [Various] measurements indicate that BNT is a promising substitute for lead-based ferroelectric materials.”
Chancellor’s Scholars JOSEPH P. GERDT and CATERINA GRATTON have won 2006 and 2007 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships, respectively. Each year, about 320 Goldwater Scholars are chosen on the basis of academic merit from a nationwide pool of mathematics, science, and engineering students.

JOSEPH P. GERDT (SUNY, LAS CHEMISTRY) is the recipient of a School of Chemical Sciences Matheson Award and a CHP summer research grant, both for 2007. Under the supervision of Prof. Scott Silverman, he has worked on his Goldwater project throughout his junior and senior years. He describes his research as follows:

Many serious diseases are caused by misfolded proteins. My project addresses the complex problem of understanding and predicting the tertiary folding of biological macromolecules in order to recognize and treat these diseases. We are contributing to the world’s knowledge of macromolecular folding by predictably disrupting and stabilizing the natively-folded state of an RNA molecule. We use the rigid duplex structure of DNA as a tool to reach this end. When the backbones of two complementary strands of DNA are covalently attached to two positions on a single RNA molecule, the DNA strands may move in order to form a stable duplex and pull the RNA into a new conformation along with them. This ‘DNA constraint’ technology that we are developing is a novel method of predictably and reversibly controlling structural conformations at a nanoscale level. As we demonstrate, this new technology can be applied to gain a deeper understanding of RNA and protein folding.

J.P. plans to obtain a Ph.D. in organic and bioorganic chemistry.

Entering UIUC with an FMC Award of Excellence (one of thirty LAS recruiting scholarships), CATERINA GRATTON (JUNIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY) has subsequently won an all-campus Dads Association Library Award as a top sophomore and a 2007 LAS Weagant and Crist Scholarship. She works with Prof. Kara Federmeier (5/94 alum, LAS honors biology), for whom she designed a web page and prepared a lab manual before beginning independent research in Fall 2005. She is already first author of “Picturing Knowledge: ERP’s Reveal the Acquisition and Retrieval of Information about Novel Objects,” and received a CHP conference travel grant to present at the 2006 annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research in Vancouver.

Last summer, while continuing to work in the Federmeier lab, Caterina added a second half-time appointment with Prof. Denise Parks to explore the loss of episodic memory in elderly subjects. Her goal is to become a professional researcher in cognitive psychophysiology. Besides being a dynamo in the lab, she has native command of Italian and is consummately skilled on the soccer field, as Captain and assistant coach of an intramural team.

SABINA ALKIRE (1/90 ALUM, LAS SOCIOLOGY) was named a 1991 Rhodes Scholar, UIUC’s first after a 15-year hiatus, the year after she obtained her B.A. degree. A pre-med student, she had spent Summer 1988 working as a health apprentice at the Hospital El Buen Samaritano in Guatemala, Summer 1989 participating in a U.S. Agency for International Development internship in Washington DC, and Spring/Summer 1990 as a primary health care volunteer in India and Pakistan. She belonged to a church choir, Parkland Community Orchestra (violinist), and Sondancer Parables Troup (guitarist/ clown), and volunteered at community service agencies, including Empty Tomb and the Women’s Emergency Shelter in Champaign, and Mother Teresa’s hospice in Washington.

Previously employed at the World Bank, Sabina has continued to provide leadership in the political and moral imperative to reduce poverty and promote human freedom. Currently, she is Director of the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), a unit within Oxford University’s Department of International Development. The purpose is “to advance the human development approach to poverty reduction by fundamental, sustained, and multidisciplinary research that is effectively disseminated.”

MONICA COPELAND FOUNTAIN (1/90 ALUM, COMM JOURNALISM) was the Campus Honors Program’s first winner of an award in national competition, and she won several: a Time College Achievement Award as one of the nation’s most outstanding juniors, a Sears Congressional Internship in Washington DC for students interested in public affairs reporting, and a Marshall Scholarship to fund a degree in politics from the University of Sussex in the U.K. She held summer internships with the Chicago Sun-Times and the Washington Post, and was also the first CHP student to study abroad, spending one Spring at the University of Seville. For five years, she worked as a reporter at the Chicago Tribune, then became a freelance writer. She was at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor for a year, where he husband had a journalism fellowship.
Monica has come full circle, in a sense, and is now working at University Laboratory High School, in development. She is raising an eleven-year-old daughter and also has a step-daughter in her twenties. Meanwhile, at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Christopher Kolar (8/92 alum, LAS English) has been the Coordinator of Research and Evaluation for the past five years.

In January 2005, SANJIV SARWATE (5/93 ALUM, LAS HISTORY) was elected to partnership at Pattishall, McAuliffe, Newbury, Hilliard and Geraldson LLP, one of the oldest and most prestigious trademark litigation firms in the country. He won the Hilliard Award for Outstanding Committee Service from the Young Lawyers’ Section of the Chicago Bar Association for his work as co-chair of the section’s Creative Arts Committee. (He was one of only five in the 9,000-member Young Lawyers’ Section to receive a service award during the 2004-05 bar year.) Sanjiv served a two-year term as director of the Young Lawyers’ Section, and he is also an adjunct professor at the John Marshall Law School.

Sanjiv completed a Master’s degree in history at the University of Chicago in 1995, and his J.D. at the UIUC College of Law in 1997 with magna cum laude and Order of the Coif (top 10% of class) honors. He was a teaching assistant for first-year contracts students and placed third in oral advocacy in the regional Jessup International Law Moot Court competition. After a summer fellowship at De Paul University’s International Human Rights Law Institute, Sanjiv became an associate at the Chicago office of Baker and McKenzie, where he specialized in intellectual property law before joining his present firm.

While at UIUC, EBOO PATEL (5/96 ALUM, LAS SOCIOLOGY) was Resident Advisor and President of Allen Hall. He served on the Daily Illini Editorial Board, an Urbana City Government task force, and the local AmeriCorps advisory board. He did a research project with Prof. Bruce Michelson on utopian communities, and was profiled as a “Classroom Champion” during the half-time break at a home football game. The year he graduated, Eboo won three different awards for outstanding leadership—from the CHP (the Ke Award), the University YMCA, and Student Affairs.

Eboo won a 1997 Rhodes Scholarship; after his stint at Oxford University, he went on to become the Executive Director of the Interfaith Youth Core (http://www.ifyc.org), a mid-size nonprofit headquartered in Chicago. Eboo has been an artist, an activist, and an educator on four continents. He has had a private audience with the Dalai Lama, shared the stage with Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, and been named “one of thirty social visionaries under thirty changing the world” by Utne Magazine and “one of the top young Muslim leaders in America” by Islamica Magazine. He has just published a book, Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation, which has been getting raves in Kirkus Reviews, Library Journal, and from former President Bill Clinton.

Both Eboo and Sanjiv have returned to give presentations for CHP students: “Life after College” panel discussions (both); “New School Leadership” and “How To Change the World” (Eboo); and “An Insider’s Perspective on Law School and Careers in the Law” and “Intellectual Property 101” (Sanjiv).

Five years after graduating from UIUC, PAT BASU (5/00 ALUM, ENG MECHANICAL ENGINEERING) earned both M.D. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Chicago. Chicago put him on the admissions committees for both medical and business schools, and also featured him in their recruitment brochure. He served a year as the Chief Resident at Resurrection Hospital in Chicago, then was selected for a residency physician position at Stanford University to specialize in radiology.

In September 2006, Pat wrote: “As I have moved from Chicago to California and interacted with people from top institutions all over the world I have confirmed what you guys already knew: that the CHP is one of the best honors programs around.” He wrote again in January 2007 to report that he is now married and has also received the American Medical Association’s National Excellence in Medicine Award, one of ten nationally in the Leadership Category: “We had a separate Indian Ceremony and reception the week before our New Year’s eve celebration. Erika (formerly Juday) is my lovely wife. It’s funny to say that word!”

At UIUC, ERIKA HAROLD (5/01 ALUM, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE) was a Truman Scholarship finalist and winner of an all-campus Student Leadership Scholarship and the CHP’s Calvin Ke Award. She financed her undergraduate education by competing in beauty pageants—and none of us will ever forget watching her win the Miss America title.

After taking a couple of years off to fulfill her speaking and travel commitments as Miss America, Erika entered Harvard Law School, where she has spent lots of time in maximum security prisons through her work with Prison Fellowship Ministries, an organization which provides direct services to prisoners, such as building orphanages for their children. She also does interfaith-based work, including with the “Teen Mania” youth organization, an outfit that produces stadium events featuring the best Christian performers and motivational speakers—and the Angel Tree program which visits impoverished children at Christmas and gives them gifts on behalf of their parents. In November 2006, she was one of only two oralisits in Harvard’s Moot Court competition who appeared before a Supreme Court justice to argue a hypothetical case involving a Constitutional law issue.
ALUMNI, INCLUDING THE MAY 2007 GRADUATING CLASS

Alumnae who are now married (and alumni who have changed their names) are listed alphabetically under their maiden (or original) name.

For reading and commenting (securely and on-line) on the largest number of application essays for admission to the program, CHP wishes to thank graduating seniors: **MARIE MAYER** (senior, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE and ENGINEERING), who read 47 applications; **PRASHANT MEHTA** (senior, LAS CHEMICAL ENGINEERING), 51 applications; and **BENJAMIN KADUK** (senior, LAS CHEMISTRY and MATHEMATICS), 100+ applications. Your efforts in helping us select the new class of Chancellor’s Scholars are very much appreciated!

**PAUL CAMANN** (senior, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE and ENGINEERING) and **BRIAN GRIFFITH** (senior, BUS ACCOUNTANCY) graduated in May 2007 with CHP honors; this information was omitted from the CHP Yearbook distributed at our annual graduation reception since they graduated a year early.

**SAPAN AGARWAL** (senior, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING) won the ECE John Bardeen Undergraduate Award for excellence in research and the Milton T. Chang Scholarship. As a summer intern for Siemens Building Technologies, he designed a position sensor from an accelerometer in order to determine the position of a fume hood sash. For his thesis project, he modeled a spin qubit quantum dot on a quantum nanowire.

**NICOLE ALEXANDER** (senior, AHS KINESIOLOGY) created and led the “I-Help” day of service in conjunction with Homecoming 2006 that attracted 1,300 registered volunteers and sent them to approximately 30 service projects throughout the community. This new event, modeled after the Chicago Cares Service-a-thon, was an initiative of the Student Alumni Ambassadors. Nicole was also Vice President of Homecoming-External for the Ambassadors.

**JOSIE BEAVERS** (5/05 ALUM, LAS ANTHROPOLOGY), in a 2007 New Year’s update: “I’ve moved into a new apartment and start a new job tomorrow! I’m living in Pilsen, a neighborhood southwest of downtown Chicago where I can buy tamales on the street corner and speak Spanish in all the shops. I’ll be working within walking distance from my apartment at a place called ‘El Valor,’ a daycare and Headstart program. I’ll be working as a caseworker with parents of the children who attend the programs. It’s the first time I’ll get paid for my work!!! For the last year and a half I’ve been a full-time volunteer.”

Robin Douglas’ CHP art class at the exhibition of their work

Josie was House Director at Su Casa Catholic Worker House, a shelter for Spanish-speaking victims of domestic violence and their families. She also made two trips to El Salvador as part of a delegation from St. Mary’s Church in Urbana.

**AARON BISHOP** (5/98 ALUM, BUS ACCOUNTANCY), writing from Japan, June 2006: “I don’t think I shared the good news with you, but I got accepted to the economics Ph.D. program at UC-Davis for this fall…. I finished my work at VodafoneKK last week and am preparing to send my stuff to the U.S. today. I will travel all summer, first doing a four-week bike ride around northeast Europe with my mom, and then moving on to Turkey and China. I will settle into Davis in September and stay there for five years.”

**ALLISON CAMPBELL** (senior, LAS SPEECH COMMUNICATION), attended the National Communication Association’s annual conference in San Antonio in November 2006. There she helped to present a paper co-authored with her instructor and another student in Speech Communication 421, Persuasion Theory and Research. This paper was selected as one of the top two student papers in the Communication and Social Cognition division. It compared the relative effectiveness of two common fundraising techniques (and variants on them): “even-a-penny-helps” and “driving-towards-a-goal.” Former research has shown that adding the phrase “even a penny helps” to a fundraising appeal is quite successful; it increases the number of donations without decreasing the average amount of the donation. In the second technique, popularly used in Telethons, a specific goal is named in the fundraising appeal and potential donors are given updates on goal progress.

As Campus Campaign Manager of Teach For America from August 2005 to August 2006, **DEVI CHARI** (12/06 ALUM, LAS ECONOMICS and SOCIOLOGY) co-created and executed a large-scale marketing and recruitment operation, realizing a 30% increase in accepted candidates from UIUC. This was the most successful campaign on any U.S. campus, despite Devi’s other responsibilities while working for AT&T in San Antonio, TX, during Summer 2006. As President of AIESEC Illinois, she tripled the chapter’s membership and doubled the number of internship exchanges abroad. She also led the national structural redesign of AIESEC by participating in the national Leadership Team. In July 2007, she began work as an Associate Consultant at Bain & Company.

Artist with self-portrait
CHRISTOPHER CHEN (5/03 ALUM, LAS HONORS BIOLOGY) just completed his third year at Boston Medical. As an undergraduate, Chris won the LAS all-college Wilmer Hellenthal Scholarship for pre-med students.

Since graduating ten years ago, CASSANDE CRESSWELL (5/97 ALUM, LAS LINGUISTICS) earned a Ph.D. in linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania, funded by William Penn and NSF Fellowships and a Beinecke Memorial Scholarship. Then she added a Master’s degree in computer science for good measure. During a Summer 2001 internship at Microsoft, Cassie met her husband, Matthew Beal, a Ph.D. in computational neuroscience from Britain. They have lived in Toronto (where she worked for a startup company and he had a postdoc) and Buffalo (where she was a senior research scientist at a software company and he was a professor at SUNY Buffalo), and just recently settled in Chicago. While Matt works at Citadel, Cassie is staying home to raise their year-old daughter Georgia. Cassie’s thesis was published by Amazon (2004); it involves computer modeling of English word order.

DAN DOLLMANN (5/92 ALUM, LAS STATISTICS): “I’m been working as a political operative for the last 7 years.” He lives in New Jersey.

JON DOLLE (8/01 ALUM, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING AND 5/02 ALUM, LAS PHILOSOPHY) finished his fourth year at Stanford, earning his M.A. in philosophy, with only the dissertation to go for his Ph.D. in education. He worked as a research assistant at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, now located permanently on the Stanford campus. The project was a qualitative case study of links between business and liberal arts curricula at the undergraduate level. Jon is preparing for a career in academe.

DAMIAN DUFFY (5/01 ALUM, LAS RHETORIC AND ENGLISH), a UIUC graduate student in Library Science who works for the Law Library, married Jennifer Suits in May 2006. Jennifer is a graduate of Eastern Illinois from the University of Colorado at Boulder: “I’m still in Silicon valley at his third year of advanced study at UIUC in electrical engineering.

LAURA (GLASER) KERLIN (5/98 ALUM, LAS PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY), in December 2006: “I married in 2002 and Kerlin is my last name now. After living in Seattle, Vancouver, BC, and Hawaii, I moved back to Champaign-Urbana almost year ago. I am currently pursuing a masters in speech and hearing science (I have gotten to know another former CHPer JENNY" OSHE (5/03 ALUM, LAS PSYCHOLOGY) who is also in my program).”

BECKY GOTTEL (8/05 ALUM, BUS ACCOUNTANCY), in December 2006: “I’m living in Berkeley, but working as an accountant for Ernst and Young in San Francisco…. I hope to go back to school eventually for my masters in accounting! I love living in Berkeley—it keeps the intellectual vibe of my studying at U of I going!” Soon after, she enrolled in UIUC’s Master of Accounting Science program.

LYNDA GOULD (5/05 ALUM, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES) is one of the five students featured on the new note cards that Herbert Whiteley, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, is using for his college correspondence.

JENNIFER GOWER (5/06 ALUM, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE) in May 2007: “Greetings from Houston! After graduating last year, I have been with Teach for America in Houston, teaching kindergartners how to read. It is a pretty drastic change from drinking hot cocoa in the Honors House…. I am planning to apply for law school for the fall of 2008, and I am also applying for a Fulbright scholarship for the same year.”

LAURA GRAESSER (5/05 ALUM, COMM JOURNALISM NEWS-EDITORIAL), in October 2006: “Since finishing my masters in journalism at U of I, I have taken a position as an assistant editor for the Life Insurance Selling magazine in a suburb of St. Louis.”

CATHERINE GRIER (SENIOR, LAS ASTRONOMY) received a $150 CHP conference travel grant to present at the 2007 meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Seattle, WA. She has been doing astrophysics research on quasar variability, both at UIUC with Professor Robert Brunner and at the University of Wyoming through a Summer 2006 REU program. As first author on the Wyoming research, Catherine was awarded REU funding to cover accommodations and conference fees. “We were performing a search to identify time-variable absorption lines in quasar spectra, taken from the Hubble Telescope,” she wrote describing her work at the Wyoming Infrared Observatory. “We were able to identify several varying absorption lines intrinsic to the quasars, which give important information about quasar structure and the cause of the variability.”

KAREN (GRIEVES) MARKER (5/94 ALUM, LAS ENGLISH AND FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES) in April 2007: “(Since I graduated in 1994), I’ve worked as a writer, editor, and (very rarely) translator, translating from French to English. I’m now a stay-at-home mom with a 15-month-old daughter. In recent years I’ve been taking classes here and there to work toward a master’s degree in French. All that’s left now is the completion of my thesis: a translation of a couple of short stories by George Sand.

KELLY GUZMAN (5/04 ALUM, LAS ENGLISH), in March 2007: “I don’t know if you’ve been following the trial of Gov. Ryan, but I helped research and prep the gov’t attorney Patrick Collins for the oral argument last
month. Very exciting, was in all the papers. ... I’m interning at the U.S. Attorney’s office in Chicago right now, and then I’ll have a fellowship at the Illinois Attorney General’s Office for three months while I study for the bar, then I’ll travel, and THEN I go to my job at Kirkland & Ellis, a big litigation firm in Chicago."

ADAM HARRELL (5/06 ALUM, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE), writing from Manchester, Missouri in January 2007: “As for what I’m up to, I recently left my job to become a professional poker player. Possibly not the best use of my college degree, but it beats working in a cubicle all day.”

Recently retired CHP instructor Hans Heinrich Hock told us that his son HEINRICH HOCK (1/98 ALUM, LAS ECONOMICS) is in his second year on the faculty at Florida State University, where he is teaching economics.

REED HOLLANDER (5/93 ALUM, LAS ENGLISH) has been named a partner in the Raleigh, NC office of the Nelson Mullins Riley and Scarborough law firm. He and his wife, Beth Holmgren Hollander (LAS alumn), live in Cary with their two children.

JON HOREK (5/02 ALUM, ENG MECHANICAL ENGINEERING), in May 2007: “I am curious if there are any CHP alums who currently work for Sargent and Lundy. [If so, please email Jon at jonhorek@gmail.com] I am actually leaving Modine in 3 weeks and beginning work at Sargent and Lundy, a 100+ year old engineering consulting firm in downtown Chicago. They design power plants around the world, and I am very excited to be starting work there. About 15 months ago, my wife and I began the process of adopting siblings from Ethiopia. We traveled to Addis Ababa in February, and picked up our twins, Isabel (Tsege) and Elijah (Geremu). They are actually one year old today.”

Recipient of the Buck Knight and IEC Everitt Awards for extracurricular leadership on campus and in the local community, THOMAS HUGHES (senior, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING) has been involved in a number of activities within ECE. He served as a teaching assistant for ECE 190 for three semesters, responsible for grading student assignments, writing machine problems, and creating test questions. He also volunteered in the Best Buddies mentoring program, which brings college students together with disabled individuals, and the Kids and Chemistry program, which offers chemistry demos in local elementary schools.

Since receiving an NSEP Scholarship for Cairo in Arabic studies and a Fulbright Grant for the U.K. in health policy (1997/1998), KHIZER HUSAIN (1/98 ALUM, LAS HONORS BIOLOGY) has been involved with healthcare consulting agencies. He now works for a 750-employee group called The Advisory Board Company based in Washington, DC, helping hospitals in strategic planning. He has been researching the feasibility of a multi-cultural retirement complex that serves the need of the Muslim American community. (from the Scholarships for International Study Newsletter, December 2006)

JAMES JAY (5/02 ALUM, LAS ENGLISH AND POLITICAL SCIENCE) completed a six-week Foreign Service Institute training period during Spring 2007, and hopes for a diplomatic assignment abroad. As an undergraduate, Jim won a UIUC IPS scholarship for 2000-01 study at the University of Bristol, Great Britain, plus a CHP travel grant for the Washington Center’s “Campaign 2000” Winter Break in-depth study of the race for President and the role of the media in campaign politics. He was a Student Ambassador, Homecoming Court member, and an Orientation Student Coordinator. James graduated from UIUC law school, with a Spring 2005 Rickert Award for Excellence in Legal Publications.

LUCAS JENKINS (5/04 ALUM, LAS HISTORY AND PSYCHOLOGY) is back at UIUC, working as a Visiting Research Specialist at the Beckman Institute, evidently doing research on aging.

KEVIN JERBI (5/97 ALUM, LAS ENGLISH), in February 2007: “After graduating in 1997, I worked for a trade journal (Connector Specifier), and a daily newspaper (The Olympian), before moving on to tech support for a biotech company in Seattle. While in Washington state, I met and married my wife, Erin Ficker. She got a fellowship to study public policy at the LBJ School at the University of Texas at Austin, and I worked in Austin for Apple Computer, writing internal training materials. Then, it was my turn to go back to school, and I returned to the U of I to pursue my law degree. Erin is currently a researcher at the Center for Prevention Research and Development here at the U of I. After graduation, we hope to live and work in Chicago.”

KATIE JOHNSON (5/03 ALUM, ENGLISH AND RHETORIC), in November 2006, on deciding to become a college writing teacher: “I live in Tucson now, and am just starting my dissertation in Rhetoric, Composition, and the Teaching of English. I am also starting documentary work about the Minuteman Project here on the border, and I manage a documentary magazine called 110 degrees (which is written/photographed by low-income Tucson youth).”

This year’s Churchill Scholarship candidates were so strong that the UIUC selection committee scheduled a second round of interviews to determine which of the three all-campus finalists would be selected as the two nominees forwarded for the next level of competition. Two of the finalists were Chancellor’s Scholars BENJAMIN J. KADUK (senior, LAS CHEMISTRY AND MATHEMATICS) and KARA D. LAMB (senior, LAS PHYSICS). Ben was interviewed for two other national awards, the Gates Cambridge Scholarship and the Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Fellowship.

SEEMA KINI (5/05 ALUM, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS), in September 2006: “Things are well on my end: I finished up my term of service with the AmeriCorps program out of the Task Force for the Homeless in Atlanta this past July. After going through the medical school application process, I decided to stay in Atlanta and attend Emory University. I’m about 2 months into my studies and I couldn’t be happier with my choice! My classes are challenging, but I find them extremely interesting and I’ve absolutely relished the clinical opportunities I’ve had thus far.” After completing a term of service with AmeriCorps, Seema was recognized by the AmeriCorps Task Force Team as “Member of the Year”; soon after, she was named the UIUC Charles C. Stewart International Young Humanitarian for 2007. She celebrated by “going down to New Orleans to gut house and perform basic triage in clinics in the lower 9th ward” during 2007 Spring Break.
FROM THE FILES: “Top Ten Rejected CHP Ideas,”
by ERIC ENGELHARD (5/00 ALUM, LAS PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY)

10 Tattoo SAT scores of incoming students onto their foreheads. Refer to them only by number.
9 Steel cage match Trivial Pursuit.
8 Replace Big Brother/Big Sister program with “be an older student’s slave for a day” program.
7 Invite Danielle Steele as guest author for next convocation.
6 KDR discussions to be livened up with water balloons.
5 Prof. Kaufman to give SAS, “The Best Bits of The Torrid Sex Lives of Many Famous Authors.”
3 Lower ceilings in Honors House even further to “thin the herd” of unwanted tall, smart people.
2 Get involved in gang war with the James Scholars.
1 Incoming essays to be graded solely on the size of the font they use.
MAYA MEHTA (5/00 ALUM, LAS ENGLISH), in March 2006 (inadvertently omitted from last summer’s newsletter): “So, after years in Chicago and slogging through snow as well as medical and business schools, I am completing my time in school and moving on to residency training in internal medicine. The match for a residency program was today: I opened an envelope to find out where the next phase starts and found out that I received my first choice in the match process. This means that I am leaving the Midwest! I move along the Route 66 trail to Albuquerque, New Mexico this June to the University of New Mexico for the next few years. After that, we will see…. I believe that many of you will remember how I fell in love with New Mexico after my first ever road trip which led me to the state.”

PARAS MEHTA (5/03 ALUM, LAS BIOENGINEERING) and his wife Shivani have both finished their third year of medical school and are taking a year off. She is getting a master’s in public health; he is learning acupuncture and reviewing his options. The couple is living in Boston.

JENNY MIKSANEK (5/06 ALUM, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY), in September 2006 during her Teach for America stint: “I’m doing really well in Kyle, SD. I’m teaching Physical Science and Anatomy right now. My students are amazing, but educationally significantly far behind. Most of them want to go to college, but have a lot of work to do before that can be a real possibility. (They are all very capable, but missing a lot of background knowledge—teaching basic algebra and punctuation in science class too. Attendance is a huge problem too.) It’s a great work environment. All the teachers and administrators really care.”

SARA [MILLER] HAGEN (5/99 ALUM, LAS TEACHING OF SPANISH), in a July 2006 postcard from Mexico: “I’m here on a Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar with eight other teachers from different parts of the U.S. We’ve spent four weeks traveling through eleven different states, learning about the elections and the effects of migration to the U.S. Highlights have been a horseback ride in Real de Catorce (and staying at the hotel where Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts filmed ‘The Mexican’) and the Ballet Folklorico today. PS: I’ll still be teaching Spanish in Fairfax County, VA this year.”

MEREDITH MINEAR (5/94 ALUM, LAS PSYCHOLOGY) finished her Ph.D. in cognitive psychology at Michigan-Ann Arbor, then had a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis.

SANDEEP NAVALGUND (5/05 ALUM, LAS FINANCE AND ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING) left his job at Accenture in Chicago to enter law school at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, beginning with the June 2007 summer term.

LISA NOVAK (5/00 ALUM, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING) earned her M.S. in civil engineering at the University of Texas-Austin and was hired by the Texas Department of Transportation, in the Bridge Division. Having spent five years as a practicing engineer, she received her professional structural engineering license about a year ago. She continues to be based in Austin.

ANKEET PATEL ( SENIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING) received the Marcia Peterman Award for seniors who participate in activities that benefit others. As a board member of Engineering Initiatives, he led an effort to create a College of Engineering store for selling college-sponsored items. As an Engineering Learning Assistant, he ran an ENG 101 course, helping incoming freshmen become acclimated to the college and university. Ankeet also reinstated the UIUC chapter of Theta Tau national engineering honorary and served on the ECE 390 course committee to resolve issues in conjunction with that course.

JANET PAVESE (SENIOR, LAS BIOCHEMISTRY) participated in four Alternative Spring Break service trips, one as Group Leader. As a junior-year External Chair, she helped to recruit over 300 volunteers for two dozen service trips; more particularly, she was a key planner for seven trips centrally concerned with environmental issues. As ASB’s Co-Director during her senior year, Janet was the liaison between the campus chapter and the national Breakaway Organization.

CAROLE PERNY (5/04 ALUM, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES) received her Master of Architecture degree, with honors, in 2006.

TODD PLOTNER (5/95 ALUM, LAS ECONOMICS), in August 2006: “I attended the University of Michigan law school. I have been practicing law in Chicago ever since and am now a partner with Chapman and Cutler LLP where my practice focuses on securitization and other structured finance transactions. The deals I negotiate have elements of engineering, economics and law, all of which I enjoy. My wife, Angela Ulum, is a partner at Mayer Brown Rowe and Maw LLP in Chicago and practices in the same area of law. (You can imagine the fascinating conversations we have going home from work.) We live in Glenview, Illinois where our children (Andrew, age 4-1/2, and our twin girls, Caroline and Elizabeth, who are almost 3) keep us busy on the weekends and are already practicing their debating and negotiating skills.”

REBECCA RADER (5/02 ALUM, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES), in March 2007: “I graduated from veterinary school at UIUC in May. I’m currently doing a one-year internship at Bay Area Veterinary Specialists in San Leandro, CA. I complete my internship at the end of June. After that, I’ll be moving cross country to start a 3-year residency in Emergency and Critical Care at Ocean State Veterinary Specialists in East Greenwich, RI.”

CLIFF REDEKER (5/04 ALUM, LAS HISTORY, FRENCH, AND PSYCHOLOGY) in July 2006, from his job at Strata in Chicago: “I just wrapped up 8 days of user trainings at the Cleveland Clinic, which rocked. I trained over 250 users in using the software, and still kept my voice. Life in Chicago has really taken off. I’ve been able to see Yo-Yo Ma once again, and all kinds of theatres and symphonies. I took some sailing lessons in the frigid month of May. But my new thing is windsurfing; I took lessons over at Northwestern in early June, and I’ve been doing it off and on ever since. I still see some honors people from time to time. I do stuff with SANDEEP NAVALGUND (5/05 ALUM, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND LAS FINANCE) fairly regularly, and I spent my birthday over at Stanford, where I had the
chance to have a meal with **MIKE MUNIE (5/04 ALUM, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE AND LAS MATHEMATICS)** and **JEAN HE (8/05 ALUM, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE AND LAS FINANCE).”**

**NICOLE REIZINE-EVANKO (SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY),** describing her Summer 2006 Mayo Clinic internship: “It’s a great experience, I’m learning a lot about medicine and research. My particular project is on the protein plakophilin-2 and how possible mutations in the protein causes a heart condition. This heart condition, ARVC, can be concealed and may account for many of the sudden unexplained death cases. I am currently going through the DNA of patients who have died of sudden unexplained death syndrome and looking for mutations in this protein.” In the fall, she arranged for a special waiver from the Deans of Students’ Office to take a week off from classes to volunteer in Baton Rouge as part of the Hurricane Katrina Relief Team.

**MIKE SALWAN (12/05 ALUM, LAS MATHEMATICS),** writing from Columbus, Ohio, in September 2006: “I have started grad school at OSU to get my PhD in Biostatistics here.”

**BRETT SCHMIDT (1/99 ALUM, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING) will have earned both his J.D. and Master’s in Urban Planning degrees by the end of the 2007-08 academic year.**

**JON E. SCHULTZ II (5/99 ALUM, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING),** in April 2007: “My family did move up to Wisconsin about a year and a half ago. We’re kind of near Lake Geneva, about 15 minutes away, so it’s not too far over the Illinois border. I got married in ’03, and I have a 2.5 year old son named Jon (III) and a 3 month old son named Rylan, who goes by Rylie. Still running Prominic, which is based down in the Champaign area, but most of us are able to telecommute. We have about 10 people working with us total, spread throughout the world. We currently have people in Champaign, myself in Wisconsin, someone in South Carolina, and someone in Romania. Last year we even had people in Canada and Switzerland. I love my 10 second commute, but I do miss seeing my coworkers in the “office”. Working from home is great, but as with anything, there are cons to it.”

**AMANDA [LEONARD] SHANBAUM (5/00 ALUM, LAS CHEMISTRY), in August 2006, shortly after the birth of her first child, Calla, with BEN SHANBAUM (5/01 ALUM, FAA MUSIC EDUCATION):** “We planned things well, so I am able to take a long maternity leave [from her forensics position with the City of Chicago]. I start back part-time (30 hrs/week) on Sept 12. Ben was working full time at a law firm this summer (Katten Muchin Rosenman). Calla will be staying with another mom in our complex while we are both gone (but we really only need 20-25 hours of care a week) so that will be better than the scary daycares in the city.” Some time later she sent an update: “I’m still working - 80% time right now. It keeps me sane, and minimizes how much time Calla spends at the babysitters. Ben is anxious to finish school. He’s got his post-graduation job lined up already. He will be an associate in the International Customs and Trade department at Katten Muchin Rosenman starting in September…. (We’ll be back in September for Stephen’s wedding!)”

**STEPHEN SHANBAUM (5/04 ALUM, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE),** Ben’s younger brother, is working as a data analyst in the asset management group of Computer Sciences Corp. in Newington, CT, where he worked four summers during his undergraduate career.

**ANTHONY SHEEHAN (5/89 ALUM, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE),** in his annual January 2007 holiday note: “Anthony remains at the Tax Division in the Department of Justice doing both tax and immigration litigation…. In June, he returned from a trip to Florida only to find that DOJ headquarters had been flooded in a record-setting rainfall. As a result, he spent most of July telecommuting from the basement.” Anthony also reported that his wife Sue was going back to work, also at the Department of Justice. Their children, Thomas and Theresa, are now eight and six.

**ROBERT G. SHIMMIN (5/00 ALUM, LAS CHEMICAL ENGINEERING) won a Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship some time back, but CHP discovered it only recently. The Hertz is arguably the most prestigious of the engineering fellowships, providing up to five years of support for Ph.D. study in the applied physical and engineering sciences. Robert is working toward a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering at UIUC.”

**DAVID ISHII SMYTH (5/03 ALUM, LAS MATHEMATICS) earned a certificate in the advanced study of mathematics as a Churchill Scholar at Cambridge University in England, then went to Berkeley with an NSF Graduate Fellowship. About a year ago, he left California to continue his studies at Harvard.**

Almost exactly a year ago, **PHILIPPA SOSKIN (5/03 ALUM, LAS GENERAL BIOLOGY) reported that participants in the 2001 CHP Summer Service Program in South Africa had gathered for the weddings of two of their number: “NICK [WISSEMAN] married Ginger Russell on June 17 and LAURA [ZIMMERMANN] married Rob Mitchem on June 24. Five of the South Africa group (aside from Nick and Laura) were able to attend both weddings: myself, APARNA PUPPALA, PETER ROOSE, RAY LIU, and CHANDRA LINTON. Five summers later and we are still the greatest of friends! Both weddings were beautiful and special and it was wonderful to have (most of) the gang together again.” During a visit to the Honors House a couple of weeks later, Philippa added that she has completed the Master’s in Public Policy at Harvard’s Kennedy School and will be beginning medical school at Stanford University at the end of August.”

**ALEXANDER SPEKTOR (5/05 ALUM, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING),** winner of the 2007 Harold L. Olseon Teaching Award, was a TA in ECE 445 (Senior Design), and his efforts resulted in the following comments from students: “Very committed and organized.” “He was very helpful both inside and outside of the lab.” “Alex is a great TA. He’s always on top of things and eager to provide suggestions.”
LUKE ST. CLAIR (12/04 ALUM, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE), from his website, in May 2007: “I joined the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Penn State University in 2005. I am a part of the Systems and Internet Infrastructure Security (SIIS) Lab and the Networking and Security Research Center (NSRC).... Currently, I'm investigating interesting new uses for OS virtualization technologies like Xen. I am primarily interested in the security issues of these new uses. Additionally, much of my work revolves around policy enforcement systems (such as SELinux) and how those systems apply to OS and virtualization technologies. See the HotSec paper in my publications section for more details. My other professional interests include network security and protocols.”

MICHELLE STEELE (1/00 ALUM, LAS ECONOMICS) worked for Bloomberg News, a financial news service in Princeton, NJ, then taught English in Martinique for awhile. She studied journalism at Columbia and is currently the “resident liberal voice” at Forbes.com.

KATHERINE E. SUTTON (5/03 ALUM, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING) earned her master’s in electrical engineering at Stanford through Sandia National Laboratory’s Special Masters Program, and is now working at Sandia in Albuquerque. She is engaged to fellow Uni High/CHP alum, ROBERT R. MILLS (5/03 ALUM, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING), who also has his M.S.E.E.

EMILY SYLWESTRAK (5/06 ALUM, LAS HONORS BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY) graduated with highest departmental distinction, the “Best Senior Thesis Award,” and the C. Ladd Prosser Award for Outstanding Achievement in Physiology. She spent Summer 2006 wrapping up three years of work in the Cox lab (now submitted for publication) and hiking 110 miles of the Appalachian trail through Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont. As of Fall 2006, she is a first-year graduate student in the Neuroscience Ph.D. program at the University of California-San Diego. “I love it! Right now I’m taking classes and rotating through labs.”

ZHENYA TUMANOVA (8/02 ALUM, LAS FRENCH), in April 2007: “I spent almost two years in CU, working from home as a full-time freelance translator and interpreter. My last interpreting assignment was actually in C-U with the Russian and East European and Eurasian Center in March, interpreting for some folk musicians. Now I’m about to start an in-house job with a major translation company in Manhattan (it’ll be quite a change from sitting my jammies all day and into the night). I will be doing quality assurance for translations from Russian and other Slavic languages into English.”

R. J. VANSWOL (5/03 ALUM, LAS Rhetoric and English), in October 2006: “Mary (nee Bennett, 5/03 alum, rhetoric and English) does adult reference and collection development at Park Forest Public Library, as well as programming, grant-writing, and anything else they send her way. Her commute has been much better for the last few months, since we moved to Homewood, than it was when we lived on the North Side last year. My commute downtown to Northwestern Law is a little longer than it was from Edgewater, but it gives me a chance to read. Once a literature major, always a literature major, or so I hope. We even named our cats Dante and Beatrice. Over the summer I worked on the law school campus, coordinating orientation and working as a TA for our international students’ legal writing classes. I’ve continued the assistantship into the school year. I’m also working as a student representative for Westlaw, and I’m on the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology. I co-direct the law school’s a cappella group, Habeas Chorus, and I’ve arranged a couple of songs. I’m an officer in the Christian Legal Society, although I think makeup classes will keep me from attending any meetings for the rest of the semester. Mary and I are both singing in the choir of the church we attend in Flossmoor.”

HERA VLMAKIS (5/98 ALUM, LAS MICROBIOLOGY) is now a postdoc at Harvard’s School of Medicine, having earned her Ph.D. in microbiology at Berkeley.

GILLIAN WEISS (5/06 ALUM, ENG INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING), in June 2006: “I will be starting work for BJC HealthCare (they own Barnes-Jewish, St. Louis Children’s, and 10 other hospitals in St. Louis) on July 6th. I will join their ‘Process Excellence’ group as a quality improvement engineer. The department serves as an internal consulting group to BJC.”

STEVE WOODEN (5/01 ALUM, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND LAS ECONOMICS), in September 2006: “Ashley and I moved a couple miles away to a free standing house (from our townhouse) at the end of April. We’re still settling in a few months later, but fingers crossed, we will call this place home for many years to come. I’m still working at the trading company at the loop; things are going very well for me there. Ashley finished her master’s degree in teaching and is still going strong into her third year teaching high school English at Downers Grove North High School. So, for the past few years, at least our jobs have been stable! The only other news we have is that we recently rescued a two year old dog from a shelter--she is a blue tick hound mix.”

MIKE ZIELINSKI (5/93 ALUM, LAS CHEMISTRY), in August 2006: “I’m currently an Internist (primary care doctor) in private practice in downtown Chicago (at Northwestern Memorial Hospital) and am an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine—which used to be the Northwestern University Medical School. I just had my first baby, Alexander, 3 days ago so I’m a new daddy as well. My wife’s name is Sarah. We’ve been married almost 6 years and are doing great.”

LAURA ZIMMERMANN (5/03 ALUM, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE) has completed her fourth year of medical school at Northwestern; her husband is a neuroscience Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago.
POST-GRADUATE PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES

CONTINUING AT UIUC

CHARLES BLATTI: “My post graduate plan is to attend the University of Illinois Master’s Program in Computer Science.”

PRAVEEN BOMMANNAVAR: “I will be at UIUC for graduate school in ECE. I’ll be working in the decisions and control group, and plan on a Ph.D.” He works with Tamer Basar.

PAUL CAMANN: “I plan to continue my study by coming to the U. of I. for graduate school. I’ll be concentrating in Materials Science and Engineering in the Paul Braun group. My research will be likely based on photonic properties of opal and inverse-opal structures.”

ANNA DOMBROWSKI: UIUC Master’s degree program in Library Science, which she hopes to complete in a year.

AMANDA HEITZ: “This summer, I will be interning for Mercer Human Resource Consulting in the Investment Consulting department. Next year, I will enter UIUC as a graduate student in Applied Mathematics: Actuarial Science. I plan to complete my Masters degree in May 2008.”

JILL KANER: “I will return to the University of Illinois in the fall to earn my Master of Accounting Science. Upon graduating, I will work at KPMG LLP as an audit associate in the Chicago office. Last summer I interned for KPMG and was hired by CHP alum SARAH MCKIBBEN (5/01 alum, BUS ACCOUNTING), then a KPMG recruiter.”

JUSTIN KING is in the 5-year B.S./M.S. Program in Computer Science, and will remain at UIUC until he completes his Master’s degree in May 2008.

EMILY LESCH: “Right now I’m working as a part-time flight instructor for the University. I hope to continue working for the University for at least another academic year as a full-time instructor. Eventually, I hope to work as a professional pilot for an airline.”

LYDIA MAJURE: “My post graduation plan is to stay here and get my Ph.D. [in electrical engineering].”

ERIN MIDDLETON: “I will be attending UIUC for another year in pursuit of a Master of Science in Civil Engineering graduate degree.”

REBECCA O’DONOGHUE entered the UIUC M.S. program in Library and Information Science in January 2007.

ANGELA REISCHE: “I will be continuing my studies here at UIUC and completing my Masters in Accounting Science in May 2008, and then...?”

PAUL RICHARDSON: “When I return from Austria in the middle of January [2007], I will be heading to Springfield. There I will work in a ‘public policy residency’ with Rich Miller. Rich is considered the premier journalist in Illinois covering state and local politics. He is the publisher of The Capitol Fax blog and writes weekly for the Chicago Sun-Times. After 8 months working there, I will return to Champaign to complete a one-year Masters program in Civic Leadership. Then, my plans are split, either pursue a Ph.D. in public administration, jump aboard a presidential campaign team (it will be in full swing at that point), OR return home to attend to the organization that I created in Kankakee County dedicated to getting young folks involved in state and local politics.” He expects his master’s degree in political science and civic leadership in May 2008.

JODY WAITZMAN: “As of March 12, I have accepted a full-time position with the U. of I. Library’s Conservation Department at the Oak Street Library facility. I’m working 3/4 time until I graduate, and then will start with full-time hours. I started working in the conservation lab doing book repair as a student hourly employee almost two years ago and fell in love with it; I’m thrilled to be able to stay in Urbana and continue working there as a full-time staff member.”

DOCTORS AND LAWYERS

DANA HENDERSON: “I’m happy to say I will be attending U of I’s law school in the fall and that I’ll still be around campus.”

LAURIE HENDERSON: “I have finally decided: Saint Louis University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri. I hope to pursue a concentration in the trademark field of intellectual property law.”

NEIL KAMDAR: “Nothing’s set in stone now, but it looks like I’ll most likely be going to Rush for Medical School.”

MANSI KOTHARI: “My plan is to attend med school at the University of Illinois Chicago starting August.”

ALLISON LALE: “I was planning on going to [medical school at] UChicago, but then Yale accepted me off the waitlist a few days ago! Right now I’m leaning UChicago because they gave me a hefty 4 year scholarship.” Allison settled on Chicago.

DAN MAZUR will be going to medical school at Northwestern University.

KRISTIN MCCALLA: “I will be going to UIC College of Dentistry starting in the fall.”

NICOLE REIZE EVANKO: “I plan on going to Loyola Stritch School of Medicine next year.”

CAROLYN SCHLESINGER: “I’m planning on taking prerequisites this coming year and applying for accelerated Bachelor of Nursing programs.”

AMY UNANDER: “I am ‘signed up’ to attend Chicago-Kent law school this fall. However, it is likely that I will be offered a position with the State Department [as a Foreign Service Officer] in September.”

DAVID WIEST: “I have decided to attend the University of Iowa law school next year with a large scholarship.”

JAjah WU: University of Chicago Law School for J.D. in 2010

GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

SAPAN AGARWAL: “I am going to the University of California, Berkeley for a masters and then PhD in EE. I’m going to start working with Professor Eli Yablonovitch in July at Berkeley.”

JOANNA BECHTEL: “I will be attending Berkeley in order to get a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, focusing on combustion and alternative energy.”

LAURA BOOK: “My postgraduate plans are physics graduate school, specializing in astrophysics and cosmology.” She will attend Cal Tech.
MICHAEL BUHNERKEMPE: “I’m planning on pursuing a Ph.D. in Biology at Colorado State University.”

DAVID BURGHOFF: “I’ll be starting graduate school at MIT, where I’ll be researching quantum cascade lasers and terahertz devices.”

BEN CANTRELL: “In May I will be going to Okayama University in Japan to do research on lean-burn spark-ignited engines. I’ll work with a professor there to develop a new method for measuring the fuel concentration in an engine cylinder using laser diagnostics. In August I’ll go to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for graduate school. I’ll be working on computer simulations of turbulent combustion in diesel engines.”

KATE GRIER: “I decided to go to Ohio State for a Ph.D. in Astronomy.”

BEN KADUK: “I’ll be going to MIT for grad school in the fall, to pursue a Ph.D. in theoretical chemistry.” Ben was named an MIT Presidential Fellow, which provides $4,000 more than the regular annual funding for a Teaching Assistant. All first year graduate students in chemistry are required to TA for two semesters during their first year as part of the Ph.D. requirement.

MICHAEL LAMA: Graduate study in architecture at the University of Texas at Austin with an in-state tuition waiver.

KARA LAMB: “I will be attending the University of Chicago in the fall [for a Ph.D. in physics].”

AMY LEE: “I will be attending pharmacy school [at UIC] to pursue a Pharm. D. degree.”

JENNA LOSS: “I will be attending Princeton University to pursue a Ph.D. in geosciences and environmental policymaking.”

GABRIEL MATHY: “I will be attending the University of California, Davis, [for advanced study in economics].”

MARK MCArTHUR: “Next year I plan on attending a Masters of Social Science program at the University of Chicago.”

ROXANNE MOORE: “I will be attending Georgia Tech this fall pursuing an M.S in Mechanical Engineering.”

JANET PAVES: “I will be attending Northwestern University, Chicago campus, for the Integrated Graduate Program in the Life Sciences next fall. I will be working towards my Ph.D., hoping to specialize in Cancer Biology/Pharmacology.”

BRIAN QUANZ: “Next year I am going to the University of Kansas for their Ph.D. program in computer science.”

MELISSA SINGER: “I will be attending Northwestern University next year in the doctorate of physical therapy program. It is a two and a half year program which begins in August 2007 and ends in December 2009.”

BROCK WILLIAMS: “I plan on attending Cornell University next fall, pursuing a Master’s Degree in Applied Economics and Management. My goal is to obtain my Ph.D. in the field.”

The Worlds Beyond

ABBY ADAMS: “Next year, I’m moving to North Carolina to teach elementary school, most likely fourth grade in Wilson, North Carolina.”

MEENA BABU: “I just accepted a job offer from General Mills for a position in their Quality Associate Program in Belvidere, IL, and I will start working in February of 2007. In other news: as of this semester, I am engaged -- my fiancé, Joe Banasiak, will also graduate this December with his M.S. in Electrical Engineering here at UIUC, and he will be working for Motorola in Libertyville, IL. We are planning a trip to India for a couple weeks in January and we’ll be married on Sept. 8, 2007.”

PARAS BAXI: “After I graduate, I am working with Goldman Sachs Technology Division in New York City.”

REBECCA BERG will be working for PEAK6 Investments as a Trading Assistant in the Chicago Board of Trade building. PEAK6 Investments, L.P. is a financial institution concentrating on options trading and investment. A proprietary trading firm with over 150 employees, it specializes in market making, risk management, and technology.

ASHLEIGH BRUBAKER: “Starting in February, I will be working at Sargent and Lundy in downtown Chicago. My actual position will be Electrical Associate in the Instrumentation and Controls Engineering Group, Nuclear Power Technologies’.”

KATE CAUSEMAN: “I will be working in the Trust department at Busey Bank doing miscellaneous duties such as mutual fund trading. I will also be applying for law schools, and am hoping to start in Fall 2008.”

AMANDA CHANG: “I will be starting a job at Abbott Laboratories in Lake County, IL in January, in their Engineering Professional Development Program.”

ERIC CHIMA: “I’ll be attending the Poynter Institution’s Summer Fellowship program in St. Petersburg, FL this summer. In September I’ll be starting at Cisco Systems in Research Triangle Park, NC [as a programmer].” The Poynter Fellowship is like a “finishing school” for journalists; it’s one of the most prestigious journalism institutions around.

RYAN COLLINS: “I have accepted a position as an Analytical Engineer with MPC Products in Skokie, IL. MPC is an electro-mechanical controls company, and my position will allow me to utilize my two favorite skill sets: control systems theory and finite element methodology, along with some other computer programming and strength of materials analysis.”

MEGAN DILL: “I have a dietetic internship at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center that starts in October.”

ADAM DRAKE is a systems analyst at Deloitte Consulting, based in the Chicago Loop. He says he will be traveling four out of five days a week.

DANA FABRIZIO: “I have accepted a job as an assurance associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago.”

JENNIFER FREITAG: “I’ve just accepted an offer with DRW Trading Group in Chicago as a Software Engineer.”
SAM GOODMAN (12/06 GRADUATE): “I am currently working at SARGA Associates in Annandale, New Jersey, a consulting firm for pharmaceutical companies that specializes in drug market analysis.”

BRIAN GRIFFITH: “I’m moving to Los Angeles to start work in public accounting at KPMG.”

BRYAN HORVATH: “After graduation, I am taking off for a month of backpacking in central Europe. I will then move to Chicago in mid-July to begin work at a consulting firm (ZS Associates), where I will take the position of an Operations Research Analyst. I hope to work for at least 3 years and then attend a top business school to receive an MBA. Following that, I hope to move into an industry of interest or start my own company/consulting firm.”

TOM HUGHES: “I have accepted a job at Palm, Inc. in Sunnyvale, California as a software engineer.”

MIKE HULL: “I intend to pursue a future as a physics professor. First, however, I am thrilled to say that I have been blessed with the opportunity to fulfill what has been a dream of mine for many years; I will teach for one year in Japan. I am spending this summer working full time as a research assistant at the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory in Champaign, IL, developing technology for electron emission from ferroelectric crystals. My plane leaves Chicago, Aug. 24th, and I will complete my training approximately one week later. At that point, I will be in the Aichi prefecture, nearby Nagoya, where I studied abroad in 2004. I am ebullient at the thought of revisiting the parks, temples, and shrines that I frequented when I was a foreign-exchange student….”

AUDREY KENTOR will participate in a Fall 2007 communal-living fellowship program called Adamah. After December, she will pursue a career as a freelance theatre lighting designer.

LUKE KROOSWYK: “I have accepted an offer from Motorola in Schaumburg, IL to work as a mechanical engineer in their two way radio communications group. I will most likely be working on a masters of mechanical engineering degree part time, followed by an M.B.A. degree.”

KATHERINE LEGGE: “I have decided to take off a year and work in the CU-area, specifically at the Larry Kanfer gallery full-time, with the intention of applying this fall and entering law school the fall of 2008.”

JAMES LIEN: “I will be working full time as a consulting analyst with Huron Consulting Group in New York City, New York.”

PRASHANT MEHTA: “I am going to work as a Process Engineer for Diageo (shortly after the CHP Japan Tour!).”

HALEY MILLER: “My post graduation plans are currently to stay in Champaign working for Motorola with whom I have been interning since after my freshman year.”

MIKE OLSZEWSKI: “I have accepted a position with the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) near Washington D.C. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with some of the world’s most advanced aircraft, and plan to continue my studies in both aerospace engineering and business. I also look forward to spending time with family and friends, many of whom will be living in the area.”

COURTNEY O’SHEA: “I will be moving to Arizona in the fall to complete my student teaching experience near Tucson. Eventually, I plan to pursue a master’s in music education (choral conducting) and to become a high school music teacher. I may also perhaps someday become a university professor and conductor.”

ANKEET PATEL: “Systems Analyst at Deloitte Consulting (and Japan ICST and Backpacking Europe, hehe).”

ZACH PANS: “I have been admitted to National-Louis University and will attend there in the fall.”

ANDREA PETTAY: “I’ll be an intern at the Missouri Department of Conservation monitoring birds and vegetation on private land across the state. This job will only last through the summer and I don’t know what I’ll be doing after that.”

JILL PITCHER: “I will be working with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) as a full time missionary for at least two years. I will be sent to a university (unknown as of right now) in the US to work with college students to teach them how to transform the culture for Jesus Christ. I will be leading small group Bible studies, doing one-on-one discipleship (mentoring), helping to facilitate large group outreach events and hopefully going on some service trips over breaks.”

CARL PRESS: “I will be joining the Leveraged Finance/Financial Sponsors group at UBS Investment Bank in San Francisco, CA. The position will begin with a 6 week training program in New York, NY.”

THERESE ROGERS: “I was accepted into Teach for America, and placed as a high school math teacher in Houston, TX. After teaching for 2 years, I plan to attend law school.”

TYLER ROSSI: Accepted a job offer from Lockheed-Martin in New York. Will probably be back at UIUC for grad school beginning Fall 2008.

ALICIA SEIFRID: “I will be teaching Spanish and Latin at the St. Charles High Schools (North High and East High) in St. Charles, IL.”

SOUMI SINHA: “I have started working at a hedge fund in Chicago called Citadel Investment Group. I will be starting their two year long Financial Technology Associate training program in July. It will include graduate level course work in statistics, finance and accountancy taught...”
in-house by professors from University of Chicago and Northwestern business schools. After coursework, we will participate in three rotations of six months each through different business units which will involve a mix of application development and quantitative roles.”

**BETHANY SIX:** “I will be completing my dietetic internship at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, IA.”

**KELLY STEVENS:** “I accepted a teaching position in Palatine District 15 for next year. I will be teaching third grade at Whiteley Elementary School in Hoffman Estates.”

**MATT STORKMAN:** “I will be moving into downtown Chicago in May. In July, I will begin working for Citigroup, Inc. as an Investment Banking Analyst.”

**LAURA SULLIVAN:** “After graduation I have a few big trips planned: family ski trip, skiing in Colorado with friends, and backpacking through South America. I will then be starting my job at Deloitte as a Consultant in February. Also, I plan to attend law school after working for two and a half years.”

**MARK TEN PAS:** “I will be working as a Capital Markets analyst at Lehman Brothers in New York. I look forward to the opportunity to work for bond traders in a fast-paced work environment and to enjoy the city.”

**JOHN VANDERVENNET:** “I am moving to Los Angeles to work for Northrop Grumman Space Technology as a Communication Systems Engineer. I have accepted a fellowship to pursue a Master’s Degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Southern California while working part-time for Northrop Grumman.”

**DAN WEIDNER:** “I will be teaching physics at Argo Community High School in Summit, IL starting fall 2007.”

**KYLE WILKINSON:** “I am going to work for a small startup in Seattle as a software developer. The name of it is Pelago and I am employee number 8. I can’t really talk about what it does specifically, as they are in stealth mode.”

**STEVE WISEL:** “I will be working as a lab technician at the University of Chicago Cancer Research Institute. The position involves research of genetic variants which affect a patient’s susceptibility to chemotherapy treatment.”

**LAURA YARBER:** “I will be joining Teach For America as a corps member in Denver, and I’m very excited about it!!! My assignment is not definite yet, but I do know that I will be teaching some type of science at a high school. After my two years with TFA I plan on attending law school.”

**WILSON YUM:** “I will be moving out to Folsom, California. I will be working for Intel with their Rotational Engineering Program for a year, after which I will be placed in a permanent group.”

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**CONTINUING CHANCELLOR’S SCHOLARS**

Class standings indicated below (i.e., junior, senior, etc.) are as of the 2006-07 academic year.

**ANITA CHARY (JUNIOR, LAS CHEMISTRY) and SARAH MESSMER (JUNIOR, ENG ENGINEERING PHYSICS), pre-med students with a strong interest in international medicine, traveled to Guatemala in December 2006/January 2007 for a Winter Break adventure in medical anthropology. Under the supervision of a UIUC M.D./Ph.D. student, they examined fecal samples for parasites and water-borne diseases among indigenous populations, and worked with midwives to study Mayan practices in pregnancy and parturition. Anita wrote: “I cannot thank you all enough for helping fund our visit to Guatemala. I learned more about international medicine, medical Spanish, and indigenous culture in three weeks than I could have ever imagined. During the time we spent in Guatemala, we participated in numerous clinics with Dr. Rohloff and learned some basic Kaqchikel. Dr. Rohloff provided us with quite a bit of background information about health care systems in Guatemala. We were also able to stay with some Mayan friends in Santiago and Comalapa, which was quite the eye-opening cultural experience.”

In March, **ANITA** and **SARAH** were among the three CHP students who gave presentations at HCIR 2007, a regional honors conference featuring undergraduate research, held this year at North Central College, Naperville. In “Ethnicity, Oppression, and Medicine in Guatemala,” they “explored the ways that race, ethnicity, and language, specifically of indigenous people (Mayans), shape a patient’s medical experience and accessibility to healthcare resources.” **BRYCE E. BIDWELL** (SOPHOMORE, LAS BIOCHEMISTRY) gave an introduction to “unpopular psychopharmacology.” By “unpopular,” he meant either off-label uses for certain drugs or drugs that are poorly appreciated. He focused on mirtapapine (an atypical antidepressant) and lamotrigine (an anti-epileptic/mood stabilizer) in the off-label treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder and on the use of sulbutiamine (a French drug with a niche market in the U.S.).
THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS WHO SUPPORTED THE CHP FROM JULY 1, 2006 – JUNE 30, 2007!

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Two Chancellor’s Scholars shared the ECE Department’s Ellery B. Paine Outstanding Junior Award. CATHERINE WAH (JUNIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING) was President of both Eta Kappa Nu honor society and Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering. She is a member of the ECE Student Advisory Committee and the Tau Beta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi honoraries, and is active in the Asian American Association. Catherine was last year’s Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Sophomore; besides the Paine Award, she was the recipient of a 2007 Micron Technology Scholarship.

THOMAS COMBERIATE (SOPHOMORE, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING) served as Director of Operations for Eta Kappa Nu and as Treasurer and Workshops and Projects Committee chair for the Illinois IEEE student chapter. Tom, besides being selected as last year’s ECE Outstanding Freshman, won the 2007 Burton Wilson and Russell Berthold Scholarships.

The Daily Illini announced the winners in the UIUC student elections, including Chime, who was elected student trustee. Known unofficially as the ‘Ralph Nader’ candidate, Chime was almost certain he wasn’t going to win. “Things like this don’t happen to me. I started with the Christian groups, and from there I was embraced by the Illini. I’m glad they want change. Now that I’m elected, my mission begins today.” (summarized and excerpted from the DI page one article).

BUDDY ERICKSON (JUNIOR, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING) won an Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering Service Award, plus the Mildred Mattux and Lisle Abbott Rose Scholarship. This past fall, he began an internship at IllinoisVENTURES, a local venture company that focuses on technologies emerging at the U. of I. Buddy has started a new organization called The FIRM Consulting, whose goal is to help its members enhance their case interview skills and leverage the network of U. of I. alumni already in the industry. He spent the last two summers working as a project engineer at Kraft Foods Inc. and holding an internship in Evanston with ZS Associates, a sales and marketing management consulting firm.

ALICE FOREMAN (FRESHMAN, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES) remained in Champaign-Urbana during Summer 2007 because of a job with University Facilities and Services. “I work for an electrical engineer making schematic drawings (in AutoCAD, an architectural software program) of wiring diagrams for the electricians who service actual wires I’m drawing. I started working the week after Easter, and so far I really like it!”

Prof. David Ruzic has hired a number of CHP students to work as undergraduate research assistants in his Plasma Material Interaction Group for Spring 2007. These include: DAVID BURNS (FRESHMAN, LAS GENERAL), CHRISTOPHER CALVEY (JUNIOR, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING), KATHLEEN GUARNA (FRESHMAN, LAS BIOLOGY), CHRISTOPHER HAAB (SOPHOMORE, LAS GENERAL), JESSICA KELLIER (FRESHMAN, LAS BIOLOGY), ANDREW MOLLO (FRESHMAN, LAS BIOCHEMISTRY), JARED SCHABER (FRESHMAN, LAS MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE), and DAVID WEST (FRESHMAN, ENG MECHANICAL ENGINEERING).

CHIME ASONYE (JUNIOR, LAS INTERNATIONAL STUDIES), in February 2007: “I’m a Civic Leadership Fellow with the Center for the Study of Democratic Governance. So with that I graduate and get a lucrative one year Fellowship (past fellows have worked on the Editorial Board of the Chicago Tribune, in the White House for the Vice-President, etc.) and then I return to Illinois and do a one year masters in political science/ public policy and with my class of Fellows we put out a research paper.” In March, The Daily Illini announced the winners in the UIUC student elections, including Chime, who was elected student trustee. Known unofficially as the ‘Ralph Nader’ candidate, Chime was almost certain he wasn’t going to win. “Things like this don’t happen to me. I started with the Christian groups, and from there I was embraced by the Illini. I’m glad they want change. Now that I’m elected, my mission begins today.” (summarized and excerpted from the DI page one article)

chip burkhardt unveiling his original watercolor of the honors house
NEW CONFIGURATION OF CHP ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

When Tammy Carwell left the CHP in early April for a new job in the Office of the President at UIUC, followed by Sonia Carringer’s retirement at the end of May, their positions were filled, respectively, by new hire Susan Schmall-Ross and current CHP staffer Elizabeth Rockman. Elizabeth was promoted to Associate Director, and her former Assistant Director position was assumed by Carolyn Allen. In other words, three of the five members of the CHP administrative staff are currently learning new jobs—and in Elizabeth’s case, also teaching their successor. In addition, Bruce Michelson has assumed additional responsibilities as a result of his selection as a Distinguished Teacher/Scholar by the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, beginning with the 2007-08 academic year. Margaret Cupps will continue to provide the rock-solid stability and welcoming presence she has for the past 12 years.

New Administrative Secretary Susan Schmall-Ross has been at UIUC for 18 years. Her most recent position before joining the Honors staff was in the School of Chemical Sciences’ Academic Advising and Career Services Division. There, as student records resource person, she learned U. of I. integrations, compiled student enrollment statistics and salary data for the unit’s annual report, and developed the budget for special events. She has also worked in the Colleges of Law and ACES, in their Admissions and Academic Programs Offices, respectively. Susan lives in Ogden with her husband Jim and daughter Addison.

As one of the first staff members of the Beckman Institute, where she has worked for the past 20 years, new Assistant Director for Operations Carolyn Allen was instrumental in building the Institute from the ground up—defining budget lines, writing job descriptions, hiring and supervising staff members, establishing procedures, researching equipment specifications, costs, and maintenance, negotiating and procuring goods and services, preparing in-house publications, and developing and processing proposals. She has earned two degrees at UIUC, a Bachelor’s in the teaching of French (K-14) and a Master’s in Higher Education Administration, the latter completed four years ago.
FREQUENT FLYERS

The following students are studying abroad during Summer 2007, Fall 2007, and the 2007-08 academic year. The sponsoring units are in parentheses, with a key to abbreviations at the end. The list excludes recipients of CHP travel awards, which appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

RICHARD A. BOETTCHER, SOPHOMORE, ENG
NUCLEAR ENGINEERING
BEIJING, CHINA (IPENG), SUMMER 2007
LINDSEY M. CASTLEMAN-ZIA, FRESHMAN, LAS
GENERAL
ATHENS, GREECE (LAS), SUMMER 2007
CAROLYN F. CRONIN, SOPHOMORE, LAS BIOLOGY
THAMMASAT, THAILAND (SAO), SUMMER 2007
SAMANTHA E. DWYER, SOPHOMORE, LAS GEOLOGY
SAN JOAQUIN DE FLORES, COSTA RICA (SAO), SUMMER 2007
AMY E. ENGELBRECHT-WIGGANS, FRESHMAN, ENG
ENGINEERING MECHANICS
VALENCIA, SPAIN (IPENG), 2007-08
GINA FRANCIS, FRESHMAN, ENG AGRICULTURAL
ENGINEERING
TAIPEI, TAIWAN (ACES), SUMMER 2007, AND CONCEPCION, CHILE (IPENG), FALL 2007
RIMAS V. GULBINAS, SENIOR, ENG MECHANICAL
ENGINEERING
CITY UNIVERSITY, CHINA (IPENG), FALL 2007
YUBO (BURNLEY) JIA, FRESHMAN, ENG COMPUTER
ENGINEERING
BEIJING, CHINA (IPENG), SUMMER 2007
LINDA MARIE JOHNSON, SOPHOMORE, LAS
MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
SAN JOAQUIN DE FLORES, COSTA RICA (SAO), SUMMER 2007
AMANDA M. KATZ, SOPHOMORE, LAS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
BILBAO, SPAIN (SAO), SUMMER 2007
ASHLEY S. KEELER, SOPHOMORE, BUS BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION
GRANADA, SPAIN (SAO), FALL 2007
SOOHYUN KOO, SOPHOMORE, LAS INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES
BEIJING, CHINA (SAO), FALL 2007
KATHLEEN M. LENZINI, JUNIOR, LAS ACTUARIAL
SCIENCE
USFQ, ECUADOR (SAO), FALL 2007
SARAH E. LOSH, SOPHOMORE, LAS GENERAL
GRANADA, SPAIN (SAO), SUMMER 2007
DAVID J. LUEDTKE, FRESHMAN, ENG BIOENGINEERING
DARMSTADT, GERMANY (IPENG), SUMMER 2007
MARGIE A. MATHEWSON, SOPHOMORE, ENG
BIOENGINEERING
DARMSTADT, GERMANY (IPENG), SUMMER 2007
PATRICIA-ANNE T. MATHY, SOPHOMORE, LAS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
ARGENTINE UNIVERSITIES, ARGENTIAN (BUTLER UNIVERSITY), FALL 2007
STANTON A. MCCONNELL, SOPHOMORE, LAS GENERAL
GRANADA, SPAIN (SAO), FALL 2007
MEGAN C. MCMILLEN, JUNIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY
VERONA, ITALY (SAO), SUMMER 2007
SARAH E. MESSMER, JUNIOR, ENG ENGINEERING
PHYSICS
USFQ, ECUADOR (SAO), FALL 2007
CAROLINE G. MURDOCH, FRESHMAN, ENG
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
VIENNA, AUSTRIA (LAS), SUMMER 2007
GAIL C. SCHNITZER, SOPHOMORE, LAS POLITICAL
SCIENCE
CUHK, CHINA (SAO), SUMMER 2007
EMILY A. SELEN, SOPHOMORE, LAS GENERAL
UPPSALA, SWEDEN (SAO), 2007-08
ANNE C. SHIVERS, SOPHOMORE, LAS HISTORY
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO, EGYPT (AUC), 2007-08
CHRISTINA C. SMITH, FRESHMAN, ACES ANIMAL
SCIENCES
STUDY TOUR, JAMAICA (ACES), SUMMER 2007
RYAN M. SWearingEN, JUNIOR, LAS ECONOMICS
VERONA, ITALY (SAO), SUMMER 2007
SARAH A. TUREK, SOPHOMORE, ACES ANIMAL
SCIENCES
TAIPEI, TAIWAN (ACES), SUMMER 2007
CORINNE T. ULLRICH, SOPHOMORE, LAS FRENCH
PARIS, FRANCE (LAS), 2007-08

ACES = College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences
IPENG = International Programs in Engineering
LAS = College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
SAO = Study Abroad Office; now called Student International Academic Affairs

IN THE NEWS

In a July/August 2006 Illinois Alumni magazine article outlining the U. of I. strategic plan for the next ten years, the first goal was “to attract more top students, like Babu and Fisher.” They were referring to MEENA BABU (12/06 ALUM, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING) and BRIAN LEE FISHER (JUNIOR, ACES CROP SCIENCES), the only students mentioned in the article.

MEENA BABU and XIAORONG (JAJAH) WU (SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY AND LAS ENGLISH) were selected to represent the Colleges of Engineering and Liberal Arts and Sciences, respectively, in the U. of I.’s 2007 Viewbook. They are pictured and profiled in the Viewbook and are also pictured and quoted in the companion publication I Belong.

Juniors KEVIN CHANG (ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING), DAVID GRAYSON (ENG ENGINEERING PHYSICS), and RYAN MULLIGAN (ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING) were pictured on the front page of the April 16, 2007 Daily Illini, as they competed in the first-ever Google Games contest, Lego bridge-building event. Planned by engineering students and Google staffers, the Games took place at the Siebel Center on a Saturday afternoon.

NICOLE ALEXANDER (SENIOR, AHS KINESIOLOGY) was pictured and quoted in the Assembly Hall section of the Student Affairs Annual Report:

LAURA GANGCHIODO (JUNIOR, EDU SPECIAL EDUCATION) was pictured in the Counseling Center section of the same report.

A number of CHP students were among those quoted in the 2007 Japan House Newsletter, as articulate spokespersons for the value of this special facility: MARY CHA (SENIOR, FAA GRAPHIC DESIGN), BENJAMIN KADUK (SENIOR, LAS CHEMISTRY AND MATHEMATICS), NEIL KAMDAR (SENIOR, LAS ECONOMICS), and TODD PLOTNER (5/95 ALUM, LAS ECONOMICS).

MAUREEN REAGAN’S (5/91 ALUM, FAA INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC) letter to Roger Ebert was reprinted in the Illinois Alumni magazine of July/August 2006. In this letter—at once a thank-you note to Mr. Ebert and a reminiscence about her father—she tells the tale of her dad’s love of the silent film “The Black Pirate,” and his attendance at the April 2006 Overlooked Film Festival on his 84th birthday to see the film again. Starring Douglas Fairbanks, “The Black Pirate” is the first feature film made entirely in Technicolor. Maureen is the Director of Marketing and Patron Services at the Krannert Center.
**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**American Nuclear Society John and Muriel Landis Scholarship**
(to graduate and undergraduate students planning a career in a nuclear-related field)

**RICHARD A. BOETTCHER,** SOPHOMORE, ENG NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

**AmeriCorps “Member of the Year”**
(the “domestic Peace Corps,” offers volunteer service projects)

**SEEMA KINI,** 5/05 ALUM, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS

**Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship**
(for students with outstanding research potential in mathematics, science, and engineering; apply during sophomore or junior year)

**CATERINA GRATTON,** JUNIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY

**National Academy for Nuclear Training Scholarship (renewable)**

**RICHARD A. BOETTCHER,** SOPHOMORE, ENG NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

**National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship**
(U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force; three years of support for Ph.D. study in science and engineering, no military or service obligation)

**MICHAEL P. DALY,** SENIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

**MARIE A. MAYER,** SENIOR, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

**ANDREW G. MCCORMICK,** 5/06 ALUM, LAS PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICS (IN PHYSICS)

**TRISHA A. PRUIS,** 12/04 ALUM, LAS HONORS BIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY (IN COGNITIVE, NEURAL, AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES)

**National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship**
(three years of support for Ph.D. study in science, mathematics, and engineering)

**JESSICA A. KOSCHMEDER,** SENIOR, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA BARBARA (GRADUATING AUGUST 2007)

**National Security Education Program (NSEP)**
(David L. Boren Scholarship (for study abroad in world regions critical to U.S. national security interests))

**RICHARD A. BOETTCHER,** SOPHOMORE, ENG NUCLEAR ENGINEERING (CHINA FOR SPRING AND SUMMER 2008)

**ANNE C. SHIVERS,** SOPHOMORE, LAS HISTORY (EGYPT FOR 2007-08)

**Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship**
(for graduate study; one nominee per campus to national office)

**MICHAEL A. LAMA,** SENIOR, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

**Tau Beta Pi Scholarship**
(one of 135 scholarships from the engineering honor society’s central office)

**ADAM K. JANZEN,** JUNIOR, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING

**Teach for America Program**
(two years of teaching in under-resourced public schools)

**THERESE E. ROGERS,** SENIOR, LAS MATHEMATICS; WILL TEACH HIGH SCHOOL MATH IN HOUSTON, TX

**LAURA M. YARBER,** SENIOR, LAS INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY; WILL TEACH HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE IN DENVER, CO

**U.S. Air Force Academy Graduate Dependent Scholarship**

**ANNE E. RIVAS,** SOPHOMORE, LAS INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY AND ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES

**FINALISTS IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

**Churchill Scholarship**
(all expenses for one year of study at Cambridge University, England)

**BENJAMIN J. KADUK,** SENIOR, LAS CHEMISTRY AND MATHEMATICS; ALL-CAMPUS FINALIST AND NOMINEE

**KARA D. LAMB,** SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS; ALL-CAMPUS FINALIST

**Gates Cambridge Scholarship**
(for graduate study or study for a second bachelor’s degree at Cambridge University, England)

**BENJAMIN J. KADUK,** SENIOR, LAS CHEMISTRY AND MATHEMATICS; ALL-CAMPUS NOMINEE AND NATIONAL INTERVIEWEE

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**CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS 2006-07**

Class standings indicated below (i.e., freshman, sophomore, etc.) are as of the 2006-07 academic year. In the college listings, all-college awards precede awards given by individual departments within the college. Awards in the Department of Physics are listed under the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering, depending on whether the recipients are majoring in physics or engineering physics.

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**Richard Boettcher and Ben Kaduk**
Fannie and John Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship (up to five years of support for Ph.D. in the applied physical and engineering sciences)

BENJAMIN J. KADUK, senior, LAS Chemistry and Mathematics; All-Campus Nominee and National Interviewee

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship—Honorable Mention

LAURA G. BOOK, senior, LAS Physics (for California Institute of Technology)

FAROOQ R. KHAN, 5/06 alum, ENG Mechanical Engineering (now at Stanford University)

THOMAS M. SPINKA, 12/05 alum, ENG Electrical Engineering and LAS Astronomy (at UIUC, studying Electrical and Electronic Engineering)

EMILY L. SYLVESTRAK, 5/06 alum, LAS Honors Biology and Chemistry (now at University of California at San Diego, studying Neurosciences)

Rhodes Scholarship (one to three years of study leading to a degree in any field at Oxford University, England)

BROCK R. WILLIAMS, senior, BUS Economics; All-Campus Nominee

REGIONAL, STATE, AND ALL-CAMPUS AWARDS

Academic All-Big Ten (student athletes with a 3.0+ GPA who lettered in their sport)

MELISSA J. SINGER, senior, AHS Kinesiology

BRONZE TABLET (UIUC, top 3% of each college’s graduating class)

SAPAN AGARWAL, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

NICOLE M. ALEXANDER, senior, AHS Kinesiology

ADAM T. AUSTIN, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

PARAS S. BAXI, 12/06 alum, ENG Electrical Engineering

JOANNA E. BECTHEL, senior, ENG Mechanical Engineering

LAURA G. BOOK, senior, LAS Physics

MICHAEL G. BUHNERKEMPE, senior, LAS Integrative Biology and Statistics

ALLISON A. CAMPBELL, senior, LAS Speech Communication and Rhetoric

DEVI A. CHARI, 12/06 alum, LAS Economics and Sociology

MICHAEL P. DALY, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

MELANIE C. DAVIS, senior, COMM Advertising

BRIAN R. GRIFFITH, senior, BUS Accountancy

LAURIE H. HENDERSON, senior, BUS Business Administration

THOMAS D. HUGHES, senior, ENG Computer Engineering

ALLISON J. LALE, senior, LAS Integrative Biology

KARA D. LAMB, senior, LAS Physics

DANIEL J. MAZUR, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

MARK A. MARCETHUR, senior, LAS Psychology

ALICIA M. SEIFRUD, senior, LAS Teaching of Spanish

KELLY M. STEVENS, senior, EDU Elementary Education

BROCK R. WILLIAMS, senior, BUS Economics

XIAORONG JAJAH WU, senior, BUS Accountancy and LAS English

Civic Leadership Fellows Program, Spring 2007 initiates (UIUC selective B.A./M.A. program that prepares students for leadership roles in civic affairs)

CHIMEZIRI ASONYE, junior, LAS International Studies

AMBER N. KIRCHHOFF, junior, LAS Political Science

GAIL C. SCHNITZER, sophomore, LAS Political Science

J. and M. Cummins Veterans Scholarship (Office of Student Financial Aid)

RICHARD A. BOETCHER, sophomore, ENG Nuclear Engineering (for 2006-07 and 2007-08)

Dads Association Library Award (all-campus, top sophomores in each college on the basis of GPA)

SAPAN AGARWAL, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

JACALYN R. CEGLINSKI, sophomore, COMM Advertising

ANITA N. CHARY, junior, LAS Chemistry and Anthropology

MELANIE A. CLARK, junior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

MERYL D. GARRISON, junior, LAS French

CATERINA GRATTON, junior, LAS Psychology

GIL E. HARMON, junior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

MATTHEW A. HORRELL, junior, LAS Classics

ADAM K. JANZEN, junior, ENG Civil Engineering

MATTHEW M. LUCAS, junior, ENG Computer Engineering

MEGAN C. MCMILLEN, junior, LAS Psychology

SARAH E. MESSMER, junior, ENG Engineering Physics

CHRISTINE M. PINHEIRO, junior, LAS Philosophy

KATHERINE M. SMOUCHA, junior, LAS English

MICHAEL T. VANACKER, junior, BUS Finance

ExCEL/Edith and Harry Darby Scholarship (Student Affairs award for “Exemplary, Committed, and Engaged Leaders,” three awards)

SARA R. GIBBS, junior, LAS International Studies

ExCEL/Susan Teegarden Morrison Scholarship (Student Affairs award for “Exemplary, Committed, and Engaged Leaders,” two awards)

ELIZABETH ANN RAHN, sophomore, BUS Business Administration

Adam Folger, Jr. Prize ($1,000 undergraduate creative writing award sponsored by Alpha Delta Phi fraternity)

XIAORONG JAJAH WU, senior, BUS Accountancy and LAS English; for her poem “Resurgence” (68 entries in the Poetry Category)

General Assembly Scholarship (State of Illinois full-tuition scholarship)

ROBERT A. PACEY, junior, LAS History

General Merit Study Abroad Scholarship (Office of International Programs and Studies)

AMBER N. KIRCHHOFF, junior, LAS Political Science (for Granada, Spain; Summer 2007)

JOANNA C. W. NG, junior, LAS English (for Siem Reap, Cambodia, Summer 2007)

JAMES D. PIERSON, sophomore, LAS History (for Granada, Spain, Summer 2007)

ELIZABETH A. ROGERS, junior, LAS Mathematics (for Winter Break 2006-07)

KATHERINE M. SMOUCHA, junior, LAS English (for Cape Town, South Africa, Spring 2007)

BROCK R. WILLIAMS, senior, BUS Economics (for West Africa, Winter Break 2006-07)

Joshua L. Grafton Award (Student Affairs leadership award, two awards)

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**George Huff Award**
- Rachel A. Zimmerman, Alum, LAS Political Science
- Emily F. Lesch, Alum, LAS Mathematics
- Kelly M. Stevens, Alum, EDU Elementary Education

**Illinois Leadership Certificate**
- All campus leadership training program involving coursework and experiential activities, 32 awards
- Jaimin P. Amin, Senior, LAS Biochemistry

**Illinois Outstanding Dietetics Student of the Year 2007**
- Bethany L. Six, Senior, ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition

**James Newton Matthews Scholarship**
- First-year renewable campus-level award for recruiting top freshmen; seniors only
- Adam T. Austin, Senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Mary E. Cha, Senior, FAA Graphic Design
- Eric M. Chima, Senior, ENG Computer Science and COMM News-Editorial
- Meg C. Dill, Senior, ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Anna R. Dombrowski, Senior, LAS Psychology
- Laurel K. Englem, Senior, EDU Elementary Education
- Brian Lee Fisher, Senior, ACES Crop Sciences
- Amy K. Lee, Senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology, and Psychology
- Jessica K. Leiding, Senior, LAS Psychology and Spanish
- Emily F. Lesch, 12/06 Alum, LAS Mathematics
- Kelly M. Stevens, Senior, EDU Elementary Education
- Rachel A. Zimmerman, Senior, EDU Elementary Education

**Vicki Lynn Merkel Excellence in Leadership Award**
- Student Affairs, one award

**Mothers Association Book Award**
- All campus award for achievement as a first-semester freshman
- Matthew D. Alvin, Freshman, LAS Chemistry
- Jordan C. Axelsson, Freshman, LAS Chemistry
- Alexander J. Beata, Freshman, LAS Geography
- Caitlin L. Carmichael, Freshman, LAS Biology
- Lindsey M. Castleman-Zia, Freshman, LAS General
- Allison C. Dehnel, Freshman, LAS Biology
- Eleanor A. Good, Freshman, ENG Engineering Mechanics
- Kathy Y. Gu, Freshman, LAS Actuarial Science
- Kathleen M. Guarna, Freshman, LAS Biology
- Heather R. Hanks, Freshman, LAS English
- Jacob T. Hendee, Freshman, ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
- Cara Hyde-Basso, Freshman, FAA Architectural Studies
- Yubo (Burney) Jia, Freshman, ENG Computer Engineering
- Rachel M. Kaplan, Freshman, LAS Biology
- James P. Keiller, Freshman, ENG Electrical Engineering
- Jeremy A. Koch, Freshman, ENG Mechanical Engineering
- Mark A. Langrehr, Freshman, FAA Architectural Studies
- Lisa MaZZocco, Freshman, ENG Materials Science and Engineering
- Richard A. Moy, Freshman, LAS Mathematics
- Yuzuko C. Nakamura, Freshman, ENG Computer Science
- Melinda J. Porebski, Freshman, LAS Linguistics
- Sarah M. Romberg, Freshman, BUS Unassigned
- Jared C. Schaber, Freshman, LAS Mathematics and Computer Science
- Andy J. Smith, Freshman, ENG Bioengineering
- Fred G. Sollberger, Freshman, LAS Chemical Engineering
- Christina S. Voltaggio, Freshman, BUS Unassigned
- David West, Freshman, ENG Mechanical Engineering
- Laura P. Zahn, Freshman, LAS Actuarial Science

**Mothers Association Humanitarian Service Award**
- Student Affairs, two awards

**NECA All-American Scholar**
- First Team

**Nontraditional Destinations Study Abroad Scholarship**
- Office of International Programs and Studies

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**Scholar Days 2007 Honors Session Panelists**
- All campus Spring recruiting event

**John L. Rainey Prize**
- Sponsored by Alpha Delta Phi fraternity

**Brenae L. Reinhart, Senior, LAS English**
- For her short story “Guarding Main Street” (64 entries in the fiction category)

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- Office of International Programs and Studies

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**Senior 100 Honorary**
- Top seniors, all campus, based on academics and leadership

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MICHAEL A. LAMA, SENIOR, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES
KATHERINE G. LEGGE, SENIOR, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES
JENNA L. LOSH, SENIOR, LAS BIOCHEMISTRY
DANIEL J. MAZUR, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
MARK A. MCMARTHUR, SENIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY
COURTNEY N. O’SHEA, SENIOR, FAA MUSIC EDUCATION
NICOLE M. REIZINE EVANKO, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
BETHANY L. SIX, SENIOR, ACES FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION
MATTHEW K. STORKMAN, SENIOR, BUS FINANCE
BROCK R. WILLIAMS, SENIOR, BUS ECONOMICS
XIAORONG JAJAH WU, SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY AND LAS ENGLISH

Charles C. Stewart International Young Humanitarian Award
(Office of International Programs and Studies)

SEEMA P. KINI, 5/05 ALUM, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS

Student Trustee
(received the most votes in the Spring 2007 student elections)

CHIME ASONYE, JUNIOR, LAS INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Fred H. Turner Memorial Award
(Student Affairs, three awards)

NICOLE M. ALEXANDER, SENIOR, AHS KINESIOLOGY

Viewbook
(all-campus recruiting publication; following students were selected to represent the Colleges of Engineering and Liberal Arts and Sciences)

MEENA BAABU, 12/06 ALUM, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
XIAORONG JAJAH WU, SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY AND LAS ENGLISH

CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

King Broadrick-Allen Award for Excellence in Honors Teaching
ZOHREH T. SULLIVAN, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE; UNIT FOR CRITICISM AND INTERPRETIVE THEORY

Calvin Ke Student Leadership Award
ADAM T. AUSTIN, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

CHP Representatives at the Honors Council of the Illinois Region’s 2007 Undergraduate Research Conference
BRYCE E. BIDWELL, SOPHOMORE, LAS BIOCHEMISTRY
ANITA N. CHARY, JUNIOR, LAS CHEMISTRY AND ANTHROPOLOGY
SARAH E. MESSMER, JUNIOR, ENG ENGINEERING PHYSICS

Honors Student Council Executive Officers for 2007-08
ANNE E. RIVAS, SOPHOMORE, LAS INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY AND ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES, PRESIDENT
ALICE M. FOREMAN, FRESHMAN, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES
JOHANNA M. GEMPERLINE, FRESHMAN, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING
MELINDA J. (MINDI) PORBEKSI, FRESHMAN, LAS LINGUISTICS

Intercultural Study Tour to Japan
(Summer 2007)

NICOLE M. ALEXANDER, SENIOR, AHS KINESIOLOGY
RHIANNON N. ARDISANA, SOPHOMORE, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES
ADAM T. AUSTIN, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
JENNIFER L. BAADER, SOPHOMORE, LAS BIOLOGY AND ENGLISH
ANNA R. DOMBROWSKI, SENIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY
ALICE M. FOREMAN, FRESHMAN, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES
DAVID E. GRAYSON, JUNIOR, ENG ENGINEERING PHYSICS
AMANDA R. HEITZ, SENIOR, BUS FINANCE
BENJAMIN J. KADUK, SENIOR, LAS CHEMISTRY AND MATHEMATICS
KRISTINE J. KLINGER, FRESHMAN, BUS UNASSIGNED
ALLISON J. LALE, SENIOR, LAS INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY
LISA MAZZOCO, FRESHMAN, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
PRASHANT A. MEHTA, SENIOR, LAS CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
REBECCA MILSK, SOPHOMORE, LAS CHEMISTRY
ANKEET A. PATEL, SENIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING
JANET M. PAVESE, SENIOR, LAS BIOCHEMISTRY
MELINDA J. PORBEKSI, FRESHMAN, LAS LINGUISTICS
KENNETH W. RINGWALD, JUNIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
ANNE E. RIVAS, SOPHOMORE, LAS INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY AND ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES
CORINNE T. ULLRICH, SOPHOMORE, LAS FRENCH

Outstanding Senior Award
(16 seniors for academic excellence and CHP participation; winners of national awards are ineligible)

NICOLE M. ALEXANDER, SENIOR, AHS KINESIOLOGY
ADAM T. AUSTIN, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
JOANNA E. BECHTEL, SENIOR, ENG MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
MICHAEL G. BUHERKENMEPE, SENIOR, LAS INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY AND STATISTICS
ALLISON A. CAMPBELL, SENIOR, LAS SPEECH COMMUNICATION
ADAM M. CRANDALL, SENIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING
MICHAEL P. DALY, SENIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Zohren Sullivan and Broadrick-Allen Award presenter Karl Broderick
MELANIE C. DAVIS, SENIOR, COMM ADVERTISING
LAURIE H. HENDERSON, SENIOR, BUS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
THOMAS D. HUGHES, SENIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING
ALLISON J. LALE, SENIOR, LAS INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY
KARA D. LAMB, SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS
JULIA E. REYNOLDS, SENIOR, LAS INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
ALICIA M. SEIFRID, SENIOR, LAS TEACHING OF SPANISH
KELLY M. STEVENS, SENIOR, EDU ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
BROCK R. WILLIAMS, SENIOR, BUS ECONOMICS

Summer Research Awards
($2,000 to student and $500 to research supervisor)

ANITA N. CHARY, JUNIOR, LAS CHEMISTRY AND ANTHROPOLOGY
“Fighting Antibiotic Resistance: Biosynthesis of the Lantibiotics Haloduracin, Cinnamycin, and Lacticin 481,” with Prof. Willem A. van der Donk

JOSEPH P. GERDT, SENIOR, LAS CHEMISTRY
“Stabilizing RNA Tertiary Folding with DNA and RNA Constraints,” with Prof. Scott K. Silverman

RACHEL M. KAPLAN, FRESHMAN, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
“All crippling Variation of Cytochrome P450 Monoxygenases in Insecticide Resistant and Susceptible Mosquito Strains,” with Prof. Mary A. Schuler

GABRIEL P. MATHY, SENIOR, LAS ECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

HEATHER T. TAFF, JUNIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
“Determining the Cleavage Site in the Amino Terminus of the Pasteurella multocida Toxin Protein ToxA,” with Prof. Brenda A. Wilson

Summer Travel Grants
(up to $500 for U.S. and up to $1,000 for other countries)

ALEXANDER J. BEATA, FRESHMAN, LAS GEOGRAPHY
London, England, to take English 461, Theatre in England

ALLISON C. DEHNEL, FRESHMAN, LAS BIOLOGY
Ecuador, to take Tropical Biology in Ecuador course

ALBERT H. DIEHL, JUNIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
Copenhagen etc., to participate in the HIV/AIDS in Western Europe Program

STACEY M. GRITZ, FRESHMAN, FAA MUSIC EDUCATION
Burgos, Spain, to participate in the Burgos Chamber Music Festival, by invitation

EMILY M. HOLTAN, SOPHOMORE, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, AND SPANISH
Milwaukee, WI, to participate in an AmeriCorp summer volunteer internship at a health center

AMBER N. KIRCHHOFF, JUNIOR, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIETY
Granada, Spain, to participate in a Spanish studies program

MICHAEL A. LAMA, SENIOR, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES
The Netherlands, to participate in a School of Architecture study of innovative design solutions in a high-density, canal-laced country

JOANNA C. W. NG, JUNIOR, LAS ENGLISH
Siem Reap, Cambodia, to participate in a new Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) summer program

JAMES D. PIERSON, SOPHOMORE, LAS HISTORY
Granada, Spain, to take classes at the Centro Granadi de Español

Yanai Rotary Club Good-Will Ambassador
(for summer experience in Japan)

WHITNEY B. WYCKOFF, SOPHOMORE, COMM JOURNALISM NEWS-EDITORIAL

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

ACES Global Ambassadors Outstanding Service Award
(ACES, one award)

KATHERINE G. LEGGE, SENIOR, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES

ACES James Scholar
(seniors only)

MEG C. DILL, SENIOR, ACES FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION

BRIAN LEE FISHER, SENIOR, ACES CROP SCIENCES

BETHANY L. SIX, SENIOR, ACES FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION

William F. Coolidge Scholarship
(ACES, three awards)

KATHERINE G. LEGGE, SENIOR, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES

BETHANY L. SIX, SENIOR, ACES FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION

Field and Furrow Club Service Award
(ACES, four awards)

KATHERINE G. LEGGE, SENIOR, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES

James Scholar Media Team, First Editorial Assistant for Cursus Honorum
(ACES, one award)

MEG C. DILL, SENIOR, ACES FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION

James Scholar Media Team, First Editorial Assistant for Ultreia
(ACES, one award)

Francis W. Kittinger Scholarship
(ACES, one award)

KATHERINE G. LEGGE, SENIOR, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES

Mamer Family Scholarship
(ACES, one award)

BETHANY L. SIX, SENIOR, ACES FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION

Eugene G. Mosbacher Scholarship
(ACES, six awards)

JODY S. WAITZMAN, SENIOR, ACES AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Marion Piper Memorial Scholarship
(ACES, seven awards)

MEG C. DILL, SENIOR, ACES FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION

Robert Spillman Scholarship
(ACES, seven awards)

MEG C. DILL, SENIOR, ACES FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION
Robert J. Webb Scholarship
(ACES, one award)

KATHERINE G. LEGGE, SENIOR, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES

Warren K. Wessels Award
(ACES, for an outstanding senior)

BETHANY L. SIX, SENIOR, ACES FOOD SCIENCE AND HUMAN NUTRITION

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award
(Department of Crop Sciences, one award)

BRIAN LEE FISHER, SENIOR, ACES CROP SCIENCES

Outstanding Senior in Dietetics
(Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, one award)

EWAN S. ROBINSON, SENIOR, ACES NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCE

Roger Morse Outstanding Senior Award
(AHS, one award)

NICOLE M. ALEXANDER, SENIOR, AHS KINESIOLOGY

Agnes R. Vidovic Scholarship
(AHS, one award)

NICOLE M. ALEXANDER, SENIOR, AHS KINESIOLOGY

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Mary Sparks Alley Scholarship
(BUS, special consideration to females)

BRITTANY D’ARCY, FRESHMAN, BUS UNASSIGNED
CORISSA E. DIONISIO, FRESHMAN, BUS UNASSIGNED
EMILY A. HURTUBISE, FRESHMAN, BUS UNASSIGNED
CLAIRE M. MATHIAS, SOPHOMORE, BUS ACCOUNTANCY
SARAH M. ROMBERG, FRESHMAN, BUS UNASSIGNED
JOHN T. SMILLIE, SOPHOMORE, BUS FINANCE
KATHRYN SZJEKA, SOPHOMORE, BUS UNASSIGNED
YIQING (ROBERT) YAN, SOPHOMORE, BUS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BKD LLP Award
(BUS, four awards)

JILL D. KANER, SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY

Business Council Scholarship
(BUS, eleven awards)

JILL D. KANER, SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY
MATTHEW K. STORKMAN, SENIOR, BUS FINANCE

Business Loyalty Scholarship
(BUS)

ELIZABETH A. RAHN, SOPHOMORE, BUS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Goldie Maxine and Marcus Franklin Cord Scholarship
(BUS, for a third-year student)

DUSTIN A. CARROZZA, JUNIOR, BUS FINANCE

Charles L. and Garland B. Fletcher Scholarship
(BUS)

DUSTIN A. CARROZZA, JUNIOR, BUS FINANCE

Hugh W. Frey Scholarship
(BUS)

MICHAEL D. GAMAGE, FRESHMAN, BUS UNASSIGNED
ALLEN D. HAYS, SOPHOMORE, BUS FINANCE
KAITLIN A. HOLCOMB, SOPHOMORE, BUS UNASSIGNED
SARAH E. MCDANIEL, SOPHOMORE, BUS FINANCE

Stanley N. Gore Scholarship
(BUS, for academic and extracurricular excellence)

MICHAEL T. VANACKER, JUNIOR, BUS FINANCE

Peggy Pool Graening Scholarship
(BUS)

ELIZABETH A. RAHN, SOPHOMORE, BUS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

James R. Hall Scholarship
(BUS, two awards)

XIAORONG JAHAH WU, SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY AND LAS ENGLISH

Leiby S. Hall Scholarship
(BUS, for juniors and seniors)

JESSICA K. BRYCE, SENIOR, BUS FINANCE
BRIAN R. GRIFFITH, SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY
MICHAEL J. LABELLE, JUNIOR, BUS FINANCE
JAMES J. LIEN, SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY
JOSEPH L. ROSENBERG, JUNIOR, BUS FINANCE
MICHAEL T. VANACKER, JUNIOR, BUS FINANCE
JACOB D. VIAL, JUNIOR, BUS FINANCE

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XIAORONG JAHAH WU, SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY AND LAS ENGLISH

Ronald D. Jeffris Scholarship
(BUS, one award)

JESSICA K. BRYCE, SENIOR, BUS FINANCE

David Kinley Educational Foundation Scholarship
(BUS)

NISA S. AGRAWAL, JUNIOR, BUS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
YIQING (ROBERT) YAN, SOPHOMORE, BUS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Mead Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship
(BUS, for international business concentrators)

MICHAEL J. LABELLE, JUNIOR, BUS FINANCE
JAMES J. LIEN, SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY

H and R Krantz Moede Scholarship
(BUS)

JOSEPH L. ROSENBERG, JUNIOR, BUS FINANCE

Lloyd Morey Memorial Award
(BUS, for the senior with the highest GPA)

BROCK R. WILLIAMS, SENIOR, BUS ECONOMICS

John L. and Ruth B. Morton Scholarship
(BUS)

NISA S. AGRAWAL, JUNIOR, BUS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Motorola Scholarship
(BUS)

MICHAEL NOTTON, SOPHOMORE, BUS FINANCE

Anna Lou Johnston Roth Scholarship
(BUS, for Christian County high school graduates)

JESSICA A. PODESCHI, JUNIOR, BUS FINANCE

Thomas and Carlene Shade Scholarship
(BUS)

DANIEL M. WENHOLD, SOPHOMORE, BUS FINANCE

Barent and Jesse Springsted Scholarship
(BUS)

STACIE L. WAIMBERK, JUNIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY
Stein Scholarship for Excellence
(BUS, for an incoming freshman)
**Kyla M. Bachtell**, freshman, BUS unassigned

Top Ten Senior Award
(BUS, for academic achievement and service to college and university)
**Jill D. Kaner**, senior, BUS accountancy
**Matthew K. Storkman**, senior, BUS finance

Trone Scholarship
(BUS)
**Dustin A. Carrozzi**, junior, BUS finance

Alfred and Mildred Vondenbosch Scholarship
(BUS)
**Michael Nottton**, sophomore, BUS finance
**Jacob D. Vial**, junior, BUS finance

Edward Whittaker Student Award
(BUS)
**John T. Smillie**, sophomore, BUS finance

**COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Alpha Delta Sigma
(national advertising honorary)
**Melanie C. Davis**, senior, COMM advertising

Iris Chang Journalism Award
(COMM, one award)
**Eric M. Chima**, senior, ENG computer science and COMM News-editorial

COMM Alumni Memorial Award
(for one graduating senior from each COMM curriculum)
**Melanie C. Davis**, senior, COMM advertising

COMM James Scholar
(all classes)
**Kristina L. Anderson**, sophomore, COMM general
**Jacalyn R. Ceglinski**, sophomore, COMM advertising
**Melanie C. Davis**, senior, COMM advertising
**Amanda E. Graf**, junior, COMM News-editorial
**Margaret M. Haas**, sophomore, COMM general
**Kristin A. Maiorano**, sophomore, COMM Broadcast Journalism
**Whitney B. Wyckoff**, sophomore, COMM News-editorial

Paula L. Gottschalk Scholarship
(COMM, one award)
**Jacalyn R. Ceglinski**, sophomore, COMM advertising

Kappa Tau Alpha
(national journalism and mass communication honorary)
**Melanie C. Davis**, senior, COMM advertising

Harold E. and Dorothy Johnson Sortor Journalism Scholarship
(COMM, two awards)
**Margaret M. Haas**, sophomore, COMM general

Carl and Ruth S. Stephens Scholarship
(COMM, three awards)
**Kristin A. Maiorano**, sophomore, COMM Broadcast Journalism

Joe Sutton Honorary Scholarship in Print Journalism
(COMM, two awards)
**Amanda E. Graf**, junior, COMM News-editorial
**Whitney B. Wyckoff**, sophomore, COMM News-editorial

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

William Chandler Bagley Scholarship
(EDU merit scholarship)
**Abigail M. Adams**, senior, EDU elementary education
**Sarah E. Becker**, senior, EDU elementary education
**Jill M. Pitcher**, senior, EDU teaching of Mathematics
**Alicia M. Seifrid**, senior, EDU teaching of Spanish

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Accenture Outstanding Junior
(ENG, selected for scholarship, leadership, extracurricular involvement, and professional presence)
**Richard A. Boettcher**, sophomore, ENG nuclear engineering
**Emily A. Echevarria**, sophomore, ENG computer engineering
**Johanna M. Semperline**, freshman, ENG civil engineering
**Alexander W. Millar**, sophomore, ENG engineering mechanics
**Brandon J. Reizman**, sophomore, LAS chemical engineering

Knights of St. Patrick
(ENG, a dozen awards for leadership, character, and contribution)
**Meena Babu**, 12/06 alum, ENG materials science and engineering
**Marie A. Mayer**, senior, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

**Tau Beta Pi**
(national engineering honorary; top eighth of junior class or top fifth of senior class)
**Sarah E. Ashton-Szabo**, sophomore, ENG bioengineering
**Joanna E. Bechtel**, senior, ENG mechanical engineering
**Jonathan P. Bitzer**, senior, ENG electrical engineering
**Thomas M. Comberiate**, sophomore, ENG electrical engineering
**Adam M. Crandall**, senior, ENG computer engineering
**Stephen D. House**, junior, ENG materials science and engineering
**Michael M. Hull**, senior, ENG nuclear engineering
**Patrick R. Jakubowski**, junior, ENG computer engineering
**Adam K. Janzen**, junior, ENG civil engineering
**Brett R. Jones**, junior, ENG computer science
**Jessica A. Koschmeder**, senior, ENG materials science and engineering
**Frank J. Lam**, junior, ENG electrical engineering
**Matthew M. Lucas**, junior, ENG computer engineering
**Marie A. Mayer**, senior, ENG Materials Science and Engineering
**Roxanne A. Moore**, senior, ENG mechanical engineering
**Ryan T. Mulligan**, junior, ENG general engineering

**H. L. Wakeland Undergraduate Leadership Award**
(ENG, for a junior or senior)
**Scott D. Banlavic**, junior, ENG civil engineering
Engineering Open House “Century of Flight”
Third Place
(Department of Aerospace Engineering)
DAVID WEST, FRESHMAN, ENG MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (ONE OF FOUR AIAA REPRESENTATIVES)

Ralph Hay Working Scholar Award
(Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, one award)
ELIZABETH A. BROOKS, SOPHOMORE, ENG AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

Frank B. Lanham Award
(Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, two awards)
GINA FRANCIS, FRESHMAN, ENG AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

Matthews Company Scholar
(Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, one award)
JONATHAN T. ROTH, SENIOR, ENG AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

Bowman, Barrett, and Associates Outstanding Scholar Award
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, to a student in transportation or structures; one award)
JOHN C. ZEMAN, JUNIOR, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING

Class of 1943 Undergraduate Leadership Award
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, to a junior preparing for leadership in practical applications; one award)
SCOTT D. BANJAVIC, JUNIOR, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING

Maude E. Eide Memorial Scholarship
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, five awards)
SAYO CHAOKA, FRESHMAN, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING

Delores Wade Huber Scholarship
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, two awards)
JOHANNA M. GEMPERLINE, FRESHMAN, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING

Illinois Association of County Engineers Award
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, to juniors and seniors who are Illinois residents; four awards)
JOHN C. ZEMAN, JUNIOR, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING

Harold R. Sandberg Scholarship
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, for the highest GPA at the end of the junior year)
ADAM K. JANZEN, JUNIOR, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING

Wayne C. Teng Scholarship
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, to sophomores or juniors; four awards)
MARK C. HIRSCHI, SOPHOMORE, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Earle J. Wheeler Scholarship
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, two awards)
BRIAN K. SCHERTZ, SOPHOMORE, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING

Doris I. and James L. Willmer Endowed Scholarship
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, to a first generation female student, for an internship in private consulting; one award)
CLAIRE E. JOSEPH, FRESHMAN, ENG CIVIL ENGINEERING

Cisco WCS Undergraduate Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science, two awards)
YUZUKO C. NAKAMURA, FRESHMAN, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sara and Louis Cohen Undergraduate Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science, two awards)
MIGUEL A. ALEMÁN, SOPHOMORE, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE
LUIZ F. MENDES, JUNIOR, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dunn Systems Undergraduate Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science, two awards)
BRETT R. JONES, JUNIOR, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE

Daniel L. Slotnick Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science, two awards)
KYLE J. FOX, JUNIOR, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE
BRETT R. JONES, JUNIOR, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE

State Farm Chictech Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science, five awards)
CARYN A. LEPPERT, JUNIOR, ENG COMPUTER SCIENCE

John Bardeen Graduate Fellowship
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, one award)
JUSTIN C. KOEPKE, 5/06 ALUM, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND LAS MATHEMATICS

John Bardeen Undergraduate Award
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, to a junior pursuing a research career, preferably in semiconductors or superconductors; one award)
SAPAN AGARWAL, SENIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Russell E. Berthold Scholarship
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, nine awards)
THOMAS M. COMBERIATE, SOPHOMORE, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Milton T. Chang Scholarship
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, four-year scholarship for freshmen, based on financial need and outstanding potential; five awards)
SAPAN AGARWAL, SENIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

ECE Outstanding Freshman Scholarship
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for top freshman applicants; eight awards)
XICHEN JIANG, FRESHMAN, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
JAMES P. KEILLER, FRESHMAN, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Jules D. Falzer Scholarship
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for juniors or seniors; ten awards)
PARAS S. BAXI, 12/06 ALUM, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
THOMAS D. HUGHES, SENIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING
MATTHEW M. LUCAS, JUNIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING
TYLER J. ROSSI, SENIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
IEEE/ECE Alumni Outstanding Sophomore Award
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, based on campus/community involvement and future plans)
DAVID F. ROCKWOOD, SOPHOMORE, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

International Engineering Consortium W. L. Everitt Student Award of Excellence
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for two seniors from each of the 55 IEC member universities)
THOMAS D. HUGHES, SENIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Edward C. Jordan Award
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for seniors; nine awards)
PRAVEEN A. BOMMANNAVAR, SENIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
MICHAEL P. DALY, SENIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

A. R. “Buck” Knight Award
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for seniors; nine awards)
THOMAS D. HUGHES, SENIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Henry O. Koehler Merit Scholarship
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for juniors or seniors; eight awards)
ADAM M. CRANDALL, SENIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Micron Technology Scholarship
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, two-year awards for juniors; nine awards)
MICHAEL P. DALY, SENIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
CATHERINE L. WAH, JUNIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Harold L. Olesen Undergraduate Teaching Award
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for graduate students for undergraduate teaching; three awards)
ALEXANDER SPEKTO, 5/05 ALUM, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Ellery B. Paine Outstanding Junior Award
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for scholarship and leadership; two awards)
THOMAS M. COMBERIATE, SOPHOMORE, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
CATHERINE L. WAH, JUNIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Marcia Peterman Memorial Award
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, to seniors for scholarship and concern for fellow students; two awards)
ANKET A. PATEL, SENIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Burton J. Wilson Scholarship
(given every four years to a freshman in the Department of Physics or Electrical and Computer Engineering)
THOMAS M. COMBERIATE, SOPHOMORE, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Alpha Pi Mu Outstanding Member Award
(national industrial engineering honorary, one award selected by members of local chapter)
ARJUN VENKATASWAMY, JUNIOR, ENG INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Gamma Epsilon
(national general engineering honorary)
RICHARD R. (BUDDY) ERICKSON, JUNIOR, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING
BRYAN B. HORVATH, SENIOR, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING
RYAN T. MULLIGAN, JUNIOR, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING
MEGAN C. O’CONNELL, JUNIOR, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING
JAMES A. SEILER, JUNIOR, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING

Frederick and Rachel Hansen Scholarship
(Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, ten freshman awards)
NATHAN G. BAIRD, FRESHMAN, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING

Allison Dale, FRESHMAN, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING

Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering Service Award
(Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, nine junior awards)
RICHARD R. (BUDDY) ERICKSON, JUNIOR, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING

Robert A. Jewett Award
(Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, for a junior with outstanding leadership qualities; one award)
MEGAN C. O’CONNELL, JUNIOR, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING

Bernt O. Larson Project Design Award
(Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, team competition)
LAURA L. SULLIVAN, 12/06 ALUM, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING, FIRST PLACE FOR “GAMING CARD DATA DESIGN AND LAYOUT AUTOMATION”

Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Award
(Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, team competition)
BENJAMIN C. KAUN, 12/05 ALUM, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING, MERIT AWARD FOR “INFINITELY ADJUSTABLE EXERCISE BICYCLE SEAT DESIGN”
ERIC JAMES WILSON, 5/06 ALUM, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING, BRONZE AWARD FOR “SHORT RUN DRAW TOOLING”

Mildred Mattux and Lisle Abbott Rose Scholarship
(Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, to sophomores or juniors for scholarship and activities; two awards)
RICHARD R. (BUDDY) ERICKSON, JUNIOR, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING

Alfred W. Allen Award
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering, eleven awards)
LISA MAZZOCCHIO, FRESHMAN, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

A. I. Andrews Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering, three awards)
STEVEN A. WISEL, SENIOR, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Robert Bohl Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering, one award)
DANIEL R. WIDING, SOPHOMORE, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

IEEE/CompSoC Outstanding Senior Award
(IEEE Computer Society, based on technical contributions; three awards)
STEVEN A. WISEL, SENIOR, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

IEEE/CompSoC Outstanding Junior Award
(IEEE Computer Society, based on technical contributions; two awards)
RICHARD R. (BUDDY) ERICKSON, JUNIOR, ENG GENERAL ENGINEERING

A. R. “Buck” Knight Award
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for seniors; nine awards)
THOMAS D. HUGHES, SENIOR, ENG COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Edward C. Jordan Award
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for seniors; nine awards)
PRAVEEN A. BOMMANNAVAR, SENIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
MICHAEL P. DALY, SENIOR, ENG ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Caterpillar Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering, two awards)
STEPHEN D. HOUSE, JUNIOR, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Earl J. Eckel Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering, one award)
MARIE A. MAYER, SENIOR, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Arthur L. Friedberg Award
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering, three awards)
MEENA BABU, 12/06 ALUM, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Kimberly Clark Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering, two awards)
LISA MAZZOCCO, FRESHMAN, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Ivan Racheff Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering, five awards)
DANIEL R. WIDING, SOPHOMORE, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Larry D. and Carol Rakers Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering, two awards)
STEPHEN W. KAUN, JUNIOR, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

3M Polymer Materials Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering, three awards)
MEENA BABU, 12/06 ALUM, ENG MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Caterpillar Award
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering, one award)
BENJAMIN A. CANTRELL, SENIOR, ENG MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

John C. and Elizabeth J. Chato Award in Bioengineering
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)
SARA D. FIRESTONE, SENIOR, ENG MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Exelon Corporation Scholarship
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering, two awards)
JOANNA E. BECHTEL, SENIOR, ENG MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Note: Won during 2005-06, but inadvertently omitted from last summer's newsletter.

T. A. Peebles Award
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering, for proficiency in automatic control systems; one award)
ROXANNE A. MOORE, SENIOR, ENG MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Marvin C. Stippes Award
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)
ASHLEY M. WESSENDORF, JUNIOR, ENG ENGINEERING MECHANICS

American Nuclear Society Student Chapter Officers
(Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering)
RICHARD A. BOETTCHER, SOPHOMORE, ENG NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

American Nuclear Society Student Chapter Officers
(Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering, for students with career interest in the nuclear power industry, two awards)
RICHARD A. BOETTCHER, SOPHOMORE, ENG NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

American Nuclear Society Student Chapter Officers
(Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering, renewable merit-based scholarship awarded initially for high school record)
RICHARD A. BOETTCHER, SOPHOMORE, ENG NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

National Academy for Nuclear Training, Institute of Nuclear Power Operations Scholarship
(Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering, for undergraduate students pursuing careers in fission energy and technology, three continuing awards)
RICHARD A. BOETTCHER, SOPHOMORE, ENG NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

American Nuclear Society Student Chapter Officers
(Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering, five continuing awards)
RICHARD A. BOETTCHER, SOPHOMORE, ENG NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

Physics Society Officers for 2006-07
(Department of Physics, five officers)
DAVID E. GRAYSON, JUNIOR, ENG ENGINEERING PHYSICS (ENGINEERING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE)

Teaching Assistants Ranked Excellent by Their Students
(Department of Physics)
SARAH E. MESSMER, JUNIOR, ENG ENGINEERING PHYSICS

COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS
Architecture Scholarship for Highest GPA in Class of 2009
(School of Architecture)
AMY CHUAN-MING KUO, SOPHOMORE, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Architecture Scholarship for Highest GPA in Class of 2010
(School of Architecture)
CARA HYDE-BASSO, FRESHMAN, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES
Donald E. Bergerson Energy and Environmentally Sensitive Award
(School of Architecture, in the “Green Rescheme” sustainable design contest, senior class division)

MICHAEL A. LAMA, senior, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Charles Clemens Councell Memorial Fund
(School of Architecture, for the study abroad program in Versailles, France)

HELENE H. NGUYEN, sophomore, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Edward C. Earl Prize in Design in the Versailles Program
(School of Architecture)

SOPHIA J. LEE, junior, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Gargoyle Society Award for Excellence
(School of Architecture)

CARA HYDE-BASSO, freshman, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Elizabeth Goetsch Memorial Scholarship
(School of Architecture)

SOPHIA J. LEE, junior, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Frank B. and Jennie M. Long Traveling Award
(School of Architecture)

HELENE H. NGUYEN, sophomore, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Edward L. Ryerson Traveling Award
(School of Architecture)

BRETT A. BRIDGELAND, 5/05 alum, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Louise Woodrooffe Prize
(School of Architecture, for a body of work, e.g., drawings, watercolors, renderings prepared by a student in certain specified curricula)

GRANT E. ULLRICH, 5/04 alum, FAA ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Division Achievement Award
(School of Music; the number of awards in each division is based on the number of students enrolled)

COURTNEY N. O’SHEA, senior, FAA MUSIC EDUCATION (IN MUSIC EDUCATION DIVISION)

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Robert H. Bierma Scholarship
(LAS, for history, political science, and international studies students)

ROBERT A. PACEY, junior, LAS HISTORY

ANGELA R. PERKINS, junior, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE

Clarence E. Brehm Scholarship
(LAS, four awards)

KRISTIN E. MCCALLA, senior, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

Honorable Bernard M. and Louise A. Decker Scholarship
(LAS, for pre-law students)

MEGAN C. MCMILLEN, junior, LAS PSYCHOLOGY

Robert H. Doremus Scholarship (LAS)

ANITA N. CHARY, junior, LAS CHEMISTRY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

Wilmer E. Hellenthal Scholarship
(LAS, for pre-med students; eleven awards)

MELANIE A. CLARK, junior, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

GIL E. HARMON, junior, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

HEATHER T. TAFF, junior, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

John Karl Hotuiz Scholarship
(LAS, to the most outstanding graduate of Edwardsville High School)

KRISTIN E. MCCALLA, senior, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

Jones-Dow Scholarship
(LAS)

MERYL D. GARRISON, junior, LAS FRENCH

KATHERINE M. SMOUCHA, junior, LAS ENGLISH

Olive C. and Alfred L. Kuehn Scholarship
(LAS)

CHRISTINE M. PINHEIRO, junior, LAS CLASSICS

LAS James Scholar
(seniors only)

JAIMIN P. AMIN, SENIOR, LAS BIOCHEMISTRY

ADAM T. AUSTIN, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

REBECCA S. BERG, SENIOR, LAS ECONOMICS

CHARLES A. BLATTI III, SENIOR, LAS MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND CHEMISTRY

LAURA G. BOOK, SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS

DEVI A. CHARI, 12/06 ALUM, LAS ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY

ARPA N. CHOKSHI, SENIOR, LAS FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

ANNA R. DOMBROWSKI, SENIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY

JOSEPH B. GASTALA, SENIOR, LAS CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

BENJAMIN J. KADUK, SENIOR, LAS CHEMISTRY AND MATHEMATICS

NEIL K. KAMRAD, SENIOR, LAS ECONOMICS

KYLE A. KEATING, SENIOR, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE

MANSI M. KOTHARI, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, AND FINANCE

STACEY L. KRUEGER, SENIOR, LAS ENGLISH AND ITALIAN

ALLISON J. LALE, SENIOR, LAS INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

MINH-BAO LE, SENIOR, LAS BIOCHEMISTRY

AMY K. LEE, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, AND PSYCHOLOGY

JESSICA K. LEDING, SENIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY AND SPANISH

JENNA L. LOSH, SENIOR, LAS BIOCHEMISTRY

DANIEL J. MAIZUR, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

MARK A. MCCARTHER, SENIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY

NICOLE M. REIZEV EVANKO, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

ALICIA M. SEIFRUD, SENIOR, LAS TEACHING OF SPANISH

YAELE SHARON, SENIOR, LAS ENGLISH

Dorothy E. Nowlin Scholarship
(LAS)

SARA R. GIBBS, junior, LAS INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Phi Beta Kappa
(national liberal arts and sciences honorary for top 1% of junior class or top 7% of senior class; list includes only students who have been invited and accepted membership)

ADAM T. AUSTIN, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
CHARLES A. BLATTI III, SENIOR, LAS MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND CHEMISTRY
LAURA G. BOOK, SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS
MELANIE A. CLARK, JUNIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
MERYL D. GARRISON, JUNIOR, LAS FRENCH
KYLE A. KEATING, SENIOR, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE
ALLISON J. LALE, SENIOR, LAS INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY
KARA D. LAMB, SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS
JESSICA K. LEIDING, SENIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY AND SPANISH
MARK A. McARTHUR, SENIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY
KRISTIN E. MCCALLA, SENIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY
MEGAN C. MCMILLEN, JUNIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY
HEATHER T. TAFF, JUNIOR, LAS MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

Jean Crist Weagant and William G. Crist Memorial Scholarship
(LAS)

CATERINA GRATTON, JUNIOR, LAS PSYCHOLOGY

William L. Wilbur Scholarship
(LAS, two awards)

RYAN M. SWEARINGEN, JUNIOR, LAS ECONOMICS

Stanley P. Wyatt Memorial Award
(Department of Astronomy, one award)
CATHARINE J. GRIER, SENIOR, LAS ASTRONOMY AND PHYSICS

BP America Award
(School of Chemical Sciences)
AMANDA J. NEILSSON, SENIOR, LAS CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Peter C. and Gretchen Miller Markunas Scholarship
(School of Chemical Sciences, to a junior or senior chemistry major)
BENJAMIN J. KADUK, SENIOR, LAS CHEMISTRY AND MATHEMATICS

Arthur R. Matheson Award
(School of Chemical Sciences)
Joseph P. Gerdt, senior, LAS chemistry

WORTH HUFF RODEBUSH AWARD
(School of Chemical Sciences)
DAVID N. ABRAM, JUNIOR, LAS CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Robert D. Novak Award
(Department of English, one award)
XIAORONG JAJAH WU, SENIOR, BUS ACCOUNTANCY AND LAS ENGLISH

Junior French Undergraduate Excellence Award
(Department of French)
CORINNE T. ULRICH, SOPHOMORE, LAS FRENCH

Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Linguistics
(Department of Linguistics)
EVAN R. MARSH, JUNIOR, LAS LINGUISTICS

Sam and Dubey Portnoy Memorial Scholarship
(Department of Mathematics, two awards)
CHARLES A. BLATTI III, SENIOR, LAS MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND CHEMISTRY

Undergraduate Award for the Mathematics and Computer Science Major
(Department of Mathematics, one award)
CHARLES A. BLATTI III, SENIOR, LAS MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND CHEMISTRY

Commonwealth Edison/Beryl Bristow Scholarship
(Department of Physics, one award for an outstanding woman major, freshman or sophomore)
YI SUN, SOPHOMORE, LAS PHYSICS

Laura B. Eisenstein Award
(Department of Physics, for its outstanding female undergraduate)
KARA D. LAMB, SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS

Ernest M. Lyman Prize
(Department of Physics, for an outstanding senior)
LAURA G. BOOK, SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS

Kevin Allwin Shrote Scholarship
(Department of Physics, two awards)
LAURA G. BOOK, SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS
KARA D. LAMB, SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS

Jeremiah D. Sullivan Summer Research Fellowship
(Department of Physics, one award)
YI SUN, SOPHOMORE, LAS PHYSICS

Teaching Assistants Ranked Excellent by Their Students
(Department of Physics)
LAURA G. BOOK, SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS
JENNIFER A. CUTTS, 5/04 ALUM, LAS PHYSICS
DANIEL J. WEIDNER, SENIOR, LAS PHYSICS

Bob Byars Scholarship for First Generation College Students
(Department of Political Science)
AMBER N. KIRCHHOFF, JUNIOR, LAS POLITICAL SCIENCE
Hill’s Student Feeding Program Scholarship  
(VET, Spring 2006)  
CRISTINA M. HANSEN, 5/03 ALUM, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES  

McLaughlin Family Scholarship  
(VET, Spring 2006)  
ERIN K. O’CONNOR, 5/03 ALUM, LAS GENERAL BIOLOGY  

Merck Veterinary Manual Award  
(VET, Spring 2006)  
REBECCA A. RADER, 5/02 ALUM, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES  

Nestle Purina Pet Care Scholarship  
(VET, Spring 2006)  
ERIN K. O’CONNOR, 5/03 ALUM, LAS GENERAL BIOLOGY  

Sandrik Family Scholarship  
(VET, Spring 2006)  
KRISTINA M. KALIVODA, 5/02 ALUM, LAS PSYCHOLOGY  

Special Student Award  
(VET, Spring 2006)  
CRISTINA M. HANSEN, 5/03 ALUM, ACES ANIMAL SCIENCES  

Honors Student Council – Keeping Traditions Fresh

The Honors Student Council (HSC) of the Campus Honors Program has had another remarkable year! Thanks to all the contributing members of the HSC, and the efforts of the Exec (Adam Austin, Ben Kaduk, Ryan Mulligan, and Annie Rivas), many wonderful events were planned, including the “usual” activities, such as the ever-popular Power Lunches, Halloween Party, Coffee Crawl, Mocktails, Assassins, and of course many events related to Orientation and the strong “Senior/Junior Sibling” program.

The HSC strengthened their commitment to service by participating in such efforts as i-Help (the first-ever Homecoming Service week) and other related campus events. Many HSC members also led tours of many campus landmarks as well as served as hosts for CHP’s highly-successful 20th Anniversary Celebration last October.

There was plenty of active recreation to be had, through such programs as broomball tournaments and ultimate frisbee. Stress relief was found at the “Regression Day” before Finals week with finger-painting and fun movies, game nights (including the legendary Trivial Pursuit Tournament in spring), and dinners at local restaurants such as Basil Thai, Dos Reales, and Rosati’s Pizza. The newest element of the HSC was a new espresso machine (called “McSteamy” as a result of a naming contest) donated by the CHP; this new addition led to many a “Fortnight Café,” full of plenty of caffeine and good conversation.

HSC continued the goal of learning as well through tours by CHP faculty and others of unique places such as the Altgeld Bells, a corn maze, Curtis Orchard, a tour of the greenhouses, and sampling a Japanese tea ceremony at the Japan House. HSC members also led discussions for the Convocation book by Cathy Small, My Freshman Year, and participated in a College Bowl tournament and ASB Trivia Night.

HSC also continued a “newer” tradition with the “Second Annual CHP Formal” held at the end of March 2007; nearly 90 people attended the dinner and dancing! The Formal Committee again did a great job in its second year, and special thanks go to Janet Pavese for her role with this! There were also opportunities for leadership development: Alice Foreman attended leaderShape in January 2007, Ben Kaduk served as student representative on the Honors Advisory Council in 2006–07, and Ryan Mulligan was the Lunch Bunch representative for CHP.

Thanks go to the graduating members of the HSC (Adam Austin, Anna Dombrowski, Ben Kaduk, Allison Lale, Kristin McCalla, Prashant Mehta, Ankeet Patel, Janet Pavese, Jenny Thakkar), and also a big welcome to all new members and the incoming Exec (Alice Foreman, Johanna Gemperline, Mindi Porebski, and Annie Rivas). The HSC meets in the Honors House lounge Mondays at 5 p.m. during the school year, and all are welcome!

In September of last year, we lost CHP graduate and friend Matt Wilhelm, from injuries suffered when the bicycle he was riding was struck from behind by an automobile driven by a distracted driver.

We remember Matt as a brilliant student of extraordinary energy and spirit. He came to us from University Laboratory High School with a record that would have won admission to any leading university. At Illinois, Matt majored in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Technology and Management, graduating in 2004 -- and his overall academic record here was spectacular.

Matt Wilhelm loved the outdoors, loved exercise and competition against his own physical limits; and he loved sharing his skills with others.

This was a young man with a big heart, wholesome dreams, and enormous vitality. We are thankful that Matt Wilhelm was part of our group, and that he will stay with us in our history and our memory.
Sonia Carringer’s Last Newsletter

As you probably know, Sonia Carringer has lovingly compiled and edited the Annual Newsletter for most of the past twenty years. Every spring, she has chased down our graduating students and alumni for news of their adventures, putting together a massive document that we have come to cherish.

You’re looking at a lot of hard work here – but it’s only a small portion of what Sonia has done, since 1986, to get the CHP going, keep it on course, and raise it up to being what one of our graduates, in these pages, calls outright “the best honors program in the country.” Associate Director Elizabeth Rockman (rockman@uiuc.edu) will oversee our Newsletter for next year, and she looks forward to hearing more from you about your adventures throughout the year.

Sonia will miss this work -- and we miss her daily presence in the Honors House since her May 2007 retirement. As we continue with many of the programs and projects that she initiated, including the Scholar Adventurer Series, the Krannert Dress Rehearsals, and the Faculty Mentoring Program, we’ll be reminded every day of her lasting contribution to the quality and life of the CHP.

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