MARSHALL AND WHITAKER WINNERS

Two graduating Chancellor's Scholars took top international awards.

IAN ARTHUR CLAUSEN (senior, LAS English and Religious Studies) is a 2008 recipient of the British Marshall Scholarship, which funds two years of postgraduate studies at any UK institution. Ian did research for two years on the Collaborative Cylinder Seal Research Project on Near Easter cylinder seals, and won First Prize for this through the USC Undergraduate Initiative. Ian has been active in service as an LAS Learning Leader; Co-founder of Acting on AIDS; Campus Crusade for Christ; Katrina area relief effort in Spring 2007; Greater Community AIDS Project; and the Interfaith Volunteer Work Day in Spring 2005. Ian was a member of the University of Illinois Cross-Country Team during Fall 2004 and 2005, and the UI Men's Track and Field Team in Spring 2005. Ian was a Cohn Scholar, James Scholar, Raymond Seng Scholar, and a member of the English Honors Program since Spring 2005.

When Ian presented at a Spring 2008 SAS on Prestigious Scholarships, he talked about the most unusual question he was asked during the interview process: “I put on my application that I was a summer laborer for four years with the Public Works Department in Wheaton, IL, particularly the sewer division (I had fun listing my duties on the application as well!). Little did I know that part of the application was a point of interest for the interviewers; so, the first question tossed my way was, ‘what’s this ‘sewer job’ you’ve been doing these last four years, and what is its significance?’ My immediate response was, ‘Oh, you mean other than letting me play with power tools?’ (that got a modest chuckle). I then explained that my original reason (i.e. the first summer I worked there) was for no grand purpose, but that I kept returning because of… the relationships I developed there…(at) a job that is considered less than glamorous by the majority of the world (particularly academia). The chance to ‘see’ life from this perspective and challenge the views that my coworkers held (and they certainly challenged me, particularly on theological and moral questions, with brutal honesty which I came to appreciate) has given me a great deal of insight on how we in academe may best go about articulating ourselves to wider audiences…”

ASHLEY MARIE WESSENDORF (senior, ENG Engineering Mechanics) received a Whitaker International Fellow Grant for graduate study at Cambridge, and was a finalist for the Gates Scholarship. Ashley was President of Together Encouraging the Appreciation of Multiculturalism (TEAM) and the Society of Experimental Mechanics, and was active in Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Epsilon Phi. Ashley was a Boston Scientific Cardiac Rhythm Management Engineering Intern in Summer 2007, a Temperature Equipment Cooperation Intern in Summer 2006, and a Lead America Team Leader in Summer 2005; she studied abroad at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore in Spring 2006. Ashley has received the Abby Foundation Scholarship for Women, the Outstanding Freshman in TAM Scholarship, and a Lockheed Martin Corporate Scholarship. She completed research at Yellowstone with the Fall 2006 CHP Biocomplexity seminar.

Ashley noted that "the Whitaker fellowship doesn't conduct interviews. The selection was made from a paper application and letters of recommendation…I am very excited about my time at Cambridge. I hope to learn about bringing medical devices and technologies to the market quickly. I hope to work with heart disease technologies that can save people's lives. The program I am starting has wonderful guest speakers who have all started their own medical company. I look forward to learning from their examples and the distinguished professors."
THREE CHANCELLOR’S SCHOLARS WIN NDSEG; ONE WINS NPSC

This year, two current and former Chancellor’s Scholars won three National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships. The NSFGRF, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, offers approximately one thousand awards annually; the national competition provides three years of support in science, mathematics, and engineering at the school of choice, plus complete remission of tuition and fees. This year’s winners are Sapan Agarwal (5/07 alumna, ENG Electrical Engineering), Laura Grace Book (5/07 alumna, ENG Physics), and Caterina Gratton (senior, LAS Psychology).

Sapan Agarwal graduated a year early with a 4.0 GPA, minors in physics and math, and many awards. He spent two summers in an engineering internship at Siemens Building Technologies (this work will be patented), and was a research assistant at the Beckman Institute. Sapan belongs to the Hindu Student Council (Philanthropy Chair) and Indian Student Association, Eta Kappa Nu ECE honorary and IEEE, and tutors classmates in math and physics. An Eagle Scout and long-term member of 4-H, he was on the Engineering Freshman Council and active in the Society of Business and Management in Engineering. He is pursuing a Master’s and plans to continue on for a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering.

Laura G. Book won a national Goldwater Scholarship for undergraduates with outstanding research potential, as well as the Physics Department’s Commonwealth Edison/Beryl Bristow, Eisenstein, and Shrote Scholarships and its Anthony Summer Research Fellowship. She held a pair of NSF/REU summer internships, at UIUC and Harvard (the latter on FUV Orionis outbursts), and was ranked as an Excellent Teaching Assistant in Spring 2005. Laura’s most recent undergraduate research was with Dr. You-Hua Chu, on triggered star formation. Her activities included the Astronomical Society (VP after two years as President), the Book Family String Quartet (violist; also sang in UI Concert Choir for three years), and tutoring mathematics. Laura is attending physics graduate school, specializing in astrophysics and cosmology at CalTech.

Caterina Gratton won the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship in 2007; she did research in the Perception and Performance Lab, in the Productive Aging Laboratory, in the Beck Laboratory, and in the Cognition and Brain Laboratory. Caterina won the Jean Crist Weagant and William G. Crist Memorial Fellowship, the SPR Conference 2nd Prize for Student Poster Competition, and was a Robert Byrd Scholar, James Scholar, a FMC Award of Excellence Scholarship, and was a member of the Psychology Honors Program. She belonged to the Society for Psychophysiological Research, the Neuroscience Society of the University of Illinois, Golden Key, and Phi Kappa Phi; she has been an MCB Open House Volunteer, a CHP Orientation Panelist, and Intramural Soccer player all four years; she served as a student representative of the LAS Independent Program of Study Committee. Caterina will attend the Neuroscience Graduate Program at UC-Berkeley next year.

Caterina also learned that Praveen Bommannavar (5/07 alumna, ENG Electrical Engineering) won the National Physical Science Consortium (NPSC) Fellowship in 2007; similar to the NDSEG, this funding provides multi-year support of graduate study in the physical sciences, biochemistry, computer science, and related fields.

Praveen A. Bommannavar won the ECE Department’s Vodafone, Fred Eggers, Jules Falzer, and E. C. Jordan Scholarships. He held a Summer 2004 internship at Argonne National Laboratory and a Summer 2005 National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF-REU), the latter in wireless communications. Praveen studied abroad the first semester of his senior year, at the Technical University of Delft in The Netherlands. His extracurricular contributions included serving as Vice President of Eta Kappa Nu electrical engineering honor society and a student representative on the ECE Alumni Association. He is now at the University of Illinois for graduate school in the ECE department, working in the decisions and control group, and plans on a Ph.D.

ADVENTURES IN THE GALAPAGOS

Twenty-three Chancellor’s Scholars (see pages 21-22 of this newsletter for the student listing), with significant subventions from the CHP, participated in the 2008 CHP Intercultural Study Tour to Ecuador and the Galapagos from May 16 – June 8, 2008. This study tour was led by Professor Rod Mackie, a microbiologist in the Department of Animal Sciences and the Institute for Genomic Biology, Bruce Michelson, Director of the CHP, and Carolyn Allen, CHP Assistant Director for Operations. Students selected for this Intercultural Study Tour attended evening sessions to gain contextual and scientific background, and produced a scientific travel narrative of approximately three pages per day during the trip.

Staying in family homes on San Cristobal, as well as in group cabins in the Ecuadorian cloud forest, Chancellor’s Scholars went snorkeling with sea lions, turtles, and hammerhead sharks; climbed and rode horseback to the end of the trail on active volcanoes and hung from zip-lines as they whizzed through canopies of trees up to 260 feet from the ground. It was high adventure and the group came back bumped, bitten, bruised, soaked, winded – and very happy.

Because these Intercultural Study Tours are heavily subsidized by the CHP, we don’t know yet where we’ll send a group next year, or even if such a trip will be possible. Everything depends on the funding we acquire to support these great students. Keep an eye on NewsBytes on the CHP website in the fall to see how plans develop for Summer 2009.

For more information on the trip, including the itinerary and photos, please visit https://www.honors.illinois.edu/files/galapagos/
THE NORTH WINDOW

The big panes of glass that light this office are close to a hundred years old now, but the outlook they provide is better than ever. When the weather warmed in the spring of this year, the campus sent over two veteran carpenters to build us a new front porch, and the entry to the Honors House is now as sturdy, good-looking, and welcoming as it has been since...well, farther back than we can recall. A fresh set of gutters and downspouts for the whole House came with the package, so the basement recreation and study areas ought to stay drier and fresher as well. That reconstruction effort was heartening in other ways too: it signified to us that plans to demolish this entire block of West Oregon Street are being put off for a while, and that the Campus Honors Program can expect to stay where it is for several years longer.

That makes us happy. As the world around us grows flashier, taller, and more complicated, our students continue to love the quirks, comforts, and human scale of the Honors House; and all of us on the staff can vouch for the strategic advantages of being right where we are. As you know, we’ve just a few steps off a main walkway in the core of the campus, and Chancellor’s Scholars, faculty, and others passing by don’t have to go far out of their rounds to visit us here, bringing in ideas for courses and special events, and sharing news. The screen door squeaks open, and a minute later, you’re learning about unexpected possibilities: a capstone seminar in space flight; a new affiliation with the Ethnography of the University Project; an Intercultural Study Tour to the cloud-forests of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Up four easy steps and right through the front entry. This building is modest, even a bit shabby – and that’s the way we like it. In these simple surroundings, the imagination seems to flourish. We’re lucky to stay connected in this way, and to concentrate on making good things happen for our students, and the campus at large.

As you’ll see in these pages, this has been a very lively year for our graduating class, our continuing Chancellor’s Scholars, and everyone who works in the Honors House. We came through some major transitions in very good shape: Elizabeth Rockman, Carolyn Allen, and Susan Schmall-Ross were all handling new portfolios of responsibility, and they took on these challenges with vitality and style. We sought out and acquired nearly a dozen new courses for upcoming semesters; our latest annual set of Scholar Adventurers Series events was bigger and more diverse than ever before; and the Honors Student Council kept us hopping with ideas for connecting students more strongly with the CHP, for community service, and for general fun.

This was also a year in which the Program received a generous, out-of-the-blue donation, a wonderful start towards building an endowment for scholarships, international programming, and other forms of student support. It comes to us from Bruce Michelson, our founding and legendary Associate Director who retired last year – and it came into the University of Illinois Foundation’s pipelines with no warning or fanfare. As you probably know, that’s classic Sonia – modest, quiet, constructive action, and all of us are very grateful to her. Elsewhere in this newsletter you’ll read more about that endowment, and how we hope to build on it. 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

FOUR CHANCELLOR’S SCHOLARS JOIN PEACE CORPS, TEACH FOR AMERICA

Two Chancellor’s Scholars alumnae are entering the Peace Corps, and two graduating Chancellor’s Scholars are joining Teach for America; both commitments are for two years.

LINDSAY G. GEHRIG (5/06 alumna, LAS Psychology) was a research assistant for studies on anxiety and depression, domestic violence, and egocentrism. She also has clinical experience with Dr. Nicole Allen as a victim advocate and teaching assistant for the Community Advocacy Project (domestic violence) and as a workshop facilitator for the Child Assault Prevention Project. Lindsay participated in the CHP Intercultural Study Tour of Peru, served as an Honors Student Council officer, and worked as an Honors House monitor. She participated in three “Break Away” spring home-building trips, assisted with many Campus Ministry service projects, and served as newsletter editor for the Psi Chi psychology honor society. Since graduation, Lindsay worked on the Obama campaign, spent a year with AmeriCorps, and worked briefly with the Peoria Election Commission. Lindsay left for her Peace Corps training in Nicaragua in May 2008.

ELIZABETH MARY FARRIS (12/07 alumna, LAS Political Science) studied abroad at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador in Fall 2006, and volunteered at Centro de Orientación Juvenil Virgilio Guerrero (juvenile detention center) while studying in Quito, working one-on-one with teenagers at the Center. She was active with UIUC Illini Strings from 2005-07, and the UIUC branches of the National Organization for Women (NOW), serving as Secretary in Fall 2007, and Amnesty International from 2005-07. Elizabeth graduated in December 2007 with a Spanish minor; she was recently named to the Bronze Tablet. Elizabeth left at the end of May 2008 for Guyana, where she will spend two years in the Peace Corps working as a health education promoter.

JILL ANNE BOBLICK (senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) volunteered all four years with Volunteer Illini Projects; she has been a Child Care Volunteer...
since 2004 with Crisis Nursery in Urbana, and was a Geriatric Care Volunteer with the Urbana Care Center in 2004-05. From 2006 to present, Jill worked as a Research Assistant in the University of Illinois Infant Cognition Lab, where she observed infants regarding physical reactions, and was a tutor in Spanish, chemistry, and biology through the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. Jill worked as a Summer Camp Counselor at Western Springs Recreation Center in Western Springs during the Summer of 2005. Jill minored in Spanish and Chemistry, and studied abroad at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador in Spring 2006. Jill has been selected for the Teach for America Rio Grande Valley Corps.

JACQUELYN JOY WAGNER (senior, LAS International Studies and Spanish) has been a Campus Campaign Coordinator for Teach for America since May 2007, a Global Studies Intern since May 2007, and a Peer Advisor for the Study Abroad office since August 2006. Jacquelyn studied abroad at Universidad de Buenos Aires in Argentina during the Spring 2006 semester, and was a volunteer for Pilotos Solidarios there as well; she was a Bilingual Volunteer for ECIRMAC (Refugee Center) in Urbana in Fall 2007. Jacquelyn was a Volunteer for Alternative Spring Break in Spring 2007, and a Room Coordinator for Boxes and Walls (Social Justice Group) in Academic Year 2006-07; she has been a Committee Member for the Newman Hall Judicial Board since August 2004. A 2007 Phi Beta Kappa inductee, she won the PPG Industries Scholarship, a Lucent Technologies Scholarship, and Scottish Rite Kresin Scholarship. She was accepted into Teach for America, and placed as an ESL teacher in New York City.

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ALUMNI, INCLUDING THE MAY 2008 GRADUATING CLASS

Alumni who are now married or who have changed their names are listed alphabetically under their maiden or original name.

NISA AGRAWAL (senior, BUS Accountancy and Business Administration) was named by the University of Illinois Moms Association as the undergraduate recipient of its 2008 Humanitarian Award. The annual award is given for innovative approaches to community service work. Nisa was honored at the Moms Weekend Dinner on 4/11/08 and recognized at the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs’ Student Leadership Awards ceremony 5/2/08. Nisa founded the Social Entrepreneurship Summer Institute that allows students to volunteer their business skills for local non-profits with the goal of improving the ability of the organizations to use more of their resources for direct aid to clients instead of organizational costs. Active in the Indian Student Association, Nisa worked to bridge gaps between the different ethnic groups and university students and community members; she also works with individuals in India through Manav Sadhna, an organization that helps sell products with proceeds helping poor and needy children. Her nominator wrote: “Her leadership idea is to work with teammates to encourage them to contribute to the common good. She is able to make more of a positive difference than if she had just volunteered herself.”

NICOLE ALEXANDER (5/07 alumna, AHS Kinesiology) in 8/07: “Good news – I found out I (have been accepted to) Northwestern (for medical school). At this point, I think I’m going to still go to Florida next year (I have an apt, roomies and am not mentally prepared to start med school on Monday...) and accepting a spot in next year’s class. …I’m really excited for Americorps and am pretty confident I’m making the right decision. I’m hoping to take on yet another year to med school at a certain point to grab my (Master’s in Public Health).”

JAIMIN AMIN (5/07 alumnus, LAS Biochemistry) in 7/07: “I am proud to announce that I will be attending Rush University Medical College for my postgraduate plans pursuing an M.D.”

ADAM AUSTIN (5/07 alumnus, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) in 1/08: “You may be…amused to hear about some of the (home repairs) I’ve done (working at Nazareth Farm in West Virginia): outdoor painting, vinyl siding, a tin roof, a rolled shingle roof, an outdoor ramp, and a drop ceiling! It’s a strange situation to have to lead volunteers in these skills, when I myself am sitting down the night before and just reading about them for the first time. …I’ve also taken on the jobs of webmaster and administrative assistant. …You should check us out at www.nazarethfarm.org and see what you think! There’s some info about the work sites we’ve been doing, mostly the sites that I’ve led because that’s where my camera has been… We heard from Adam again in 5/08: “As it stands I think I will stay at Nazareth Farm until December, and in the meantime I will apply to graduate school for… drum roll!… agricultural economics!”

JOHN BEZDEK (12/06 alumnus, ENG Mechanical Engineering) in 9/07: “I’m currently working as an Analyst at Stratigent, a consulting firm for web analytics in Warrenville, IL. I travel a fair amount and am meeting a lot of people – I really enjoy it.”

KATRINA BROemann (5/06 alumna, LAS Finance) in 3/08: “I graduated with my MS in LIS in December 2007. I’m working on my CAS now (Certificate of Advanced Study), which I will complete in December 2008, after I finish student teaching in the Fall 2008. I’m 99% sure I’ll be doing student teaching in Wheaton, IL and Serena, IL. In the Spring, job search! …I’ll still be here in CU through the summer, taking classes and training the person who will take over my graduate assistantship.” Katrina Bromann also reported that ANNA DOMBROWSKI (5/07 alumna, LAS Psychology) and she were in a storytelling festival sponsored by the Center for Children’s books: “Here’s the link where you can go to listen to Anna’s story and mine (http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/storytellingaudio.html);
I am pictured with my roommate because we did a two-person tale. My story is only (about) four minutes, but Anna’s is maybe 7 or 8. So if you’ve got a little time, give us a listen!”

ALLISON CAMPBELL (5/07 alumna, LAS Rhetoric and Speech Communication) in 9/07: “Two weeks ago, I moved to Oak Park with one of my good friends from U of I. Our apartment is really nice, and it’s in a good neighborhood. It’s always a challenge to learn where everything is in a new place, but we’re surviving so far :). Then, last Monday, I started my new job as an Assistant Project Editor for a publishing company in Hinsdale. They mostly specialize in textbooks; I’ve already been a part of books for rhetoric, social work, engineering, and finance classes. I’m really enjoying it so far, and all of my co-workers are very friendly and helpful.”

MEGAN CUNNINGHAM (5/06 alumna, LAS Political Science) in 4/08: “When my little sister, KELSEY CUNNINGHAM (freshman, FAA Voice), called yesterday to tell me that she had been accepted into CHP, I figured this was a perfect excuse to write. Plus, it made me all nostalgic to hear her talking about the latest Left class on the list of course offerings and how excited she was about KDRs… Anyway, since graduating I’ve been teaching sixth-grade language arts (reading and writing) at Maple Avenue in Newark, NJ (through Teach for America). It has been a rollercoaster of a two years and this fall I will carry my teaching experience with me as I begin law school at NYU. PARAS BAXI, 12/06 alumnus, ENG Electrical Engineering) lives out here, as well, and we get together for dinner and shows every once in awhile.”

KRISTOPHER DAVIS (5/05 alumnus, ENG Electrical Engineering) was presented for a Rickert Award for Excellence in Academic Achievement from the Law School in 4/08; he also was a 2007-08 Notes and Comments Editor of the University of Illinois Law Review.

ANNA DOMBROWSKI (5/07 alumna, LAS Psychology) in 6/08: “This year I had an assistantship with the University Library Office of Services doing web page content management and design. I’m still looking for an assistantship for next year (since this one got cut due to the budget), but I did get the job at the Busey-Evans library (thanks for the reference for that). I will be completing my MLS next year!”

LINDSAY GEHRIG (5/06 alumna, LAS Psychology) in 3/08: “I have some big news… I have finally made it through the Peace Corps application process, and I will be leaving on May 5th for Bolivia where I will be serving as a health education volunteer. As some of you know, I fell in love with the Andean region when I visited Peru a few years ago (thieves and all), so I couldn’t be happier with this placement. For the first three months, I will be in training in Cochabamba, and then I will receive my permanent assignment. I will be staying with a host family for the duration of my service as that is the arrangement of all Peace Corps volunteers in Bolivia.” Lindsay updated again in 4/08: “I am leaving for the Peace Corps on May 5th. However, my assignment was changed, and I will be serving in Nicaragua as a small business development volunteer.”

JENNIFER GOVER BANNION (5/06 alumna, LAS Political Science) in 6/08: “I have decided to go to law school at the University of Minnesota for human rights law, which I am very excited about. I also got married in March! My husband also works with Teach for America in Houston, and we’ll be moving together to Minneapolis in August.”

JAMES JAY (5/02 alumnus, LAS English and Political Science) in 9/07: “I did join the Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer this past May, and was given a posting overseas. I will be serving in Lagos, Nigeria for around two years beginning in November. It was a top choice, and I’m very excited with the placement. As such, I was curious if the CHP has any contacts in that city or country. …After the posting in Nigeria, I’ll begin bidding for another overseas placement, although I couldn’t even guess which part of the world I’ll end up in next.” He updated in 2/08: “I’ll be here (in Nigeria) for two years, and following that I’ll be back in DC for some language training before taking another two year post in another part of the world – most likely on another continent. While I do miss the legal work from the Illinois Attorney General’s Office to some degree, I’m really glad I made the move. …While I’m far away, if there’s anything I can do for the program please let me know. I really enjoyed my time with CHP and would be happy to speak to any students about the opportunities I’ve been given or try to help with other projects if you need it.”

ERIK JOHNSON (senior, ENG Electrical Engineering) let us know on 6/2/08 that this summer he has been “happily working away over here at NCSA, ELAINE WAH, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering) should be starting Wednesday… We’re going to be running an analysis of NSF Graduate Fellows’ usage of supercomputing resources using the NCSA’s machine learning algorithms. Hopefully we should be able to generate a report to present by the end of the summer.” Thanks to Umesh Thakkar of the National Center for Supercomputing and others for offering Chancellor’s Scholars such opportunities.
in Anaheim). My group, Operations Planning and Analysis, is responsible for the company-wide annual plan, 5-year plan, and regular annual forecasts.

RACHEL KOPAY (12/00 alumna, ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition) in 8/07: “In September I will be starting a position in Beijing as a Business and Strategy Lead for Monsanto in China…If anyone from the CHP community is passing through Beijing feel free to pass my email to them. I will be traveling a lot for my job but even if I’m not in town I’d be happy to share some of my favorite places and tips not found in Lonely Planet.”

LAURA KRAFT (5/05 alumna, FAA Architectural Studies) graduated with masters degrees in architecture and civil engineering. After taking the summer off to enjoy Champaign and take music classes, she will begin work as a structural engineer for Halvorson and Partners in Chicago.

JAMES LAIRD (12/04 alumnum, ENG Computer Science) in 2/08: “I’m in California at the moment because I’m in Silicon Valley, working as a programmer at Cryptic Studios, which develops and publishes multiplayer online games. I don’t know how exciting that is to the folks ‘back home,’ but you’re welcome to mention it...: ) Cryptic just announced our next game, ‘Champions Online’ (www.cryptic-studios.com).”

ALLISON LALE (5/07 alumna, LAS Integrative Biology) in 5/08: “I am currently finishing up my spring quarter at the University of Chicago. For the majority of the summer, I will be working on a qualitative research project here in Chicago investigating the relationship between academic medical centers and their relationship to local under-served communities. I also look forward to a 2 1/2 week trip to Peru with a couple dozen of my classmates, where we will be donating supplies and serving in clinics.”

KARIN LANGE (12/03 alumna, ENG Civil Engineering) in 11/07: “It has been too long since I have just said ‘hi’ to the CHP! More importantly, perhaps, I just wanted to let all of the staff at the CHP know how much the Campus Honors Program meant to me. Some of my fondest memories come from the HoHo and the classes and workshops provided by the CHP. All of my favorite classes were CHP classes. I remember taking Memoirs of Africa, Econ 101, Environmental Quality, a sociology course on science studies, an archaeology course, a theater course, and others! I am truly grateful for the educational opportunities I received as a student in the honors program! Thank you!”

SOPHIA LEE (senior, FAA Architecture) is biking across the U.S. this summer through Bike and Build, an initiative committed to providing advocacy and on-site support for housing for the poor. She has raised well over her goal of $4,000 for the cause of affordable housing.

JESSICA LEIDING (5/07 alumna, LAS Psychology) in 7/07: “I was offered a position at the new Google offices in Ann Arbor, and I’m going to be starting next fall, if not sooner. …I also recently started a job as a Family Service Worker for a Head Start program near my hometown. The position is great because I am getting really good experience seeing what case management is like, and it’s actually very related to social work. I also work with mostly Spanish-speaking families, which I love, so I’m really glad to have found a job where I can actually put both my majors to good use. My plan is to do this job for a year, live at home and save money, and then next year move to Ann Arbor for the Google job, which I’m also really excited for. They actually sound like they are going to be willing to let me wait a year to start, but I’m waiting to hear back. That position will be working with companies that advertise on Google, sort of in a customer service role. Lately I’ve been getting more interested in Human Resources, and it seems like I would able to dabble in that a little at Google. Not to mention the very nice salary and benefits and perks and everything that I’m looking forward to. : )”

MARK MCArTHUR (5/07 alumnum, LAS Psychology) in 4/08: “Grad school is...interesting. I’m surviving and really enjoying the classes, but the quarter schedule at the University of Chicago is really rough – I’m not used to classes moving so fast, but other than that, it’s been really intellectually stimulating, which is obviously great. Plus, I’m coming down to UIUC this weekend to see my friends (and maybe check to see if they put the Bronze Tablet up yet – yes, I’m a huge nerd).”

SARAH (MCKIBBEN) BLACK (5/01 alumna, BUS Accountancy) in 12/07: “Our wedding on June 16 highlighted 2007.” After moving to Dayton, OH, Sarah began working in July 2007 for Robert Half International, incorporating her “previous experience in accounting and recruiting with a new sales and marketing element, (working) primarily with senior-level finance and accounting professionals on a consulting, interim, and project basis.”

MAYA MEHTA (5/00 alumna, LAS English) in 2/08: “I have been able to cross the halfway point in my residency program and take time for some international experience work as well. I am currently in India completing a research project and then will return to the States at the end of this week...only to start back up on the 11th as one of the on-call residents in the ICU!”

PRASHANT MEHTA (5/07 alumnum, LAS Chemical Engineering) in 3/08: “Things are good. SARA (GIBBS, senior, LAS International Studies)...and I are going to Chile (Santiago) with a couple others from May 16 - May 27! We were originally making plans for June but (the) end of May ended up working way better...SO excited to check out Santiago. I will definitely be at Graduation though, and will try to make the CHP reception and see everybody.”

PETER MOCKAITIS (5/06 alumnum, BUS Business Administration and Finance) in 6/07: “I’ve been enjoying myself in Chicago, even chilling with CLIFF REDEKER (5/04 alumnum, LAS French, History, and Psychology) a few times. My company wants to reach out to the best and brightest seniors at the U of I, so I thought, ‘CHP!’ DEV CHARI (12/06 alumnum, LAS Economics and Sociology) will be joining us in Chicago in a few months, so CHP + Bain seem to work well. …Bain is a management consulting firm that works with companies to make them more profitable. The people are extremely fun + interesting and the work really requires you to use your brain from day one. Consulting Magazine has named Bain #1 firm to work for 4 years in a row.”

COURTNEy (O’SHEA) SuPPLe (12/07 alumna, FAA Music Education) in 1/08: “I am actually in Georgia now, having just received my degree in December. I student taught this past fall in Arizona... My husband and I are doing very well – we just moved here because of the military, and I am currently searching for teaching jobs in this area.”

DANIELLE OSLER (5/07 alumnum, ENG Electrical Engineering) is an associate with Cleary Gottlieb based in the Washington, D.C. office, and her practice focuses on international corporate and financial transactions. Danielle joined the firm in 2007, after receiving a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in 2007 and an M.P.A. degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and
International Affairs at Princeton University in 2006. She is a member of the Bar in Maryland, and her admission to the Bar in the District of Columbia is pending. Danielle got in touch in 6/08: “You were all so supportive and wonderful to work with, and I have such fond memories of my time there. By the way, Sonia is one of the key reasons I’m an attorney today – without her telling me about and helping me apply for the Jack Kent Cooke foundation fellowship, I would never have been able to pay for law school at Harvard. It’s good to know there are still great people hanging around the HoHo :-). …

As for noteworthy news, I got engaged in August, and will be getting married next April 25 in DC. I met my fiancé, Victor Marsh, in graduate school at Princeton. Right now he is working for the State Department as a foreign service officer in Hong Kong, and I might also be joining him there in the fall (my law firm has an office there). Between working and wedding planning I’m pretty busy.”

HENRY PADILLA (12/00 alumnus, ENG Mechanical Engineering) won the SURGE (Support for Under-Represented Groups in Engineering Fellowship) Fellowship from the Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering; he was recognized at the 9/07 Awards Lunch.

ANKEET PATEL (5/07 alumnus, ENG Computer Engineering) has just finished his first year consulting at a large health care client in downtown Chicago and will soon be heading out to Des Moines, Iowa for his next project. He has worked with a lot of new and interesting technologies and is interested to see what the future holds for him.

EBOO PATEL (5/96 alumnus, LAS Sociology) continues his work with the Interfaith Youth Corps; in 4/08, he noted that “April has been a particularly busy month for IFYC and one of amazing opportunity. I’ve been in London, New York, and Washington D.C. – to name just a few places. I’ve been on CNN several times, CBS News, was part of a meeting with Pope Benedict XVI, and participated in the Compassion Forum with Senator Obama and Senator Clinton. Looking at my schedule from the last four weeks I realize I should be exhausted, but instead I feel energized. Each of these trips, media appearances, and encounters represents new momentum for building the interfaith youth movement.” Eboo was also interviewed on ABC’s “Good Morning America” on 1/24/08.

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STEPHANIE SAUNDERS (5/07 alumnus, EDUC Elementary Education) in 8/07: “I have finally accepted a teaching position! I will be teaching at Forest Elementary School in Des Plaines, IL. District 62. I have a class of 4th and 5th grade students!”

KEN SCHNEIDER (5/90 alumnus, LAS Biochemistry) in 6/08: “I’ve lived for the past three years… in Redwood City, CA with my beloved wife, Clarissa. I have two wonderful children from my first marriage – Maddy (age 12) and Eli (age 10), whom we see frequently. … I’m starting my fifth year as a staff pathologist at Alameda County Medical Center, the county hospital in Oakland, CA. I am part of a five-person pathology group that contracts with the medical center to provide laboratory and pathology services. Many of our
sick patients are recent immigrants or homeless and they frequently show up with very advanced disease. . . For the last couple of years, I’ve found some relaxation . . . through my hobby as an amateur naturalist. Although I started with birding, I quickly became interested in botany, entomology and arachnology as well. My interest in studying the local plants and animals makes me really appreciate my hikes in the San Francisco Bay Area. In a few years, I hope to work part-time and spend the remainder of my time pursuing my natural history interests and volunteering with local environmental organizations and the natural history museum.”

KRISTEN SCOVILLE (8/05 alumna, LAS Spanish) in 6/08: “I will be attending Penn (for law school), primarily because when I visited I LOVED it. I felt the same way when I went to the open house as I did when I visited UIUC, that is was the right fit and I could completely see myself as a student there. Ultimately it was the best school I got into, but the atmosphere and academics would have led me to choose it regardless of the ranking.”

AMANDA (LEONARD) SHANBAUM (5/01 alumna, FAA Music Education) and AMANDA (LEONARD) SHANBAUM (5/00 alumna, LAS Chemistry) wrote in their 12/07 holiday card: “Life is good in the Shanbaum house. Ben enjoys his new job, Amanda is busy at the lab, as always, and Calla is growing up fast. We are raising a good little Illini. She should be joining you in 16 years.”

AMY SWANSON (senior, FAA Dance) is biking across the country for the Illini 4000 for Cancer, and notes that “here is a link to the blog I will keep this summer as I bike from New York to Seattle: http://illini4000.org/”.

GRANT ULLRICH (5/04 alumna, FAA Architectural Studies) was a 2007-08 Associate Editor of the University of Illinois Law Review.

ELAINE WAH (senior, ENG Electrical Engineering), on working at NCSA during Summer 2008: “ERIK JOHNSON, (senior, ENG Electrical Engineering) and I will be working together to implement data mining techniques on usage for TeraGrid, a cyberinfrastructure for open scientific research, and to create a visualization of this usage data.”

Sarah Wiseman, CHP Faculty and parent, writes: “For those of you I didn’t contact earlier, my son NICK WISSEMAN, (5/03 alumnum, LAS Anthropology and History) is publishing fiction, too! He has a short story, ‘Charted Waters,’ and an interview (with his mom) in the latest issue of the free e-zine, MysteriousE at www.mystericale.com. His nom de plume is ‘Tom Underhill’ after his grandfather (my Dad, who also wrote mysteries...hence the reference to a ‘hereditary taint’).”

JOHN ZEMAN (senior, ENG Civil Engineering) was in “The Mousetrap, by Agatha Christie…with the Penny Dreadful Players…the first weekend in October (2007) in Greg Hall Theater.”

POST-GRADUATION PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES

CONTINUING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

SCOTT DAVID BANJAVIC (ENG Civil Engineering) “After graduation this May, I intend to pursue graduate studies here at the University of Illinois in Civil Engineering. I would like to be an assistant in the Water Resources area of civil engineering. I intend to complete my master’s degree and move on to industry.”

THOMAS M. COMBERIATE (ENG Electrical Engineering) “I will be attending grad school at UIUC next year, pursuing a Master’s degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. I received the ECE Distinguished Fellowship, a top honor from the department for incoming graduate students.”

MEGHAN CATHLINE CURRY (FAA Architectural Studies) “Post-graduation plans are to attend the University of Illinois Graduate School for Architecture.”

KYLE JORDAN FOX (ENG Computer Science) “I plan to join the PhD program at UIUC. I’ll be studying more Computer Science with a concentration in Theory and Algorithms.”

MERYL DELSHIRE GARRISON (LAS French) “I have accepted admission to the U of I Department of Linguistics Ph.D. program and will be pursuing a Ph.D. in psycholinguistics. I have also been awarded the University of Illinois Distinguished Fellowship for my graduate studies.”

STEPHEN DAVID HOUSE (ENG Materials Science and Engineering) “(I will) attend graduate school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.”

MICHAEL LOUIS HUTCHES (ENG Aerospace Engineering) “I will be attending graduate school here at the University of Illinois in aerospace control systems.”

ERIK C. JOHNSON (ENG Electrical Engineering) “After graduation, I will be pursuing a Master’s degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois starting in Fall of 2008.”

BRETT ROBERT JONES (ENG Computer Science) “After graduating, I will actually be attending graduate school here at UIUC in Computer Science focusing on Human Computer Interaction and Computer Graphics. This summer I will be working at Walt Disney Imagineering in the Concept Department developing ride pre-visualization and interactive systems. I look forward to another year or two at UIUC.”

AMBER NICOLE KIRCHHOFF (LAS Political Science and Sociology) “(During Spring 2008) I will be in Springfield working for the State Treasury as a Legislative Affairs intern. I will be reading bills, briefing them, and lobbying members of the legislature on behalf of Treasurer Giannoulis. . . I am looking into other internship options for this summer but may stay on with the State Treasurer’s Office. I will be back at UIUC next year as a graduate fellow in the Civic Leadership Program. Through the program, I will be working towards my master’s in public policy.”

FRANK JUNMOO LAM (ENG Electrical Engineering) “I plan to continue my education by pursuing an M.S. in Electrical Engineering at UIUC, studying Power Systems Protection and Reliability with Electrical Engineering.”
KENNETH WAYNE RINGWALD (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) “As for post-graduate plans, I expect to do some lab-work this summer. I will be attending the University of Illinois Graduate School of Molecular and Cellular Biology here in Urbana Champaign, this fall. I am planning to specialize in microbiology and earn my PhD.”

RYAN ANDREW ROSS (LAS English) “During my freshman year I began dating Kate Spies, an English major from Normal, Illinois. We got engaged on October 25, 2006. We have planned a June 21, 2008 wedding in Bloomington, Illinois, at the St. Patrick’s of Merna Catholic Church. After I finish my Master’s of Science in Library and Information Science (at the University of Illinois), I plan to find a job as either a corporate librarian or an information specialist in a museum.”

WILLIAM S. WAHBY (ENG Electrical Engineering) “I’m currently doing my Master’s in Electrical Engineering (at the University of Illinois) with Professor James Coleman. I’m planning on completing a Ph.D. and seeking a job in academia, but I may spend a few years doing governmental or industrial research.”

JOHN CLAYTON ZEUMAN (Civil Engineering) “Right after graduation, in June, (graduating Chancellor’s Scholar) KATIE LENZINI (LAS Actuarial Science) and I are tying the knot in Carbondale, IL. We’ve been dating since Fall 2004, and we met partially thanks to CHP - we’ve been hiding this from you all. We will then live somewhere between Bloomington and Champaign, as she will be working in Bloomington and I will probably be working on a master’s in civil engineering here on campus.”

DOCTORS AND LAWYERS

JACOB THOMAS BOYD (ACES Horticulture) “I am taking off a year, and expect to go to law school in Fall 2009 and study intellectual property law.”

MELANIE ANNE CLARK (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) “I will be attending medical school… I decided on the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. I am very excited :).”

ALBERT HENRY DIEHL III (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) “My current plans for after graduation are attending medical school at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.”

EUGENE EDMUND ENDRESS (BUS Finance and LAS Philosophy) “Next year I will be attending Vanderbilt Law School.”

GIL EDWARD HARMON (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) “I plan to attend the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine in the fall. I hope to move into a career filled with international medical volunteering. I hope to focus on third world countries in Latin America in that regard, utilizing my work in spoken Spanish at U of I.”

EMILY MARIE HOLTAN (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Spanish) “I am going to medical school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.”

AMANDA M. KATZ (LAS Political Science) “Next year, I will be attending Washington University Law School.”

MARGARET MARIE KUBICK (LAS Political Science) “I will be going to law school next year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. …I am interested in pursuing a law degree with an emphasis in international law.”

BRIAN JEFFREY LECLER (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) “I will attend medical school, enrolling in the fall of 2008 at Indiana University.”

MATTHEW MARK LUCAS (ENG Computer Engineering) “I’ll be deferring my admission at Harvard Law for a year and then joining the class of 2012. In the interim, I’m going to be working as a Program Manager at Microsoft on a digital privacy protection project called the Information Protection Platform.”

MARK LEONARD MAZZONE (LAS Political and Science and Speech Communication) “Over the summer I’ll be working at the Cline Center for Democracy as a research assistant. After that, I eventually plan to continue my education for a law degree. …I’ve decided to accept a seat at Chicago-Kent College of Law on (a) merit scholarship.”

MEGAN CHRISTINE MCMILLEN (LAS Psychology) “(I plan) to find a job in the Champaign-Urbana area and then start applying to law schools in the fall.”

RITU RAJESH PARIKH (LAS Psychology) “I will be traveling/volunteering in India from mid-December to the end of January. …I got accepted to and will be attending Rush Medical College in the fall! I’m really excited about it!”

SHAWN A. PATEL (ENG Bioengineering) “I plan to attend medical school at Case Western Reserve University starting this Fall.”

RYAN MCCLAIN SWEARINGEN (LAS Economics) “I will be attending the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago in the fall.”

HEATHER THERESE TAFF (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) “I just finalized my decision to go to UW Madison for their MD/PhD program! I’m so excited!”

YIQING (ROBERT) YAN (BUS Finance) “I am attending (the) University of Southern California School of Law in the fall. …Looking farther ahead, I hope to engage in a career in corporate finance or international law, possibly going back to China (where I was born) to work for a few years.”

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

DAVID NICHOLAS ABRAM (LAS Chemical Engineering) “I will be interning over the summer with Shell Global Solutions in Houston to see what a position in the energy industry might be like. …I will be attending Stanford in Fall 2008, having won full tuition and a stipend.”

IAN ARTHUR CLAUSEN (LAS English and Religious Studies) “I am a 2008 recipient of the British Marshall Scholarship, a prestigious international scholarship that fully funds two years of postgraduate studies at a UK institution of my choosing. Thus, I will enter the University of Edinburgh’s School of Divinity in the Fall 2008, reading for a taught Master’s in Theology (MTh) in theological ethics. My supervisor for the first year will be Professor Oliver O’Donovan, and for my second year I intend to do research for a second MTh under the guidance of Dr. Sara Parvis. Following my tenure as a Marshall scholar, I will begin doctoral studies (Edinburgh or elsewhere) in some aspect of Christian ethics and theology. My hope is to teach at the university and write for scholars and the general public.”

LAURA JACLYN GANGICHIDO (EDUC Special Education) “I have enrolled in the Academy for Urban School Leadership, which aims to improve student achievement in Chicago Public Schools by attracting, training, and retaining Chicago’s next generation of exceptional teachers and school leaders. I will
spend one-year working full-time in the classroom of a CPS mentor teacher, while earning a Master’s of Education in Instructional Leadership from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Upon completion of the program, I will begin teaching in one of AUSL’s Chicago Public Schools and work to help to transform chronically failing schools into schools of excellence.”

JOSEPH PAUL GERDT (LAS Chemistry) “I have decided to pursue my Chemistry Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the field of Chemical Biology.”

SARA RUTH GIBBS (LAS International Studies) “I’m going to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor next year for a Masters in Higher Education, with an internship in the Ginsberg Center for Community Service and Learning.”

CATERINA GRATTON (LAS Psychology) “I have decided to attend the Neuroscience Graduate Program at UC Berkeley next year.”

ADAM KARL JANZEN (ENG Civil Engineering) “I’ve decided to attend graduate school at Princeton University next year. I’ll be pursuing a master’s degree in civil and environmental engineering and working on geological carbon dioxide sequestration research.”

SHANGLIANG JIANG (ENG Electrical Engineering) “I am planning on going to graduate school. I accepted UC Berkeley for Electrical Engineering (EECS).”

STEPHEN WILLIAM KAUN (ENG Materials Science and Engineering) “Next year I’ll be enrolled in the Ph.D. program for materials engineering at UC-Santa Barbara.”

AZIM RAZA KHAN (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Psychology) “I have decided to go to Stanford University for a PhD in Biology (though focusing on neuroscience topics).”

SHANNOH KATHLEEN KIMMEL (LAS Spanish) “I am going to the University of Arizona (and am very excited about it!) in Tucson for a Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology. I am definitely interested in bilingual and multilingual issues and am very excited; I am going to be helping out and getting to take part in Dr. Alt’s lab! It is called the L4 Lab: Language, Learning, Literacy, and Lexicon. I am especially excited because Dr. Alt is intrigued by bilingual issues and I will get to take some small part in her research! I will be starting school in August! And it will be a 3-year program.”

JESSICA ANNE KO SCHMEDER (ENG Materials Science and Engineering) “I started a Ph.D. program at the University of California at Santa Barbara in the Materials Department. I am working with Dr. Carlos Levi, who himself is an Illinois alum. I’ll be here for about the next 5 years.”

DANIEL JOHN SCHLACKS (LAS Biochemistry and Germanic Languages and Literature) “I will complete a two-year international masters program in medical neurosciences at the Charite, the university hospital of the Free University and Humboldt University in Berlin, then plan to continue a career in neuroscience research in Germany, with a focus on the molecular and biological mechanisms of learning and memory.”

CATHERINE LIH-LIAN WAH (ENG Electrical Engineering) “I will be attending the University of California-San Diego in the fall for graduate school in Computer Science. First, I’ll be studying abroad this summer in Beijing, China through International Programs in Engineering.”

ELAINE YING-LIAN WAH (ENG Electrical Engineering) “I will be attending graduate school at UCLA in Computer Science this fall.”

ASHLEY MARIE WESSENDORF (ENG Engineering Mechanics) “I will be attending Cambridge. I was recently accepted into the Churchill College. I will be studying in the Bioscience Enterprise program. It is an overview of the current biotechnologies (I plan on focusing on medical devices) and training in management and entrepreneurship (specifically related to biotechnologies). I am very excited about it!”

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JESSICA LYNN PIPAL (AHS Kinesiology) “Next fall I will be starting physical therapy school at UIC in Chicago.”

JEFFREY WAYNE POMPE (ENG Bioengineering) “(I will be entering) the Biomedical Engineering PhD program at Johns Hopkins University in computational neuroscience.”

EWAN SCOTT ROBINSON (ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences) “Even though I haven’t yet gone far from campus, grad school is keeping me exceptionally busy! As for my plans, the master’s programs still in the running are now Duke’s Nicholas School of the Environment and Clark’s Department of International Development and Environmental Science. My Fulbright application has been approved by the national committee and I now wait to hear whether I am approved by the regional (Africa) committee. I’ve been told I have about a 1/2 chance of getting the scholarship at the end of the day.”

ELIZABETH ANNE ROGERS (LAS Mathematics and Religious Studies) “Ultimately, I plan to go to grad school after a few years to get a doctorate in comparative middle eastern religions. I plan on taking a year or so off before grad school, and am currently looking for employment in the Champaign-Urbana area.”

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JILL ANNE BOBLICK (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) “Next year I will be a member of the Teach for America Rio Grande Valley Corps.”

ANITA NANDKUMAR CHARY (LAS Anthropology and Chemistry) “I will be working next year as an intern for the NGO Wuqu’Kawoq, which collaborates with impoverished indigenous communities in Guatemala to address health care and infrastructure needs. Afterwards, I plan to attend graduate school, where I will study medicine and/or nutrition.”

ELIZABETH MARY FARRIS (LAS Political Science) “I am leaving at the end of May for Guyana, where I will spend two years in the Peace Corps working as a health education promoter, developing community-based preventative health programs, teaching people about water sanitation, breastfeeding, prevention of HIV/AIDS, etc.”

AMANDA ELINA GRAF (MEDIA News-Editorial) “I have been hired to be a missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), a Catholic campus ministry program that operates on campuses across the country.”

MAUREEN LEE BEATRIZ KATTAH (LAS Anthropology and Classics) “I will be working in Peoria for a few months before either joining the Peace Corps or Teach for America Recruitment Associate.”

SARAH ELIZABETH MESSMER (ENG Engineering Physics) “I have accepted a volunteer internship with Wuqu’ Kavoq, an NGO that seeks to improve health care for the Mayan people of Guatemala. After that, I plan to attend medical school and become a doctor, focusing on international health, nutrition, and child and maternal health.”

JENNIFER JOYCE ONG (ENG Nuclear Engineering) “I will be doing research work at Los Alamos Laboratory, New Mexico for the summer at the minimum. In the next academic year, I intend to participate in an education-based AmeriCorps program for a year. After that, I would like to attend graduate school for a master’s degree in applied physics, seek a mathematics and/or physics position at a community college, and then pursue a Ph.D in higher education.”

JACQUELYN JOY WAGNER (LAS International Studies and Spanish) “I was accepted into Teach for America, where I was placed as an ESL teacher in New York City.”

NISA SHIVPRASAD AGRAWAL (BUS Accountancy and Business Administration) “Starting this fall, I will be working at PricewaterhouseCoopers as an audit associate. I’m definitely very excited to enter the real auditing world!”

MIGUEL A. ALEMAN (ENG Computer Science) “After graduation I am heading to Manhattan to work full-time in the Credit Risk Management and Advisory division of Goldman Sachs. I interned there last summer and am very excited about going back. The historic weakness which is occurring in the credit markets should keep us very busy!”

KEVIN WALTER BARNES (ENG Computer Science) “After graduation, I will be working for Microsoft in Redmond, WA.”

ANDRÉS EDUARDO BLACK (ENG Mechanical Engineering) “I want to take a year off to do something non-engineering related before going to graduate school. I’m looking at teaching jobs and nonprofits mostly.”

DUSTIN ANTHONY CARROZZA (BUS Finance) “I have accepted a position working for W.W. Grainer in Lake Forest, IL. I will be a financial analyst in their Financial Development Program (FDP).”

ADAM MORTON CRANDALL (ENG Computer Engineering and Engineering Physics) “I got a job as a software engineer at Hamilton Sundstrand here in Rockford.”

MARK CHRISTOPHER CZYNSKI (LAS Political Science) “I will be commissioning as an Ensign in the United States Navy on the day after graduation. At some point during the summer, I will report to Naval Nuclear Power School in Charleston, SC as a precursor to joining the submarine fleet. My obligation to the Navy is for five years.”

CATHERINE CURTIN DOYLE (LAS Mathematics) “After graduation I plan on teaching high school math, not sure where yet.”

LAUREL KATE ENGLUM (Elementary Education) “After graduation, I plan to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher in the Denver area, but I will keep CHP updated when that’s official.”

RICHARD ROMAINE ERIKSON (ENG General Engineering) “I will be starting work with strategy management consulting firm McKinsey & Company, and hopefully pursuing an MBA in a couple of years after graduation.”

SARA DIANE FIRESTONE (ENG Mechanical Engineering) “After graduating in December, I am starting a position in January with Abbott Labs near Chicago in their Professional Development Program. During this two year program, I will rotate through four 6-month positions in different types of engineering roles which will most likely be in different locations throughout the country. I plan on working towards obtaining my Professional Engineering License and going back to graduate school part-time for Bioengineering after I complete the program.”

JESSICA BONNIE FU (LAS Political Science and Sociology) “I plan on taking a couple years off to explore, travel, and work in the communications industry. Afterwards I plan on going to law school to study communications law.”

DAVID EDWARD GRAYSON (ENG Engineering Physics) “(I am) heading to Las Vegas to help out (my) brother Paul’s startup company, Pololu. The company manufactures robot parts and kits. In Fall 2009 (I) will attend graduate school in Physics at the California Institute of Technology.”

AMY BETH GREEN (LAS Actuarial Science and Mathematics) “I will work for CNA (insurance company) as an Actuarial Analyst in downtown Chicago (the Loop). That’s the big red building on the Chicago skyline.”
RIMAS VIKTORAS GULBINAS (ENG Mechanical Engineering) “In the immediate future, I depart for Africa in April where I will spend 2 months winding my way from South Africa to Uganda. …After that, I will spend a month in Lithuania refreshing my grammar skills and going to class with friends at Vilnius University. I am a blessed example of what the benefits of globalization enable a common person to do: I’ve studied in Brazil, France, Hong Kong, and now Lithuania!!!! After all this, I plan on sucking it up and working for a year or two before getting a master’s in education with which I hope to start some internationally collaborative programs at the high school level to facilitate scientific exchange among younger students.”

WHITNEY MARIE HUBBARD (FAA Dance) “As for graduation plans, I certainly have nothing set in stone! Essentially, once I finish school I want to pursue a dance career, which can mean many many things. I aim to perform professionally in the field of modern and contemporary dance for the most part. At this point in time, I intend to move to New York City within a few months following graduation, although I would also like to live and perform abroad eventually. I will continue to explore and engage in teaching dance, choreographing work, and making dances for film. I also intend to pursue body practices such as yoga, Pilates, massage therapy, etc.”

MEGHAN KATHRYN JANI (BUS Business Administration and Finance) “I will be working next year for Huron Consulting Group in Chicago, most likely in their Legal Operational Consulting division.”

STACEY LYNN KRUEGER (LAS English and Italian) – “I started out the year as a Recruitment Associate for Teach For America, (and) I started substituting for Chicago Public Schools until I found a more permanent position covering maternity leave for a middle school Spanish teacher at Morgan Park Academy. It’s been a blast, and I’ve been balancing the Spanish instruction with an after-school Italian class that I teach to fifth-graders. …I’m still trying to decide if I want to stay here or move to a public school in the fall. The original plan was to add a bilingual/esl endorsement to my certificate and work with recent immigrant populations in Chicago, but it’s also been very rewarding teaching Latino culture and social justice issues to gifted students. Either way, long-term I definitely want to go back to school. Right now I’m leaning towards educational law or policy, although I still get the bug every now and then to go for a PhD in history or sociology and pass the rest of my days as a professor. I still have a lot of uncertainty for these next few years, but I’m happy to have so many options.”

MICHAEL JAMES LABELLE (BUS Accountancy) “I have accepted a full-time offer to join William Blair & Co. in Chicago as an Investment Banking Analyst.”

JACOB ERWIN LEE (ENG Computer Science) “Starting in June, I will be working for Google in Chicago (doing software development).”

SOPHIA JIHE LEE (FAA Architectural Studies) “This summer, I’m biking across America with Bike and Build, and afterwards, I intend to find a full-time position as an architectural intern. I will eventually go back to grad school (in 1-2 years).”

KATHLEEN MARY LENZINI (LAS Actuarial Science) “My post-graduation plans include getting married June 21st to JOHN ZEMAN (senior, ENG Civil Engineering). …Besides that, I’ll be starting at State Farm in Bloomington on August 4th in the Life/Health Actuarial department. I have interned with State Farm for several semesters and over 2 summers. We’ll be living somewhere in between Champaign and Bloomington as John gets his Masters. And this summer, we’ll be doing plenty of traveling as we are honeymooning in South Africa, another trip that John won a travel grant for, and a trip to Colorado with my family.”

CARYN ANN LEPPERT (ENG Computer Science) “I will be working at HP in Fort Collins, CO. I officially start May 12 as a project manager and will be working in their R&D sector in their SAN storage group. Since graduating in December I have moved out to Colorado, took a cruise to Mexico, spent 3 weeks exploring Costa Rica, purchased a green Prius (my first!), and rented a townhome. My time in Costa Rica was amazing. I went white water rafting, ziplining, horseback riding, snorkeling and saw sharks and a sea turtle, ate tons of pineapple, and more. I would definitely recommend taking time off to travel before starting work. Now that I’m living in Broomfield, I’ve been spending my time purchasing furniture and exploring the mountains. I usually go hiking every weekend. Additionally, with my free time, I’ve started reading some work related books and have spent a lot of time cooking. I love to bake! Other than working in the near future, I will be trying to figure out where my next trip will take me.”

HENRIK NATHANIEL LOMOTAN (LAS Actuarial Science) “(I will be) an Assistant Actuarial Analyst at Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company in Chicago.”

DAVID EUGENE MACKINSON (ACES International, Resource, and Consumer Economics and LAS Spanish) “Starting this June I’ll be working for Syngenta Seeds out of Iowa and then around Santiago, Chile next winter. I’ll be working for their parent seed operations.”

LUZ FELIPE MENDES (ENG Computer Science) “I’m on a dual degree BS/MS program and the way it works is that I will receive both degrees this May 2008, which is also my fourth year on campus. So I guess in a way this past year I was both a senior and a graduate student. I have accepted a job with Google as a software engineer, and will begin working there in September.”

RYAN THOMAS MULLIGAN (ENG General Engineering) “(I am) continuing (my) internet-based entrepreneurship, including the website, Sassins.com, that (I) started with DAVID GRAYSON (12/07 alumnus, ENG, Engineering Physics). My contingency is to get a job, probably (working) for a small but already established startup company.”

AMANDA JANE NEILSSON (ENG Chemical Engineering) “Starting in March (2008) I will be working for ExxonMobil in the Development Company in Houston, TX as a reservoir engineer.”

JOANNA CHIU WING NG (LAS English) “I accepted a teaching position at Eater Jr. High in Rantoul. I will be teaching 8th grade Language Arts. It will be challenging but I’m so excited for this chance to work with the kids.”

MEGAN CROSBY O’CONNELL (ENG General Engineering) “I will be working for Deloitte Consulting LLP as a Business Technology Analyst starting at the end of July. My office will be in downtown Chicago but it is likely that I will be traveling on projects quite a bit.”

ROBERT ANDREW PACEY (LAS History) “I am currently seeking a middle school or high school social studies teaching position somewhere in the state of Illinois, as well as the opportunity to coach cross-country and track.”

CLAIRE ATKINS PEDERSEN (LAS Economics) “Following graduation I will be traveling in Europe, and in June, I will start working at Aon Consulting in their Early Career Development Program. This is a selective program for promising college graduates who show potential for eventual leadership positions.”
ANGELA RENÉ PERKINS (LAS Political Science and Psychology) “I am planning to work in the non-profit field for a few years before pursuing a doctorate in counseling psychology.”

JESSICA ANN PODESCHI (BUS Finance) “I am working at Ford Motor Company. I started (a few) months ago, and I really enjoy it.”

ANDREW J. QUITMEYER (ENG General Engineering and LAS Individual Plans of Study) “After I graduate I am going with the Ecuador Galapagos troupe, and then hanging out in Ecuador till July 2. In August I am going to Shenzhen, China to create English teaching programs until July 2009 and then I am also applying to go to the MIT comparative media studies program or the MIT media lab that would be starting Fall 2009.”

REEM S. RAHMAN (LAS Individual Plans of Study) “(Having graduated) with an interdisciplinary Bachelor’s degree in Cognitive Neuroscience, (my) scholarship and work is committed to the power of ideas and ideals to transform society. Right now, (I am) the Communications Coordinator at CAIR-Chicago, a chapter of the largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy group in the nation and (am) excited to translate (my) experiences into continuing higher education.”

BREANNE LYNN REINHARD (LAS English) “I was hired at Dalkey Archive Press, where I’ve been interning this school year. I don’t know my exact job title, but I believe it will be something like editorial assistant. …My fiancé is from Arcola, my hometown, and we’ve been dating since high school; the wedding is August 2 here in Champaign.”

DANIEL CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS (BUS Economics and Mathematics) “I am hoping to pursue a career in public policy.”

PHILIP EDWARD RIES (ENG Computer Engineering) “This fall I’m headed to Seattle to work for Microsoft, where I’ll improve the process for other companies to write device drivers.”

ANDREW JOSEPH RIVERA (ENG Electrical Engineering) “In August, I will begin full-time employment with Shell Oil. I will be working in downtown Houston with the Supply and Distribution Group (Shell Pipeline) as a Power and Control Systems Engineer. Though I will miss UIUC very much, I can’t wait to start my career with Shell.”

JOSEPH (JACK) L. ROSENBERG (BUS Accountancy and Finance) “I’m going to be working as a financial analyst with the investment bank Houlihan Lokey Howard and Zukin in Chicago, IL. I’ll be focusing mostly on middle-market mergers and acquisitions transactions.”

GAIL COURTNEY SCHNITZER (LAS Political Science) “Starting in January 2008 I will be working as a Civic Leadership resident for the Anti-Defamation League in their Chicago Office. I am excited to work with such an inspiring organization and will be working on inter-community relations like with their Black-Jewish Passover Seder, outreach to synagogues, their summer associate program, their First Amendment education program and their lobby efforts regarding Civil Unions in Illinois just to name some possible projects. In the fall of 2008 I will be returning to campus to complete my master’s degree in Political Science with the Civic Leadership Program.”

JAMES ANDREW SEILER (ENG General Engineering) “After graduation, I will be working for Navigant Consulting, Inc. in Chicago. As a part of the Construction Practice, I will be working on projects related to litigation consulting in the construction industry.”

SERGEI SHEVLYAGIN (ENG Computer Engineering) “I’ll be working for Microsoft in Redmond, WA. I’ll be joining the Zune team as a PM (program manager) and seeing it become the #1 MP3 player.”

JOHN T. SMILLIE (BUS Finance) “I will be starting with Whirlpool in Benton Harbor, MI, on June 23rd.”

CHRISTINA M. SMITH (LAS English Secondary Education) “After graduation, I plan to obtain a position teaching high school English in the Chicago area. I am also engaged to be married in the summer of 2009.”

NICHOLAS ANDREW SMITH (ENG Computer Science) “I’ll be working for VistaPrint in Boston. VistaPrint is a software company that uses technology to transform the way small businesses market their business. They develop sophisticated internet-based software that fundamentally improves the cost, quality, and convenience of graphic design and printing. VistaPrint is currently expanding to serve the same functions—fast, easy, and inexpensive printing—for individuals (invitations, announcements, personalized calendars, etc.).”

KATHERINE (KATIE) MARGARET SMOUCHA (LAS English) “This May to September I’m working in Denali National Park in Alaska, then probably (will) take the rest of the year off from school and…hiking the Appalachian Trail. I then plan to go to grad school, perhaps for anthropology and development work. I hope to go back to southern Africa (I studied abroad there for a semester) to work in the near future.”

CHRISTOPHER JAMES STACKER (LAS Political Science) “I am going to spend a year teaching English in China. The main purpose of spending a year in China is to complete my studies of the Chinese language, but I’m also excited about the experience of teaching. I am also taking the LSAT this summer and will be applying to law school while abroad.”

THOMAS ANTHONY STONE (FAA Architectural Studies) “I’m applying to grad school next fall and looking for jobs in Chicago after that.”

YI SUN (LAS Physics) “I will be returning to Singapore to work for a year before applying to grad school in Physics.”

AMY ELIZABETH SWANSON (FAA Dance) “Following graduation, I will bike from New York City to Seattle as a member of the Illini-4000 for Cancer. We have spent this school year fundraising for cancer research and for children in the Champaign-Urbana area who are affected by cancer. We will continue fundraising during the ride as well as volunteer at hospitals and cancer clinics. Following the ride, I hope to find my way in the world of dance. I plan on moving to Chicago, San Francisco or Seattle to perform, choreograph, and teach dance.”
Eventually I’d like to attend graduate school for physical therapy or a related program to help in injury prevention and treatment for dancers and athletes.”

JENNY JAGDISH THAKKAR (LAS Chemical Engineering) “I will be taking some time off, relaxing and traveling through Spain for a couple of weeks. Beginning February, 2008, I will be starting as a process engineer at the BP Whiting refinery, working on optimization projects.”

SAMANTHA LYNN TODD (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) “My post-graduation plans are not finalized, but I know I’ll be taking a year off and probably working in a research lab, then applying to grad school.”

MICHAEL THOMAS VANACKER (BUS Accountancy and Finance) “I have accepted a full-time position at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Audit Department beginning next fall.”

CONTINUING CHANCELLORS SCHOLARS

Class standing indicated (i.e., junior, senior, etc.) are as of the 07-08 academic year.

Six Chancellor’s Scholars were selected to attend the “Chancellor’s Circle” dinner in 4/08: ALICE FOREMAN (sophomore, LAS Earth, Society and Environmental Studies), KASSANDRA HASTY (freshman, BUS Curriculum Unassigned), SARA GIBBS (senior, LAS International Studies), LISA MAZZOCCO (sophomore, ENG Materials Science and Engineering), and DAVID ROCKWOOD (junior, ENG Electrical Engineering). LISA MAZZOCCO also was a guest speaker at the event. The Chancellor’s Circle is a society recognizing donors who donate significant annual support to the campus. Invited students are asked to share their experiences; the Annual Giving Offices on the Urbana campus and at the Foundation provided training with students prior to the event.

LINDA JOHNSON (junior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) ran in the Chicago Marathon in 10/07. She raised funds as a part of the St. Jude’s charity team. Linda wrote, “I ran it in 3 hours and 46 minutes, which I was really happy about considering the heat and the fact that it was my first marathon. They did end up forcing runners to stop halfway through the day due to the heat, but fortunately I had finished by then. This marathon was the hottest Chicago marathon ever in history! The heat actually didn’t affect me all that much; I just made sure to drink water and gatorade at every aid station (every 1.5 miles), and about halfway through I started dumping cups of water over my head as well at the aid stations. I mean, yeah, it was really hot, but it wasn’t really any worse than some of my runs this summer, and certainly not worse than Costa Rica, which was where I did some of my training this summer while I was studying abroad. Anyway, it was an amazing experience, and I am already getting excited to run it again next year!”

XUAN LI (sophomore, LAS Biochemistry) became Vice President for Finance on the Illini Union Board in 1/08, having been involved on the Illini Union Board since she arrived on campus. She previously helped out with the Mom’s Day Craft Fair, and then served as the Director of Cultural Programs.

SARAH LOSH (junior, LAS English): “I…contacted the Joffrey (Ballet) directly and am now asummer intern in their development department! I’ve only been working three days so far but I’m having tons of fun and learning a lot about arts management.” Sarah will also be serving as a Fred H. Turner Fellow in the Office of the Vice Chancellor next year.

JACOB DANIEL VIAL (BUS Finance) “Upon graduation I will be moving to Chicago to begin a job in January (2008) with Draper & Kramer, a commercial mortgage brokerage firm, as a research analyst.”

STACIE LYNN WAIMBERK (BUS Accountancy) “I will be staying in Champaign to take the University CPA review and taking the actual test. I will then start my full time job with PricewaterhouseCoopers in taxation at the end of July.”

DANIEL ROBERT WIDING (ENG Materials Science and Engineering) “I just accepted the offer from Avanade so that is now definite. I figure I will work for a few years and apply for an MBA.”

LAURA ANN WITTNEBEN (FAA Art Education) “I will student teach in the Fall, and I hope to travel in the Spring. The year after (that) I hope to return back to UIUC for grad school in Art Education.”

Four Chancellor’s Scholars presented at the CHP Symposium on Undergraduate Research SAS on 11/8/07: CHP’s Summer 2007 grant recipients ANITA N. CHARY (senior, LAS Chemistry and Anthropology), JOSEPH P. “J.P.” GERDT (senior, LAS Chemistry), RACHEL M. KAPLAN (sophomore, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology), and HEATHER T. TAFF (senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology).

LISA MAZZOCCO (sophomore, ENG Materials Science and Engineering) is interning with Deloitte Consulting in downtown Chicago this summer.

REBECCA MILSK (junior, LAS Chemistry) was selected to participate in the WaterCAMPWS Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of Illinois. According to the website, the Center of Advanced Materials for the Purification of Water with Systems (WaterCAMPWS), is a National Science Foundation Science and Technology Center, and the mission of the WaterCAMPWS is to develop revolutionary new materials and systems for safely and economically purifying water for human use, while also developing the human resources needed to exploit these research advances.

KIMBERLY REDEKER (junior, LAS Speech Communication): “I start working at Disney on August 18 (2008) and finish January 2 (2009). I will be working in the quick service food and beverage department, unless I can still somehow manage to dance there instead. :-) I won’t know my specific job until I get down there. I have not yet decided whether I will take one of their classes or not yet. LAS won’t give me credit, so I’m not sure if working more would benefit me or taking a class. I’m excited, but starting to get a little nervous.” Kimberly was featured in two commercials for local company Champaign Telephone: “We just shot (a new) one a few months ago – we remodeled the showroom, so we wanted to showcase it. I’m in it quite a bit! The focus was also on blackberries. There is talk of shooting another soon.”

Several Chancellor’s Scholars presented at the Study Abroad Workshop SAS on 11/9/07 with Sarah Gleisner, Outreach Coordinator, Student International Affairs: ALLISON C. DEHNEL (sophomore, LAS Biology), ALBERT H. “ALEX” DIEHL (senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology), SARA R. GIBBS (senior, LAS International Studies), STACEY M. GRITZ (sophomore, FAA Music Education), AMBER N. KIRCHHOFF (senior, LAS Political Science and Sociology), and JAMES D. PIERSON (junior, LAS History).
FREQUENT FLYERS
The following students are studying abroad during Summer 2008, Fall 2008, and the 2008-09 academic year. The sponsoring units are in parentheses. The list excludes recipients of CHP travel awards, who appear on page 22 of this newsletter.

RHIANNON ARDISANA, junior, ACES Animal Sciences, Internship – Netherlands (ACES), Summer 2008
KYLA BACHTELL, sophomore, BUS Finance, Bilbao, Spain (SAO), Summer 2008
MICHAEL BLASINGAME, sophomore, LAS Linguistics, Bilbao, Spain (SAO), Summer 2008
JACALYN CEGLINSKI, junior, MEDIA Advertising, Rome, Italy (MEDIA), Summer 2008
SARA FUHRHOPE, sophomore, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Copenhagen, Denmark (Dis), Summer 2008
SARA FUHRHOOP, sophomore, ACES Animal Sciences, Jamaica Study Tour (ACES), Summer 2008
SAMANTHA D’WYER, junior, LAS Geology, Ireland Study Tour (LAS), Summer 2008
SARAH ERXLEBEN, sophomore, LAS General Curriculum, France IPP (LAS), 2008-09
DANIEL FLESCH, sophomore, LAS Political Science, Geneva, Switzerland (Kent State), Fall 2008
KYLE FOX, senior, ENG Computer Science, Europe (Glee Club), Summer 2008
SARA FUHRHOOP, sophomore, ACES Animal Sciences, Jamaica Study Tour (ACES), Summer 2008

ELEANOR GOOD, sophomore, ENG Engineering Mechanics, Toulouse, France (ENG), Summer 2008 and Nancy, France (ENG), Fall 2008
JACK HOLZMAN, sophomore, ENG Computer Science, Dunedin, New Zealand (Arcadia), Fall 2008
FAN-CHUNG HSU, freshman, ENG Electrical Engineering, Moscow, Russia (ENG), Summer 2008
FRANK LAM, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering, Beijing, China (ENG), Summer 2008
AUSTIN LEE-RICHERSON, freshman, ENG Bioengineering, Aalborg, Denmark (ENG), Fall 2008
SANDRA OLSEN, sophomore, FAA Music History, Argentine Universities, Argentina (Butler/IFSA), Fall 2008
JAMES PIKUL, junior, ENG Mechanical Engineering, China (T & M/BUS), Summer 2008
MAXINE ROMAN, sophomore, ACES Food Science and Human Nutrition, San Joaquin de Flores, Costa Rica (SAO), Summer 2008
NATALIE SKOBEL, sophomore, LAS Spanish, Bilbao, Spain (SAO), 2008-09
YOST SMITH, freshman, LAS Materials Science and Engineering, Darmstadt, Germany (ENG), 2008-09
HENRY SOONG, freshman, BUS Curriculum Unassigned, Cambridge, U.K.-England (Butler/IFSA), Summer 2008
SARAH TREECE, freshman, LAS Materials Science and Engineering, Galway, Ireland (ENG), Summer 2008
ALISON TROUY, freshman, LAS General Curriculum, Barcelona, Spain (LAS), Summer 2008
AMY VOEGELSANG, freshman, LAS General Curriculum, Barcelona, Spain (LAS), 2008-09
CATHARINE WAH, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering, Beijing, China (ENG), Summer 2008
DANIEL WENHOLD, junior, BUS Finance, China (T & M/BUS), Summer 2008

NOTES FROM SOME CHP VOYAGERS
RICHARD BOETTCHER (junior, ENG Nuclear Engineering) in 1/08: “I am in Beijing, China trying to adjust to this horrible polluted air. *cough cough* I was able to go swing dancing this past Monday, and have an awesome time meeting up again with friends I had made this past summer. … When I first got here it was around 2300 China time and was dropped off at a closed subway station at around midnight 30. My friend who I was going to stay with had his cell phone disconnected so I couldn’t (reach) him (the picture attached is to give you an idea of how I looked while I was walking around). I decided to walk to his apartment, which is… a million miles from the subway station and it is cold and windy (the wind was not my friend). I knocked on his door at around 1 a.m. No answer. Backtrack a little, on the way over to his place I got stuck by some random locked gate. A guy from Chili named Dumas (I later realized he was saying Tomas) and his friends helped me get my luggage over the top of the gate so I could continue on with my journey. The guy also gave me his cell phone number and said I could sleep on his couch if I didn’t end up finding my friend. … Well I didn’t find my friend, I knocked on his door and I think I woke up the whole building (13 floors). I even heard a baby cry, I felt so bad! I had decided to bundle myself up and sleep at the door when Dumas called me and asked if I had found a place. I eventually accepted his invitation and proceeded (on) the 30 minute walk to his place, where he was having a small apartment party with his friends from Mexico, Ecuador, Spain, and Chili. Everyone was just speaking Spanish for the most part. I… crashed.”

MATT CZAPAR (junior, ENG Computer Engineering) checked in from Germany in 3/08: “I have only been here since Tuesday, but I assure you it has been a very interesting couple of days. … My roommates are real nice guys, and they are from Indonesia, Indonesia, and Turkey. Last night they cooked dinner for all continued

Richard Boettcher with backpacks on Beijing Subway: the wind was not his friend

Matt Czapr
NOTES FROM SOME CHP VOYAGERS, CONTINUED

of us, and it was delicious, but I wasn’t always entirely sure what I was eating. One thing looked like a doughy ball, but it tasted like fish. When I asked what kind of fish it was, the response was “fish fish,” which cleared everything up right away. It was fish fish, I thought it might have been a different kind of fish. But they are real nice guys, so I think it will work out pretty well. …And, one hilarious riddle that I will leave you with: “what looks like an ATM, and is an ATM, but took my Visa card?” Give up! It is the ATM at the Deutsche Bank. Also, apparently it is impossible to get it back, so I was sitting in front of the ATM thinking about how I am in a foreign country, with roughly 30 Euros. And at least a week or two before I will get an ATM card from home. Luckily, the people over here in charge of the exchange had a few words with the people at the bank, and I managed to have money wired over, with the Bank to cover the cost of the wire fees, so I think it should be okay, whenever the money finally transfers, probably with in a few days. But still, it wouldn’t be fun, if it weren’t exciting.”

ALESSANDRA MUSSETTI (sophomore, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) in 1/08: “My medical trip to Mexico will forever influence my future career as a physician… I left the day after Christmas and flew into Brownsville, Texas to meet up with the eleven other pre-med students from around the country and Dr. Mendoza, who would be our guide, teacher, and comedian throughout the whole trip. We crossed the border and stayed in a town called Metamoros near the U.S. border for our medical training, (where) we learned about the diseases we were likely to come across – things like parasites and fungal infections along with things we see in the states such as tonsillitis and the flu. …What I learned through this trip goes well beyond getting familiar with which symptoms match up with the diagnoses. Despite these people living in houses with dirt floors and no plumbing and their struggles just to get by, the people that I met and laughed with knew that each day that they had with their families was a gift. In Mexico, love is in abundance.” Since returning, Alessandra has been deeply involved as President of the RSO Allies for a Women’s Center, striving to create a Women’s Center on campus.

THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS WHO SUPPORTED THE CHP

From July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

With these gifts, we continue to offer quality programming to future Chancellor’s Scholars.

Jayne and Richard “Chip” Burkhardt – Keith Kelroy Convocation Fund
Sonia Carringer – Campus Honors Program Unrestricted Fund
(Red see the next page about plans for a future endowment)
Robert Dolin (2001 alumnus, gift in FY 2007) – Campus Honors Program Unrestricted Fund
Larry and Marcie Goldstein – Campus Honors Program Unrestricted Fund, in honor of Mario Goldstein
Jeng Shyong Ke and Hsiang Lan Ke – Calvin Ke Memorial Fund
Suzanne Keating – Campus Honors Program Unrestricted Fund

Mark and Kathy Lucas – Campus Honors Program Unrestricted Fund
J. Michael Moore – Campus Honors Program Unrestricted Fund
Joanne Pearlman (1997 alumna, gifts in FY 2007 and 2008) – Campus Honors Program Unrestricted Fund
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Owen M. Scheurich (1996 alumna) – Campus Honors Program Unrestricted Fund
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Brita Marie Siepker (2000 alumna) – Campus Honors Program Unrestricted Fund

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ROBERT PACEY (senior, LAS History) was profiled, along with his entire family, in the 5/11/08 Champaign Urbana News-Gazette story “The UI Quads,” about the Paxton quadruplets and their graduation from the University of Illinois in 5/08. The article describes Robert as “the quiet and even-tempered one who liked books and used to help his mom dust. (Says latter skill fell by the wayside.) Interrupts the least, sitting back to watch his siblings argue. Salutatorian of his high school class. Will graduate Phi Beta Kappa with campus honors. Career: Majored in history with an education minor and plans to be a high school or junior high school teacher.”

CHRISTINE PINHEIRO (senior, LAS Classics) was featured in a Spring 2008 Postmarks story, “Latin: Very much alive and thriving at Illinois.” According to the story, she said that “Latin definitely gives me an edge when it comes to applying to graduate programs in theology, and for gaining a deeper understanding of the history of the (Roman Catholic) Church,” and that she is “planning on teaching theology at a Catholic high school after she graduates in May of 2009.”

LAUREN YANG (freshman, LAS Biology) has written several pieces for the “Arts” and “Life” sections of Buzz, the weekly entertainment section produced by Illini Media.

EMILY HOLTAN (senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Spanish) was a first-ever Provost Intern, helping to pilot the 2008 Undergraduate Research Symposium on April 29, 2008. In an unprecedented event that received support at all levels, many Chancellor’s Scholars presented (or co-presented) their research at the Illini Union:

ALEX BEATA (sophomore, LAS Geography) “Building Green: Spatial Distribution of LEED-Certified Buildings”

ANITA CHARY (senior, LAS Anthropology and Chemistry) and SARAH MESSMER (senior, ENG Engineering Physics) “Ethnicity and Medicine: Barriers to Healthcare in Guatemala”

ANNOUNCING THE “SONIA CARRINGER CHALLENGE”

Last fall, retiring CHP Associate Director Sonia Carringer surprised us all with a very generous donation to support our efforts on behalf of Chancellor’s Scholars. In the wake of our 20th Anniversary Celebration in 2006, several alumni remembered the Program with unrestricted gifts*; the Carringer contribution was a major step forward to creating an endowment. As you know, Sonia’s two decades of service in the Honors House is in its own right a legacy beyond valuation.

Sonia has told us that her gift is unrestricted – but she agrees with us that all of it should be dedicated to direct enhancement of our academic and extracurricular efforts, and the special events and opportunities that make the CHP a standout among honors programs at American public universities.

To make all this happen, we are initiating the Sonia Carringer Challenge. The mission is to create an endowment strong enough to provide permanent support for CHP students and creativity. This Program has provided great personal and professional benefit for Chancellor’s Scholars for more than two decades; we ask you now to think seriously about giving back.

If you’d like to help the CHP in this way, you should indicate (on the check itself or the accompanying envelope) that your donation is “in honor of Sonia Carringer.” We plan to announce the endowment at our 25th Anniversary Celebration in 2011; we hope you can be with us, and we look forward to hearing from you.

*Thanks again to all who gave to the CHP Unrestricted Fund in FY 2007 and 2008; these donors were acknowledged the 2007 and 2008 CHP “Annual” newsletters. Gifts from Timothy Gritten (5/92 alumnus) and Thomas Insel (5/95 alumnus) were made specifically in honor of Sonia Carringer.
Campus Honors Program Award Winners 2007-08

Class standing indicated (i.e., freshman, sophomore, etc.) are as of the 2007-08 academic year.

National and International Scholarships

American Legion General Military Excellence Award
MARK CZYNISKI, senior, LAS Economics and Political Science

American Legion Scholarship Excellence Award
MARK CZYNISKI, senior, LAS Economics and Political Science

Future Filmmakers Festival Winner
ANDREW QUISTMeyer, senior, LAS Individual Plans of Study and ENG General Engineering

Golden Apple Pathway Scholarship
LAURA GANGICHIO, senior, EDUC Special Education

George C. Marshall Scholarship
(i) International graduate scholarship; only 40 scholarships are awarded, enabling graduates of U.S. universities to study for a degree from a university in the United Kingdom for a period of at least two years
IAN A. CLAUSEN, senior, LAS English and Religious Studies

National Physical Sciences Consortium
(national competition providing three-years of support in science, mathematics, and engineering at the school of choice, plus complete remission of tuition and fees)
PRAVEEN BOMMANNAVAR, 5/07 alumnus, ENG Electrical Engineering

National Science Foundation/Research Experience for Undergraduates Program
(NSF REU, summer and/or academic year research grants in math, science, and engineering)

David Grayson, 12/07 alumnus, ENG Physics, at the University of Rochester Physics Department

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship
(national competition providing three-years of support in science, mathematics, and engineering at the school of choice, plus complete remission of tuition and fees)
SAPAN AGARWAL, 5/07 alumnus, ENG Electrical Engineering

Laura Grace Book, 5/07 alumna, ENG Physics
CATERINA GRATTON, senior, LAS Psychology

National Science Foundation (NSF) Travel Grant
JEFFREY W. POMPE, senior, ENG Bioengineering, to attend Neural Coding Conference in Montevideo, Uruguay in 2007

Naval ROTC Federal Scholarship
MARK CZYNISKI, senior, LAS Economics and Political Science

Naval Submarine League Award
MARK CZYNISKI, senior, LAS Economics and Political Science

Peace Corps
(two year commitment to international service)
ELIZABETH MARY FARRIS, 12/07 alumna, LAS Political Science
LINDSAY GEHRIG, 5/06 alumna, LAS Psychology

Irene and Eric Simon Foundation Brain Research Fellowship
SAMANTHA TODD, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Tau Beta Pi Graduate Fellowship
(35 national awards annually, for scholarship, campus leadership and service, and promise of future contributions to the engineering profession)
ADAM JANZEN, senior, ENG Civil Engineering

Tau Beta Pi Scholarship
(national award presented to ten students annually by the central office of the professional engineering fraternity)
ADAM JANZEN, senior, ENG Civil Engineering, in 2007

Teach for America Program
(two years of teaching in under-resourced public schools)
JILL ANNE BOBICK, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Jacquelyn Joy Wagner, senior, LAS International Studies and Spanish

U.S. Department of Energy Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (DOE-SULI)
JENNIFER JOYCE ONG, senior, ENG, Nuclear Engineering, Summer 2007, at Brookhaven National Laboratory

U.S. Geological Survey STAR Award
ADAM JANZEN, senior, ENG Civil Engineering

Whitaker International Fellow Grant
(for study in England)
ASHLEY MARIE WESSENDORF, senior, ENG Engineering Mechanics, Cambridge University

Young People for the American Way Fellow
(support for progressive activism)
REEM S. RAHMAN, 12/07 alumna, LAS Individualized Plans of Study

Finalists in National Competitions

Computing Research Association’s Outstanding Undergraduate Award
CATHERINE LIH-LIAN WAH, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering, honorable mention

Fulbright Grant
(national, all expenses for one year of graduate study or research abroad)
EWAN SCOTT ROBINSON, 12/07 alumnus, ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, alternate

Gates Cambridge Scholarship
(similar to Oxford’s Rhodes Scholarship, for one to four years of study at Cambridge University, England)
ASHLEY MARIE WESSENDORF, senior, ENG Engineering Mechanics, national-level interviewee

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship
ASHLEY MARIE WESSENDORF, senior, ENG
REGIONAL, STATE, AND ALL-CAMPUS AWARDS

Bronze Tablet
(UIUC, top 3% of each colleges graduating class)

BENJAMIN ALEXANDER CANTRELL, senior, ENG Mechanical Engineering
ANITA NANDKUMAR CHARY, senior, LAS Anthropology and Chemistry
MELANIE ANNE CLARK, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
IAN ARTHUR CLAUSEN, senior, LAS English and Religious Studies
ADAM MORTON CRANDALL, 12/07 alumnus, ENG Engineering Physics and Computer Engineering
ELIZABETH MARIE FARRIS, 12/07 alumna, LAS Political Science
KYLE JORDON FOX, senior, LAS Computer Science
MERYL DELSHIRE GARRISON, senior, LAS French
JOSEPH PAUL GERDT, senior, LAS Chemistry
SARA RUTH GIBBS, senior, LAS International Studies
CATERINA GRATTON, senior, LAS Psychology
GIL EDWARD HARMON, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
STEPHEN DAVID HOUSE, senior, ENG Materials Science and Engineering
WHITNEY MARIE HUBBARD, senior, FAA Dance
ADAM KARL JANZEN, senior, ENG Civil Engineering
ERIK C. JOHNSON, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering
BRETT ROBERT JONES, senior, ENG Computer Science
KATHLEEN MARY LENZINI, senior, LAS Actuarial Science
MATT HENRY LUNT, senior, ENG Computer Engineering
EVAN ROY MARSH, senior, LAS Linguistics
MEGAN CHRISTINE McMILLEN, senior, LAS Psychology
LUIS FELIPE MENDES, senior, ENG Computer Science
SARAH ELIZABETH MESSMER, senior, ENG Engineering Physics
JULIA ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, 12/07 alumna, LAS International Studies
EWN S. ROBINSON, 12/07 alumnus, ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
GAIL C. SCHNITZER, 12/07 alumna, LAS Political Science
JOHN T. SMILLIE, senior, BUS Finance
KATHERINE MARGARET SMOUCHA, senior, LAS English and Cellular Biology
SAMANTHA LYNN TODD, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
MICHAEL THOMAS VANACKER, senior, BUS Accountancy and Finance
JACQUELYN JOY WAGNER, senior, LAS

International Studies and Spanish

Academic All Big Ten
(Division of Intercollegiate Athletics; student athletes with a 3.0+ GPA who lettered in their sport)

STEPHANIE BALIGA, sophomore, LAS Economics, in Women’s Cross Country
KYLIA BACHTELLE, sophomore, BUS Finance, in Swimming and Diving

Bates Dance Festival Work Study Scholarship

AMY SWANSON, senior, FAA Dance

Campus Recreation Student Marketing Director Intern
(Campus Recreation, student intern)

MEGHAN K. JANI, senior, BUS Business

Administration and Finance

Central DuPage Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship

RYAN SWEARINGEN, senior, LAS Economics

Chicago Illini Club Excellence in Leadership Award
(Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, to recognize an outstanding senior)

LAURA GANGICHEDDO, senior, EDUC Special Education

Civic Leadership Fellows Program
(selective B.A./M.A. program that prepares a dozen selected students per year for leadership roles in civic affairs)

BENJAMIN DOBBINS, sophomore, LAS Economics

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

ANITA N. CHARY, senior, LAS Anthropology and Chemistry
MELANIE A. CLARK, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
MERYL GARRISON, senior, LAS French
CATERINA GRATTON, senior, LAS Psychology

GIL E. HARMON, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
ALEXANDER LAMBERT, junior, ENG Computer Science
MEGAN C. McMILLEN, senior, LAS Psychology
DEVIN PATEL, junior, ENG Biomedical Engineering
MARGARET HAAS PEPPLE, junior, MEDIA Broadcast Journalism
CHRISTINE PINHEIRO, senior, LAS Classics
KAREN REMSEN, junior, FAA Graphic Design
DAVID ROCKWOOD, junior, ENG Electrical Engineering
JOHN SMILLIE, senior, BUS Finance
KATHERINE M. SMOUCHA, senior, LAS English
JESSICA SWEET, junior, ACES Animal Sciences

Chick Evans Scholarship
(full scholarship for academic achievement, financial need, and service to the sport of golf)

JAMES A. SEILER, senior, ENG General Engineering

Excellent Teaching Assistant
(all-campus)

ANITA N. CHARY, senior, LAS Chemistry and Anthropology Fall 2007, as chemistry TA

ExCEL Scholarship
(all-campus Student Affairs award, for six students annually on the basis of outstanding leadership)

SARA R. GIBBS, senior, LAS International Studies

John A. Graf Internship
(Illinois Leadership Center)

ELAINE Y. WAH, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

Homecoming Court 2007
(all-campus, comprised of 10 top male and 10 top female leaders)

NISA AGRAWAL, senior, BUS Accountancy and Business Administration
LAURA GANGICHEDDO, senior, EDUC Special Education
EMILY HOLTAN, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Spanish
AMANDA KATZ, senior, LAS Political Science
GAIL SCHNITZER, 12/07 alumna, LAS Political Science
ELAINE WAH, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering
Judith Life Ikenberry Scholarship
(UIUC Women’s Club)

MEGHAN CATHLINE CURRY, senior, FAA
Architectural Studies

Illinois Broadcasters Association
Silver Dome Award
KRISTIN MAIORANO, MEDIA Broadcast Journalism

Illinois International Scholarship
(International Studies)
SARAH BECK, junior, LAS Economics

Illinois International Undergraduate Achievement Award
SARA R. GIBBS, senior, LAS International Studies

Illinois Leadership Certificate
(all campus leadership training program involving coursework and experiential activities)
LINDA JOHNSON, junior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Institute for International Education (IES)
International Relations Scholarship
RICHARD BOETTCHER, junior, ENG Nuclear Engineering

Intensive English Institute Intern
(chosen each year through competitive process)
DAVID E. MACKINSON, senior, ACES International, Resource and Consumer Economics and LAS Spanish
RITU PARIKH, 12/07 alumna, LAS, Psychology

IPS Study-Abroad Scholarship
(Office of International Programs and Studies, all-campus)
JORDAN AXELSON, sophomore, LAS Chemistry
CORISSA DIONISIO, sophomore, BUS Curriculum Unassigned
HENRY SOONG, freshman, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

Kimberly-Clark Bright Futures Scholarship
HEATHER TAFF, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Award
(state-level award for a single outstanding senior from each four-year college and university in Illinois)
SARA R. GIBBS, senior, LAS International Studies

Lucent Technologies Scholarship
JACQUELYN J. WAGNER, senior, LAS International Studies and Spanish

James Newton Matthews Scholarship
(a four-year renewable campus-level award for recruiting top freshmen)
MIGUEL ALEMAN, senior, ENG Computer Science
SCOTT BANJAVCIC, senior, ENG Civil and Environmental Engineering
MELANIE CLARK, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
ALEX DIEHL, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
GENE ENDRESS, senior, LAS Philosophy and BUS Finance

LAUREN ENGLUM, senior, EDUC Elementary Education
LAURA GANGCHIODO, senior, EDUC Special Education
MERYL D. GARRISON, senior, LAS French
SARA R. GIBBS, senior, LAS International Studies
STEPHEN HOUSE, senior, ENG Materials Science and Engineering
WHITNEY HUBBARD, senior, FAA Dance
AMANDA M. KATZ, senior, LAS Political Science
MAGGIE KUBICK, senior, LAS Political Science
MICHAEL J. LABELLE, senior, BUS Accountancy
FRANK J. LAM, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering
CARYN LEPPERT, 12/07 alumna, ENG Computer Science
EVAN R. MARSH, senior, LAS Linguistics
JENNIFER J. ONG, senior, ENG Nuclear Engineering
REEM S. RAHMAN, 12/07 alumna, LAS Individualized Plans of Study
MICHAEL T. VANACKER, senior, BUS Accountancy and Finance
JOHN C. ZEMAN, senior, ENG Civil Engineering

Mark Morris Dance Group
Shadow Program Fellow
WHITNEY HUBBARD, senior, FAA Dance

Mortar Board
(senior national service/leadership honor society, UIUC chapter)
KATRINA BROMANN, 5/06 alumna, LAS Finance, Co-Advisor
LAURA GANGCHIODO, senior, EDUC Special Education

SELECTED 2007-08 PUBLICATIONS


Have you published something we don’t know about? Please e-mail Elizabeth Rockman at rockman@illinois.edu.
SARA R. GIBBS, senior, LAS International Studies
AMANDA J. NEILSSON, 12/07 alumna, ENG Chemical Engineering

Mothers Association Humanitarian Service Award
(Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, for outstanding contributions to community service)
NISA AGRAWAL, senior, BUS Accountancy and Business Administration

Mothers Association Book Award
(all campus award for 4.0 GPA as a first-semester freshman)
We are sorry to report that this award has been discontinued, but delighted to announce that 41 Chancellor’s Scholars received 4.0’s their first semester on campus!

PPG Industries Scholarship
JACQUELYN J. WAGNER, senior, LAS International Studies and Spanish

Proost Intern
(Office of the Provost, Student Intern)
EMILY HOLTAN, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Spanish

Proost Student Advisory Board
(Office of the Provost)
AMANDA M. KATZ, senior, LAS Political Science

Scottish Rite Kresin Scholarship
JACQUELYN J. WAGNER, senior, LAS International Studies and Spanish

Senior 100 Honorary
(all-campus, top seniors based on academic standing and involvement, initiative, and leadership in campus and community activities)
SCOTT BANJAVCIC, senior, ENG Civil and Environmental Engineering
IAN CLAUSEN, senior, LAS English and Religious Studies
ALBERT DIEHL, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
RICHARD ERICKSON, senior, ENG General Engineering
LAURA GANGLIO, senior, EDUC Special Education
AMY BETH GREEN, senior, LAS Actuarial Science and Mathematics
GIL HARMON, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
EMILY HOLTAN, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Spanish
WHITNEY HUBBARD, senior, FAA Dance
ADAM JANZEN, senior, ENG Civil Engineering
MAUREEN KATTAH, senior, LAS Anthropology and Classics
AMANDA KATZ, senior, LAS Political Science

KATHLEEN LENZINI, senior, LAS Actuarial Science
KRISTIN MAIORANO, MEDIA Broadcast Journalism
ANGELA PERKINS, senior, LAS Political Science and Psychology
BREANNE REINHARD, senior, LAS English
JOSEPH ROSENBERG, senior, BUS Accountancy and Finance
KATHERINE SMOUCHA, senior, LAS English
HEATHER TAFF, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
JACQUELYN WAGNER, senior, LAS International Studies and Spanish
CATHERINE WAH, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering
ELAINE WAH, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering
ASHLEY WESSENDORF, senior, ENG Engineering Mechanics

Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Award
KRISTIN MAIORANO, senior, MEDIA Broadcast Journalism

Tuition Policy Advisory Committee
(Office of the Provost)
KATHLEEN LENZINI, senior, LAS Actuarial Science

Fred H. Turner Fellowship
(Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, 4 Internships)
SARA R. GIBBS, senior, LAS International Studies

United Technologies Scholarship
JEFFREY W. POMPE, senior, ENG Bioengineering, all four years

University Academic Achievement Scholarship
(four-year UIUC all-campus award for incoming out-of-state freshmen)
THOMAS M. COMBERIATE, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

WaterCAMPWS Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program
CLAIRE JOSEPH, sophomore, ENG Civil Engineering
REBECCA MILSK, junior, LAS Chemistry

CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS
Broadrick-Allen Award for Excellence in Honors Teaching
JAMES P. WARFIELD, Professor, Architecture

Calvin Ke Student Leadership Award
ANITA N. CHARY, senior, LAS Anthropology and Chemistry

Honors Student Council Executive Officers for 2008-09
(elected by their peers)
JOHANNA GEMPERLINE, sophomore, ENG Civil Engineering
MINDI POREBSKI, sophomore, LAS Linguistics
ANNIE RIVAS, junior, ACES Animal Sciences and LAS Integrative Biology
FELIX WANG, freshman, ENG Electrical Engineering

CHP Intercultural Study Tour to Ecuador and the Galapagos
KYL A BACHTELL, sophomore, BUS Finance
ALEXANDER BEATA, sophomore, LAS Geography
ANNA DABROWSKI, sophomore, LAS Art History
ALICE FOREMAN, sophomore, LAS Earth, Society and Environmental Studies
JOHANNA GEMPERLINE, sophomore, ENG Civil Engineering
DAVID GOESE, freshman, LAS Biology
STEVEN KALLAL, freshman, ENG Computer Engineering
AZIM KHAN, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Psychology
KRISTINE KLINGER, sophomore, BUS Finance

ICST Participants and Leaders at Isabela Island at Sierra Negra Volcano
2008 CHP Summer Travel Awards

**JORDAN AXELSON**, sophomore, LAS Chemistry, ITESM-Queretaro – Mexico (SAO)

**GRETCHEN BROMANN**, sophomore, LAS Chemistry, Buenos Aires, Argentina (LAS)

**ELIZABETH BROOKS**, senior, ENG Agricultural Engineering, South Africa Study Tour (ACES)

**DAVID BURNS**, sophomore, ENG Nuclear Engineering, Pisa, Italy (ENG)

**CORISSA DIONISIO**, sophomore, BUS Curriculum Unassigned, Copenhagen, Denmark (DIS)

**ELIZABETH DORNER**, junior, LAS History, History of Rome, Italy (LAS)

**MATTHEW DUCHEK**, sophomore, ENG Aerospace Engineering, Pisa, Italy (ENG)

**SOPHIA LEE**, senior, FAA Architectural Studies, Bike and Build (across the U.S.)

**PATRICIA MATHY**, junior, LAS Political Science, Dominican Republic (U.S. Department of State)

**SARAH MESSMER**, senior, ENG Engineering Physics, Ethnomedicine in Guatemala

**LAURA PARDO**, junior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology, Tokyo, Japan (SAO)

**2008 CHP/Yanai Rotary Club Good-Will Ambassador**

(for summer experience in Japan)

**ANGELA PERKINS**, senior, LAS Political Science and Psychology

**COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

**James Scholars, College of Applied Health Sciences**

**JESSICA LYNNE PIPAL**, 12/07 alumna, AHS Kinesiology

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**Mary Sparks Alley Scholarship**

(Department of Business Administration)

**BRITTANY D’ARCY**, sophomore, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

**KASSANDRA HASTY**, freshman, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

**EMILY HURTUBISE**, sophomore, BUS Accountancy

**CLAIRE MATHIAS**, junior, BUS Finance

**SARAH ROMBERG**, sophomore, BUS Finance

**YIQING YAN**, senior, BUS Finance

**Alpha Kappa Psi Foundation Success Institute Case Competition**

**JOSEPH L. ROSENBERG**, senior, BUS, Accountancy and Finance, 1st place in 2008

**CNA Foundation Scholarship**

(College of Business)

**ASHLEY KEELER**, junior, BUS Accountancy

**College of Business Excellence in Education Award**

(College of Business)

**KAITLIN HOLCOMB**, junior, BUS Accountancy
College of Business Student Leadership Award
(College of Business)
NISA AGRAWAL, senior, BUS Accountancy and Business Administration

Convergys Scholarship
(College of Business, for up to three students in Business)
KYLA BACHTELL, sophomore, BUS Finance

Cozad Entrepreneurial Scholarship
(College of Business)
NISA AGRAWAL, senior, BUS Accountancy and Business Administration

Milton and Margaret Darr Scholarship
(College of Business)
TIFFANY CHAN, freshman, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

Finance Academy
(Department of Finance)
GENE ENDRESS, senior, LAS Philosophy and BUS Finance

Golder Center for Private Equity Case Competition
JOSEPH L. ROSENBERG, senior, BUS, Accountancy and Finance, 1st place in Private Equity Case Competition in 2008 and 2nd place in Venture Capital Case Competition in 2007

Hugh W. Frey Scholarship
(College of Business)
MICHAEL GAMAGE, sophomore, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

KAITLIN HOLCOMB, junior, BUS Accountancy
NATHAN MARTIN, junior, BUS Business Administration
SARAH MCDANIEL, junior, BUS Finance

MICHAEL NOTTON, junior, BUS Finance
JOSEPH ROSENBERG, senior, BUS Finance

MARCIE VANACKER, senior, BUS Finance
STACIE WAIBERK, 12/07 alumna, BUS Accountancy

JACOB VIAL, senior, BUS Finance

Edward F. and Maisie L. Heiken Scholarship
(College of Business, full tuition scholarship for one senior)

MICHAEL LABELLE, senior, BUS Finance

Michael and Maisie L. Heiken Scholarship
(College of Business, full tuition scholarship for one senior)

James Scholars, College of Business
(generating seniors)
GENE ENDRESS, senior, LAS Philosophy and BUS Finance

MEGHAN K. JANCI, senior, BUS Business Administration and Finance
JESSICA ANN PODESCHI, 12/07 alumna, BUS Finance

JOSEPH L. ROSENBERG, senior, BUS Accountancy and Finance
MICHAEL T. VANACKER, senior, BUS Accountancy and Finance
STACIE L. WAIBERK, 12/07 alumna, BUS Accountancy

David Kinley Educational Foundation Scholarship
(Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Business, all-college award)

YIQING YAN, senior, BUS Finance

Robert R. and Alyce K. Lauber Scholarship
(College of Business)

BRYAN MACFARLANE, freshman, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

HENRY SOONG, freshman, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

Marie E. Madigan Scholarship
(College of Business)

STACIE WAIMBERK, freshman, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

Kappa Psi
(College of Business, restricted to members of Alpha Kappa Psi)

Michael Notton, senior, BUS Finance

Kassandra Hasty
Lulu Kelly Nardine Award  
(Department of Journalism, for three students who have demonstrated excellence in writing)

KRASTIN MAIORANO, senior, MEDIA Broadcast Journalism

Stephens Farm Scholarship  
(College of Media, for a journalism student)

KRASTIN MAIORANO, senior, MEDIA Broadcast Journalism

*The College of Communications was renamed the College of Media in Spring 2008, and all future references will be to the College of Media.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

William Chandler Bagley Scholarship  
(Department of Education)

LAURA GANGICHIODO, senior, EDUC Special Education

College of Education Teacher Education Advisory Council  
ROBERT A. PACEY, senior, LAS History

Denver C. and Mildred F. Corn Award  
(College of Education)

LAURA GANGICHIODO, senior, EDUC Special Education

James Scholars, College of Education  
(graduating seniors)

LAURA GANGICHIODO, senior, EDUC Special Education

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Accenture Outstanding Student Award

STEPHEN HOUSE, senior, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Ira O. Baker Prize  
(Department of Civil Engineering)

ADAM JANZEN, senior, ENG Civil Engineering, first place

Russell E. Berthold Scholarship  
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, for students in Electrical Engineering)

ANDREW J. RIVERA, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

Sandra and Richard Carlson Scholarship  
(Department of Agricultural Engineering)

ELIZABETH BROOKS, junior, ENG Agricultural Engineering

GINA FRANCIS, junior, ENG Agricultural Engineering

Caterpillar Scholarship  
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering)

STEPHEN HOUSE, senior, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Caterpillar Foundation Scholarship  
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

JEREMY KOCH, sophomore, ENG Mechanical Engineering

JAMES PIKUL, junior, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Mary Chow Scholarship Award  
(Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, to recognize the outstanding female General Engineer based upon academic accomplishment in the freshman year)

MARLO GOLDSTEIN, freshman, ENG General Engineering

Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) Departmental Scholarship  
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering)

ADAM JANZEN, senior, ENG Civil Engineering

Susan and Louis Cohen Scholarship  
(Department of Computer Science)

LUIZ F. MENDES, senior, ENG Computer Science

Guy Richard Collins Engineering Scholarship  
ANDRES BLACK, senior, ENG Mechanical Engineering

CSX Diversity Scholarship  
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering)

JOHN ZEMAN, senior, ENG Civil Engineering

Gordon and Monlea Dalrymple Undergraduate Scholarship  
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering)

BRIAN SCHERTZ, junior, ENG Civil Engineering

John Deere Foundation Scholarship  
(College of Engineering departments)

ELIZABETH BROOKS, senior, ENG Agricultural Engineering

Jerry S. Dubrovolny Award  
(Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, for a General Engineering Senior recognizing outstanding leadership qualities and academic scholarship)

RICHARD “BUDDY” ERICKSON, senior, ENG General Engineering

MeliTh D. Ural Undergraduate Research Prize  
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering)

CLAIRE JOSEPH, sophomore, ENG Civil Engineering

ECE Student Advisory Committee

LAURA GANGICHIODO, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

Laura B. Eisenstein Award  
(Department of Physics, for its outstanding female senior)

SARAH MESSMER, senior, ENG Engineering Physics

Engineering Learning Assistant  
(Engineering 100 class for freshmen)

ELAINE Y. WAH, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

Engineering Open House Prizes

BRETT R. JONES, senior, ENG Computer Science, 1st Place and 2nd Place in “EOH Theme: Non-Technical” in 2008

STEPHEN KAUN, senior, ENG Materials Science and Engineering, 1st Place in Hands-On Category

A. Epstein Award  
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, to the graduating senior with the highest GPA during the fifth through seventh semesters)

ADAM JANZEN, senior, ENG Civil Engineering

Excellence in Physics Award

SARAH MESSMER, senior, ENG Engineering Physics

ExxonMobil Corporation Scholarship  
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

JEFFREY LIENEMANN, sophomore, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Arthur L. Friedberg Award  
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering)

JESSICA KOSCHMIDER, 8/07 alumna, Materials Science and Engineering

MARIE MAYER, 5/07 alumna, Materials Science and Engineering

C. W. Gear Outstanding Undergraduate Award  
(Department of Computer Science)

KYLE JORDAN FOX, senior, ENG Computer Science
Margaret L. Gongaware Endowment Scholarship
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)
GREG EISENMANN, freshman, ENG Mechanical Engineering
DALE SORMAZ, freshman, ENG Mechanical Engineering
DAVID WEST, sophomore, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Grainger Power Engineering Award
ANDREW J. RIVERA, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

Hamer Fellowship
(AD&EE)

Frederick and Rachel Hansen Scholarship
(Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering)

Ruth and Harold Hayward Tau Beta Pi Scholarship
(AD&EE)

Franz Hohn Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science)

IESE Service Award
(AD&EE)

Intel Undergraduate Research Scholarship
Catherine Wah, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering
Elaine Y. Wah, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

James Scholars, College of Engineering (graduating seniors)

THOMAS M. COMBERIATE, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering
SARA D. FIRESTONE, 12/07 alumna, ENG Mechanical Engineering
KYLE JORDAN FOX, senior, ENG Computer Science
ERIK C. JOHNSON, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering
JACOB LEE, senior, ENG Computer Science

Kaiser Foundation Scholarship
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)
MARIA REGALBUTo, freshman, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Kimberly Clark Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering)
LISA MAZZOCCHo, sophomore, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

A.R. (Buck) Knight Award
(AD&EE)

Knights of St. Patrick
(AD&EE)

SCOTT BANJAVCIC, senior, ENG Civil and Environmental Engineering
Buddy Erickson, senior, ENG General Engineering

DAVID ROCKWOOD, junior, ENG Electrical Engineering

Catherine Wah, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

Koch Scholarship in Civil and Environmental Engineering
(AD&EE)

SAYO CHAOKA, sophomore, ENG Civil Engineering

William John Mackay Award
(AD&EE)

Elizabeth Ford, freshman, ENG Computer Science

J.P. Nash Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science)

Nuclear Power Engineering Education Program (NPEEP) Scholarship
(Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering)

TRIFONE WHITMER, freshman, ENG Nuclear Engineering

Motorola Aspiring Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science)

ELIZABETH FORD, freshman, ENG Computer Science

A.R. (Buck) Knight Award
(AD&EE)

Knights of St. Patrick
(AD&EE)

Scott Banjavcic, senior, ENG Civil and Environmental Engineering

Buddy Erickson, senior, ENG General Engineering

David Rockwood, junior, ENG Electrical Engineering

Catherine Wah, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

Koch Scholarship in Civil and Environmental Engineering
(AD&EE)

Sayo Chaoka, sophomore, ENG Civil Engineering

William John Mackay Award
(AD&EE)

Elizabeth Ford, freshman, ENG Computer Science

J.P. Nash Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science)

Nuclear Power Engineering Education Program (NPEEP) Scholarship
(Department of Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering)

Trifone Whitmer, freshman, ENG Nuclear Engineering

Motorola Aspiring Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science)

Elizabeth Ford, freshman, ENG Computer Science

J.P. Nash Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science)

Kaiser Foundation Scholarship
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

Marina Regalbuto, freshman, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Kimberly Clark Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering)

Lisa Mazzocco, sophomore, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Sarah Messmer

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(AD&EE)

Knights of St. Patrick
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Scott Banjavcic, senior, ENG Civil and Environmental Engineering

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Elizabeth Ford, freshman, ENG Computer Science

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Trifone Whitmer, freshman, ENG Nuclear Engineering

Motorola Aspiring Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science)

Elizabeth Ford, freshman, ENG Computer Science

J.P. Nash Scholarship
(Department of Computer Science)

Kaiser Foundation Scholarship
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

Marina Regalbuto, freshman, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Kimberly Clark Scholarship
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering)

Lisa Mazzocco, sophomore, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Sarah Messmer
Ivan Racheff Scholarship  
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering)

**Targeted Scholarship**  
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering)

**Larry D. and Carol Rakers Scholarship**  
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

**Stephens WA. Kaun**, senior, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

**Sam Sachs Memorial Scholarship**  
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

**Alison Kennedy**, junior, ENG Mechanical Engineering

**Fred B. Seely Award**  
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

**Ashley Marie Wessendorf**, senior, ENG Engineering Mechanics

**Siebel Scholar Fellowship**  
(College of Engineering)

**Jennifer J. Ong**, senior, ENG Nuclear Engineering

**Spyglass Undergraduate Scholarship**  
(Department of Computer Science, merit award for up to six female students annually)

**Melisa Kudeki**, freshman, ENG Computer Science

**Marvin Stippes Award**  
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

**Eleanor Good**, sophomore, ENG Engineering Mechanics

**James J. Stukel Scholarship**  
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

**Jeremy Koch**, sophomore, ENG Mechanical Engineering

**Sullivan Summer Research Fellowship**  
(Yi Sun), senior, LAS Physics

**Tau Beta Pi** (national engineering honorary for top eighth of junior class or top fifth of senior class)

**Sarah Ashton-Szabo**, junior, ENG Bioengineering

**Kevin Barnes**, senior, ENG Computer Science

**Brian Chae**, sophomore, ENG General Engineering

**Alan Cherney**, sophomore, ENG Chemical Engineering

**Thomas M. Comberiate**, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

**Adam Crandall**, 12/07 alumnus, ENG Engineering Physics and Computer Engineering

**Raymond Essick**, junior, ENG General Engineering

**Kyle Jordan Fox**, senior, ENG Computer Science

**Stephen House**, senior, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

**Patrick Jakubowski**, senior, ENG Computer Engineering

**Adam Janzen**, senior, ENG Civil Engineering

**Yubo Jia**, sophomore, ENG Computer Engineering

**Brett Jones**, senior, ENG Computer Science

**Allison Kennedy**, junior, ENG Mechanical Engineering

**Frank J. Lam**, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

**Matthew Lucas**, senior, ENG Computer Engineering

**Ryan Thomas Mulligan**, 12/07 alumnus, ENG General Engineering

**David Siebert**, junior, Chemical Engineering

**Catherine Wah**, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering

**T&am Merit Award**  
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering, honoring one student’s special contributions to engineering mechanics programs and activities)

**Ashley Marie Wessendorf**, senior, ENG Engineering Mechanics

**UOP Award**  
(Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

**Lodovico Oldani**, sophomore, ENG Mechanical Engineering

**Vodafone Undergraduate Scholarship**  
(Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, to pursue communications research)

**Sergei Shevlyagin**, senior, ENG Computer Engineering

**Walker Parking Consultants Scholarship**  
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering)

**Mark Hirsch**, junior, ENG Civil Engineering

**Charles and Lucille Wert Scholarship**  
(Department of Materials Science and Engineering)

**Lisa Mazocco**, sophomore, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

**Emily Pinheiro**, sophomore, Materials Science and Engineering

**Earle J. Wheeler Scholarship**  
(Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering)

**Joanna Gemperline**, sophomore, ENG Civil Engineering

**Carroll C. Wiley Traveling Award**  
(merit award to recognize an outstanding student in highway engineering and to travel throughout the U.S. during the summer following graduation)

**John Zeman**, senior, ENG Civil Engineering

**William and Ruth Witt Scholarship**  
(Department of Computer Science)

**Yuzuko Nakamura**, sophomore, ENG Computer Science

**College of Fine and Applied Arts**

**Architecture Scholarship**  
(School of Architecture, for the highest GPA in the freshman class)

**Christine Cheng**, freshman, FAA Architectural Studies

**Amanda Lo**, freshman, FAA Architectural Studies

**Caroline Vanacker**, freshman, FAA Architectural Studies

**Dance Department Summer Study Scholarship**  
(Department of Dance)

**Amy Swanson**, senior, FAA Dance

**Division Achievement Award**  
(School of Music, for scholarship and outstanding achievement in the classroom, as well as performance)

**Sara Kohnke**, sophomore, FAA Instrumental Music, for woodwind

**Edward C. Earl Prize for Excellence**  
(School of Architecture, for excellence in undergraduate studies in various categories)

**Meghan Cathline Curry**, senior, FAA Architectural Studies

**Cara Hyde-Basso**, sophomore, FAA Architectural Studies

**Sophia Jihe Lee**, senior, FAA Architectural Studies, nomination (in Fall 2007)

**H. L. Wakeland Undergraduate Leadership Award**  
(College of Engineering, for a junior or senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership while maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA)

**Richard “Buddy” Erickson**, senior, ENG General Engineering

**Sergei Shevlyagin**

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Gargoyle Society Award
(School of Architecture)
CHRISTINE CHENG, freshman, FAA Architectural Studies
AMANDA LO, freshman, FAA Architectural Studies
CAROLINE VANACKER, freshman, FAA Architectural Studies

James Scholars, College of Fine and Applied Arts
(grading seniors)
THOMAS STONE, senior, FAA Architectural Studies

William C. Moe Memorial Scholarship
(School of Architecture)
CARA HYDE-BASSO, sophomore, FAA Architectural Studies

Talented Student Tuition Award
(Department of Dance)
WHITNEY HUBBARD, senior, FAA Dance

Undergraduate Excellence Award in Dance
(Department of Dance)
WHITNEY HUBBARD, senior, FAA Dance

James Russell Vaky Merit Scholarship in Architecture
(School of Architecture)
MATHEW STRACK, junior, FAA Architectural Studies

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

John C. Bailar Undergraduate Research Scholarship
(School of Chemical Sciences, to a chemistry major performing undergraduate research during the senior year)
ANITA CHARY, senior, LAS Anthropology and Chemistry
J.P. GERDT, senior, LAS Chemistry

Robert H. Bierma Scholarship
(College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for history, political science, and international studies students)
ELIZABETH DORNER, junior, LAS History
LALLY GARTEL, junior, Political Science
ROBERT A. PACEY, senior, LAS History
ANGELA PERKINS, senior, LAS Political Science and Psychology
ANNE SHIVERS, junior, LAS History

Bristol/Commonwealth Scholarship for Outstanding Female Undergraduate in Physics
YI SUN, senior, LAS Physics

Delmar G. Cooke Scholarship
(Department of English)
RYAN A. ROSS, senior, LAS English

Joseph S. Flores Award
(College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)
JACQUELYN WAGNER, senior, LAS International Studies and Spanish

General Curriculum Council
(College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)
KRISTIN MAIORANO, senior, MEDIA Broadcast Journalism

Geology Alumni Award for the Outstanding Senior
(Department of Geology)
SAMANTHA DWYER, junior, LAS Geology

Global Studies Intern
(College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, chosen each year through competitive process)
SARA R. GIBBS, senior, LAS International Studies
DAVID E. MACKINSON, senior, ACES International, Resource and Consumer Economics and LAS Spanish
ANGELA PERKINS, senior, LAS Political Science and Psychology
BREANNE REINHARD, senior, LAS English
ELIZABETH A. ROGERS, senior, LAS Mathematics and Religious Studies
GAIL C. SCHNITZER, 12/07 alumna, LAS Political Science
KATHERINE M. SMOUCHA, senior, LAS English
JACQUELYN J. WAGNER, senior, LAS International Studies and Spanish

Wilmer E. Hellenthal Scholarship
(College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for pre-med students)
BRYCE BIDWELL, junior, LAS Biochemistry
RACHEL GUILD, junior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Hoffman Family Award for Outstanding Achievement in Religious Studies
(Department of Religious Studies)
IAN A. CLAUSEN, senior, LAS English and Religious Studies

James Scholar Research Award
(College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for James Scholars)
MERIL D. GARRISON, senior, LAS French
AZIM KHAN, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Psychology

James Scholars, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
(grading seniors)
ANITA N. CHARY, senior, LAS Chemistry and Anthropology
MELANIE A. CLARK, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
IAN A. CLAUSEN, senior, LAS English and Religious Studies
MARK CZYNSKI, senior, LAS Economics and Political Science
CATHERINE C. DOYLE, senior, LAS Mathematics
JESSICA B. FU, senior, LAS Political Science and Sociology
MERIL D. GARRISON, senior, LAS French
JOSEPH P. GERDT, senior, LAS Chemistry
SARA R. GIBBS, senior, LAS International Studies
CATERINA GRATTON, senior, LAS Psychology
GIL E. HARMON, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
EMILY M. HOLTAN, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Spanish
MAUREEN L. KATTAH, senior, LAS Anthropology and Classics
AMANDA M. KATZ, senior, LAS Political Science
AZIM R. KHAN, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Psychology
SHANNON K. KIMMEL, 12/07 alumna, LAS Spanish
DANIEL T. LADROR, senior, LAS Chemistry
BRIAN J. LECLEIR, senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
MARK L. MAZZONE, senior, LAS Political Science and Speech Communications
MEGAN C. MCMILLEN, senior, LAS Psychology
JOANNA NG, senior, LAS English
ROBERT A. PACEY, senior, LAS History
RITU R. PARikh, 12/07 alumna, LAS Psychology
CLAIRE A. PEDERSEN, senior, LAS Economics
JULIA E. REYNOLDS, 12/07 alumna, LAS International Studies

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“SENIOR SIBLINGS”

The Campus Honors Program has had many siblings matriculate together or at different times. To highlight individual accomplishments of these CHP siblings, we start a new segment on siblings with Chancellor’s Scholars. Catherine Wah, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering, and Elaine Wah, senior, ENG Electrical Engineering.

Elaine Ying-Lian Wah was a Graf Intern in the Illinois Leadership Center during the 2007-2008 Academic Year, and was an Engineering Learning Assistant in Fall 2007. Elaine worked at National Instruments in Austin, TX in Summer 2007, studied abroad at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China in Summer 2006, was a Camp Counselor for WYSE in Summer 2005, and was a Lab and Field Assistant the Summers of 2003-04. She has done research at the Computational Bioimaging Lab since October 2006, and at the Biophotonics Imaging Lab from Fall 2004 to Spring 2006. Elaine held leadership roles in the Biomedical Engineering Society, Eta Kappa Nu, and Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Selected to Senior 100 and Homecoming Court, she received the A.R. “Buck” Knight Award, the Intel Undergraduate Research Program Scholarship, and the Oakley Scholarship. This summer, she is interning at the National Center for Supercomputing before attending graduate school at UCLA in Computer Science this fall.

Catherine Lih-Lian Wah will graduate in August 2008 after studying abroad in Beijing, China. Catherine has done research since January 2005 with Intel, and has been a Technical Intern with Intel during the Summers of 2005 and 2006; she was a Teaching Assistant for WYSE during Summer 2007, an Engineering Learning Assistant in 2007, and an ECE 210 Teaching Assistant and Grader during her senior year. She is a Knight of St. Patrick, and she was President of Eta Kappa Nu and Women in ECE and Chair of the ECE Student Advisory Board. A James Scholar, Catherine won the Paine Outstanding Junior Award, the Hayward Scholarship, the Micron Technologies Scholarship, the Tau Beta Pi Outstanding Sophomore Award, the Honeywell Hometown Solutions Corporate Scholarship, the Accenture Outstanding Junior Award, the Oakley Scholarship, and a Robert Byrd Scholarship. Catherine will be attending the University of California-San Diego in the fall for graduate school in Computer Science.

Catherine and Elaine often signed up for the same SAS programs – and they sometimes had to cancel together too, when their schedules became too hectic! It’s certain that these twins will remain close, as their professional plans remain similar and their respective graduate schools are close in proximity.
John first let us know that “right after graduation, in June, Katie Lenzini and I are tying the knot in Carbondale, IL. We’ve been dating since Fall 2004, and we met partially thanks to CHP – we’ve been hiding this from you all.” Katie told us a bit more about how they met: “My post-graduation plans include getting married June 21st to John Zeman. Did he tell you the story of how we met at the CHP orientation our freshman year? This was back when the orientation was at the Union, and we were in the same small group. John fondly remembers how we had to act out an object as a group and other people had to guess.”

Katie studied abroad during the Fall 2007 semester at La Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador, and volunteered ten hours per week teaching Math and English in an Ecuadorian high school when she was there.

She worked at State Farm Insurance in Champaign and Bloomington from January 2006 to present. Katie was a Guest Curator at Krannert Art Museum through a CHP class taught by Professor Jordana Mendelson, served on the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee for two years, and completed the Insight, Intersect, Ignite, and Imprint Leadership Programs through the Illinois Leadership Center. She volunteered at Central High School in Champaign in Spring 2008, and with Helia Healthcare of Urbana in 2006. Katie was involved with the One Book One Campus initiative and the Actuarial Science Club.

John was a Research Assistant with the Railroad Engineering Program for over three years, with responsibilities for manual processes and safety. He worked with the Canadian National Railroad as a Summer Railroader in Chicago during the Summer of 2007, and with Rick Cox Land Surveying as a Surveyor’s Assistant in Vandalia in Summer 2006. John studied abroad at Universidad Del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina in Summer 2006, completing a one-month intensive Spanish course. He was active with Students for Environmental Concerns, serving as their Treasurer during the 2005-06 Academic Year, and as the Recycling Chair during the 2004-05 Academic Year. He was also a James Newton Matthews Scholar; his primary focus has been Transportation Engineering, and his secondary focus has been structural engineering.

John notes that after he and Katie marry, they “will then live somewhere between Bloomington and Champaign, as she will be working in Bloomington and I will…be working on a master’s in civil engineering here on campus.” Katie said that she will “be starting at State Farm in Bloomington on August 4th in the Life/Health Actuarial department. I have interned with State Farm for several semesters and over 2 summers. …We’ll be living somewhere in between Champaign and Bloomington as John gets his Masters. And this summer, we’ll be doing plenty of traveling as we are honeymooning in South Africa, another trip that John won a travel grant for, and a trip to Colorado with my family.”
KDR and SAS UPDATES

2007-08 was a record-breaking year for cocurricular activities. For the Krannert Dress Rehearsals, the Department of Dance showcased their talents for the first time since the 1980’s; the Scholar Adventurers Series was helped by the CHP alumni and students who also presented. We thank everyone involved with these programs!

Krannert Dress Rehearsal Series (KDR)
Fall 2007
Metamorphoses (Ovid interpretation), 10/17/07: Faculty Scenic Designer R. Eric Stone
Fugitive Kind (Tennessee Williams), 10/24/07: Director Tom Mitchell
La Bohème (Puccini opera), 11/7/07: Director Henson Keys and Presenter Tom Schleis
November Playhouse Dance, 11/7/07: Director of the Dance Department Jan Erkert

Spring 2008
Festival 2008 (dance), 1/30/08: Director of the Dance Department Jan Erkert
Cosi fan tutte (opera classic), 2/20/08: Director Kathleen Conlin and Presenter Tom Schleis
Henry IV, Part I (Shakespeare), 2/27/08: Dramaturg Diana Jafer and Theatre Director Tom Mitchell
Armide (lyric tragedy), 4/23/08: Stage Producer James Zager and Opera Chair Eduardo Diazmuñoz

Scholar Adventurers Series (SAS)
Fall 2007
How to Read a Painting – Krannert Art Museum Tour, 9/20/07: Robin Douglas, Assistant Professor, Art and Design
Apple Tasting Labs (two), 10/4/07: Robert M. Skirvin, Professor, Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
Creating Zimbabwe as an Artist, 10/8/07: Tsitsi Dangarembga, Zimbabwean Playwright, Filmmaker, and Novelist
Teach for America Information Session, 10/10/07: Jack Carey, Teach for America alumnus and Elizabeth Rogers, Chancellor’s Scholar and former Teach for America staff intern
Summer 2007 CHP Intercultural Study Tour to Japan: a Debriefing, 10/11/07: CHP Japan ICST student participants
A Beautiful Mind – Movie Screening and Discussion, 10/12/07: Rakhi Sen, Clinical Counselor, and Cathy Acevedo, Associate Dean of Students

A Visit to the Cube and Driving Simulator, 10/18/07: George Francis, Professor, Mathematics and Hank Kaczmarski, Director
New CHP Course Preview: SHS 120, Children, Communication, and Language, 10/22/07: Laura DeThorne, Assistant Professor, Speech and Hearing Science
Info Session on the International Business Immersion Program (IBIP), 10/30/07: Richard Vogen, Director of Planning, ACES, and Meredith Blumthal, ACES

CHP Symposium on Undergraduate Research XVII, 11/8/07: CHP’s Summer 2007 grant recipients (featured in In the News on page 16)
Study Abroad Workshop, 11/9/07: Sarah Gleisner, Outreach Coordinator, Student International Academic Affairs, and a panel of CHP students (noted in In the News on page 16)
Safety – Local, National and International, 11/13/07: Officers Tony Ortiz and Todd Short, Division of Public Safety, UIUC

Spring 2008
Interactive Self-Defense Workshop, 2/21/08: Officer Tony Ortiz, Division of Public Safety
Auctions, Bidding, and eBay, 2/26/08: Richard Engelbrecht-Wiggs, Professor, Business Administration
University Library Stacks Scavenger Hunt, 2/28/08: Jim Hahn and Merinda Hensley, and CHP alumna Anna Dombrowski, University Library
So You Want to go to Law School? An Insider’s Perspectives on Law Schools and Careers in the Law, 2/29/08: Sanjiv D. Sarwate, CHP alumnus and successful attorney
New CHP Course Preview: CHP 396, Scientific Discovery and the Reinvention of Identity, 3/11/08: Stephen E. Levinson, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
New CHP Course Preview: ENGL 199, Introduction to Disabilities Studies in the Humanities, 3/27/08: Catherine Prendergast, Professor, English
New CHP Course Preview: CI 199 CHP, Exploring Contemporary Social Issues Through Children’s Literature, 3/28/08: Bonnie Armbruster, Professor, Curriculum and Instruction
NCSA Technology Presentations, 3/31/08: Donna Cox and Loretta Auvil, National Center for Supercomputing Applications
Can Choice and Competition Save American Public Education? Lessons from Research, 4/1/08: Christopher Lubinski, Professor, Educational Organization and Leadership
Introduction to Prestigious Scholarships (two sessions), 4/4/08: CHP senior Ian Clausen and Laura Hastings and David Schug, Co-Directors, Prestigious Scholarships
Ceramics Workshop, 4/7/08: Charity White, BFA Ceramics, and Robin Douglas, Assistant Professor, Art and Design
Undergraduate and Graduate Research Opportunities, 4/8/08: Umesh Thakkar, Senior Research Scientist, National Center for Supercomputing Applications

This programming was initiated by Sonia Carringer in 1986, when the Campus Honors Program was created. With the retirement of Sonia Carringer in May 2007, Elizabeth Rockman now coordinates these programs, and looks forward to your SAS ideas at rockman@illinois.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

With so many others at the University of Illinois and in the local community, we mourn the passing of Lorraine Cathleen “Cathy” Acevedo, Associate Dean of Students at the Urbana-Champaign campus.

Cathy was a Clinical Counselor on our campus for many years before joining the Office of the Dean of Students as an Associate Dean. Throughout her career, she energized the lives of countless students, staff, and faculty with her warmth, strength, and humor. Cathy was strongly committed to many important campus and community initiatives, including the well-being of the cultural centers and the promotion of diversity. She was crucial to the development and support of many events on campus, including the annual Latino Family Visit Day, and the vibrant Nevada Street Block Party at the opening of each academic year. Cathy was a valuable member of the CHP’s Honors Advisory Committee, helping us to choose courses, recruit new Chancellor’s Scholars, and maintain the health and purposes of this program. She was a true friend, and we will miss her greatly.
HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL: OLD TRADITIONS, NEW FACES

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 Executive Board (Alice Foreman, Johanna Gemperline, Mindi Porebski, and Annie Rivas), many wonderful events were planned, including the “usual” activities, such as the ever-popular Power Lunches, Halloween Party, Coffee Crawl, Mocktails, and of course many events related to Orientation and the strong “Senior/Junior Sibling” program. After the departure of many beloved seniors at the end of last year, it was exciting to have a bounty of energetic freshman join the group and infuse it with their enthusiasm and creativity.

The HSC strengthened their commitment to service by participating in efforts such as I-Help (for the second year in a row), Read Across America, and reviving the time-honored tradition of “Penny Wars” to raise money for Mahomet Rotary Club’s Child Development Society in Nepal. With the help of 5/07 alumna Anna Dombrowski, HSC partnered on an SAS: the first University Library Scavenger Hunt in February 2008.

There was plenty of active recreation, including a broomball tournament and ultimate frisbee. Stress relief was found at the “Regression Day” before Finals week with finger-painting and movies, at game nights (including the legendary Trivial Pursuit Tournament, won by Business for the second year in a row), and dinners at local restaurants such as Basil Thai, Dos Reales, and Red Herring. The “new” espresso machine led to many a “Fortnight Café,” full of plenty of caffeine and good conversation; barista Alice Foreman now has trained two more baristas, Felix Wang and Jackie Rauch.

HSC continued visits to unique places: the Altgeld Bells, a corn maze, the Curtis Orchard for apple-picking, the University of Illinois greenhouses, and the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. They had hoped to visit the Rare Books Library, but due to its temporary closure, instead had an informative lunch with its librarian Valerie Hotchkiss. HSC members also led discussions for Crazy, the Convocation book by Peter Earley.

HSC continued a “newer” tradition with the “Third Annual CHP Formal” held at the end of March 2008; nearly 70 people attended for dinner and dancing, with a Masquerade theme! The Formal Committee again did a great job in its third year, planning and organizing this event. This year, HSC hosted a first-ever Freshman Mixer during second semester, promoting social interaction and connections between first-year Chancellor’s Scholars. All attendees gave rave reviews on the event, with special thanks to freshman Brittany Koteles for brainstorming and planning this inspired activity.

There were several opportunities for leadership development: Anna Dabrowski participated in LeaderShape in January 2008, and Annie Rivas was the Lunch Bunch representative for CHP. All four HSC Exec members accompanied Bruce, Elizabeth, and Carolyn to the National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Meeting in Denver, CO in October 2007, and presented to the HSC when they returned.

Thanks to the graduating members of the HSC (David Grayson and Ryan Mulligan), and a big welcome to all new members and the incoming Exec (Johanna Gemperline, Mindi Porebski, Annie Rivas, and Felix Wang). The HSC looks forward to meeting again on Mondays at 5 p.m. in the Honors House lounge, and all are welcome to attend!

Ryan Mulligan and David Grayson

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CONVOCATION 2007 – AND A LOOK AHEAD

On October 14, 2007, the Campus Honors Program welcomed Pete Earley, Washington Post writer and the author of Crazy, a personal account of his quest to help his own son navigate the legal and moral entanglements of the American mental health care system. Chancellor’s Scholars enjoyed his talk at the Illini Union, and many joined the author later for a more intimate gathering.

This year, the Campus Honors Program is providing first-year students with the new book The Age of Lincoln, by Orville Vernon Burton, an award-winning faculty member at the University of Illinois. The 2008 CHP Convocation will connect to other campus events marking the bicentennial of Lincoln’s birth. All are invited to Vernon Burton’s talk on November 2, 2008 (please check the CHP website for future updates).

All Freshman Convocation events are supported through the Keith Kelroy Convocation Fund.
DEDICATION

We dedicate this CHP Annual to Sonia Carringer, long-time Associate Director of the Campus Honors Program, who retired in May 2007. She worked with the Campus Honors Program since its inception in 1986, implementing many programs and initiatives (including the publication of this newsletter) and she is greatly missed.

Please see page 17 to find out about the Sonia Carringer Challenge, as we celebrate Sonia's career, and a very special gift to the Campus Honors Program.