CHP ANNUAL 2017

CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Fulbright and Goldwater Winners
CHP 30th Anniversary Celebration
Campus Honors Program Award Winners
Undergraduate Research Symposium
DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE
As I write this message, it is an exciting time for the Campus Honors Program (CHP). We were able to acquire some funding to give a facelift to the interior of the Honors House. The entire interior of the building was repaired, and new carpeting was installed throughout. Several offices received new furniture, and we created an additional lounge on the 3rd floor where students can come to study, relax, converse, and play games. We recognize that our students are some of the busiest people on campus, so finding a space for them to take a breath and bond with other honors students is important to us. During the remodeling we were temporarily relocated to the Student Dining and Residential Programs (SDRP) Building to accommodate the need for workers to access the Honors House so we would be ready for the Fall 2017 semester to begin. Many thanks to Nathan Sanden and Brian Moffit for providing this temporary space to us. We look forward to sharing pictures with you in the near future.

This past year was particularly special because we celebrated our 30th Anniversary. We kicked off the event with an informal Friday evening social. On Saturday we hosted a campus tour, lunch at the Honors House, tea at Japan House, and a formal dinner at the Illini Union where Erika Hared, former Chancellor’s Scholar and Miss American 2003, provided a highly inspirational talk. After a wonderful brunch on Sunday, we said a sad farewell to many former students with the hope they will return in five years for our next reunion celebration.

It was the inaugural year of the Honors Living Learning Community in Nugent Hall which proved to be a huge success under the leadership of Brian Moffit. The student return rate and requests from incoming students for beds in this facility was astonishing. Thus, we hope to increase capacity next year. A newly initiated Student Advisory Committee along with the Honors Student Council provided excellent leadership and suggestions for new and exciting activities. We initiated a more formal commencement reception that continued to include lots of food and socializing. Students were individually recognized and provided with their honors cords, and Sari Wieder and Evan Ramos gave outstanding and humorous student remarks. Rachel Bronos and Evan Ramos received the Calvin Ke Award, and CHP faculty member Jennifer Gunji-Ballsrud received the King Broadrick-Allen Award.

In addition to continuing some of our most popular Scholars Adventurers Series events, new activities were incorporated into the program. Chancellor Robert Jones came to the Honors House for lunch with some of our student leaders. We also developed a beautiful promotional brochure that we will use to highlight the many opportunities the CHP offers. If you would like a copy of this publication, please let us know.

As always, we have many exciting plans in the coming year. Despite the state budget crisis, we have many opportunities the CHP offers. If you would like a copy of this publication, please let us know.

Kim C. Graber, Ed.D.
Director, Campus Honors Program | Professor, Kinesiology and Community Health

FULBRIGHT WINNER
NATHAN JAMES STABLES (S’12/Ph.D. ’18, LAS Integrated Biology) has been selected for a 2017 – 2018 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Korea.

As an undergraduate, Nathan studied abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark, he was an Undergraduate Research Assistant at the UT Medical Entomology Laboratory; he was a Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Summer Intern and an Event Management Assistant with the Division of Campus Recreation. Nathan was a member of the Leadership Committee of Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, and he served as President of No Strings Attached A Cappella. He received the Preble Research Scholarship and an IIE Scholarship. Nathan graduated as a James Scholar in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, with Integrative Biology Honors, and he minored in Business and Chemistry. The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Nathan’s specific area of teaching will be general biology, with an emphasis on genetics, ecology and animal behavior.

GOLDWATER
DENNIS T. RICH (sophomore, ENG Electrical Engineering) was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship for Academic Year 2017 – 2018. This summer, he is working with Silicon Labs in Nashua, New Hampshire, exploring new ways to build and test crystal oscillators for processing units. Dennis also engaged in research in the Patarakul Research Group and the Mesoscopic Physics Group. He has been active in Formula Electric Racing as a Subsystem Leader, and he is a Project Chair for the Guatemala Water Project through Engineers Without Borders. Dennis will continue attempting to make thin-film transistor devices cheaply and efficiently while investigating the solid-state properties of these devices in Dr. Can Bayram’s ICORLab.

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

RACHEL EMMA CLARKE SMITH (junior, LAS Physics) was a Finalist for a Goldwater Scholarship, and five CHP alums received honorable mention from the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship:

ROBERT GREGORY ANDREWS (senior, LAS Mathematics and ENG Computer Science),
KENNETH HOFFMANN (sophomore, ENG Mechanical Engineering),
ALEX NATHAN KAHN (sophomore, ENG Mechanical Engineering),
RICHARD SCOTT VACHULA (S’15 alumni, LAS Geology and
topology), and
SHERYL WANG (S’15 alumni, ENG Biomechanical Engineering).

We are very proud of the students featured in the 2017 CHP Annual, though there are other equally deserving Chancellor’s Scholars whom we couldn’t recognize here. All CHP graduating seniors are profiled in our 2017 CHP Yearbook, available upon request.

Dr. Kim Graber
Director of the Campus Honors Program
Elizabeth Rockman
Associate Director, and Editor of the CHP Annual
Anne Price
Assistant Director for Operations
Margaret Cupps
Office Support Specialist
Brian Moffit
Director of the Honors Living-Learning Community

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YOU KNOW YOU’RE A CHPerson WHEN...
by JOEY BRYANT, VIRAAI GOEL, PAIGE KORDAS, and EVAN RAMOS

- You measure the seasons by when the Honors House pulls out the hot chocolate.
- Your friends wonder why you drop so many horticulture facts.
- You’re good at explaining what the Campus Honors Program is to non CHPeople.
- Every day you look in the fridge for leftover CHPizza.
- You take classes that sound ridiculous to all your friends.
- You’re stressed about registration even though you literally have the first slot.
- When you know where you were at 7 AM the day after you moved in freshman year.
- You love our rickety old house where you have to go upstairs to go downstairs.
- You know there’s a basement.
- You know that the basement puts the “best” in “asbestos.”
- You know that the plants in front of the honors house are NOT weeds.
- You know you won’t get any homework done during Fortnight.
- You know who McSteamy is (and where he or she lives).
- When you go to Starbucks but can’t understand why you can’t order a Hundred Years’ War.
- When you know what “blurbing” is.
- When you can impress your friends by saying you’re going to have a power lunch with a professor.
- When you can’t fathom a world in which people actually pay for their coffee, tea, and printing.
- When the snacks in the Hoho lounge constitute half your daily nourishment.
- When you know how to be efficient by recycling old ideas, including lists of ways you know you’re a CHPerson.
- When the Honors House will always be the HoHo in your heart.

CAROL MALMGREN (Assistant and Associate Director for Operations, 1993-2002) couldn’t attend the weekend’s events, but below are some excerpts of her message:

“...It was a boom time for early adoption of internet technologies. Such concepts as local area networks (LANs), the world wide web (WWW), establishment of domain names & grabbed ‘honors’ and ‘chp’), and group listservs were relatively unheard of across campus. The CHP website was one of the first departmental websites at the U of I, created by our Student Network Administrator – I had the privilege of working with terrific students in this capacity. They maintained our two computer labs, our websites, our social networking platforms, system backups and made recommendations for IT purchases, including the technologies we used in the tiny 212 Honors House classroom.

“When I became registrar, the work I did at CHP became foundational to the student systems projects I implemented, and I often counted on the Chancellor’s Scholars to test the features of any new release–especially the rollout of Banner Student Self-Service student information system. To this day, many of these experiences inform the consulting work I do on college campuses across the U.S. and I will be forever grateful.”
IN THE NEWS

Chancellor’s Scholar Viraat Goel leads LLC tour for 30th Anniversary Celebration

The 5/17 Japan House Newsletter noted: “We were truly honored to co-sponsor an event at Japan House with Illini Hillel and the Champaign Urbana Jewish Federation. When our tea student, ITAMAR ALLALI (LAS Physics), visited Japan with the American Jewish Committee, he was fascinated with the intersections and similarities in fundamental values between Jewish and Japanese peoples. During this special event, he shared his experiences, and then performed a traditional tea ceremony. Thank you so much to Itamar, Illini Hillel, and the Champaign Urbana Jewish Federation.”

LAUREN BROOKS (LAS Global Studies) and ALEEEZA LEDER MACKER (LAS Biology) were members of the Ensemble Cast of American Idiot March 30 – April 1, 2017 in Lincoln Hall Theatre.

KEVIN CHENG (LAS Chemistry) is serving as Chair of the Student Organization Resource Fee (SORF) Board in Academic Year 2017 – 2018, after serving as an elected SORF Board Member, and he will be serving as Vice President of Volunteer Illini Projects (VIP), after serving as Health Needs Director this past year.

AMANDA COWFER (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) was the Tutoring and Mentoring Chair for the American Chemical Society in Academic Year 2016 – 2017, and currently is CATSNAP Project Coordinator for Alpha Phi Omega.

KATHERINE DOWNES (5/17 alumna, LAS Philosophy, Political Science, and History) participated in the 6th Annual Disability Awareness Program “University of Illinois and Beyond” featuring Keynote Speakers David and Jen Kantzec on November 2, 2017. Disability-related questions were answered by a Beckwith Resident Panel.

VIRAAT GOEL (ENG Biomechanics) was published in 6/17: “I’m at Mayo Clinic this summer at their Jacksonville campus, and I’m doing neuroscience research in Parkinson’s disease neurodegeneration. The city is beautiful, the weather is excellent, the facilities are incredible, the beaches are fantastic, and it’s an incredible experience all around.”


DANISH MAJID (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) was an Operations Volunteer with Arivonna Health Clinic in Fall 2016, and he was accepted to their new interpretation team to help bridge the language barrier between healthcare professionals and Urdu or French-speaking patients for Spring 2017.

RAJASI RASTOGI (LAS Industrial Design) organized VariABILITY 2017, which took place on March 31 and April 1, 2017, which brought “together students from different backgrounds to collaborate and understand some ongoing challenges that people with disabilities experience. The goal is to take an innovative approach to disability awareness and advocacy through human centered design. This is a great chance to become part of a community conversation on inclusion.”

CHRISTINA SUI (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) participated in Illini 4000 in Summer 2017, cycling from New York to San Francisco. Illini 4000’s mission (as written on http://illini4000.org) is “The Illini 4000 is a non-profit organization dedicated to documenting the American cancer experience through annual cross-country bike rides.”

NEENA TRIPATHY (5/17 alumna, LAS Biology) was interviewed on WCIA TV in 10/16 in Champaign, Illinois about Hoof and Mouth disease. She is a Pediatrician in the Carle Physician Group.

JOHN K. WILSON (5/17 alumna, LAS Philosophy, Political Science, and History) wrote a new book, “Trump Unveiled: Exposing the Bigoted Billionaire” from OR Books. John is also co-editor of “Academe” blog and editor of “Illinois Academic,” and he has served as co-organizer of the Evanston Literary Festival (evanstonlit.org) and the Chicago Book Expo.

JOH GUPTA (senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) and AASHAY PATEL (senior, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) were featured in “SURF Impact Continues” in the Winter 2017 edition of Interactions, a publication of the Mayo Clinic & Illinois Alliance for Technology-Based Healthcare.

Several students were elected to Illinois Student Senate and related roles in March 2017. SAM LEROY (junior, BUS Marketing and Management) was selected the first Speaker of the Senate, and ANNALISA RONGONE (senior, LAS Economics) is Chair of Financial Affairs; additionally Aashay Patel (junior, ENG Biomechanics) is a Student Senator.

The Office of the Chancellor, Illinois International Programs, and the University of Illinois Alumni Association sponsored the International Achievement Awards Banquet on 4/3/17, where several individuals connected to CHP were honored. BRITTANY ROTELES (5/17 alumna, LAS Individual Plans of Study) received the Charles C. Stewart International Young Humanitarian Award. CHP faculty DR. HELAINE SILVERMAN was honored with the Sheth Distinguished Faculty Award for International Achievement, and H.E. Rev. DR. HRA GLoudon received the Madhuri N. Sheth International Alumni Award for Exceptional Achievement. Earlier in the day, Dr. Gloudon, a former Ambassador, met with several Chancellor’s Scholars.

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POST-GRADUATION PLANS OF RECENT GRADUATES

LAUREN BROOKS (LAS Global Studies): “Following graduation, I will be attending Boston University Metropolitan College to pursue a Master’s of Science in Arts Administration.”

OLIVIA NOEL ELKINS (ACES Special Education): “After graduation, I plan to teach summer camp classes at St. Charles Community College in St. Peters, Missouri, while I look for a job at my current freelance job. In the fall, I plan to return to Champaign-Urbana and begin my special education teaching career here! I am currently actively looking and applying for jobs in the area and do not know yet where I will be teaching.”

KATHERINE R. IRUBIO (BUS Accounting and Finance): “I will be starting work with Ernst and Young in their Risk Advisory Program in July.”

HANNAH R. JAKOBS (BUS Finance): “After graduation, I’ll be traveling for a few months before I start work. My cousin, a few of my friends, and I will be doing Birthright in Israel in early June, and then extending our stay and traveling throughout Europe for a month or so after that. After my travels, I’ll be moving to New York City to work at a consultant for EY in their Business Advisory Program focusing on Financial Service Organizations. I’m sad to leave the University of Illinois but I’m excited to see where my future takes me!”

MUZAMMIL S. ALI (ENG Bioengineering): “After graduation, Iwill be going to Duke Law School to pursue my J.D. in order to pursue my dreams of public and civil justice law.”

RAVINDRA K. BANERJEE (ENG Mechanical Engineering): “After graduation, I plan on attending Stanford University to pursue a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering.”

RACHEL S. BRIONES (LAS Global Studies): “I will be graduating on June 9th! After graduation, I’m planning on working at the Illinois Tollway as a software developer.”

NICK KORTENDICK (ENG Computer Science): “I will be working as a Software Engineer at Google in the San Francisco Bay Area upon graduation.”

ANJOLIE JOSE (LAS Psychology): “After graduation I plan to take a gap year while applying to grad schools.”

ZACHARY R. BREWER (ENG Computer Science): “I will also be earning an Aviation degree from Parkland in May. I will spend the summer traveling before moving to Boulder, CO and starting my full-time job as a software engineer at Google.”

MARY LAVOIE (ENG Materials Science and Engineering and LAS Philosophy): “I’ll be in Ohio until May, traveling during May and June, and starting at Bain and Co. in Chicago in July.”

ANJANA KRISHNAN (ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences and ENG Civil Engineering): “I’m going to be working with a sustainable development nonprofit in Uganda called Brick by Brick. I’ll be designing rainwater harvesting systems, managing construction projects using a local and sustainable brick, and consulting on miscellaneous outreach and community development projects.”

JOHN RYAN HAMILTON (ENG Aerospace Engineering): “I will be working at United Launch Alliance (ULA) in Pueblo, CO starting in June. I plan to attend graduate school after a few years of working. My long term life goal is to be a professor someday and strive to promote education innovation at scale within engineering education.”

CURTAINAY A. ACKERMAN (ENG Civil Engineering): “My plan for next year is to stay at UIUC and get a masters in civil engineering, and it has been confirmed that I will be doing research under Professor Guest in the civil engineering department. I was awarded the Walter E. Deuchler Environmental Engineering and Research Assistantship to help me pursue that degree. In the long run, my career dream is to work in the field of renewable energy out in Colorado but that may still be a ways off!”

MORGAN FUEHNE (ACES Agricultural and Biological Engineering): “I will be attending Duke University in the fall for a Masters in Engineering Management.”

CHAD FRANZEN (ENG Computer Science): “I have accepted an offer at Texas Instruments as an Applications Engineer in Dallas, Texas, starting in June. I will be designing electronic hardware and inventing new technology to solve problems.”

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KEVIN DÖHRENT (BUS Finance and Accounting): “After graduation, I will be moving to San Francisco to work for an upper middle market investment bank called Jefferies in its technology group. I will focus on mergers and acquisitions and capital raising activities, similar to my internship there this past summer.”

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VASSIL MLADENOV
“After graduation, I plan to begin a PhD in Biomedical Engineering after a year or two.”

JEFF LU (ENG Computer Science): “I have a job lined up at One North Interactive in Chicago as a developer. They are a website consulting firm, and I would be working on both the front-end and back-end development of a website.”

CHLOE M. MARSHDINSKI (BUS)
Actuarial Science and Statistics: “After graduation, I will be working as an actuary at CNA Insurance in Chicago.”

MOLLY MCGHEE (ACES Animal Sciences): “I will be starting graduate school in the Department of Animal Sciences here at the University of Illinois in August 2017 under Dr. Hans Stein for my master’s degree in Monogastric Nutrition. I was awarded the Jonathan Baldwin Turner Fellowship from the College of ACES to fund my graduate program. My long-term career goal is to be in the swine nutrition industry.”

THOMAS M. MCGRAVTH (ENG Engineering Mechanics): “I’m in the process of applying to a few research programs/short term positions at various places. I plan to pursue a Ph.D in Biomedical Engineering after a few years.”

RACHEL MISURAD (ENG Bioengineering): “I hope to spend the summer traveling and begin working in Chicago in the fall. I also hope to become involved in karate in the city play with my nephews, and continue to work on my personal projects.”

VAASIL MLADENOV (ENG Computer Science): “I’m going on a backpacking trip across Europe from May until August, starting in Iceland on May 23. I’ll begin full time work at Facebook in Menlo Park, CA in mid-September.”

ABHRISHREE DEEP NIGAM (ENG Computer Science): “After graduation, I’ll be taking some time off to travel, and I’ll be starting work as a Software Engineer at Jump Trading in July.”

ALEXANDER C. NODDINS (LAS Physics): “I’m currently waiting to hear back from graduate programs.”

KELSEY OSWALD (LAS Chemistry): “I will be teaching chemistry and physics at Geneva High School.”

MICHAEL OXASSPHIN (ENG Electrical Engineering): “This fall I will be moving to Austin, Texas to work for Cirrus Logic, a semiconductor electronics company.”

HYUNBIN PARK (ENG Computer Science): “I will be working full-time as a software engineer at Facebook starting July 2017.”

AKASH S. PATEL (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology): “Beginning in May 2017 and beyond, I will be attending the University of Illinois College of Medicine (UIUC). This fall and through the UIUCOM, I was recently admitted into the Innovation in Medicine (iMED) Program.”

DHRYN PATEL (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology): “I will be working full-time with the Allstate Corporation as an investments management analyst. I plan to pursue a career in healthcare analytics in the long term with the possibility of applying to medical and business school in the future to earn my medical degree and master’s in business administration in order to bridge the gap between medicine and administration.”

VERONICA PETERSON (ENG Computer Science): “My plan for after graduation is to work for a developer for a propriety electronic trading firm called IMC. I will be in downtown Chicago for this work. I am excited to get started writing code to help speed up the trading process and to make it easier and more efficient for traders to complete trades and trade analysis. Outside of work, I hope to run a marathon within a year of graduation. I also plan to start volunteering with Special Olympics Chicago once I graduate.”

KYLIE A. PETLAK (ENG Computer Engineering): “Beginning July 2017, I will be returning to Motorola Solutions in Schaumburg as a full-time embedded software engineer with national security clearance. There, I will be building custom prototypes for public safety applications. I hope to further explore the interface between hardware and software and to continue fostering my passion for art history on the side.”

CHANNING P. PHILBRICK, JR. (ENG Electrical Engineering): “Next fall, I will be pursuing an M.S. in Electrical Engineering studying Remote Sensing. After completing grad school, I intend to pursue a career in the space and defense industry.”

ALEXIS M. POKORNEY (ENG Economics): “I am currently pursuing two online masters: An M.A in Applied Economics from American University and an MBA in International Organizations from EUCLID University. I should finish both next spring. In the meantime, I will be in Georgia, house sitting for a deployed military friend and studying hard. My eventual goal is still to work for the State Department or UN in economic policy and development. I have also began looking at private careers in Economic analysis.”

PAULE PONG (ENG Information Systems and Technology): “Beginning in January 2017, I will be heading off to design a full app for a food packing truck. I also have travel road trip plans around the United States and Europe for the months leading up to my start-date with KPGY Advisory Practice. I will be starting in their CIO Advisory group as a management consulting associate.”

DAVID PROHOR (ENG Computer Science): “After graduation, I plan on spending the summer traveling before beginning work. In August, I will be joining Facebook as a Software Engineer in Menlo Park, California.”

EVAN A. RAMOS (ENG Computer Engineering): “I will be joining Charmworks to develop Charm+, a parallel programming runtime that manages workloads for high performance computing and a designer for electronic designs for custom prototypes for public safety applications and beyond.”

RAJASI RASTOGI (FAA Industrial Design): “I am going to go home for a while and then carry on searching for my next opportunity.”

PATRICK P. REGAN (LAS Chemical Engineering): “After graduation, our family will be taking a short trip over to Ireland to celebrate a multitude of good things happening to us, including my father’s retirement and my college graduation. Starting in July, I will be working full-time at Valdes Engineering Company. They are a multidisciplinary engineering design consulting firm based in Lombard, Illinois. I will be working in the process engineering department working on various projects in the refining, chemical, energy, and agricultural sectors. I have interned several times in the past and have worked on string relief valves, designing a pilot plant, and helping standardize the calculation and checking procedures at the company.”

JENNIFER RICHMAN (ENG Biotechnology): “Just two years after graduation, I will be starting a 27th Master’s of Physician Assistant program at Midwestern University. Studying will take up the majority of my free time for the next two years, but after that, I will be able to work in any health specialty I want right away. I plan to reward myself post-Master’s with a vacation, hope fully to Southeast Asia.”

THOMAS ROADA (ENG Civil Engineering): “I was accepted to grad school at UIUC with an RA position. I am apparently also in the running to get an Illinois Distinguished Fellowship, but I have no idea what the likelihood of that is.”

SUMMER ROBBINS (BUS Marketing): “I have committed to Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, FL. I was accepted into the Scholars program at Florida Coastal where I will be pursuing my Juris Doctorate with a full nation scholarship! Other than heading off to law school, I am also occupying myself with preparations to compete in the Miss Illinois pageant for the Miss America Organization in June. I recently won a preliminary pageant in December that qualified me! I am the current Miss Springfield 2017.”

MADISON ROSS-RYAN (FAA Graphic Design): “I will be working at Adobe in Chicago as a UX Intern this summer.”

NICHOLAS V. RUBLE (LAS English and Economics): “I will be working full-time as a software engineer at Facebook starting July 2017.”

ALLISON RYNTYM (ENG Mechanical Engineering): “I will be taking the summer off to spend with family, then I will be moving to Minneapolis in early August to start work full time. I was hired as a design engineer for 3M. In the next couple years I also hope to get a master’s degree.”

MARK D. SCHAEER (BUS Marketing): “In May, I will begin an internship in Boulder doing journalism and public relations. In addition, I have been applying to 12 month internships beginning in August all across the country, one of which I hope to attain before I go to graduate school in Fall of 2018 for my master’s degree.”

CLARE SCHEIB-FEELY (ACES Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences): “For my post grad plans, I’m still waiting to hear back from internships for the summer, and am currently in the application process to serve in the Peace Corps or with Teach for America.”

EMMA SCHUSTER (LAS Biochemistry): “I will be pursuing a PhD at Northwestern University in Chicago through the Driskill Graduate Program in Life Sciences. I plan to focus on pharmacological research and hopefully work at the interface of lab science and clinical application. I will travel through Europe for a month after graduation.”

YULFIYA SEMIBRATOVA (LAS Mathematics and Statistics): “After graduation, I will be working at Allstate as a Quantitative Analyst.”

KATELYN SHINNARAT (BUS Supply Chain Management and Marketing): “Next year I’ll be serving as a missionary with Cym in Split, Croatia! I’ll be on a college campus, working to reach and disciple students and establish new student ministries.”

DANIEL R. SHEEHAN (ENG Computer Engineering): “I am planning to accept a software engineering position that I have been offered at Mindtree.”

MADELINE SIEMBROCKI (BUS Finance and Marketing): “After graduation, I plan to travel Europe with friends and family. I will be starting full-time at PepsiCo Chicago as a financial analyst in August 2017.”

SALON SHETTHI (FAA Architectural Studies): “This fall I plan to attend UIUC for the joint master’s program in Architecture and Construction Management.”

CONNOR N. SIBLE (ACES Crop Sciences): “I will be continuing my studies with a Master’s degree in Crop Physiology here at UIUC.”

NICHOLAS A. SEGEL (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology): “I will be attending the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago?”

ROSS W. SKELLY (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Chemistry): “I will be attending medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and in four short years, I will be a medical resident on my way to becoming a full-fledged physician! Or at least that’s the plan for now.”
RIKKA SKILLRUD (AHS Interdisciplinary Health Science): “I am officially attending Washington University this Fall to pursue a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (after backpacking in Europe for a couple months).”

MAGGIE SMITH (ENG Computer Science): “I plan to study abroad in Hong Kong this summer and graduate in August 2017. After that, I am moving to Seattle to work as a Software Development Engineer at Amazon.”

KYLE SOTTORIVA (LAS Physics): “After graduation, I’ll be moving home and searching for job opportunities that allow me to use the creative, analytical thinking skills I’ve learned through studying physics.”

KYLE SUMMerville (BUS Finance): “I will either be going to Washington University in St. Louis or Harvard Law School in the fall.”

PAVEL M. TAMAS (BUS Accountancy): “Starting in late May, I’ll take my first tour of Europe in June, visiting London, Paris, the French Riviera, Rome and the Vatican, the Greek Island of Poros, Athens, the Croatian cities of Dubrovnik and Split, and finally Belgrade. After the Fourth of July, I’ll fly out to New York to begin corporate training for my upcoming job as a healthcare investment banking analyst at Houlihan Lokey in their Chicago office.”

CHARLES TIERNEY (ENG Mechanical Engineering): “In the fall I will be attending Pennsylvania State University to pursue a PhD in Aerospace Engineering. I do not currently have any plans for the summer, as I intend to decompress from undergraduate studies and prepare for graduate school.”

ASHTON TOWNSLEY (ACES Animal Sciences): “I am traveling to Greece and Germany for a few weeks and then coming back home to work for the summer. I will then be attending University of Wisconsin-Madison for Veterinary School in the fall.”

KELLY TWWOH (LAS Chemistry): “I have been working as a medical scribe in the Family Medicine department at Christie Clinic, a position that I will continue after my graduation at the end of the year. I will be attending the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago in August!”

ALYSSA E. VOLLAND (ACES Animal Sciences): “This summer, I will begin graduate school at Illinois in the Department of Animal Sciences. My focus will be on animal gut microbiology. I plan to study the effects of gut health on livestock growth rates. After that, I would like to work as part of a research team for an animal health company.”

SAMUEL WALDER (ENG Computer Engineering): “After graduation, I plan on expanding my company, Trala Inc., which is creating the ultimate practice tool for orchestral music learners (http://trala.io). I then will start a projects laboratory to create technologies focused on addressing problems associated with sustainability and climate change.”

RYAN WALEK (ENG Computer Engineering): “After graduating in December, I plan to take a couple months to travel Southeast Asia. After that, I am looking forward to moving out to the Bay Area to start full time as a software engineer (still deciding on the exact company).”

SELENA WALLACE (BUS Accountancy): “After graduating with a major in accounting, I will be completing my CPA exam and working full-time at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago, IL as an Assurance Associate.”

HAILEY WEDELL (LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Anthropology): “I’m currently working in the R&D department at Universal Beauty Products.”

MATTHEW WELCH (LAS Statistics and Actuarial Science): “I accepted my admission for graduate school at Duke, so I will be pursuing a master’s degree in Statistical Science starting in the fall.”

ERIC J. WOOD (ENG Mechanical Engineering): “After graduation, I will be continuing with Mechanical Engineering graduate school here at U of I. If I will be doing research in high-speed combustion and laser imaging technologies.”

RYAN C. WOODS (LAS Philosophy and Psychology): “I will be staying in Champaign for the summer while I prepare for application to graduate school in social and political and moral philosophy.”

CHRIS YIM (ENG Electrical Engineering): “After graduating, I will be working at Viasat as an RF Engineering Intern over the summer. After my internship, I will be pursuing my M.S. at UIUC with a focus on RFICs (Radio-Frequency Integrated Circuits).”

ERIC ZHANG (BUS Finance and Accounting): “With graduating a semester early, I plan to spend 6 months traveling the world (Peru, South America, Tanzania - climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, Australia, New Zealand, South East Asia, and all of Europe). Afterwards, I will be starting full time at Cadgogin in their technology investment banking group in San Francisco, CA.”

ROCK ZHANG (ENG Electrical Engineering): “I will be working as a Technical Problem Solver at Epic System in Madison, Wisconsin.”

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Thanks to all the contributing members of the Honors Student Council (HSC), and the efforts of the outgoing HSC Executive Board (JOEY BRYANT, KRISTA GOEL, PAGE KORDAS, and EVAN RAMOS), many events were planned, including Power Lunches (with Leslie Looney, Julian Palmore, Billie Theide, and Craig Williams), Halloween Party, Coffee Crawl, board game days, and many events related to Orientation (co-hosted by JOEY BRYANT, ALEX NODDINGS and EVAN RAMOS). The HSC also continued to help with the 7th Annual Freshman Cookout (with invaluable support from Bill Simmons from ACES). And, the HSC continued the tradition of “Penny Wars” Race to the Bullseye faculty/staff won, with freshman a close second to raise money for “Like Live Luke” in memory of Luke Miller (please see page 34 for In Memoriam).

TOURS and visits included: Curtis Orchard, Corn Maze at Hardy’s Reindeer Ranch, the Arboretum, and Japan House. Food adventures included forays to El Oasis, Jelting’s Custard Cup, Kofuauin, and Russiah. HSC members hosted various 30th Anniversary Celebration events (see page 5 for more info), and Regression Day was again a hit before Fall 2016 finals. In March 2017, HSC continued with the CHP Spring Semiformal at the University YMCA, with a theme of science fiction. HSC continued to manage the “Equinox Literary and Arts Magazine” (more info on “Equinox” is detailed on page 24). HSC also partnered with the Honors Living-Learning Community to engage in movie nights, both at Nugent Hall and the Honors House.

FRED Talks continued, and topics included “Bork Bork You Are Doing Me An Enlighten,” “Between the Lines – A Brief History of Extramusical Topics in Classical Music,” “Around the World in Ten Elections,” “On a High Note: Rea...”
Over Spring Break, I had the opportunity to venture to Costa Rica on a study abroad trip through CHP 199 (The Intersections of a People and their Environment). It was a truly amazing experience. I remember being extremely nervous about living with a host family because I had never done that before. Within moments of meeting my host family at the Institute in Costa Rica, I realized that living with a host family would be better than anything any resort had to offer. The host families turned out to be everyone’s most memorable part of the trip.

My host mom (Mamatica) was Adelaida and she had a son, Luis-Roberto. Although I highly suspect that Mamatica spoke English, she did not speak a word of English to me throughout the trip and I will be forever grateful to her for that because my Spanish improved ten-fold in the 10 days I was there. Any English translation was done through her son, who worked as a translator for one of the hotels in San Jose. My Mamatica also had a dog who I called “perrito” and I would play with him every day when I got home. One thing I noticed in Costa Rica is that every family has at least 1 animal. For example, one of my friends families had 3 dogs, a cat, and a chicken and my other friends family had a pig.

All the different animals I got the chance to interact with was my favorite part about Costa Rica. I got to play with numerous dogs and got to hold all different types of animals. One day, when we stayed overnight at Volcare, a sustainable farm/nature resort, I got to hold a chicken, chick, duck, goat, and got to see pigs, ducks, cats, roosters, and 2 emus.

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The Honors LLC has established solid partnerships on campus to create a well-rounded experience for residents, including collaborations with the Campus Honors Program, the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations, the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, and the Study Abroad Office. Most importantly UI Honors Deans have supported businesses who use low-impact practices such as sustainable farming.

Overall, I had the time of my life on this trip and hope to someday study abroad through the Campus Honors Program and Brian again. It was both extremely fun and stimulating at the same time, with Brian forcing everyone to think and reflect about what we learned each day. It was truly a Pura Vida experience and I highly recommend anyone to participate in the trip to Rome that Brian is leading next year. Also, if you would like to check out the blog and video that I made for my trip you’ll be able to find that at justintiao.weebly.com.
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CHP Faculty have been busy this academic year. Here are a few of their major accomplishments.

**GLEN DAVIES** (Art and Design) had his work in the show “Revelations Banner Paintings” September 19 – November 20, 2016 at the Frick Center at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois. **KEVIN ERICKSON** (Architecture) had his project “Rope Pavilion” featured in the book The New Pavilions by Philip Jodidio, published by Phaidon. Additionally, “5x5: Participatory Provocations,” a traveling exhibit featuring the work of 25 young American architects addressing 5 challenges for civilians, was named Acting Head of French and Italian for the upcoming academic year.

**SOFIA GARFIAS-YI** (Art and Design) received a publication contract from Intellect Books, and should appear in the forthcoming book *Roman Error: Roman Error: Hitler, Hitler, Hitler, Hitler, Hitler, Hitler, Hitler, Hitler, Hitler* by Peter Fritzsche, as a deep reflection about World War II’s moral challenges for civilians.

**KEVIN ERICKSON** (Architecture) was invited to present at the Rowe/Rome 2017 City of Good Intentions Conference (June 21-23, 2017). He was also on the Scientific Committee for the conference and led a conference session.

**BRUCE MICHELSON** (Religion) is publishing three books, each of which is closely related to the subject of the CHP course he taught in Fall of 2016. He notes of his course in Fall 2016: “I always assign a lot of reading and a lot of short writing assignments based on the readings and these are due when the readings are to be discussed, so a good deal of pre-class reading, reflecting, and writing is required. I like this approach because it ensures that everyone is prepared for class, at least when it works well. I have never before had the experience of all students always doing all of the readings and all of the assignments in addition to usually being ready to say something insightful about the topics to be discussed. A terrific group of students. Perhaps they have, say, friends or siblings or significant others who are just like them and who would take my course next time around!”

**BRUCE MICHELSON** (English, Emeritus, and Emeritus CHP Director) was appointed in March to a two-year term as a Fulbright Ambassador, one of about 20 veteran scholars and Fulbright awardees representing the program nationwide and in the US territories. He’ll be on the road next fall and spring, giving talks on the competition—and also of course on Mark Twain!—on campuses near and far.

**ROBERT MCKIM** (Communication) was invited to perform at the Le Petit Theatre in New Orleans and at the St. Louis, Missouri community college. He’ll be on the road next fall and spring, giving talks on the course—let us know his book, titled *Theater and Ethics*—on campuses near and far.

**HELANE SILVERMAN** (Anthropology; Director of CHP/CoDirector for Cultural Heritage Management and Policy) won the campus’ prestigious heath Distinguished Faculty Award for Outstanding International Achievement. She also published the volume *Heritage in Action* (Springer, 2017), co-edited with Emma Waterton and Steve Watson. In that volume her own chapter appears, “Heritage on the Gov: Abbreviated Heritage on a Mobile World.”

**BILLY THEIDE** (Art and Design) had her work purchased for inclusion in two important collections, The Kamun Foundation in Los Angeles, CA and the David Chulk Collection in St. Louis, MO. She serves as one of three US advisors/mentors for Talente, the prestigious international crafts and design competition for young makers, travelling to Munich, Germany, March 5-12, 2017 to attend Talente 2017, International Handwerkshow, and Jewellery Week 2017. Theds work is included in the invitational exhibition, “M.A.G.G.L.N.E. Peace Now: The Innovative Stinger of Art and Guns toInspire Peace” at the Society of Arts and Crafts in Boston, MA, which opened February 27, 2017 and continued through June 10, 2017; the exhibition is accompanied by a full-color hardbound book of the same title.

**CRAG WILLIAMS** (Classics) has been appointed as an Associate of the Center for Advanced Study for 2017-2018, enabling him to pursue research on his project on Native American writers’ use of knowledge of Ancient Greece and Rome. His article, “The Rhetoricity of Gender and the Ideal of medicus in Vitruvius’ De architettura” was published in Athenaeus 49, and his chapter “Friends, Romans, Errors: Moments in the Reception of amicitia” is in production for *Roman Error: Classical Reception and the Problem of Roman Flaws* (Forthcoming, Oxford University Press). He notes that “teaching my course CLCV/CWL 220 ("The Animal Self") for CHP in Spring 2017, I can only report that being able to discuss a range of literary texts with intelligent students from a variety of majors was nothing but a pleasure. And in an example of excellent timing or serendipity, this past semester I was able to take my students to two cultural events in town directly relevant to the course: Deke Weaver’s production of “Roe” at the Station Theater, and a Culture Talk with Deke Weaver and Barry Lopez at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.”
We thank all our donors for this significant help to the Campus Honors Program! Positively facilitate the student experience in honors. We use funds to support undergraduate students, including the Student Leadership Program and the Chancellor’s Scholars Program. We appreciate any help that furthers the Hopes for the Future of Campus Honors Program.
BARBARA CAMPBELL-DEEM, ENG Engineering Physics
ANUJ K. CHOKSHI, LAS Individual Plans of Study
REBECCA KAY DODEN, ACES Animal Sciences
KEVIN ALAN DOHERTY, BUS Finance
OLIVA NOEL ELKINS, EDUC Special Education
CHAD D. FRANZEN, ENG Computer Science
BRETT ALEXANDER GLASNER, ENG Mechanical Engineering
JOHN C. GUPTA, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
KENNETH A. HOFFMAN, ENG Mechanical Engineering
ANNA LOUISE CHARLOTTE HUNT, LAS Classics
SONAM KOTADIA, LAS Global Studies and Germanic Languages and Literatures
CHLOE MARIE MARSHINSKI, LAS Actuarial Science and Statistics
VERONICA R. PETERSON, ENG Computer Engineering
JOHN H. RYAN, ENG Electrical Engineering
YULIYA SEMBRATOV, LAS Mathematics and Statistics
KATELYN SHANNAN, BUS Supply Chain Management and Marketing
MATTHEW ALAN SIEGEL, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology
ROSS WILLIAM SKELLY, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Chemistry
RIKKA SKILLDRUD, AHS Interdisciplinary Health Sciences
ASHTON E. TOWNSELEY, ACES Animal Sciences
KELLY TWONG, LAS Chemistry
ERIC JAMES WOOD, ENG Electrical Engineering
REBECCA WRIGHT, LAS Chemistry
HAOXUAN LI, BUS Accounting
GRACE LIU, EDUC Elementary Education
NICHOLAS MARK, ENG Mechanical Engineering
LORA LINDA OLANDER, ACES Animal Sciences
KEVIN PERALTA, ENG Mechanical Engineering
VICTORIA WALLACE, LAS Integrative Biology and Global Studies
LORALEE WILSON, ACES Animal Sciences
ERICA YU, FAA Architectural Studies
SAM WILDER, ENG Computer Engineering
DIANE WILHELM, LAS Individual Plans of Study
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KEVIN M. BRENNER, ENG Mechanical Engineering
RACHEL STEPHENNE BROINES, LAS Psychology
Hoef Technology and Management Program (graduating seniors, minor for engineering and business students)
ARJUN BALWALY, ENG Materials Science and Engineering and LAS Philosophy
KEVIN BRENNER, ENG Mechanical Engineering
KEVIN DOHERTY, BUS Finance and Accontancy
OLIVA NOEL ELKINS, EDUC Special Education
KEVIN DOHERTY, BUS Finance and Accontancy
NEIL P. MUGS, BUS Finance and Marketing and Management
NICK KORTENDICK, ENG Computer Science
Homecoming Court (all-campus, comprised of 10 top male and female senior leaders)
Centennial Scholars named to Homecoming Court
ANUJ K. CHOKSHI, LAS Individual Plans of Study
ROSS W. SKELLY, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Chemistry
RIKKA SKILLDRUD, AHS Interdisciplinary Health Sciences
ASHTON TOWNSELEY, LAS Animal Sciences
KELLY TWONG, LAS Chemistry
MATTIE WILSON, BUS Actuarial Science and Statistics
ERIC WOOD, ENG Mechanical Engineering
RYAN WOOD, LAS Philosophy and Psychology
CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS
2017 CHP Summer Research Awards
ITAMAR ALLALI, LAS Physics and Astronomy, Magnon Inflation with Professor Peter Asha
PHILIP ROCHERS, LAS Chemistry, Mesochemistry with Professor Ben McNab
FANTING KUNG, AHS Speech and Hearing Science, Functional Communication with Professor Rakshak Madani
2017 CHP Summer Travel Awards
JULIA BECUCCIO, LAS Chemistry, Costa Rica (LAS)
LYN REING, ENG Bioengineering, Mexico (I2E)
MICHELLE BROWN, LAS Chemical Engineering, Madrid (IFPENG)
MARGARET RICHARDS, ACES Animal Sciences, Ireland (ILEE)
LAUREN SOLLBERG, LAS Economics, Granada (SAO)
LOREALE WILSON, ACES Animal Sciences, Botswnana (ACES)
MOLLY MCGHEE, ACES Animal Sciences

Jonathan Baldwin Turner (JBT) Scholars
(College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences)

HANNAH DONOHOO, ACES Crop Sciences

MOLLY MCGHEE, ACES Animal Sciences

CLAIRE SCHEIB-FEELEY, ACES Animal Resources and Environmental Sciences

CONNOR N. SIBLE, ACES Crop Science

ALYSSA E. VOLLAND, ACES Animal Sciences

Paul E. and Rose A. Woodson Scholarship
(College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences)

GRETJA DODER, ACES Animal Sciences

COLLEGE OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Silvio and Loretta Coretti Scholarship (Division of Resources and Educational Services)

KELLY MACK, LAS Math and Computer Science

Helga M. Deutsch Scholarship (College of Kinshipology and Community Health)

SARAH BRENNAN, AHS Kinshipology

Barbara Williams Hodson Scholarship (Department of Speech and Hearing Science)

MEGAN ROOME, AHS Speech and Hearing Science

Mary Jane Neer Scholarship (Division of Resources and Educational Services)

AMANDA COWFER, LAS Chemistry and Molecular Cellular Biology

Matthew A. Odeleus Award (for a resident of Beckwith who demonstrates leadership while balancing academics)

KATHERINE DOWNES, AHS Community Health

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Mary Sparks Alley Scholarship (Department of Business Administration)

ERICA HACKETT, BUS Accounting and Finance

BUS Honors Program (graduating seniors, 40 students per year in the College of Business)

KEVIN DOHERTY, BUS Finance and Accounting

NEIL P. HUGHES, BUS Finance, and Marketing

RACHEL JACOBY, BUS Accounting

KATHERINE R. IOORO, BUS Accountancy and Finance

PAIGE POWELL, BUS Information Systems and Information Technology

SUMMER ROBBINS, BUS Marketing

KATHLEEN SHANAHAN, BUS Supply Chain Management and Marketing

SELENA WALLACE, BUS Accounting

Business International Programs Scholarship

ERICA HACKETT, BUS Marketing

Lawrence I. and Barbara Field Scholarship (College of Business)

SUMMER ROBBINS, BUS Marketing

Colder Scholar for the Investment Banking Academy

KEVIN DOHERTY, BUS Finance and Accountancy

Leiby S. Hall Scholarship (College of Business, to juniors and seniors for academic merit, leadership activities, and community involvement)

SPENCER COPELAND, BUS Accountancy

HAOXIUAN LI, senior, BUS Accountancy

Cynthia and Dan Helle Scholarship (College of Business)

Michael G. Small Scholarship (College of Business)

NEIL P. HUGHES, BUS Finance, and Marketing

SUMMER ROBBINS, BUS Marketing

KATHERINE SHANAHAN, BUS Supply Chain Management and Marketing

MADELINE SIAMBEKOS, BUS Finance and Marketing

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

NATHAN GAERTNER, BUS Accountancy

Robert Mautz Honorary Scholarship (College of Business, to one accounting major for academic performance and leadership)

SELENA WALLACE, BUS Accounting

Kenneth W. Perry Scholarship (College of Accounting)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

William L. and Elizabeth A. Ackerman Scholarship (College of Engineering)

DARIO PANICI, ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiologic Engineering

Anthony J. Petullo Leaders in Business Scholarship (College of Business)

KATHERINE HACKER, freshman, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

HAMED KADIANI, BUS Accountancy

Neal and Laurie Price Family Scholarship (College of Business)

MOHAMMED KHAN, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

Randall and Elizabeth Rochman Scholarship (College of Business)

KATHLEEN SHANAHAN, BUS Supply Chain Management and Marketing

Anna Lou Johnston Roth Scholarship (College of Business)

KERRI ELSON, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

ELIZABETH HEFFERMANN, BUS Curriculum Unassigned

HAMED KADIANI, BUS Accountancy

SUMMER ROBBINS, BUS Marketing

Thomas and Karlene Shade Scholarship (College of Business)

MELANIE BERG, BUS Accountancy

JULIA BRODECKI, BUS Accountancy

COLLEGE OF ENGR AND EDUCATION

OLIVIA NOEL ELKINS, senior, EDCU Special Education

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

DONALD E. and MARGARET P. STILLWELL Scholarship (College of Education)

OLIVIA NOEL ELKINS, senior, EDCU Special Education

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

THOMAS M. MCGRATH, ENG Mechanical Engineering

CODY SIMPSON, ENG Civil Engineering

John Deere Foundation Scholarship (College of Engineering)

JOHN AND DOROTHY DURKIN Women in Engineering Scholarship

OLIVIA DUSUNNU, OUNBI, ENG Mechanical Engineering

ETA KAPPA NU Outstanding Junior (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)

ALEX WASSMICH, ENG Electrical Engineering

JULIE D. FALZER Scholarship (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)

JOHN N. RYAN, ENG Electrical Engineering

WILLIAM L. FROEKSCHMIDT, ENG Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiologic Engineering

A.G. Friederich Memorial Award (Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

K. E. PERRY Scholarship (Department of Engineering)

PAUL R. GORDON Scholarship (Department of Materials Science and Engineering)

SAMUEL WALDER, ENG Computer Engineering

Donald L. Bitzer and H.C. Slottow Creativity Award (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

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Harold and Ruth Hayward/Tau Beta Pi Scholarship (College of Engineering)
Pierce Hadley, ENG Bioengineering
Mary Lavine, ENG Computer Engineering

IEEE/IECE Central Illinois Section Scholarship (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Chris Yim, ENG Electrical Engineering

Illinois Engineering Premier Scholarship
Brandon Muchison, ENG Aerospace Engineering

Illinois Mechanical Engineering Scholarship (Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)
Charles Tierney, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Illinois Space Grant Consortium Scholarship (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
Katherine M. Carroll, ENG Aerospace Engineering

ISE Service Award (Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering)
Michael Gale, ENG Industrial Engineering

Kaiser Aluminum Scholarship (Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)
Olumwini Dosumu-Ogunbi, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Knights of St. Patrick College of Engineering: highest honor for leadership, character, and contribution to the college
Olumwini Dosumu-Ogunbi, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Duncan H. Lawrie Award (Department of Computer Science)

NICK KORTENDICK, ENG Computer Science
O. A. Leutwiler Award (Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)
Eric Wood, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Frank D. and Irene M. Low Scholarship (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Kyle A. Petlak, ENG Computer Engineering

Robert C. MacCline Scholarship (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to one outstanding junior for scholastic excellence and leadership in outside activities)

Nathan Beaugham, ENG Electrical Engineering

Mildred Mattix and Lisle Abbott Rose Scholarship (Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering)

Madeleine Schulze, ENG Industrial Engineering

Robert W. McClary Memorial Award

Michael A. Miller Aerospace Engineering Innovation Award

Channing Philbrick, ENG Electrical Engineering

Robert E. Miller Scholarship (Department of Mechanical Science and Engineering)

Thomas M. McNair, ENG Mechanical Engineering

Frank C. Mock Scholarship (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Alex Shen, ENG Computer Engineering

Oakley Family Foundation Scholarship (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Christina Ernst, ENG Computer Engineering

John R. Pasta Award (Department of Computer Science, outstanding junior)

Paige Kordas, ENG Computer Science

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

Collin Anderson, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

College of Engineering

Professor N. Narayana Rao Scholarship (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Alec Wasowicz, ENG Electrical Engineering

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

Kevin Brenner, ENG Mechanical Engineering

William R. Schowalter Award (College of Engineering)

Pierce Hadley, ENG Bioengineering

James N. Snyder Award (Department of Computer Science)

Ada Rosa, ENG Computer Science

Robert M. Stephens Engineering Scholarship (College of Engineering)

Katherine M. Carroll, ENG Aerospace Engineering

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

Atena Lin, ENG Materials Science and Engineering

Frank C. Mock Scholarship (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Thom Roadcap, ENG Civil Engineering

Bob Ziiba Memorial Scholarship (Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering)

Kyle Bathgate, ENG Civil Engineering

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

John Martin Ankenbauer Memorial Scholarship (School of Chemical Engineering)

Isaac Nathan Strain, LAS Chemical Engineering

Oliver J. Bell Merit Scholarship (Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology)

Wesley Tung, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology

Beryl Bristowe/Commonwealth Edison Award (Department of Physics, for a woman in physical sciences)

Hannah Manetsch, LAS Physics

Theodore L. and Audrey C. Brown Scholarship (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)

Claudia Dudzik, LAS Chemistry

Chemical Engineering Alumni Award (Department of Chemical Engineering)

Elliah Benjamin Karvelis, LAS Chemical Engineering

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

Rachel Smith, LAS Physics

John A. Gardner Undergraduate Summer Research Award (Department of Physics)

Itamar Allali, LAS Physics

State Farm Actuarial Scholarship (Department of Mathematics)

Sarah Derango, LAS Actuarial Science

Andre Kohn, LAS Actuarial Science

Rachel E. Telford Scholarship (Department of Chemistry)

Claudia Dudzik, LAS Chemistry

College of Media

Cord, Goldie and Marcus, Scholarship (Department of Journalism)
Charlotte Collins, MED Journalism

Paul C. Fulton Scholarship (College of Media)
Nicole Bertrand, MED Advertising

Eleanor Garm Himmerling Scholarship (College of Media)
Armando Sanchez-Monsivais, MED Advertising

Marilyn Miller Kaytor Scholarship (College of Media, for students studying journalism)
Charlotte Collins, MED Journalism

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Juli Komriska, LAS Chemistry

Kelsey Oswald, LAS Chemistry

Illinois Mathematics Excellence Scholarship (Department of Mathematics)

Broderick Portell, LAS Actuarial Science

Liberal Scholarship (School of Chemical Sciences)

Alex Orr, LAS Chemistry

Ross W. Skelly, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology and Chemistry

Kelly Wong, LAS Chemistry

Peter C. and Gretchen Miller Markunas Scholarship (School of Chemical Sciences)

Alexandra Lamy-Guignard, LAS Chemistry

Edward I. Onstott Scholarship (Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering)

Awele Bill Ugbogu, LAS Chemical Engineering

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VINCENT ARE. BIELA (5/16 alumnus, LAS Physics and Molecular and Cellular Biology) in 3/17: “I will be going to Middlebush University in Downson Grove for osteopathic medicine this fall. Thanks to CHP again for writing me a letter of recommendation!”

ADAM AUSTIN (5/17 alumnus, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) in 3/17: “When 2016 came along life flipped on its head as we welcomed two foster children into our little apartment, a 4-year-old and a 1-month-old. We purchased a lovely little house in Wheaton (my hometown and definitely not where I ever expected to end up!). At the same time, I was ready to move on from my job to something more challenging, and I took a job at Allstate. My colleagues are brilliant and the job strikes just the right balance between the comfortable and the unfamiliar, so I’m not out of my depth but I’m also constantly learning. So needless to say this past year has been a whirlwind! We just found out we’ll have the kids at least until December 2017 and may be even beyond that, so we have our work cut out for us. All in all, a most exciting and busy time! Now that we’re settled into the house and have a good routine going as a family, we’re even talking about how we can incorporate some more social time and personal care-taking into our lives. I want to get back into rock climbing, something I did a bit of in Dan, maybe start around with my much-neglected guitar, and start exploring financial analytics as a hobby. (Wow, that last one sounds pretty boring when I put it that way.) And of course I’ll be making time for the occasional squash match with an old friend from U of C.”

MEENA (BABA) BANASKI (5/16, ENG Materials Science and Engineering) in 8/16: “I wanted to let you know that I have a new job at home now!” Vishan joven Banasakki was born at 2:24 am on Sunday, July 24, 2016. He weighed 6 lbs 12 oz and was 20 inches long. He is doing well and I am enjoying my maternity leave with him very much. Sadly I won’t be able to attend the CHP reunion this fall, but I know it won’t be terribly long before Joe and I bring the whole family back to campus.”

PARAS BIXI (5/16, ENG Electrical Engineering) and Vandana Chandra (5/17, ENG) in 3/17. In attendance were Nisha and ANKEET PATEL (5/07 alumnus, LAS Computer Engineering), JAYNE PIETERS (5/07 alumnus, LAS Biochemistry) and Dan Hvala.

KATRINA BROMMANN (5/06, BUS Finance) in 8/16: “I got my copy of the CHP Annual 2016 in the mail, and lo and behold, there was a picture of me and my then-boyfriend-now-husband on page 18! It was so unexpected and made me laugh out loud for sure. :) My husband particularly liked it, because he thinks that people might assume he was in CHP now. I’m pregnant with my 2nd child, and I feel I have learned so much in the past couple of years... I think I’ll be able to attend the CHP reunion this past fall.”

KATIE CASTREE (5/16 alumnus, AHS Community Health) in 8/16: “After spending the first four years of my healthcare administration career at Hospital Sisters Health Systems (HSHS) in Illinois, I have now accepted the position of Operations Excellence Project Manager for Accumen Inc. Accumen’s mission is to partner with healthcare systems to deliver clinical laboratory excellence through sustainable improvements in cost, quality, service, and outreach and growth opportunities. My role is a key player in delivering on the quality and profitability objectives of our clients. I am based in St. Louis, MO!”

ANNE CEDEROTH (5/14 alumnus, AECs Agricultural and Biological Engineering) in 6/17: “Great news! I got into both Davis and Cornell, and I accepted at Davis’ Viticulture and Enology graduate program for the fall.”

IAN CLAUSEN (5/16 alumnus, LAS English and Religious Studies) in 7/16: “As of August, my family and I (we have two daughters now, Aimee (3/2) and Emma (2)) have moved to Philadelphia, where I took a post-doc at Villanova University. I must bring good luck with me; for the basketball team went on to win the NCAA’s first year. We’re very well situated at Villanova, and should be here for another year unless something dramatic happens (I do have an interview with the University of Aberdeen, so we could be returning to the UK after all). As for work, I’m currently finishing up a book, which is contracted with Bloomsbury, and which is based on my dissertation on Augustan and ethos. And as for teaching, I’ve enjoyed the first round of freshman courses I taught, and will be driving again in a short while: two great books courses and one Ethics course, plus some conferences and travel and way too many weddings... ! Hope all is well at CHP!”

MEGAN CUNNINGHAM (5/06 alumnus, LAS Political Science) in 9/16: “I’m back in Chicago after a decade on the East Coast. After a wonderful adventure, it’s awfully nice to be home again.” Megan is Managing Deputy Commissioner for the Chicago Department of Public Health.

PATRICK JAN DRAPEL (5/15 alumnus, ENG Engineering Physics) in 5/17: “I’ve enjoyed reading the CHP newsletters every year and thought it was a good time to send an update. After leaving UIUC, I went to grad school at the University of Chicago, where I got my Ph.D. in theoretical particle physics in 2011. In 2007 I married my best friend Karen, who got her M.D. at UChicago at the same time. After grad school we moved to California, where I was a postdoc at UC Santa Cruz and UC Santa Barbara and Karen did an internal medicine residency and gastro-enterology fellowship at Stanford. Last fall I joined the faculty at UMass- Amherst and had an exhilarating first year as a new assistant professor. This summer Karen is finishing her fellowship and joining a GI practice in Massachusetts, and we’re celebrating our tenth anniversary in June. We’ve had a great time living in the Midwest and on the west coast and we’re looking forward to exploring New England together. I have many excellent memories of CHP, and was particularly influenced by GEORGE FRANCIS’ ‘Graphicdesigns (and his barbecues).’”

SANJIT DUTTA (5/06 alumnus, ENG Electrical Engineering) in 10/16: “Work has been ok a slow start which has been good in terms of giving me time to transition. I’ve been settling into New York for the past few months and it’s great (but very expensive) place to be! There’s all kinds of things to do and I think it’ll be exploring for quite a while. Hope all is well between the coldfronts.”

MAX ELLITHORPE (12/15 alumnus, LAS Political Science) in 3/17: “I’m currently living in Philadelphia and just started a postdoc pre-med program at Temple University. Assuming I get a solid GPA and MCAT score, I have a seat reserved at Temple’s medical school. I’m really excited to be back in school studying something completely different. While I thought I enjoyed politics and the corporate world, I’m realizing that I’d like to contribute more to the community and think that medicine would be the best way for me to do that.”

ALICE FOREMAN (5/10 alumnus, LAS Earth Systems, Environment, and Society) in 8/16: “I have a few exciting news as well! I did this five week Monterose training for adolescent teachers in Huntsburg, Ohio, this summer, and when I get back at the beginning of August, my boss called me to give me a promotion! Our head science teacher in the Jr. High program decided to leave, and so they made me the new head science teacher! It’s super exciting, and I’ve been geeking out for two weeks thinking about all the cool things that I’ll be able to do with the students! It’s a bit of a planning work, since I’ll be teaching an entirely different subject, but there are so many opportunities!”

SAMANTHA GEORGE (5/16 alumnus, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) in 4/17: “I’ve been accepted to medical school at St. Louis University! I’m still waiting to hear back from a couple other schools, but until then I’m just grateful to have been accepted. Thank you to CHP for helping during the application process and for writing a letter of recommendation for me. I really appreciate the support you provided throughout my college experience and the space for reflection during our talks. I’m especially grateful that our conversations helped me in my decision to take a gap year and serve with City Year! It’s been a difficult but good year, and I know I wouldn’t have had the courage to pursue this experience without CHP’s support!”

DAVE GOESE (5/11 alumnus, LAS Molecular and Cellular Biology) in 4/17: “After a long time of hoping to visit Japan (inspired by Professor KIMIKO GUNII), finally I am traveling to Tokyo and Kyoto next week! I graduated University of Illinois in 2011 and went on to medical school at the University of Chicago. It was a wonderful place for medical school, and I was able to work in underserved, low income neighborhoods on the South Side of Chicago to improve community health, volunteer for science fairs and education, and work in free medical clinics. During my 4th year of medical school I also worked at a primary care clinic in Santiago, Chile for 1 month, and also traveled to India to teach and stay at a children’s orphanage in the northern part of the country in a city called Haridwar (http://sriyamunition.org/).”

“Since then I graduated medical school and moved on to an internal Medicine residency at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. I am currently in my 2nd year, and it is 3 years. I work as a doctor at four different hospitals in the Atlanta area, including a large public hospital for the urban poor, Grady Hospital (https://grady.org). I have a primary care clinic, where I take care of about 50 patients with many different medical problems. I work with the homeless, with patients with HIV, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and everything in between. I feel I have learned so much in the past year and a half. During residency we get 1-2 week vacations a year I love traveling very much, and have wanted to go to Japan ever since [KIMIKO GUNII’s] class and earlier I plan to visit many temples, attend tea ceremonies, see Japanese gardens, and visit markets.”

MARY M. NAPP (5/16, LAS, AEC Crop Sciences) in 6/16: “Today is my 2nd year of grad school at the University of Nebraska, and it’s going well (so much different than an undergrad though)! Just got my project summary and can’t wait to get started! I’m also going to get to go to a workshop in China this September. Thank you for a wonderful 3 years!”

REBECCA HARRIS (5/05 alumnus, LAS Biology and Biochemistry) in 5/17: “We are moving to Boston the last weekend in June. I’ll be at Boston Children’s for an awesome fellowship opportunity as an MD Ph.D. student! The opportunities through which I could grow and learn; they have had a huge impact on my medical school. I’m really excited to be back in school studying something completely different. While I thought I enjoyed politics and the corporate world, I’m realizing that I’d like to contribute more to the community and think that medicine would be the best way for me to do that.”

DANA FAGER (5/12 alumnus, LAS International Studies) in 1/17: “Today I am reaching out with happy news, as this past month I have received letters of accep- tance to Georgetown University’s MSFS Program and to George Washington University’s Master of Global Communication Program! I believe that CHP’s letter of recommendation played a big role in helping me get accepted to these programs; thank you so much for believing in my potential and for kindly submitting the letters on my behalf. The wonderful academic and professional experiences that you enabled me to have at U of C in the CHSS as well as CHP’s support for my post-graduation endeavors, both made me a more competitive grad school applicant and helped prepare me for the challenges I will face as a graduate student. I want to thank CHP for providing all these enriching opportuni- ties through which I could grow and learn; they have had a huge impact on my life and I am sincerely grateful to CHP!”

ALUMNI NEWS
ALUMNI NEWS (continued)

CHP alum Michael Munie and CHP Director Kim Graber at 30th Anniversary Celebration

We send our best wishes to JOLIE WOOLSEY who is now working in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences alongside former CHP staff member. JULIE WOOLSEY has been married for 17 years to my amazing wife Karen who’s an elementary teacher, and they have three wonderful kids. Right after U of I graduation I was a high school computer teacher and have been teaching full-time ever since. We send our best wishes to JULIE WOOLSEY on her happy anniversary! For more details, please visit our website or call (312) 413-1234.
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PAT BASU (500 alumna, ENG Mechanical Engineering)

*AFTER UI, YOU EARNED A MD AND MBA FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. HOW DID YOUR UI EXPERIENCE HELP SHAPE AND ENCOURAGE YOUR INTERESTS?

My UI experience shaped, motivated and prepared me in so many ways. From an academic standpoint, studying at one of the nation’s top engineering schools taught me how to approach complex problems and solve them. This thinking was applied to complex systems such as the human body and to helping improve the nation’s health care system and education system.

From a leadership standpoint I ran successfully as our business school cohort president as well as our Medical School Dean’s Council (the 4 year equivalent of class president). When it came to running for both of those offices, I recalled that I had been selected by peers to the Student Senate, Student Alumni Ambassadors and Homecoming Court at Illinois. So, I thought of the fact that the 30,000 strong Illinois student body was 60 times larger than my MBA class and 300 times larger than my med school class.

A key skill when I select medical students or hire doctors is their ability to relate and empathize with as wide a variety of humanity as possible. When it came to connecting with patients from all walks of life I’d already honed these skills by learning from the friends I’d made on one of the most diverse campuses in the world here at the University of Illinois.

*HOW DID YOUR APPOINTMENT AS A WHITE HOUSE FELLOW AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT IN 2010 INFORM YOUR SUBSEQUENT WORK IN THE HEALTH FIELD?

To be selected to serve as a White House Fellow was incredible honor and privilege and hope that future Honors Program Graduates will consider this in 10 15 years. It has informed the way I look at healthcare, business, government and society. To be able to see and work on the nation’s most challenging problems is eye-opening, exponential and motivating. Specific to healthcare it underscored for me just how broken real access to healthcare is for millions of Americans. That insight helped me to start Doctor On Demand to help increase access to care. I also saw how perverse many of the incentives are in health care between providers, payers and patients – and I help manage large businesses that aim to better align incentives to deliver high value care.

*HOW DID THE CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM IMPACT YOUR UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE, AND WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO CURRENT AND FUTURE CHANCELLOR’S SCHOLARS?

The Campus Honors Program was the number 1 reason I chose Illinois over private institutions in Chicago, California and the Northeast. It gave me a chance to be among and learn from not just the best and brightest in Illinois but from around the nation. The program is amazing and in some ways I only realized its weight after the fact. My advice would be to immerse yourself fully to the Campus Honors Program. A team in life is that the more you put in the more you get out. Try to meet as many of your fellow Chancellor’s scholars, take all the amazing small classes which were some of my favorite this spring, get to know the professors who wrote some of my excellent letters to medical school and business school and hang out at the Honors House – even in my glass corner office overlooking the city today I often reminisce about getting work done and hanging out with friends at the cozy Honors House. I am sure I speak for all CHP alumni when I say don’t be afraid to reach out to us as alumni for any assistance or advice – Good Luck!

DANIELLE OSLER (502 alumna, ENG Electrical Engineering)

*AFTER LEAVING UI, YOU EARNED A LAW DEGREE FROM HARVARD AND A PUBLIC POLICY MASTER’S FROM PRINCETON WITH THE HELP OF THE JACK KENT COOKE SCHOLARSHIP. YOU WORKED FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AS AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ATTORNEY, AND YOU ARE NOW PUBLIC POLICY COUNSEL FOR GOOGLE. AS AN UNDERGRADUATE, WHAT STRENGTHENED YOUR INTERESTS AND SHAPED YOUR ASPIRATIONS?

I’ve always been interested in understanding complex systems. Electrical engineering, law, and policy each gave me insight into this in their own ways. One of my most influential experiences at UI was a freshman year trip to Washington DC with about 20 other students sponsored by the Campus Honors Program. It was a weeklong exploration of the interaction of politics, journalism, and the presidency, and it opened my eyes to what the world of public policy looked like. The CHP group that attended represented a wide range of disciplines and backgrounds, and I just loved getting the perspective of so many interesting students as I discussed our experiences on the trip. It helped me to realize that there was a real benefit to a cross-disciplinary understanding of public policy, and that my interest in engineering and technology was a useful perspective.

*HOW HAVE YOU COMBINED YOUR PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO IMPACT THE GREATEST CHANGE?

The workplace is an inter-disciplinary zone, and UUCI helped me to prepare to succeed in the real world. For example, in my role as a government attorney, when I defended America’s marine life protection laws at the World Trade Organization, I did so by leading a team of 15 people with very diverse skills. As the lead attorney on a complex case, I had to feel comfortable interacting with and managing experienced people with a range of expertise - from scientists at technical agencies to trade analysts. In many real world settings, engineers do not simply work only with engineers. Lawyers do not work only with fellow lawyers. Now in the private sector I am working directly with Google product engineers to factor global public policy trends into future innovations. Just like in my previous role, my new responsibilities require me to move between expert groups and to help combine efforts to advance the public good. The Honors House serves as exactly the kind of place to get students accustomed to speaking across disciplines and cultures.

HOW DID THE CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM IMPACT YOUR EXPERIENCE AT UI, AND WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO CURRENT AND FUTURE CHANCELLOR’S SCHOLARS?

CHP was an absolutely essential part of my growth and development at U of I. I have fond memories of sitting at the Honors House chatting with a group of the most engaging and fun students and professors at the university. As an engineering student, it is easy to get caught up in your narrow field of study, but through CHP I was really able to broaden my knowledge, which has helped immensely in my multifaceted career. And without the support of the incredible CHP staff, I would not have been able to get through the grueling graduate school and Jack Kent Cooke scholarship application process. My advice to Chancellor’s Scholars would be to take full advantage of all the CHP offerings and immerse yourself in the community. It will benefit you in ways you can only begin to imagine.
GREG CRIMMINS (5/02 alumnus, LAS Cellular and Structural Biology)

AFTER FINISHING YOUR PHD IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY FROM BERKELEY, YOU STARTED A COMPANY TO DEVELOP NEW CANCER DRUGS (REMEDYPLAN.COM), HOW DID UI HELP PREPARE YOU FOR A CAREER IN RESEARCH?

UIUC was the key to starting my scientific career, actually. I went to UIUC thinking that I would major in philosophy or history. I was taking a very broad range of classes as part of the liberal arts degree, and I found that I loved chemistry and biology. My sophomore year I got a job in the Whitmarsh lab with a very talented scientist, Adriana Ortiz Lopez, and she essentially taught me how to do research. We were focused on the molecular biology of plants, and I really loved working in the lab - I loved the flexible hours working late late at night with the seedling plants, I loved the thrill of discovery (even the small daily ones), and I loved the feeling of moving science and society forward, even if it is just the tiniest possible nudge. I was hooked on research after that, though I moved into other fields of study. Also, the classes were remarkably good - great professors and TAs, and all the resources you needed to learn how to learn to be a scientist. One of my TAs from UIUC ended up being the co-founder of our company! We randomly ended up in the same PhD class at Berkeley, and we kept in touch after grad school and ended up starting a company together. So, hey, you never know what will happen at a great university like UI, you might start a company with one of your TAs.

HOW IS REMEDY PLAN DEVELOPING, AND WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM GOALS FOR THE COMPANY?

Remedy Plan is still very small and lean, but growing and developing quickly. We recently closed our seed funding round, hired a new scientist, and scaled up our drug testing efforts. The research is going very well and we are in a really exciting period where we are seeing the results from the experiments we have been planning for a long time. My long-term goal is to develop our novel cancer drugs and get them into the clinic as quickly as possible. This will involve either raising a Series A round of funding in a year, or partnering with a Pharmaceutical company, or both. I view Remedy Plan, and other small biotech companies doing the hard work of early stage drug development, as a critical missing piece of the puzzle between basic research and pharmaceutical drug development.

HOW DID THE CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM IMPACT YOUR UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE, AND WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO CURRENT AND FUTURE CHANCELLOR’S SCHOLARS?

There are pros and cons to being at a large state university. One of cons is that it can feel a little impersonal at times, in a class full of 500 students. I ended up liking that environment, because I liked learning on my own with periodic guidance from the professors and TAs, but I think the impersonal part was also made a lot easier by the CHP. The CHP felt a little bit like a second home, with smaller classes and events and the feeling that you could always stop by. The advice I would give to current and future Chancellor’s Scholars is: pick a goal and run like hell after it, and don’t be afraid to ask for help along the way - people love to help. You’re surrounded by some of the best support one could ever imagine: a great university, and a great honors program. You might as well try to do something amazing. Last piece of advice: old people like me love being asked for advice - look how long my answers to these questions are! Asking for advice opens a lot of doors, just don’t believe all of it (but believe some of it). Got it? Easy. Good luck.

ALUMNI PROFILES (continued)

TOM INSEL (5/95 alumnus, LAS Mathematics)

YOU ARE CURRENTLY A DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT GRACENOTE, WHICH CONNECTS MILLIONS OF AUTOMOBILES TO VARIOUS MEDIA, WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN SINCE 2000. HOW HAS YOUR WORK CHANGED AND GROWN WITH TIME?

Our business grew from identifying CDs for software products to include music, video, and sports metadata for a wide range of connected devices such as cars, televisions and phones. I started as an individual contributor, ended up managing a department as the business grew, and hope to transition into an architecture role. However, I think how the industry has changed in the same time is more interesting. In 2000, most servers were individually managed, and provisioning a new web server began with ordering new hardware and waiting for delivery. Now, it could be nearly immediate using virtualization or cloud computing and configuration management tools that allow you to write code that defines your infrastructure instead of building it by hand. The same tools ensure that if you need even a hundred more servers, they will all be identical to the first, and that we spend less time fixing broken systems because they can be replaced in minutes. As a very practical consequence, Christmas used to be a big deal because too many people playing with new toys at the same time could overwhelm our services. Now, we don’t worry because we can easily adapt to changes in traffic.

WHAT ARE A COUPLE OF YOUR MOST NOTABLE MEMORIES OF THE CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM, AND WHICH ASPECTS OF THE CHP DO YOU FEEL MOST SHAPED YOUR UNDERGRADUATE DEVELOPMENT?

The most valuable opportunity for me was the chance to interact with other students and faculty in a wide range of disciplines that I wouldn’t otherwise have experienced – through CHP classes in a wide range of disciplines that I wouldn’t otherwise have experienced – through CHP classes such as 100-series honors classes with Professors Francis and Berenbaum and activities including the opportunity to travel in Japan with Professor Gunji. I still talk to people I played cards with in the Honors House twenty five years ago.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO CURRENT AND FUTURE CHANCELLOR’S SCHOLARS?

I am not sure that I would recommend taking my advice in general, but you can never have too much ice? Beyond that, don’t be afraid to reconsider your path every now and then. For example, I am pretty sure that I made the right choice when I started graduate school, and equally sure it was right when I dropped out.

ANNE RIVAS (5/19 alumnus, LAS Integrative Biology and ACES Animal Sciences)

AS AN UNDERGRADUATE YOU EARNED TWO DEGREES, YOU ARE A DOCTOR IN VETERINARY MEDICINE, AND YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN RESIDENCY AT THE BRONX ZOO FOLLOWING A ONE-YEAR INTERNSHIP AT A SMALL ANIMAL SPECIALTY HOSPITAL IN SAN DIEGO AND A ONE-YEAR INTERNSHIP AT THE MARYLAND ZOO IN BALTIMORE. WHICH RESEARCH AREAS HAVE INTERESTED YOU THE MOST, AT UI AND BEYOND?

I have found that I am drawn to working with birds - starting with a poultry nutrition project during undergraduate, and more recently focusing on fungal disease (aspergillosis) in a variety of avian species.
Paul Magelli Sr. well figured he’d be around forever. “He’s one of those guys you that “he was so lively, positive and proactive with his health, those who knew 5, 2017, and a 12/6/17 article in the Champaign Urbana New-Gazette noted PAUL MAGELLI, strength, humor and intelligence. ” and Sue had retired to Clark-Lindsey Village in Urbana. He was loved by a few. He was passionate about his family, swimming, fishing, bird watching, paintings, wood and linocuts, poster making and computer imaging, to name just a thought was going to live to be 100 years old, said Jeff Brown, a dean at the University of Illinois’ College of Business. Mr. Magelli, a business professor and founder of Illinois Business Consultants, didn’t make it to 100. “Mr. Magelli had a long, decorated career in academia which featured stints at Wichita State, Drake, Metropolitan State and Parkland College, where he served as president from 1987-89 before moving across town to the UI. Most recently, though, he drew attention for his quest to become the oldest man to reach the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. In 2011 he attempted the climb at the age of 79, though a variety of conditions prevented Mr. Magelli and his team from reaching the peak. Plans were in place for a return in August, but during a pre-climb evaluation, it was discovered that Mr. Magelli had two bad heart valves and narrowed vessels. He had surgery to fix these issues, but suffered damage to his lungs, which he fought during the final months of his life. For his Mount Kilimanjaro climb, Mr. Magelli had teamed with doctors from the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to create an ongoing study of human adaptation to hypoxia, lung fluid regulation and cardiac changes at altitude. Even as he battled the health issues in what would turn out to be his last few months, Mr. Magelli was still determined to climb Kilimanjaro.

In addition to starting Illinois Business Consultants, Mr. Magelli was instrumental in the MBA program and helped establish the Academy for Entrepreneurial Leadership through a grant from the Kaufman Foundation. ‘You can’t exaggerate the kind of impact he had on people. He was smart and gracious and cared so deeply about people: I honestly cannot think of anyone who had such a deep impact on so many people. Brown said” LIKE LUKE MILLER, grandson to long-tine CHP employee MARGARET CUPPS, passed 3/11/17, and as excerpted from the Champaign Urbana News-Gazette: “Luke was a sophomore at Champaign Central High School and was a member of the Charger archery team and the golf team, and was awarded an academic letter in fall 2016. He was the top male shooter in the State of Illinois with a 293 average in 2017 out of 300 points and excelled in the sport not only as an athlete, but as a teammate and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. In 2016, at the National NASP Archery Tournament in Kansas, he placed in the top 1 percent of shooters with a 293 out of 300 points, making him the No. 55 shooter out of nearly 13,000 total participants. “He was also a talented budding artist and participated in many art classes at Centralia. He recently had his art displayed at a juried show at the Illini Union Art Gallery. Luke also began working with the Urbana Park District Urban Planning Department in the summer of 2016 where he was learning about park management and natural resources, which he is interested in as a potential career. Luke was an active member of the All School 4-H Club where he was president, vice president and treasurer during his eight years in 4-H. He was instrumental in mentoring younger 4-Hers in their projects and encouraging them to get involved in other 4-H activities. ‘Luke had a passion and a zest for life and didn’t have anything less than 100 percent. He was often called an ‘old soul’ by many because of his maturity and compassion for others. He loved fishing for hours at subdivision ponds, photography, geology, Cardinal baseball, golfing and spending time with his family and friends. He had a big personality and will be missed dearly by so many whom he touched.” Honors Student Council have pledged funds from Penny Wars to Luke’s memory.

Hormozd Gahiru (B.S., ENG Computer Science) passed October 3, 2017, excerpted from his obituary: “Hormozd Gahriu of Livemorwille died Oct. 3, after a long and courageous battle against Ewing’s sarcoma. Gahriu was born on Dec. 25, 1981, in Blacksburg, Virginia. He graduated high school in 1999 from University Laboratory High School in Urbana, Illinois. He earned his Ph.D. in Computer Science in 2014 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also received a master’s in Computer Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 2006, and a bachelor’s in Computer Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2003. “He first came to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in the summer of 2010 as a summer intern and returned again in 2011 and 2012. He immediately stood out, because he was a brilliant computer scientist, who was able to quickly master new research topics, form bridges between disciplines and come up with creative solutions to difficult problems. He also remembered for his outgoing, cheerful personality. In 2014, Hormozd was selected as the first Sidney Fernbach Postdoctoral Fellow in the Center for Applied Scientific Computing at LLNL, a position he started with a lot of energy and ambition. “Hormozd’s hobbies included running, weightlifting, backpacking, photography and following his favorite sport teams. He was particularly devoted to the University of Illinois basketball and football teams, as well as the Chicago Cubs, Bears, and Bulls. Hormozd showed great courage and perseverance during his illness. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.” THOMAS KOVACS, who taught for the Campus Honors Program for many years, passed away, and the following is excerpted from the 4/7/17 Champaign Urbana News-Gazette: “Thomas George Kovacs of Urbana passed away from compli- pations due to pneumonia and the sudden onset of a rare form of leukemia on Monday, March 20, 2017, at the Siteman Cancer Center of Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. “Tom was born on Sept. 8, 1939, in Budapest, Hungary. In 1944, during World War II, Tom fled Hungary with his family to Germany. They lived in Fischern before immigrating to America in 1951, where Tom made his home in Lakewood, Ohio. Tom was a high school All American swimmer. He received a full scholarship to Ohio State University, where he received his Master of Arts in 1962 at Ohio State University. Mr. Kovacs earned his Master of Arts as an artist and graphic designer. He was co-founder of the Ohio State NCA champion swimming team in his senior year. He missed swimming in the 1960 Olympics by a fraction of a second. He retired from the Art and Design Department in 1999, though taught for the Campus Honors Program for years after his official retirement. He loved traveling during his teaching years to Poland, Japan and Daluth.

“Tom’s personal artwork spanned many styles: pencil and charcoal drawings, paintings, wood and linocuts. He was a musician and loved to play the guitar. He was an extraordinary man of kindness and strength, humor and intelligence.” PAUL MAGELLI, who taught for the CHP for many years, passed away December 5, 2017, and a 12/6/17 article in the Champaign Urbana News-Gazette noted that “he was so lively, positive and proactive with his health, those who knew him best thought he would be around forever. ‘He’s one of those guys you...
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