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MISSION:

To develop tomorrow's leaders by providing first-rate educational opportunities to the most highly motivated, intellectually curious, and academically accomplished students at USF.

We strive to create a tight-knit intellectual community by:

- Providing an honors residential experience
- Offering a distinctive interdisciplinary honors curriculum featuring small classes taught by engaged and creative faculty
- Sponsoring co-curricular opportunities in community development, global studies, and leadership
- Supporting student achievement with expert individual advising and a highly successful Office of National Scholarships
- Encouraging each student to pursue a significant and rewarding research experience that takes advantage of USF's resources as a Top-30 Public Research Institution



2017-18 ACHIEVEMENTS:

These are some of the outstanding achievements of the College in 2017-18.

- Three new full-time Instructors joined our teaching staff, bringing the total number of dedicated Honors College faculty lines to eight. Our faculty now hold terminal degrees in Anthropology (University of Virginia), Applied Physics (USF), Architecture (University of New Mexico), Communication (USF), Community and Regional Planning (University of Texas), Interdisciplinary History (Tulane University), Philosophy (USF), and Sociology (ABD- University of California – San Francisco). This combined expertise significantly expands the range of coursework and mentoring available to our students. We continue to be less reliant on adjuncts as we place more dedicated instructors and tenured/tenure-track USF faculty in our classrooms.
- The College hosted for the first time in its history Visiting Distinguished Professors in both the Fall and Spring semesters. The Fall appointee was Professor Carlin Romano. Mr. Romano is Professor of Philosophy and Humanities at Ursinus College and author of *America the Philosophical*, a critical study of philosophy in American life that won him a Guggenheim Fellowship. He holds degrees in philosophy from Princeton and Yale, as well as a law degree from Columbia University. The Spring appointee was Dr. Peter Wilson. Dr. Wilson holds his PhD in Physics from the University of Otago in New Zealand and also earned a DSc from Roskilde University in Denmark. The addition of these two visiting Distinguished Faculty members this year expanded our College's course and lecture options. Both appointees conducted university-wide lectures on their research focus and taught Honors College courses.
- The College exceeded its fund-raising goal of \$1 million by more than \$2.7 million, or 273%, with a total of \$3,736,625 raised to date. In addition, the Honors College is now \$8 million past its UnStoppable Campaign goal of \$19,535,853 with \$27,674,325 raised.
- The Honors College hired a new Assistant Director of Alumni Programs to help better connect the College with its alumni. Also new this year is a director of the Provost's Scholars Program who will be tasked with rebranding the program.
- The Honors College Living Learning Community (LLC) moved to the new Summit Hall this year. Honors College faculty member and Director of the Office for Undergraduate Research, Dr. Michael Cross, served as the Faculty in Residence for the building. His presence was an invaluable resource for our students, providing a strong bond between the LLC and the College's academic initiatives.

- The College completed the inaugural *Mosaic*, a magazine-style annual review to recap 2017. Copies of the *Mosaic* were distributed to key stakeholders and are used for recruitment.
- A new group of students were hired and trained as Peer Mentors, Tour Guides, and Orientation Mentors. These students represent the College and provide vital support for our recruiting and onboarding efforts. Through these programs we employ dozens of students who might otherwise work off-campus and delay progress toward graduation.
- A Dean's Council held its inaugural meeting in the Fall. This group is composed of successful Honors College alumni and friends of the College. Its goal is to raise awareness of the College's accomplishments, improve recruitment of high-ability students, and build a stronger financial basis to support student opportunities.
- The College helped further the university's application to shelter a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Dean Adams continues to update the committee and will attend the triennial meeting in August when the final vote occurs.
- The second cohort of recipients of the Genshaft Global Presidential Scholarship joined the Honors College. This scholarship provides very high ability students, in cohorts of fifteen to twenty each, extraordinary study abroad opportunities.
- The Office of National Scholarships once again assisted many students to compete successfully for national awards. The final tally is not available at the time of this report, but we are on track to win at least 60 such awards this year. Notable achievements so far include 37 Gilman Scholarships (ranking fourth in the country for Summer awards), three Frost Scholarships, four student Fulbrights, a Boren Scholar and a Goldwater Scholar.
- New study abroad programs were established this year, bringing the total number of Honors College programs to eight. In 2017-18 students travelled (or will travel) to Argentina, the Dominican Republic (twice), Germany, London, Peru, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam. In addition, the College continued its bi-annual study away trip to Asheville, NC. This trip focuses on cross-discipline collaboration and sustainability efforts.
- Community engagement programs continued this year. These include the Connections program with the Tampa Museum of Art and a patient-shadowing program in collaboration with the Emergency Medicine division of Tampa General Hospital. The former engages our students in an art therapy program for individuals with cognitive disabilities, in cooperation with the USF Department of Psychiatry and the museum; the latter focuses on communication and care issues in the ER of a busy urban hospital.

LEADERSHIP:

The Honors College leadership team is committed to an academic environment characterized by a focus on student success, in and out of the classroom.



Dr. Charles Adams joined the Honors College as Dean in August 2014 from the University of Arkansas. He graduated from Tulane University with a B.A. degree in English and Philosophy, and completed his Ph.D. in English Language and Literature at the University of Virginia. He holds the rank of Professor of English at USF, and teaches in the USF in London program each summer.

Dr. Shawn Bingham, a member of the Sociology faculty, serves as the Honors College Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs. Dr. Bingham graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences from Flagler College before going on to receive his Master's in Education from the University of Maryland at College Park. He earned a Doctorate in Philosophy from American University with concentrations in disability sociology and macrosociology.



Dr. Sayan Basu joined the Office of National Scholarships (ONS) as its new director in May 2016 from the University of the Pacific in California, where he was faculty in Physics and the Honors College. Dr. Basu is a theoretical physicist and has published on quantum physics and the physics of black holes. He was educated in India before completing an M.Sc. at the University of Cambridge and a Ph.D. at the University of California, Davis.

Mrs. Cayla Lanier serves as the Director of Advising, having spent eight years as an Honors College advisor. She has a passion for connecting with students to help them discover their potential, refine their goals, and find their purpose. Ms. Lanier directs the College's Peer Mentor and Tour Guide programs, and has also led five study abroad trips to Costa Rica. She completed her B.A. in Marketing, with Honors College Distinction, here at the University of South Florida, and M.A. in Marketing at the University of Texas at Austin.



Ms. Judy Kane leads the development effort for the Honors College as part of the USF Foundation advancement team. Ms. Kane connects individuals with a passion for supporting education to Honors College priorities including academic scholarships, studying abroad opportunities, and research projects. In addition, Judy directs the Mentoring Institute at the USF Foundation to cultivate a community of colleagues collaborating to enrich their skills, learn from subject matter experts, and mentor each other. Prior to returning to her alma mater in the fall of 2005, Ms. Kane worked for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay for 15 years as Vice President of Development.

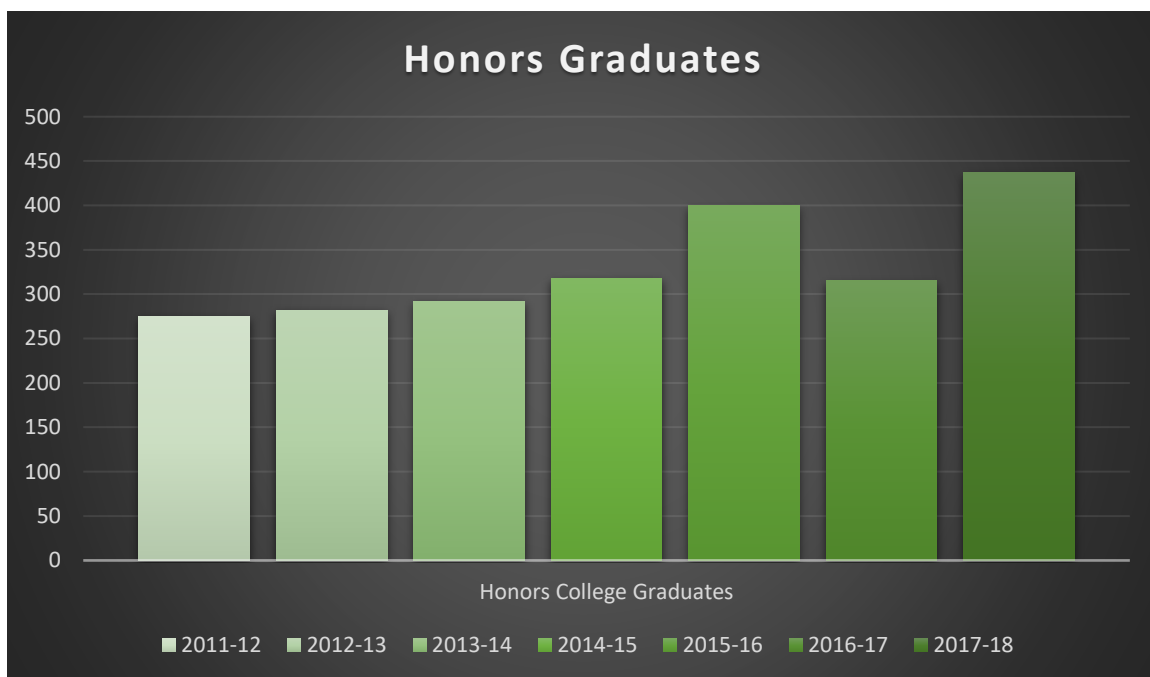
Mrs. Amy Harroun, serves as the Communications and Marketing Director for the Honors College. She oversees the College's communication initiatives and serves as a liaison for key community stakeholders. Mrs. Harroun has more than a decade of professional communications experience, including work in business, nonprofit, and higher education communities. She holds a B.A. in Mass Communications from the University of South Florida and a M.A. in Business Administration from St. Leo University.



ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATION:

In the fall of 2017 we enrolled 520 new first-year students with an average high school GPA of 4.37, an average ACT score of 30.53, and an average SAT of 1461. This is the strongest class academically in the College's history. The current total enrollment of the College is approximately 2,200; these students maintain an average GPA of 3.67.

During the 2017-18 academic year, approximately 437 students will graduate from the Honors College. Graduates continue to receive acceptances to the very best graduate and professional programs, nationally and internationally. They find employment opportunities within Florida and in major cities across the country. Honors graduates work in both the private and public sectors.



This year the College implemented the Dean's Circle of Merit to recognize students who went above and beyond in their leadership and service. Pictured here are three of four inaugural members at Honors College Commencement.

COURSES:

Honors Courses continue to be a highlight of the College. Not only are the courses valued for their rich intellectual content, they are also desired due to their small class sizes.



The following is just a sampling of the more than 150 course sections we offered this year.

- Dr. Peter Wilson, Visiting Distinguished Professor in Residence: “Climate Change Today”
- Dr. Tim Dixon: “Great Debates: Debating Environmental Policy in an Age of Populism”
- Dr. Judy McIlrath: “Geology of National Parks,” a course in which many students travelled to some of the National Parks in western-America.
- Professor Ulluminair Salim: “Science, Art, and Justice: A Social Autopsy”
- Dr. Holly Singh: “Fertility and the Future”
- Dr. Alan Bush: “Geographies of Transformation,” a travel course where students spent two weeks learning in Peru.
- Dr. Lori Collins: “3D and Interpretive Designs for Museums”
- Dr. Lindy Davidson: “Global Perspectives in Health: The Dominican Republic (Service-Learning),” a travel course where students perform service activities in the Dominican Republic
- Dr. Sarah Kiefer: “Get Innovative: The Habits of Mind that Foster Creativity”
- Dr. Donna Lee Ettel: “Quality Makes cent\$: Healthcare Research & Quality Outcomes”
- Dr. Catherine Wilkins: “Mental Healthcare, Community Engagement, and Art,” in collaboration with the Tampa Museum of Art

ADVISING:

Academic Advising is one of the key components of the Honors College Community. Our team of eight highly-trained advisors is able to provide academic, career, and developmental advising to students across all majors throughout their time at USF. Appointments generally last 30 minutes and cover information related to degree progression, as well as goal setting, navigating campus resources, research graduate programs, and building resumes to prepare for success in the future. There is always a “walk-in advisor on duty” to answer quick questions, usually with less than a ten minute wait time. Students are also able to make special appointments for mock graduate school interviews or reviews of personal statements.

Honors College advisors interact with students outside of the office as well, by hosting programs in the Living Learning Community, leading service breaks, teaching classes, and travelling abroad. These advisors are often seen attending concert recitals and athletics events, eating lunch in the residence halls, serving as marshals at University commencement ceremonies and attending other student events. Since Honors College advising offices are in the same building as classrooms, students benefit from increased access to advisors.



When asked in a recent survey how Honors College advisors have impacted them, students said:

- “My Honors advisor changed the trajectory of my medical school plans by suggesting new plans and ideas that have helped me develop a clearer idea of my future.”
- “Every time I visit my advisor he always has new programs or resources that he mentions to me, which helps get me thinking about what I want to do in the future.”
- “When I was having trouble finding research, my honors advisor referred me to someone who was looking for qualified students and I was able to secure a great research position from that.”
- “My Honors College advisor came through for me by guiding me through the Thesis path. He informed me that it is definitely possible to publish and I am aiming to do so.”

PROVOST'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM:

The Provost's Scholars Program (PSP) began in 2011. It is an accelerated program in which students who enter the university as freshmen with 18 or more college units from high school and other college equivalency exams can earn a bachelor's degree in eight consecutive semesters.

PSP is designed to provide a holistic approach to education where students learn to apply knowledge learned during coursework outside of the classroom. PSP aims to ready students for post-graduation plans through the requirements of study abroad, professional development and servant leadership. In order to accomplish an ambitious academic schedule and the required components of PSP, students work with advisors and mentors who strive to assist them with individualized plans.

During the 2017-18 academic year, 81 new PSP students enrolled. In addition, 38 PSP students graduated from the university. The 2018 freshmen cohort entering USF is expected to exceed 50 students.

PSP students have continued to remain involved in several trips around the world, internships and research experiences to further their goals here at USF. Students have also attended educational dinners with the Provost and raised more than \$2,000 for the annual "Relay for Life" event benefiting the American Cancer Society.

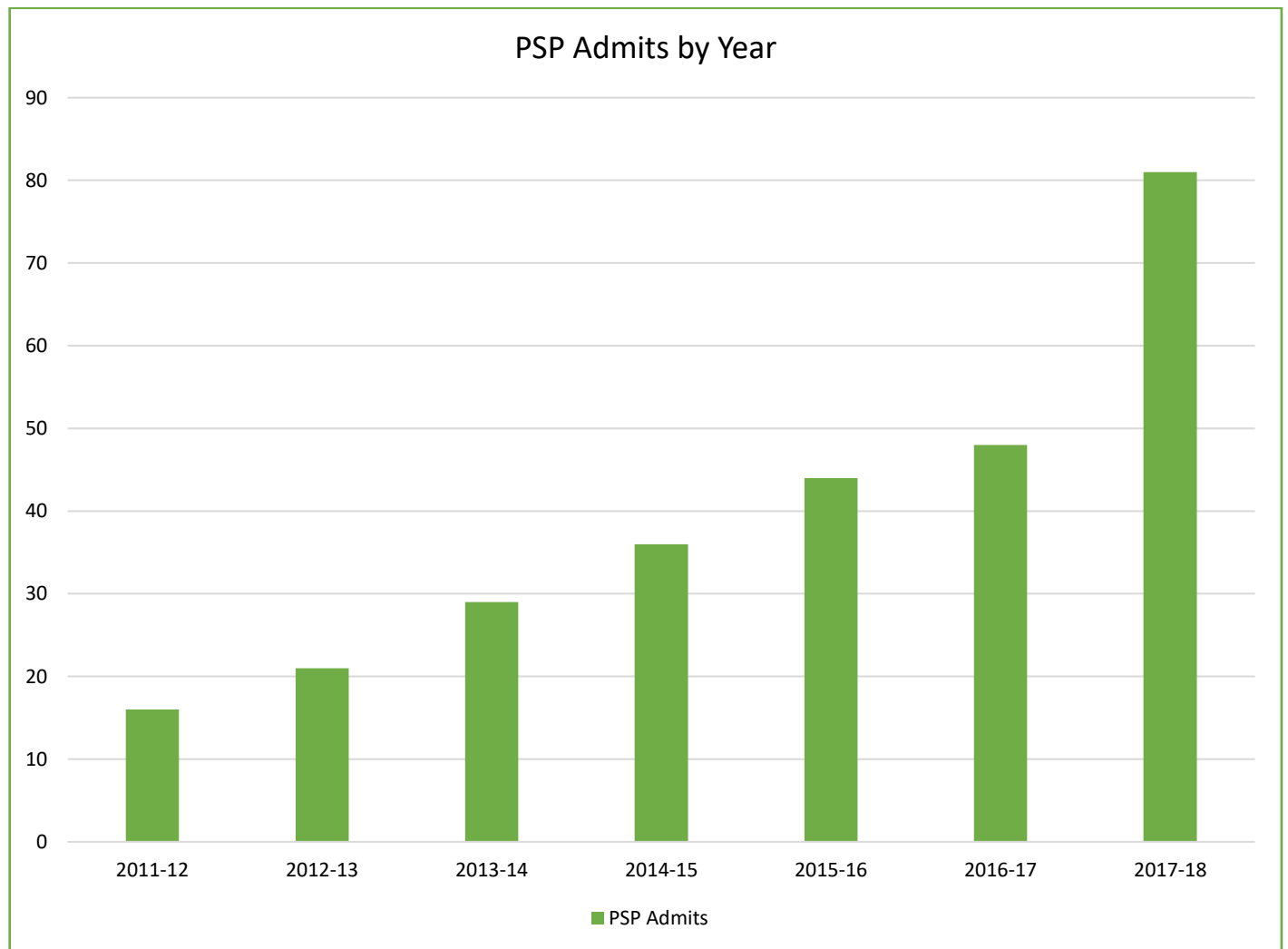


Provost's Scholars bring together a team each year to raise money for the USF Relay For Life event.

In Spring 2018, PSP began the road to transition with the hiring of its inaugural director, Ramon Borunda. Mr. Borunda is currently working with graduate assistant Laura Miranda-Rivera to evaluate, assess and strengthen the foundation of the program. They are working on programmatic elements for the incoming Fall 2018 class as well as practices to ensure the support and mentoring of the current PSP students.

Additionally, PSP will partner with the Office of Residence Life in supporting students living in the first PSP LLC. In Summer 2018, the team will add a professional academic advisor who will work directly with PSP students.

The PSP Program offers a unique opportunity for students to graduate from USF with a competitive edge, one year ahead of their peers, and with a portfolio of professional development experiences.



SPECIAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS:

The Honors College hosts two accelerated, three guaranteed admission, and two early acceptance (in partnership with LECOM) health professions programs.

- **7-Year B.S./MD Program:** First-time in college USF students who have been admitted to the Honors College have the opportunity to complete a BS and Doctor in Medicine in just seven years.

Students must meet initial eligibility criteria for the 7-Year Track, receive admission to USF's Morsani College of Medicine (MCOM), and continue to meet all the benchmarks of the program, including a successful interview with MCOM.

In the past two years, 23 Honors College students have matriculated into the MCOM.

- **7-Year B.S./PharmD Program:** First-time in college USF Honors College students who are interested in attending pharmacy school have an opportunity to receive admission to USF Health's College of Pharmacy (COP) and complete a B.S and doctorate in pharmacy (PharmD) in seven years, provided that the student continues to meet all the benchmarks of the program, including a successful interview with COP.
- **Doctor of Audiology Guaranteed Admission Program:** First-time in college USF students who have been admitted to the Honors College and are interested in a career in audiology are offered a guaranteed admission pathway to USF's College of Community & Behavioral Sciences (CBCS), Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders to complete a Doctor of Audiology (AuD).

Students must meet all the benchmarks of the program, including a successful interview with CSD.

- **Additional programs include:**
 - PhD in Nursing Guaranteed Admission Program
 - Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Guaranteed Admission Program
 - DO Early Acceptance Program
 - DMD Early Acceptance Program

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY:

The Honors College Living Learning Community (LLC) is completing its 30th year. This year, students in the LLC were the “first to the Summit,” living in one of the newest residence halls on campus, located in the Village.

The LLC hosted several events during the 2017-2018 academic year. We are particularly thrilled to report that the Late Night Tutoring Program continues to be a success with our residents. This program employs four LLC residents as tutors in several subjects, including Chemistry, Physics, and Writing, and has been a useful tool for providing residents tutoring for key subjects at opportune times.

In addition, we began a new event series called C3: Chat. Connect. Collaborate. This series invites local Tampa Bay area professionals in a variety of fields to chat and connect with students over a small group dinner. The goal of these dinners is to facilitate opportunities for further collaboration, such as shadowing and internships.

The Honors LLC had two themed focus communities this year, which were run by four Honors LLC students. Students hosted events, such as the Welcome Back Event and International Tapas Night, continued with great success. Honors LLC residents were welcomed at the beginning of the semester at a Welcome Back Lunch that fosters conversation between students, faculty, and staff through Q&A games. International Tapas Night featured eight Honors College Education Abroad programs, seven of which will depart this spring and summer. Students reported that the event was useful in educating them about various programs and connecting them with leading faculty members.

Next year we plan to host a returning student experience, which will feature a returner reunion trip and activities and programs focused on academic commitment and career readiness.



HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL:

Honors College Student Council Mission Statement: The mission of the Honors College Student Council is to develop a community of leaders by providing opportunities for growth, social connectivity, and service in order to achieve a balanced Honors College experience.

Honors College Student Council Most Recent Vision Statement: We are the welcoming liaison providing direction to connect Honors College students with the university.



Our Student Council remains active and plans events to “connect” students with one another, as well as alumni. Here is just a sample of the many events they have had this year. All programs are design to foster a sense of community with the College.

- Fall Picnic
- Honors College International Day
- Faculty-Freshman Social
- Brain Bowl Trivia Night
- Honors College Haunted House
- Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk
- Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful River Cleanup
- Big Cat Rescue Volunteering
- American Cancer Society Hope Lodge

- Princeton Review Mock GRE/MCAT Exams
- Honors Got Talent Show
- Community Engagement Banquet
- Off The Wall Art Show
- HCSC Game Night
- Leadership Lecture Series: Honors Alumni
- Spring Picnic
- Relay for Life Fundraising (exceeded \$2,000 fundraising goal!)



HCSC Leadership Mission: It is the goal of HCSC’s advisors to help the HCSC Executive Board develop into holistic leaders. This mission is completed through:

- Weekly one-on-one meetings with the Graduate Advisor and E-Board members
- Fall and Spring Semester Evaluations
- SWOT Analysis: track students’ holistic development progress during their time on HCSC’s E-Board
- Semester Goals

The E-Board meets regularly, often with the Dean in attendance.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS:

This year more than 200 Honors College students studied abroad, with 192 going as a part of Honors College courses to eight countries: Dominican Republic (51), Argentina (20), Peru (24), London (30), Japan (20), Vietnam (14), Thailand (8), and Germany (25). Each student was provided a scholarship to help with the costs associated with studying abroad. Study abroad experiences are generally embedded within Honors courses, a “best practice” in Honors education. Many trips are interdisciplinary by nature, including the Panama trip which resulted from a partnership with USF Health.

The College also offers study abroad service learning trips during the students’ winter and spring breaks. These short trips allow students to travel abroad at a very affordable price and the service activities they perform are valuable to both the recipients and the students.

Students participating in our travel abroad programs have been generously funded through travel scholarships that pay for airfare and some program cost. Our Germany International Experience course received a \$25,000 grant from the Max Kade foundation to help fund 25 students with \$1,000 travel grants. Additional generous travel scholarships were provided through the Genshaft/Greenbaum International Honors Study Abroad Scholarship Fund, the McCorkle Study Abroad Scholarship, and the Terrell and Neva Sessums Regents Scholarship.



Honors College students pose while studying abroad in Germany in 2017.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Office of National Scholarships (ONS) is dedicated to providing guidance, mentorship and support for USF's high achieving students as they compete for nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships across all disciplines. The scholarships and fellowships are for creative, engaged, academically strong students who are leaders inside and outside of the classroom.

ONS identifies, recruits and mentors the high achieving students who apply for prestigious scholarships and fellowships such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman and Fulbright. Advisors also work with faculty members to recruit candidates, provide strong letters of recommendations, review applications and essays and provide mock interviews for applicants. This process ensures that students' applications are of the highest caliber and reflect the students' academic and extracurricular excellence.

The 2017-2018 year has been a very successful one for ONS thus far. National Scholarship winners and finalists this year include:

* Please note that at the time of this report some national scholarship recipients have not yet been announced.

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

-Misha Fini

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was established by Congress in 1986 to honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater. The purpose of the program is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue careers in these fields. It is considered the most prestigious undergraduate award in the country for science research.

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

-Fouad Albadrasawi - Study Abroad in Italy

-Ronae Baker - Study Abroad in Costa Rica

-Jasmine Burnett - Study Abroad in Thailand

-Daniel Chanelo - Study Abroad in Italy

-Wei Chen - Study Abroad in United Kingdom

-Saad Chowdbury - Study Abroad in Vietnam

-Alexis Coiner - Study Abroad in Italy

-Maylin Cuello - Study Abroad in Czech Republic

-Isaac Glener - Study Abroad in Italy

-Catherine Gomez - Study Abroad in Chile

-Emily Goodheart - Study Abroad in Italy

-Sebastian Hermida-Velasquez - Study Abroad in United Kingdom

-Jontae Hohn - Study Abroad in United Kingdom

- Teddy Horowitz - *Study Abroad in Russia*
- Medjine Jeanty - *Study Abroad in France*
- Kilian Kelly - *Internship in Dominican Republic*
- Berkeley La Porte - *Study Abroad in Ghana*
- Huong Le - *Study Abroad in Italy*
- Paula Leon - *Study Abroad in United Kingdom*
- Andrea Martin - *Study Abroad in Costa Rica*
- Grace Mills - *Study Abroad in South Korea*
- Yvonne Nguyen - *Study Abroad in Italy*
- Mabel Proenza - *Study Abroad in China*
- Olivia Sciandra - *Study Abroad in Ecuador*
- Samuel Steck - *Study Abroad in United Kingdom*
- Zubiya Syed - *Study Abroad in Italy*
- Marco Terron-Barreto - *Study Abroad in Ghana*
- Olivia Velasco - *Study Abroad in Italy*
- Sachaye Walker - *Study Abroad in Ghana*
- Jon Whitman - *Study Abroad in Japan*
- Marcia Williams - *Study Abroad in Italy*
- Nia Williams - *Study Abroad in Greece*
- Nia Williams - *Study Abroad in Italy*

The Gilman Scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who receive funding from a Federal Pell Grant. This congressionally funded program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

Boren Scholarship

- Carrie Chugg - *Arabic language learning in Morocco*

Boren Scholarships, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded.

CIEE Go Global Grant

- Mabel Proenza - *Study Abroad in China*

The Council on International Exchange's need-based grant provide support for students facing financial barriers to studying abroad.

Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)

- Noor Aldelamy - *Arabic language learning*
- Miriam Friedman - *Russian language learning*
- Teddy Horowitz - *Russian language learning*

-Ivan Pineda - Chinese language learning

A program of the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program offers intensive language institutes overseas in thirteen critical need foreign languages.

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) RISE (Research Internship in Science and Engineering)

-Enakshi Sunasee

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is a publicly-funded independent organization of higher education institutions in Germany. RISE stands for Research Internships in Science and Engineering. RISE Germany offers undergraduate students the opportunity to complete a summer research internship at top German universities and research institutions.

Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship

-Ella Biggins – Fellowship in Tallahassee

The Florida Gubernatorial Fellows Program was created from the belief that the best way to ensure Florida's greatness is to actively educate and cultivate its future leaders. This non-partisan program immerses students from public and private universities in key areas of state government.

Ford Foundation Fellowship Program - Honorable Mention

-Edlin Veras

Through its Fellowship Programs, the Ford Foundation works to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. Pre-doctoral, Dissertation, and Postdoctoral fellowships are awarded in a national competition administered by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on behalf of the Ford Foundation.

Freeman-ASIA Scholarship

-Mabel Proenza – Study Abroad in China

The Freeman-ASIA program is designed to support U.S.-based undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. The program's goal is to increase the number of U.S. citizens and permanent residents with first-hand exposure to and understanding of Asia and its peoples and cultures.

Frost Scholarship Program

-Janine DeBlasi

-Justin Doherty

-Alejandro Navas



Janine DeBlasi, Justin Doherty, and Alejandro Navas were all awarded Frost Scholarships in 2018.

The Frost Scholarship Program funds current students of the State University System of Florida (SUSF) and the University of Miami, to study one-year, full-time Master's courses in science, technology, engineering and mathematics ('STEM' subjects) at the University of Oxford. The Programme is supported by the generosity of the Philip and Patricia Frost Philanthropic Foundation.

Fulbright UK Summer Institute Program

-Manuel Regalado - Scotland Institute - Technology, Innovation and Creativity

The Fulbright UK Summer Institutes are three-to-four week programs for US undergraduate students. Participants can explore the culture, heritage and history of the UK while experiencing higher education at a UK university.

Fulbright US Student Program

- *Laura Collins - Research in Mauritius*
- *Leslie Gibson - English Teaching in Belarus*
- *Kira Harding - English Teaching in India*
- *Lauren Madsen - English Teaching in Malaysia*

The Fulbright US Student Program is sponsored by the US Department of State. It is the largest US international exchange program offering opportunities for students to undertake international graduate study, advance research, or teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide.

Fund for Education Abroad

- *Jimmy Luu – United Kingdom*

The Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) was established as a 501 (c) (3) organization in 2010 to address the need for an independent study abroad scholarship provider. Applicants from groups underrepresented in study abroad and those destined for non-traditional locations are given preference, in an effort to make the demographics of the US undergraduates studying abroad reflect the rich diversity of the US population.

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST-SURF) Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship

- *Sophia Abraham – Placement in Gaithersburg*

The SURF Program is designed to inspire undergraduate students to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) through a unique research experience that supports the NIST mission. Since 1993, SURF students from across the country have had the opportunity to gain valuable, hands-on experience, working with cutting edge technology in one of the world's leading research organizations.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program

- Wayne Guy Dayhoff - Recipient*
- Victoria Elaine Frazier - Honorable Mention*
- Haley Hanson - Honorable Mention*
- Joanna Lawler - Honorable Mention*
- Brent Summers - Honorable Mention*

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Fellowship helps ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science and engineering in the United States and reinforces its diversity. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited United States institutions.

ALUMNI:

Building a larger and more active alumni community continues to be a priority in the Honors College. Efforts to engage with our alumni and to connect them with our current students continued throughout 2017-18. This Fall the College hired its first-ever Director of Alumni Programs. Under her leadership, the College has hosted two alumni networking events and has more planned for later in the year. These interactions have both strengthened alumni ties to the College, and brought added value to current students. Some examples of this engagement during the 2017-18 school year include:

- The Honors College Dean’s Council met for the first time. This new group is composed mainly of alumni and was created in order to reconnect successful alumni with the College and to expand awareness of College activities across our alumni network. Dean Adams met both individually and as a group with these alumni, in addition other friends of the College:
 - Brian Fender, Partner at GrayRobinson, P.A.
 - Lisa Provenzano, Principal Software Developer at The Nielsen Company
 - Juan Baso, Senior Research Scientist at Coffee Extracts at Döhler North America
 - Patrick Mullen, current M.D. candidate at Morsani College of Medicine
 - Terrell Sessums, USF Foundation Trustee and former Florida Speaker of the House
- Dean Adams served as the faculty representative at two USF Alumni Association events.
- During Homecoming Week, Honors College staff arranged special events for Honors Alumni and current students to meet and network.
- A new Honors College Alumni electronic newsletter was created this year and emailed to all alumni. This publication will be sent once per semester and will include College updates, information about alumni events, and stories about student success.
- The College created an alumni spotlight campaign on its Facebook page with a new photo and alumni story each week. This has been a very successful initiative and has increased alumni engagement.

Internship and Mentor Opportunities

An Honors College instructor is leading a strategy to increase internship and mentoring opportunities for Honors College students. This team member has reached out to a number of alumni partners to coordinate these opportunities. The College promotes the opportunities on a

weekly basis through its electronic newsletter, The Honor Roll, which is delivered to every Honors College student.

Alumni Career Events

We have hosted events such as a “So You Want To Be An Engineer?” alumni panel and “Dinner with a D.O.” We have received positive feedback from students who find these events very valuable and we will continue sponsoring such events on an occasional basis.

Alumni Speaker Series

An opportunity for alumni to speak with current students on a topic related to graduate study, career, travels, leadership experiences, etc. One very popular such event this year was a conversation with Dr. Jeremy Davis, '00, Surgeon-in-Chief at the National Institutes of Health.



DEVELOPMENT

During the 2017-2018 academic year, Honors College staff exceeded their annual fundraising goal of \$1,000,000 by more than \$2,686,625 generating more than \$3,686,625. Fundraising priorities include developing the Dean's Strategic Fund for Excellence, and the continued growth of endowed and operating scholarship programs to assist qualified students in reaching their full potential. The generated funds allow exceptional students the opportunity to develop the thinking, reasoning and writing skills that will help them make contributions to society on a global scale - as inventors, discoverers and the creators of the future. One of the goals of the Honors College at USF is to prepare students to lead thoughtful, fulfilling lives as engaged citizens of the world.

- This year the second cohort of the Genshaft Global Presidential Scholarship were awarded support for international education and assist with recruitment of very-high-ability students.
- This year the College received the sixth gift in five years to the Genshaft/Greenbaum International Honors Study Abroad Scholarship Fund.



USF System President Dr. Genshaft and Steve Greenbaum pose with Dean Adams and the recipients of the Genshaft/Greenbaum International Honors College Study Abroad Scholarship in January, 2018

- This year the College also established the K.M. Kundlas Family Endowed Scholarship, the Brad & Terry Holcombe Scholars Program Endowment, and the Provost Scholars Program Housing Assistance Fund

Endowed scholarships assisting Honors students, include:

- * Aboly-Frederick Lykes Endowed Scholarship
- * Siede Research Awards
- * USF Alumni Association Honors/Ethics Scholarship

- * Terrell and Neva Sessums Regents Scholarship
- * Carl Riggs Endowed Memorial Honors Scholarship
- * J.O. DeLotto and Sons, Inc. Endowed Scholarship
- * George and Bobbe Karpay Endowed Scholarship for Excellence
- * John and Grace Allen Endowed Honors Scholarship Program
- * Helios Education Foundation STEM Scholarship
- * Herbert & Elaine Gimelstob Scholarship
- * Dr. Stuart Silverman Endowed Scholarship
- * Florida Grocery Manufacturers Representatives Endowed Scholarship
- * Shaukat & Antonina Chowdhari Endowed Fund in Honors College
- * Mohammad Al-Jallad Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- * Chowdhari Family Endowed Honors College Book Fund
- * Beltran Brothers Honors College Dental Scholarship
- * Honculada Family Endowed Scholarship in the Honors College
- * Esther and Sam Momberg Endowed Honors College Scholarship
- * Rasmussen Family Endowed Scholarship
- * Genshaft/Greenbaum International Honors Study Abroad Scholarship
- * General Portland, Inc. Endowed Scholarship
- * W. Paul Hoenle Foundation Scholarship
- * K.M. Kundlas Family Endowed Scholarship
- * Kenneth B. Wittcoff Memorial Scholarship
- * Vincent & Heidi Bekiempis Endowed Honors College Scholarship
- * Salins Family Honors College Scholarship
- * Highlander Endowed Scholarship
- * Brad & Terry Holcombe Scholars Program Endowment
- * Roslyn & Richard Wittcoff Endowed Honors College Scholarship

Non-endowed support includes:

- * Honors College Gelin Scholarship
- * Max Kade Foundation
- * McCorkle Academic Scholarship
- * McCorkle Study Abroad Scholarship
- * Herman and Jean Kane Memorial Book Scholarship
- * Joseph and Anne Garcia Honors Scholarship
- * Sara R. Jordan Graduate Admissions Assistance Scholarship
- * Provost Scholars Program Housing Assistance Fund
- * Honors College Dean's Strategic Fund for Excellence
- * A.S. Gill Family Honors College Scholarship
- * Genshaft Global Presidential Scholarship
- * New Honors College Building Planning Fund

- The Honors College continues to be the academic home of the university-wide Jenkins Scholars, Brad and Terry Holcombe First Generation Scholars, and the Ableidinger Scholars programs.



Honors College donor Claudia McCorkle poses with some of her Academic and Travel scholarship recipients and Dean Adams.

- USF students continue to benefit from the Holcombe Scholars program which provides first-generation students with a scholarship to cover the cost of tuition, books, room and board, and certain expenses. Recipients also receive academic support.



Donors Brad and Terry Holcombe pose with their scholarship recipients and Dean Adams at a recognition dinner in 2018.



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