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SEMINAR SPOTLIGHT:

AN AFRICAN ADVENTURE

“This summer we decided to take the road less travelled and explored the wonders of beautiful Zimbabwe, observing its unique wildlife, and making friends along the way,” said Sonali Aggarwal. Sonali is one of the twelve Honors College students who embarked on the first Honors Study Abroad Seminar led by Dr. Patrick Lewis and Dr. Gene Young. This trip was designed to teach students more about the natural environment, wildlife, local communities of Zimbabwe, and to engage in community service. While there, the students rode out into the middle of the bush country and identified the flora and fauna of the area as well as visiting various schools and orphanages. The 23-day trip took them from Bulawayo, to Limpopo, to Matopos to Hwange, to Victoria Falls, where they spent a few days before heading back home. “I will never forget what I

learned about the world and myself by going on this adventure,” Sonali stated. Geneva Clark said, “Our trip to Africa was nothing like I’ve ever experienced. My favorite part was being able to meet the people every place we went. Whether they worked at the lodge or lived in a village, they were the kindest and most interesting people I’ve ever met.”

In addition to this amazing cultural experience, the students were also able to rock climb, sit close to rhinos, walk with lion cubs, and to free fall off a gorge 229 feet in 3 seconds. “Overall, the wildlife and scenery were gorgeous, and the fresh oranges were the best I’ve ever had! I absolutely loved spending time with the children in the orphanages,” said Melanie Adams.

EIGHTH ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Eighth Annual URS, hosted by the Honors College Student Ambassadors and held in the CHSS Building and LSC Ballroom, was a great success, with 128 students presenting their research in oral-media and poster sessions and nearly 250 people in attendance. This year's URS had a record number of 64 poster presentations in a number of disciplines, including Sciences, Criminal Justice, English, Business, Education, and more. Dr. Tami Cook, professor of Biology and Director of the Center for Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experiences and Creative Activities (EURECA), was the keynote speaker at the luncheon (held in the LSC ballroom). She spoke about the long-term importance of being involved in undergraduate research and shared information about research opportunities through EURECA.

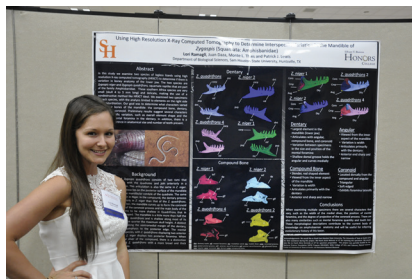
In addition to the Honors College, EURECA and the Colleges of Fine Arts and Mass Communication, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Sciences sponsored the free event. Dr. Hiranya Nath also provided support with his generous Assam Scholarship, awarded to the best presentation by an honors student.

A total of three research scholarships of \$500 each, including the Assam Scholarship, were awarded in the closing ceremony, along with four honorable mentions awards (\$100 each). The Assam Scholarship for Outstanding Honors Research was awarded Lindsay Hixon for her oral-media presentation (Statistics Content in Elementary Textbooks). The Honors College Award for Best Overall Oral-Media Presentation was awarded to Timur Slipyi (The Cost of American Seafood), And The Honors College Best Overall Poster Award went to John Pinard (Resistance Selection in the Microbiome by Various Antibiotic Treatment Regimens). Honorable Mention Awards went to Paige Odegard (Cartosemiotics: How Maps Influence Culture and Power), Amber Neal (Isolation and Characterization of Gold (III) Resistant Mutant of Rhodobacter Sphaeroides), Luis Morales (Los Zetas Cartel and Their Presence in the United States), and Sarah Kavanagh (Inventory Management System using RFID). Hixon, Pinard, Odegard, Morales, and Kavanagh are all member of the Honors College.

The Honors College Student Ambassadors, along with the Honors College staff, worked hard all year to promote the URS across campus. Sarah Kavanagh, Michael Semmlinger, and Heather Woitena, URS Co-chairs, dedicated themselves to speaking to student organizations, holding informational meetings, organizing the event, designing the program, and selecting new merchandise. As always, it is the absolute exceptional work of the honors ambassadors that made the URS such a success.

Be sure to join us, either as a presenter, volunteer, or audience member, for the Ninth Annual URS, to be held Saturday, April 23, 2016. Contact Dr. Tracy Bilsing at honors@shsu.edu to find out more information.

Spring & Summer 2015



URS Volunteers:

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LET'S TALK! WISDOM BEGINS IN WONDER

Socrates' famous quote, "Wisdom Begins in Wonder" defines the LET'S TALK!™ dinner each spring in the University's Lowman Student Center Ballroom. Renowned experts covering engaging topics come together for a rare evening filled with lively, entertaining and challenging dinner conversation. The dinner is an exclusive opportunity to share ideas within a small group facilitated by a notable host whose passion and in-depth knowledge of the discussion topic inspires the guests and provides ideas long after the evening is concluded.

Since the event launched in 2008, LET'S TALK!™ has generated more than \$450,000 to fund scholarships and programs for the Elliott T. Bowers Honors College. "It aims to provide a unique opportunity to hear entertaining and inspiring stories from industry experts, governmental leaders, and influential thinkers and a wide range of fields including health, banking, oil and gas, transportation, and entrepreneurialism," according to Dr. Maria Holmes, Honors Associate Dean. The evening connects the Honors Ambassadors with accomplished alumni and distinguished faculty members who lead a number of the discussions. "Each year special sponsors enable additional Honors students

to attend the event and join the table topic conversations."

Among the discussion leaders were: James "Spider" Marks, Military and Intelligence Contributor to CNN, Fox News, CBS, MSNBC, and BBC; Stan Holt, founder and owner of the Original Lupe Tortilla Mexican Restaurant; Cari Borderson, Vice President of Economic Development for the Greater Houston Partnership; Honorable Robert Eckels, President of the Texas Central High-Speed Railway; Dr. Mauro Ferrari, President and CEO of Houston Methodist Research Institute; Gayle Fallon, former National Security Administration code-breaker; Fred McClure, CEO of George Bush Presidential Library Foundation; and Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church founding pastor Bill Lawson who worked with the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.



Honors College Ambassadors and Advisor Dr. Maria Holmes

NEW ACTIVE MINDS CHAPTER AIMS TO REMOVE STIGMA SURROUNDING MENTAL ILLNESS

Following the suicide of her son last year, Dr. Maria Holmes became more aware that students suffering from mental illness were often judged and stereotyped unfairly due to inaccurate stigmas surrounding mental health. She and a cadre of Honors College students began organizing a new campus group, hoping to change that.

Holmes, the Associate Dean of the Honors College, teamed up with the Student Health Center staff and student volunteers to launch an “Active Minds” chapter at SHSU, the first chapter of its kind to exist within the Texas State University System.

Active Minds is the leading nonprofit organization that empowers students to speak openly about mental health in order to educate others and encourage help-seeking. The new SHSU chapter joins with the national organization in changing the culture on campuses and in the community by providing information, leadership opportunities and advocacy training to the next generation.

“Many college-aged students (one in four) experience some type of mental illness. The larger problem is that they’re afraid to talk about it because of the negative stigma,” Holmes said. As an academic advisor, Holmes often referred students to the counseling center, only to find out that the students never followed through and never received assistance. “So because of the reluctance to share their problems or seek help, many students experience a mental health crisis at college. Nationally, suicides are increasing at universities, and organizations like

Active Minds that provide education and advocacy are growing. The new SHSU Active Minds Chapter is the perfect example of this type of relevant and helpful program.”

According to Holmes, roughly 1,100 college students die by suicide every year—some of the most plagued groups consisting of student athletes, honors students, and military veterans. Anthony Bagwell, Active Minds publicity chair and a senior physics major, said he almost became a part of these statistics in 2011 as a result of post-traumatic stress disorder he developed after his experiences as a combat veteran stationed in Afghanistan.

“I have battled my own demons, ultimately attempting suicide in early 2011 instead of reaching out for help – something all too prevalent in our society because of the stigma associated to mental health disorders – and it was an act which forced me to change my perspective,” Bagwell said. “After a Marine brother of mine took his own life in late 2014, I knew that I could no longer keep quiet—that I must share my story and my experiences with those who might listen, with those who might benefit from knowing

Although Holmes said her personal interest in research regarding mental health sparked after the passing of her son, a group of Honors students in her Univ 1301 course proposed the chapter launch which bloomed out of a class project assigned in Holmes’ honors course in fall 2014.

PROJECT INTREPID



The Students from the Elliott T. Bowers Honors College are leading the effort designed to maximize the resources available at Sam Houston State University to assist our veterans in achieving independence. Project Intrepid, as the initiative is called, works to provide 3D manufactured devices needed to achieve physical independence. The prosthetics that our Veterans receive enable our Wounded Warriors to accomplish most of their day-to-day tasks. There is still a need for devices to augment the prosthetics they receive to further enhance their independence. Based on a recent visit to

the Center for the Intrepid (CFI) in San Antonio, there is a need for specialty items for our Wounded Warriors—ideal for the use of 3D manufacturing.

Requests for development include a device for a quadruple amputee to feed himself, a device for another to shave independently, and another to augment his driver training. Future opportunities include training devices for soldiers desiring to return to duty and the possibility for our students to intern at the CFI to enable concept development or intern at marking firm to maximize promotion possibilities.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: JOYCE McCAULEY



The newest member of the Honors College Faculty Council, Dr. Joyce McCauley, received the prestigious 2015 Piper Professor Award. A Sam Houston State University education professor, McCauley has been instrumental in getting the university recognized for the outstanding community engagement of its faculty, staff and students, demonstrating that education reaches beyond the classroom. She has spent 45 years in the classroom, most of which have been teaching teachers. Selected for this esteemed award, she is being recognized as one of the most outstanding professors in the state.

Each year, the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation makes 10 awards of \$5,000 each to professors for superior teaching at the college level. Selection is made on the basis of nominations submitted by each college or university in the State of Texas. Begun in 1958, with eight awards, the roster of Piper Professors includes outstanding professors from two and four-year colleges and

universities, public and private. McCauley becomes the 13th Sam Houston State University professor honored since the program's inception.

From Pennsylvania, McCauley first taught at a village elementary school in Guam and then at the University of Guam, upon completing her doctorate at Texas Woman's University and a Montessori Certification in England. More than a career, her passion for teaching is a life-long devotion inspired by the positive response from her students and from her colleagues. She is often selected to offer workshops and presentations on teaching and has mentored many new faculty members. Her work in community engagement has been highlighted by national recognition for the University's American Democracy Project which supported initiatives that involved creating a more engaged campus, encouraging SHSU students to be involved in the community, and promoting the university's motto, "The Measure of a Life is its Service."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: JESSICA MARTINEZ



Honors Ambassador Jessica Martinez studied abroad in Zimbabwe in June with the Biology Department. She participated in independent research projects, worked in the Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe, visited a working gold mine, conducted her own research on the management of a wildlife sanctuary, and visited Victoria Falls. Her favorite memories include the many game drives she went on, the friendships she made with local students, the interaction with the local people from the villages, and her three visits to elementary schools. However, the three most memorable events were successfully tracking a family of white rhinos, climbing out of the gold mine, and watching an elephant play with a hammock right outside her cabin. She

was able to see baboons, warthogs, zebras, lions, zables, kudu, tseebees, impala, hippos, crocodiles, wilder beest, numerous bird species and her favorite animal, elephants. In all, her experience in Africa was unique and eventful, her love for cultures is what drove her to participate in this study abroad program.

This same love for cultures is what drove her to be part of the SHSU Ballet Folklorico, a dance group that showcases traditional Mexican folklore dances. The group that was originally made up of 5 members, in two years of existence has grown to 31 members. She has participated in the group since its founding and has also attended two regional competitions, where she has been part of two group ensembles

and one duet. All of which have won first place in the University level category. The group has won a total of five first places, one second place, two Sammy awards for Most Outstanding Cultural Organization, and one Sammy award for Most Outstanding Overall Student Organization. In addition to performing for local functions in Huntsville and at the university, the group has performed in Houston, Woodlands, Galveston, San Antonio, Austin and Disney at Orlando, Florida. Jessica's participation in the group allows her to share her own culture with others while representing SHSU. By continuing her education, she hopes to one day be able to travel and explore other cultures.

HONORS AMBASSADORS

There is no doubt that the Honors College has a strong student ambassador program. Honors Ambassadors provide the benefits of increased enrollment, better retention, and stronger community relationships. From showcasing the quality and diversity of the honors student population to having a highly trained student team available to assist with special events and outreach programs, it is clear that the Honors Colleges reaps incredible rewards from our student Ambassadors.

“There is nothing more influential than showcasing the diversity and high caliber of our students who participate in the Honors Student Ambassador program. This top quality student-focused program provides the Honors College and the university with a trained group of college representatives who can strengthen community relationships, expand outreach efforts, and support alumni events and activities,” explained Dr. Maria Holmes.

The key factor in developing the Honors Ambassador program is a well-defined structural plan to include the critical elements of recruiting, training, and retaining the best honors students, and ultimately developing them as effective Honors Ambassadors. To this end, participants in the Honors Ambassadors program have the opportunity to become part of a successful, highly valued college asset.

One of the critical components of a successful ambassador program is training. “Training is an ongoing process—it doesn’t just occur at the beginning of the year. At the Elliott T. Bowers Honors College, we do a kick-off training in August, and this year we will hold another training day in January before the start of the spring semester,” Holmes said. “Ambassadors need to be knowledgeable and up-to-date at all times so they can provide accurate information to our prospective students.” An additional benefit is clearly evident for the Honors Ambassadors, as they gain valuable experience that makes them stand out to potential employers with their strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills.

“Serving as the sponsor of the Honors Ambassador program has been one of the best experiences of my professional career,” stated Dr. Holmes. “The knowledge and experience students gain from being an ambassador helps them in their personal and professional lives. I have had numerous ambassador alumni come back to say thank you for the experience, and they have expressed how every aspect of being an ambassador prepared them for their careers and made them valuable to their new employers. It’s a very rewarding experience to see our investment in these students pay off, not only for our university, but in their own lives as well.”

H.S.A.C.

The Honors Student Advisory Council is comprised of a dedicated group of students who encourage other Honors students to engage in a variety of cultural events and university activities. Over the years, H.S.A.C. has been to a Dynamo’s game, seen plays on campus and locally at the Huntsville Community Theater, and even had a wonderful dinner at The Downtown Aquarium followed by *The Wizard of Oz* at the Theater Under the Stars. H.S.A.C. also coordinates community service opportunities and supports other student organizations, including the SHSU chapter of Active Minds.





COBLER WINS RESEARCH AWARD

Senior psychology major Tara Cobler presented her research at the Southwestern Regional Psi Chi conference this spring. Her research conducted for her Senior Honors Thesis was recognized as an outstanding presentation by the Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology. Cobler's research was designated as one of the Southwestern Regional Research Award winners for 2015! Her presentation title is "Diminishing the Own-Race Bias: Effects of a Collaborative Task." Cobler traveled to New Orleans to receive her award at the Psi Chi Southwestern Regional Research Awards ceremony in April, 2015.

INTERNSHIP TAKES LUIS MORALES TO WAR GAMES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Luis Morales secured a summer Research Intern position at the National Defense University in Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC.

As a research intern at the National Defense University, Lewis participated on various tasks under the guidance of Colonel J. Cope (specialist on Western Hemisphere defense and security affairs). He was charged with the responsibility of combining open-source materials on important events in Latin America and reporting them to Colonel J. Cope. He attended think tank conferences on related security, economic, and political issues

related to Latin America, and he participated in war game scenarios, and writing policy briefs. Last semester, Morales received one of the Honorable Mention Awards for his research presentation, "Los Zetas Cartel and their Presence in the United States" at the 2015 Undergraduate Research Symposium. His research explained the origins, source of revenue, and potential activities of the Los Zetas organization in America. The award included a \$100 scholarship.

Luis served as a Mentor for the SHSU E.L.I.T.E., a post-academic success

organization for minority men. The group aims to motivate and enhance the skills that college freshmen have upon entering the University setting. The mentors provide and teach study skills, time management abilities, leadership skills, and most importantly, the belief that every man who enters will leave with the mentality that success is for him. As an E.L.I.T.E mentor, Luis volunteered to make sure that members were up to date with their college work, carrying out weekly meetings, tutoring, and providing help with any other sort of necessity.

MULTITASKING THROUGH INTERNSHIPS AND MORE

Ariel Traub was selected from a competitive field of top students to serve as a Legislative Intern at the state capitol in Austin, Texas for the spring semester. An experienced intern, Ariel interned with the law firm of Park & Durham Attorneys last fall. Working with the lawyers and paralegals on various cases, her duties included ordering records, filing forms and affidavits with the county court, and assisting in deposition preparation for clients. Previously, Ariel interned with the Huntsville's historic arts center, the Wynne Home, where she organized summer art classes, developed advertisements for the local newspapers, coordinate

with reporters on new stories, and assisted with gallery openings. She even taught cooking classes.

This semester, Ariel was assigned to Senator Schwertner as a Legislative Aide. She performed multiple duties such as bill analysis, attended and participated in committee briefings, handling large amounts of casework and constituent correspondence, and met with various interest groups, lobbyists, and constituents.

Along with her many internships and participation in the Honors College, Ariel finds time to serve as President of the Law Engagement And Politics Center (LEAP) and is a member of the local Huntsville Main Street Advisory Board.

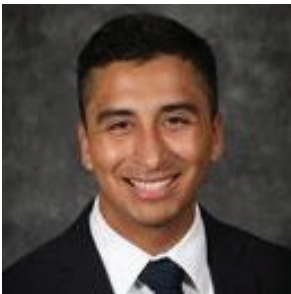


Ariel Traub: Senator Charles Schwertner
 Sadie McLaughlin: Representative John Otto
 Guadalupe Cuellar: Representative Will Metcalf
 Shelby O'Brien: Representative Todd Hunt
 Sarah Landsman: Representative Ron Simmons
 Jessica Rodriguez: Representative Senfronia Thompson
 Alexis Gonzales: Representative Armando Martinez
 Oscar Aguilar: Representative Carol Alvarado

ALUMNI NOTES:

- ◆ Sean Crenwelge is a Marketing Intern for Yelp in Reno, Nevada. Sean is pursuing her Master's degree in Educational Leadership at the University of Nevada, Reno and serves as a Graduate Writing Consultant and a Graduate Research Assistant in the College of Education.
- ◆ Iryna Romanenko is pursuing her MBA at SHSU and works as Next Generation Auditor at National Oilwell Varco in Houston, TX
- ◆ Ashley Pike writes, "I've just graduated with my Master's in Criminology from UTD. I'm a member of Golden Key and I co-authored an article with my professor and colleague. The article discusses expertise and decision making among white-collar criminals, specifically identity thieves. Also, I worked for the UTeach program in Department of Science and Mathematics Education. UTeach prepares students to teach secondary-level math or science."
- ◆ Samantha McKinley, former Honors College Student Ambassador, is Global Wealth Relationship Associate at BBVA Compass in Dallas, Texas. She provides sales and operational support to Global Wealth Relationship Managers to identify and meet the banking needs of clients. In addition, she is responsible for the analysis of client relationships and contribute to pricing lending products through modeling.
- ◆ Rachel Voss is pursuing her J. D. at University of Oklahoma.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CHRISTOPHER CRUZ



Christopher Cruz is Regional Security Intern at U.S. Department of State-Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. During the spring semester, Cruz served at the U. S. Embassy Muscat, Oman, as Public Affairs Intern for the U. S. Department of State Bureau of near Eastern Affairs

His duties with the Public Affairs section at the U.S. Embassy in Muscat, Oman, included compiling daily press reviews, assisting with Public Affairs programs and cultural outreach, drafting cables and internal memos, and drafting press releases for the local media. He drafted the sections media and social media strategy in conjunction with the goals displayed in Embassy Muscat's integrated country strategy. The daily press reviews were distributed to various U.S. Embassies in the region and back to Washington D.C. for their review of local news and events in Oman.

His outreach program involved working with local businesses, schools, institutions, and individuals to strength U.S. Omani partnership and relations. Some examples of such outreach were attending schools for presentations, career/education fairs, and cultural envoy visits. He assisted with the coordination and implementation

of a cultural musical visit, showcasing a U.S. band for various performances around the Sultanate. These included performances at Muscat Grand Mall, the Sultan's School, Sultan Qaboos University, the Crown Plaza Hotel, a local orphanage, and a large diplomatic reception of over 200 guests at the Ambassador's residence. Additionally, Cruz represented the U.S. Embassy at the annual Muscat International Book Fair and other Public Affairs programs. He observed and participated in press interviews and official visits, including a meeting and press interview with the Deputy Secretary of State.

Along with contributing to the sections daily operations, Cruz assisted and observed other sections of the Embassy such as the Consular, Political/Economic, and the Regional Security Office. Being in the Persian Gulf region during such monumental geopolitical events, such as the escalating political crisis in Yemen and the negotiations of the Iranian nuclear deal offered great exposure to the State Department's approach and overseas operations during times of uncertainty and change. Cruz is pursuing his Master's in International Relations and Affairs at Texas A&M University's Bush School of Government and Public Service.

CENTER FOR RURAL STUDIES OFFERS INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Two years ago, Dr. Olena Leipnik introduced me to Cheryl Hudec Pekar, the Associate Director of the Center for Rural Studies. I was quickly engaged with a project called the Rural Community Youth Development Program (RCYDP), a partnership between Sam Houston State University and Rural Capital Area Workforce Solutions that includes selecting youth in various rural Texas communities who are in need of employment and placing them in summer-long, paid internships.

The program consists of a camp sponsored by SHSU and an internship supported by Workforce Solutions. The camp aims to educate youth about their communities, encourage them to become active members of the community, and empower them to pursue their dreams and become all that they can be. After camp, the students begin their internships.

I was in charge of assisting Cheryl in the organization and implementation of the RCYDP camp curriculum, as well as contacting local officials in the participating rural communities to arrange camp facilities, lunches, and tours. This summer I had the pleasure of assisting in the organization of the curriculum and facilitating a camp in La Grange, Texas.

Along with the RCYDP, I assisted in various research projects at the Center for Rural Studies, some of which include survey work and data input, rural Texas meetings, and drafting reports for an organization involved in rural initiatives. I am currently involved in research work with Dr. Gene Theodori and Dr. Michael Fortunato, and I am looking forward to my future involvement with the Center for Rural Studies.

By Kristen Koci

GRADUATE NOTES:

- ◆ Melanie Adams is working as a Graphic Designer for The Woodlands Title Boxing and Morning Glory Ranch in Waller, TX.
- ◆ Bonnie Ardizonne plans to pursue her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction in STEM at University of Houston.
- ◆ Taylor Carden plans to pursue a Master's degree of Science in Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.
- ◆ Ronisha Kelly-Johnson plans to pursue her J.D. at University of Houston Law School.
- ◆ Elizabeth Lyssy plans to pursue her Master's in Accounting at SHSU and complete an internship with Ernst and Young.
- ◆ Jose Olivares plans to pursue his Master's in Accounting at SHSU and is a Staff Auditor at Ernst and Young.
- ◆ Libbie Roberts is a Music Therapist at STAR Center, Inc.
- ◆ Iris Salazar is a Title Analyst at Anadarko.
- ◆ Gloria Sanchez plans to pursue her Masters in Counseling at Oklahoma State University.
- ◆ Lea Sonby is an Associate Accountant at Dow Chemical Company.



SPRING 2015 GRADUATES

College of Business Administration

Dallas Andrews	Stuart Hamlin
Olivia Danielle Kyles	Elizabeth Lyssy
Jose Guadalupe Olivares	Wyatt Jackson Powell
Iris Soto Salazar	Lea Sonby
Summer Styles	Leah Vannoy

College of Criminal Justice

Jose Alaniz	Matthew Bills
Ileana Bolanos	Karen Castiblanco
Spencer Alvin Copeland	Jessica Isabel Cordero
Lindsey LeeAnn Croft	Mjutaba Ghene
Robert Cody Harralson	Ronisha Kelly-Johnson
Bailey Elizabeth Kennedy	Gloria Lynette Medel
Matthew Powell	Gloria Ashley Sanchez
Anisa Mariel Ybarra	

College of Education

Bonnie Lorene Ardizonne	Daniela Mendez
Lie Sie Oei	

College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication

Michelle Cantua	Kristopher N. Croy
Katherine McAllister	Kara Melver
Alyssa Mindy Morales	Kara Morgan Reed*
Libbie Anne Roberts	Davione Robinson
Briana Watson	Lindsey Whitfield
Heather Woitena*	

College of Health Sciences

Katherine Hernandez*	Brandon Grant Langle
Marivel Sanchez	

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Tara Suzanne Cobler*	Jessica Gradante
Andie Hampton	Stephanie Marie
Paige Martinez*	Haylee McCain
Genevieve Osborn	Megan Elizabeth Sherer
Shayna Taylor	Emily Thomas
KaTarsha Walker	Savannah Woodworth*

College of Sciences

Melanie Adams	Dawnta Denise Brown
Jesse Cantu	Taylor Carden
Leann Michelle Harrel	Joshua Hightower
Catherine Luzadas	Grayson Means*
Lauren Megan Perry	Michael Semmlinger*
Kimberly Setien	Brtini Nicole Skillman
Nancy Sodemann	

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HONORS COLLEGE EVENTS

FALL 2015

AUGUST 25	FRIDAY	8-5 PM	Ambassadors Professional Development Day, WEC Gibbs Hall
AUGUST 23	SUNDAY	4:00 PM	New Student Convocation, Johnson Coliseum
AUGUST 26	WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	Wake up with Honors, Honors Lounge
AUGUST 31	MONDAY	4:00 PM	Honors Ambassador meeting, Honors Lounge
SEPTEMBER 3	THURSDAY	4:30 PM	HSAC General Meeting, Olson Auditorium
		5:00 PM	Honors Assembly (Mandatory), Olson Auditorium
		5:30 PM	Honors College Photo, Clock Tower
SEPTEMBER 7	MONDAY		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
SEPTEMBER 11	FRIDAY	5:00 PM	DEADLINE: Course Contract Approval Forms & Honors December Graduation Declaration Forms
SEPTEMBER 11-12	FRIDAY-SATURDAY	3:00 PM	Honors Welcome Retreat, University Camp, Riverside, TX
SEPTEMBER 26	SATURDAY	12:00 PM	Honors Parents Luncheon, LSC Ballroom
OCTOBER 3	SATURDAY	1:00 PM	Battle of the Piney Woods, Reliant Stadium, Houston
OCTOBER 5	MONDAY	4:00 PM	Ambassadors Meeting, Honors Lounge
OCTOBER 20	TUESDAY	4:00 PM	URS Informational Meeting, Honors Lounge
OCTOBER 21	WEDNESDAY	4:00 PM	URS Informational Meeting, Honors Lounge
OCTOBER 22	THURSDAY	6:00 PM	Homecoming Parade, Town Square
OCTOBER 24	SATURDAY	11:00 AM	Homecoming Tail Gate, Bowers Stadium
NOVEMBER 2	MONDAY	4:00 PM	Honors Ambassadors Meeting, Honors Lounge
NOVEMBER 14	SATURDAY	11:00 AM	Sat at SAM Open House, Olson Auditorium
NOVEMBER 20	FRIDAY	6:00 PM	High School Honors Dinner, LSC
DECEMBER 3	THURSDAY	7:00 PM	Ambassadors Holiday Party
DECEMBER 4	FRIDAY		LAST CLASS DAY
DECEMBER 7-11			EXAM WEEK
DECEMBER 10	THURSDAY	11:00 AM	Bowers Medallion Ceremony , LSC Ballroom
DECEMBER 11	FRIDAY	5:00 PM	DEADLINE: Course Contract Certification Forms, Honors Thesis Final Approval Forms, & Community Service Hours Verification Forms
DECEMBER 12	FRIDAY	9:30 AM	Commencement, Coliseum
		2:30 PM	
DECEMBER 13	SATURDAY	9:30 AM	Commencement, Coliseum
		2:30 PM	

The Texas State University System Board of Regents 2015

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Merary Bautista Ordonez	Denisa Micliuc
Kristyn Couvillion	Margaret Mitschke
Alondra Garza	Everett Moore
Haven Gomez	Grace Ngo
Addie Goodson	John Pinard IV
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Sarah Kavanagh	David Porter
Bailey-Anne Kaytar	Shealynn Vogan
Megan Lamberth	Rebecca Wood
Sarah Landsman	Lixin Zhang
Jessica Martinez	

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