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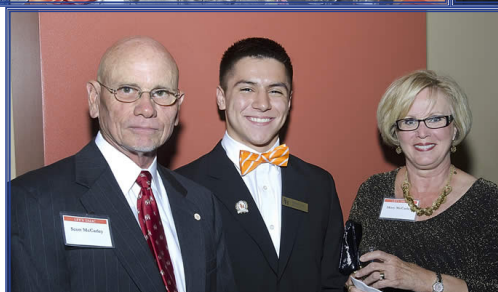
SPRING 2013

## LET'S TALK! 2013



If you have anything you would like to share with the Honors College, let us know!

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The annual Let's Talk! event continues to raise funds for scholarships, instructional support, cultural activities, and operating expenses for the students and faculty in the Elliott T. Bowers Honors College.

**SAVE THE DATE: March 20, 2014  
for the next Let's Talk! event**

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

### DR. KEN HENDRICKSON

Dr. Ken Hendrickson received his B.A. and M.A. in History from Texas A&M University in 1987 and 1988 respectively. He continued his education at the University of Iowa where he received his Ph.D. in History in 1993. He has been teaching at SHSU ever since.

Dr. Hendrickson first became involved with the Honors College in the 1990's, teaching Honors History 1301 and 1302. He now co-teaches the Honors Seminar in Humanities, the Culture of American Music, where he discusses the Counter-Culture during the 50's-70's.

When asked about teaching for the Honors College he replied, "It's been wonderful working with Honors students. [I] love it!"

He says that he especially enjoys the conversation and the chance to "do things out of the ordinary and experiment with learning styles." Dr. Hendrickson's philosophy is to pose a question or problem and then turn the seminars into an open-discussion forum where students are encouraged to break out their laptops and tablets to research material during the discussion.

As a direct result of his success in this method of teaching, he has since translated problem-based learning into all of his classes he teaches at SHSU.



## HONORS SEMINAR:

This semester the Culture of American Music Seminar hosted Evie Ladin and Keith Terry for a class period of rhythmic dancing, body music, and show and tell of some of their unique instruments.

Keith Terry has toured across North America, Europe, and Asia with his rhythmic dancing and body percussion. When he performs, his jazz training and background is prominent.

Evie Ladin sings, dances, and plays her banjo bringing an authentic "old time" feel to her performance.

Together, they taught the audience rhythmic beats to their songs to the delight of the entire audience (which included several non-Honors students from the dance and percussion programs).

The Humanities seminar takes an in-depth look at the culture surrounding American music from the 1800s through the rock and roll era. The most prominent ages that are covered are 19th and 20th-century music and Counter-Culture. Coordinated by Honors Professors, Dr. Gene Young and Dr. Ken Hendrickson, the Humanities Seminar is offered each spring semester.





## COURSE CONTRACT LEADS TO THESIS

The Honors College provided travel funding for Heather Woitena, sophomore Honors Ambassador, to attend the American Musicological Conference in San Antonio. She co-presented a poster about her research project titled "Towards a Thematic Catalog: Works of Newton D. Strandberg (1921-2001)" along with Honors professor, Dr. Sheryl Murphy-Manley. Heather began her research as a course contract, but now it is the basis for Heather's Honors Senior Thesis.

During the summer break, Heather is attending the Masterworks Fine Arts Festival in Indiana, participating in the orchestra program. Masterworks is an intensive four-week festival for advanced and passionate students of music, dance, and theatre.



(Heather Woitena-Left)

## HONORS IN SGA

Honors Ambassador Spencer Copeland has been selected to serve as student government Senator for the College of Criminal Justice. Recently, he was featured in the *Houstonian* for his work on an amendment requiring the University Police Department to keep a list of community members with concealed hand gun licenses. Spencer hopes to continue making SHSU a better place through his involvement in SGA.



(Rachael Campos)

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: JESSICA OSWALD

Jessica Oswald entered the Honors College her first semester at SHSU in Fall of 2010. Since then she has been involved with the Freshman Leadership Program, Student Employment Leadership Initiative, as well as a member of the Orange Keys. She is also President of Gamma Sigma Kappa and program chair for Delta Xi Nu Multicultural Sorority.

She has had great experiences in the Honors College and describes the Honors community as "a friend on campus."

During the spring semester Jessica was selected among a group of students (including

Honors Ambassador Miranda Landsman) from SHSU for a position as a Legislative Aide at the capitol in Austin.

Jessica is the Legislative Aide for Representative Mary Gonzalez. She not only helps with the details of the legislative process but also sends assignments to committee, requests hearings, submits drafting requests, creates bill books, and collects the votes of the committee. Jessica helps to walk legislation through every step of the process and monitors the questions, comments, and concerns for Representative Gonzalez.



## GREAT PLAINS HONORS COUNCIL

On April 5-7, Dr. Young and two Honors Ambassadors, Brooke Selover and Kyle Maguire, attended the Great Plains Honors Council Conference in Canyon, Texas. Brooke presented a research paper, and both Brooke and Kyle took advantage of the conference to make friends with honors students from other universities.

They also took part in a field trip hike in amazing Palo Duro Canyon. GPHC is the regional honors organization for the central United States, and our affiliation keeps us in contact with honors colleges and programs from Texas to Nebraska. Next year's conference will be held in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

## HONORS GOES TO DISNEY

Rachael Campos is interning with Disney in Orlando, Florida as a front entrance operations intern. Her internship ends January 2014 but she hopes to continue on in the Disney Corporation and work at the front so she can interact with visitors. Eventually she hopes to be in the accounting department to put her degree to use but until then she is glad to be a part of the magic at Disney.

Rachael attributes her internship success to the Honors College saying,

"Being in the Honors College is how I met Dr. Daigle, and he was able to influence my life in a positive way by teaching me life lessons, such as always do what is right, never give up and always follow your dreams."

# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2013:

In 2008, the Honors Student Ambassadors began the Undergraduate Research Symposium. The goal was two fold: to share research with fellow students and to gain experience in preparation for future conferences.

Today, the primary purpose of the Undergraduate Research Symposium is to:

- ◆ Continue to provide a forum where SHSU students may present their research in a professional environment
- ◆ Gain expertise in their fields of study
- ◆ Receive feedback from other scholars and members of the academic community

The sixth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium experienced its largest turnout this spring with more than 200 attendees. The 2013 URS was held in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences building on campus to allow more space for additional presentations and increased faculty attendees.

Dr. John de Castro was the keynote speaker and faculty moderators included Todd Primm, Jason Konetal, Victoria Titterington, Tracy Bilsing, Caroll Nardone, Jeongwoo Kim, William Kerr, Stuart Gurley, Thomas Cox Andrew Prelog, Paul Child, Pamela Zelbst, Katherine Pierce, Matt Nobles, Joel Walker, and John Jordan. Sponsors included the College of Science, College of Business Administration, and College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Dr. Hiranya Nath provided support through his generous gift of the Assam Scholarship. Also, a grant from the Target Corporation provided additional funding in support of the 2013 URS.

Eighty-eight students representing numerous departments across campus participated in oral and poster presentations.

Numerous outstanding presentations challenged the moderators who selected three winners:

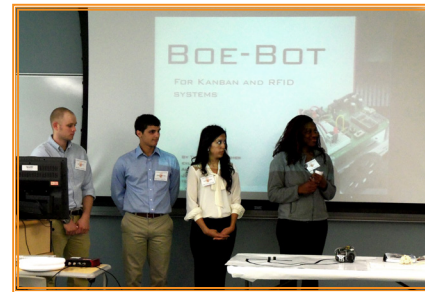
**Dayna Bishoff**-*Best Overall Poster Presentation*

**Tori Barnes, Angelica Delgado, Jordan Hickerson, Kyle Maguire, and Thilo Schumacher**-*Best Overall Oral-Media Presentation*

**Matthew Bills**-*Assam Scholarship Award*



Dayna Bishoff won the award for Best Overall Poster titled "Exploring Bacterial Diversity in the Fish Skin Microbiome" with faculty advisor Todd Primm and co-researchers Annie Leonard, Embriette Alicki, Joseph Petrosino, and Todd P. Primm.



Tori Barnes, Angelica Delgado, Jordan Hickerson, Kyle Maguire, and Thilo Schumacher won the award for Best Overall Honors Oral-Media Presentation titled "Technology in Business" with faculty advisor Dr. Pamela Zelbst.



Matthew Bills won the Assam Scholarship Award for his presentation titled "Retaliation Across the Nation: Hate Crimes in a Post-9/11 Era" with faculty advisor Dr. Andrew Prelog.

## 2013 GRADUATES UPDATES:

- ◆ **Anya Povarenkina** is an audit associate with Price Waterhouse Coopers, in Houston, Texas.
- ◆ **Daniela Ortiz** is a medical scribe in ER at Herman Memorial Hospital.
- ◆ **Megan Purcell** is a 2nd LT in the US Army.
- ◆ **Michael VanGorp** is a Youth Minister at First Baptist Church in Kenard, TX while pursuing his master's degree in Divinity.
- ◆ **Forrest LeBlanc** is a Platoon Officer with the US Army.
- ◆ **Heather Coats** is a graduate student in Chemistry at SHSU.
- ◆ **Jacob Luna** is pursuing a master's degree in Agriculture Business at Texas A&M University.
- ◆ **Shuangquan Zhao** is interning with Memorial Hermann in the Medical Center in Houston in the International Service Office working with international patients, especially those who do not speak English. She speaks Mandarin, Cantonese, and Spanish.

## INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED PALEONTOLOGIST VISITS HONORS:

Prior to his presentation for the SHSU Faculty Distinguished Lecturer Series, Professor Jack Horner, a world-renown paleontologist who consulted on the movie *Jurassic Park*, visited with a group of Honors students. Professor Horner is the Regents Professor of Paleontology at Montana State University, curator at the Museum of the Rockies, and Senior Adjunct Scientist at the Smithsonian Institution.

He impressed the students with his approach to the critical reasoning skills he has put to use in his long career as a scientist and then led the students on a “field trip” to show how those skills may be employed in everyday tasks. The students very much enjoyed their exclusive time with this famous scientist.



## ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT: BRITTANY WINNER

Brittany Winner, who graduated from the Honors College in spring 2012, is a graduate student at Michigan State University in the Biomolecular Sciences Program. This fall, she will officially join the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at MSU and begin work on her thesis project. She expects to achieve her Ph.D. in 4 to 5 years.

Brittany recently chose to join a lab that researches the molecular mechanisms of Parkinson's disease and looks to highlight pathways amenable to potential novel therapeutics for PD treatment.

Brittany says that the hardest adjustment to make was getting used to a real winter: “It snowed profusely on March 20, the supposed first day of spring.”

In a message to the Honors College Brittany stated: “I love Michigan State and consider it a second home, but my first home, of course, is SHSU! I miss all of the wonderful faculty and staff in the Honors College and the Chemistry Department. Your guidance and support have truly prepared me for graduate studies in many ways. I feel like I can never thank you enough!”



## ALUMNI UPDATES:

- ◆ **Emma Quintero** graduated from University of Texas Law School and passed the bar exam. She is now an attorney with Madrid Law in Houston, Texas.
- ◆ **Melanie Bashor** is an Associate Lecturer at Oxford Brooks University in Oxford, Oxfordshire in the United Kingdom, where she is also studying and researching the History of Education.
- ◆ **Ashton Mouton**, former Honors Ambassador, has completed her masters in Communication Studies at Colorado State University. She is now pursuing a Ph.D. at Purdue University where she is also a graduate teaching assistant.
- ◆ **Brandon Waller** is a Senior Auditor for Grant Thornton LLP in George Town, Cayman Islands.
- ◆ **Courtney Goffinet Prince** is a Credit Analyst for the National Oilwell Varco, one of the largest oil & gas companies.
- ◆ **Jenna Sassie** completed medical school at UT Medical Houston and is beginning her OB-GYN residency at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.
- ◆ **Amy Potter** has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in English at Carnegie Mellon with a teaching fellowship.
- ◆ **Tracy Lau** is a media specialist at Alief ISD in Houston, Texas.





## SPRING AND SUMMER 2013 HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES

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| <b>RACHEL ALLEN:</b> Economics & Intern'l Business | <b>OSCAR LOPEZ:</b> Criminal Justice                         |
| <b>ASHLEY BAKER:</b> Geography                     | <b>JACOB LUNA:</b> Agricultural Business                     |
| <b>STEPHANIE BASILIERE:</b> Professional Chemistry | <b>EMILY MC DANIEL:</b> Interdisciplinary Studies            |
| <b>STEPHANIE BELT:</b> Forensic Chemistry          | <b>COLLEEN MC KINNEY:</b> Spanish                            |
| <b>ALISSA BROWN:</b> Music Education               | <b>MEREDITH MOHR:</b> Mass Communication                     |
| <b>RACHAEL CAMPOS:</b> Accounting                  | <b>MAELANI NEGRITO:</b> Forensic Chemistry & Biology         |
| <b>BRANDI CANNON:</b> Biology                      | <b>PLAMEN NOVAKOV:</b> History                               |
| <b>HEATHER COATS:</b> Professional Chemistry       | <b>DANIELA ORTIZ:</b> Biomedical Sciences                    |
| <b>DEVON CRAFT:</b> Psychology                     | <b>MAREA PAPPAS:</b> International Business                  |
| <b>TAYLOR CRANE:</b> Sociology                     | <b>STEVEN PERRY:</b> Political Science                       |
| <b>AMY DANE:</b> Psychology                        | <b>ASHLEY PIKE:</b> Forensic Chemistry & Criminal Justice    |
| <b>HANNAH DANIEL:</b> Music Education              | <b>ANYA POVARENKINA:</b> Accounting                          |
| <b>ANGELICA DELGADO:</b> Accounting                | <b>MEGHAN PURCELL:</b> Criminal Justice & Psychology         |
| <b>AMIE DUFF:</b> Psychology                       | <b>THILO SCHUMACHER:</b> Management                          |
| <b>ALLISON ERBEL:</b> Psychology                   | <b>TARA SHACKELFORD:</b> Musical Theatre                     |
| <b>LAUREL FAUSTER:</b> Psychology                  | <b>MCKENZIE SMITH:</b> Advertising & Graphic Design          |
| <b>CAPRI HERNANDEZ:</b> Psychology & CJ            | <b>ZOE SOMMERS:</b> English                                  |
| <b>DENA HORNE:</b> Communication Studies           | <b>OLIVIA STRAND:</b> English                                |
| <b>CHRISTINA HUSTON:</b> Biology                   | <b>MICHAEL VAN GORP:</b> Mass Communication                  |
| <b>JORDON JETER:</b> Psychology                    | <b>GINGER VANN:</b> Animal Science                           |
| <b>CECILY JOHNSON:</b> Criminal Justice            | <b>TUCKER WATKINS:</b> Agricultural Engineering & Technology |
| <b>ALICIA JUREK:</b> Criminal Justice              | <b>JESSICA WINBORN:</b> Forensic Chemistry                   |
| <b>JACQUELINE KNIGHT:</b> Biology                  | <b>JOSHUA YATES:</b> Studio Art & Photography                |
| <b>KAMAL LAMICHHANE:</b> Physics & Mathematics     | <b>AMBER ZAMA:</b> Photography                               |
| <b>FORREST LeBLANC:</b> History                    | <b>SHUANGQUAN ZHAO:</b> Bilingual Health Care Studies        |

**We want to hear from you! Send your news and alumni notes to Dr. Maria Holmes for inclusion in the next *Dialogue*:**

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# HONORS COLLEGE FALL 2013 NEW STUDENT EVENTS

<b>AUGUST 24</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	New Student Convocation, PAC Center
<b>AUGUST 28</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Wake up with Honors, Honors Lounge
<b>SEPTEMBER 4</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Honors Assembly and HSAC Meeting, Olson Auditorium
<b>SEPTEMBER 8</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Luau, Elkins Lake
<b>SEPTEMBER 28</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Honors Parents Luncheon, LSC Ballroom
<b>OCTOBER 17</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Homecoming Parade, Town Square
<b>OCTOBER 19</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Homecoming Tail Gate, Bowers Stadium
<b>OCTOBER 19</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Honors Alumni Reception, Honors Lounge
<b>OCTOBER 29</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Fall Festival, Gibbs Ranch
<b>OCTOBER 31</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Spivey Haunted House, Spivey House
<b>NOVEMBER 2</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	Battle of the Piney Woods, Reliant Stadium, Houston
<b>NOVEMBER 15</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	High School Honors Dinner, LSC
<b>NOVEMBER 16</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Saturdays at SAM Open House, Olson Auditorium
<b>DECEMBER 2</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Honors Assembly HSAC Meeting, Olson Auditorium
<b>DECEMBER 9-13</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>EXAM week</b>
<b>DECEMBER 13</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	Bowers Medallion Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, LSC Ballroom
		<b>6:00 PM</b>	Commencement, Coliseum
<b>DECEMBER 14</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Commencement, Coliseum
		<b>2:00 PM</b>	Commencement, Coliseum



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Honors College Parents Luncheon**  
**September 28, 2013**

**Let's Talk! A Night of Conversation**  
**March 20, 2014**

**Undergraduate Research Symposium**  
**April 26, 2014**

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