

# The University Honors College

## Excellence Without Elitism



### A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

Millersville's University Honors College is a center for intellectual and social engagement dedicated to the development of the whole person. More than an academic program, the University Honors College is a *community of scholars* committed to interdisciplinary inquiry, critical thinking and creative expression in the liberal arts and sciences. Honors College students and faculty interact inside and outside the classroom through seminars, service projects and special cultural events. *Eligible students come from every major department and program at the University.*

### ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE

Admission to the University Honors College is select and offered to students who demonstrate they have the intellectual skills to succeed in a more challenging program of study. Normally, students who have been offered admission to the University and are in the upper 10-15% of their graduating class, have a GPA of 3.5 or above during high school or have a combined SAT score of 1200 or higher will be encouraged to apply for admission to the University Honors College. Although grades, SAT scores and class rank are considerations for admission to the Honors College, the program is also looking for students who are willing to be active participants and leaders.



### HONORS COLLEGE CURRICULUM

University Honors College courses do not compete with General Education core courses; rather, they complement General Education requirements and often can be coordinated with students' majors. Students are required to complete 25 honors credits, and the capstone experience includes a research thesis or creative project (depending on one's major and interests). The University Honors College curriculum enhances an excellent undergraduate education and prepares students for professional careers, advanced studies and admission to some of the finest graduate and professional degree programs offered anywhere. Many honors students study abroad, complete internships, are active members of campus clubs and participate in MU athletics and other extra-curricular activities. As a community of scholars, we take seriously the responsibility to support each student in achieving a fulfilling undergraduate career that prepares them for life.



MU Honors College students participate in the PASSHE Honors Student Development Conference at the Dixon Center in Harrisburg





Honors student with Millersville University President Dr. Daniel Wubah



Honors College Egg Hunt



Honors students at Cherry Crest Farm

## BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The University Honors College provides an experience that is both fulfilling and fun. There are many benefits to membership in the University Honors College. In addition to smaller classes and greater opportunity for interaction with the teaching faculty, honors students receive priority registration throughout their undergraduate careers. Students also have the opportunity to live in honors housing for all four years. Freshmen who reside on campus are required to live in honors housing during their first year. This is done to enhance the experience of a living and learning community. The University Honors College also provides additional academic support and advisement services as well as a professional mentoring program that assists selected students in achieving their career goals. Conferences, symposiums, informal chat sessions and group social events are all part of the mix of providing a safe and enjoyable environment in which to live and learn. Many students appreciate the emphasis on faculty-student research and study abroad opportunities. There are special awards and scholarships that are designated specifically for honors students.



## MENTORING

The University Honors College is focused on student-centered success! Through advisement and a well-developed mentor program, the University Honors College offers hands-on academic and professional advice. The Beideman Initiative creates opportunities for established alumni and other professionals to interact with honors students and assist in realizing career and professional goals. One-on-one mentoring, along with the University Honors College Peer Mentor, supports freshmen in finding their way on campus. Honors students frequently live and study together in South Village, which reinforces the values of building community, establishing social connections and achieving academic goals.

The University Honors College strives to make a difference on campus and in the community and to open the wideness of the world beyond to each and every student. The University Honors College is committed to helping students enjoy their college years and grow into the individuals they are meant to be.



Honors students inducted in the honor society, Phi Kappa Phi

## HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

There is an active Honors College Student Association (HCSA) that provides social and service opportunities on campus as well as in the surrounding community. HCSA gives students an active voice in the development of University Honors College initiatives and academic decisions. Students are encouraged to participate in the service events sponsored by the HCSA. The Honors College sponsors day trips to locations including New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., while the HCSA organizes and funds special events to local attractions.

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