

Honorable Mention

Forty Students Interviewed for Presidential Scholars Award

By: Katelyn Ifft

The winter weather didn't stop 40 high school seniors from attending the interviews for the Presidential Scholars Award. The interviews took place over two days at the end of January. Both days came with advisories for freezing rain and winter weather conditions, but this didn't hinder the candidates from making it to Charleston.

Leonora Breeden, from Flora, IL., said she has been interested in Eastern since she was in 7th grade. Breeden, who is looking to major in Communication Studies, said she wanted to take advantage of applying for this scholarship because she met all the necessary requirements. "My mother told me, 'you should go for it.' She's always been a big encouragement for me," Breeden said. Breeden added that she enjoys the friendly, upbeat atmosphere of Eastern's campus, as well as how clean everything is kept on school grounds.



Honors College Dean John Stimac said he was pleased with how the interviews went. The process was a little different this year, because parent interviews were omitted and an informational table made available where parents could find out more about Eastern and the Honors College. Stimac said the parent interviews were always a source of anxiety for the candidates. "Students are always worried about what their parents are going to say. Nothing they say will hurt [them] or help [them],"

What's going on in Honors?

4/04

AHS Meeting
in Arcola/
Tuscola
Room
6p.m.

4/07

Honors Awards
Day
1p.m.

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A total of 31 Eastern students helped with the interviews this year. These students mingled with the candidates and directed them to the appropriate interview rooms. One reason the students were there was to ease the nerves of the candidates and make them feel more comfortable.

Lauren Humphrey, a sophomore Chemistry major and Presidential Scholar Award recipient, said she remembers how nervous she was on the day of her interview, and how talking with students and faculty made her feel at ease.

Humphrey said she has enjoyed building relationships with the other Presidential Scholar Award recipients. She said she feels she is recognized more within her department because of this status.

Freshman Communication Disorders and Sciences major Haley Titsworth said she feels that being a Presidential Scholar Award recipient has really helped her reflect on her schoolwork. "I've sort developed an appreciation of all my hard work, and what it's meant," Titsworth said.

24 students were offered this award, which covers all normal expenses such as tuition, fees, and room and board, for four years, if the recipient maintains the required criteria. For the 2013-2014 school year, this amounts to \$11,000.

Honors College to Move to New Location

By: Shirmeen Ahmad

After years of being in Booth House, the Eastern Illinois University Honors College will be getting a new home. After about five years of planning, the goal is for the moving process to start in mid-May, according to Honors College Dean John Stimac.

Sara Schmidt, Honors College Advisor, said Booth House was given to the university by the retired library director Mary J. Booth. It used to be her home when she worked at Eastern. Then known as the Honors Programs, the Honors College, was in the bottom of the library at that time.

The Honors College was not the first to use the house; Human Services was also housed here. As of right now it is not known what will happen to it after the Honors College moves from its current location.

Dean Stimac said the new location will be located on the 2nd floor of the old Textbook Rental Services building at the south end of Pemberton Hall.

There will be two entrances into the building. One will be from the North Quad and one will be by the Pemberton Hall parking lot. The quad entrance will be the official front entrance to the Honors College.

“It will be great to be back on campus and where the students are.”
Said Dr. Tom Spencer, Director of Honors Student Affairs.

Not much is being done to the outside of the former Textbook Rental Building other than a sand blast that will clean up the darkness of the building and paths being made that lead right to the entrances. The building will be wheelchair accessible.

Visitors will have the choice of using the stairs or an elevator when coming in from either entrance. The elevator will go up to the third floor of the residence hall even though the Honors College is located on the second. This is so the residents of Pemberton can also utilize the elevator.

The new Honors College will house many things. There will be offices for the dean, Dr. Spencer, and Ms. Schmidt, honors advisor. There will also be a philanthropy office, and a student office where specific things can be done such as student publications.

A resource/conference room will also be available for students to work on projects, get information about studying abroad, internships, national student exchange, and more. The room will be located next to the dean’s office.

“I’m excited to have a new building and better representation of the honors college. I’m excited to see more change,” said Haley Titsworth, a freshman Communication Sciences and Disorders major.

Behind the desk of Ms. Adrienne Paladino, the Office Manager, will be a classroom where honors courses may be taught. The room will be able to hold 25 students.

For more information on this new location, visit Booth House at 600 Lincoln Ave in Charleston or call (217) 581-2017.



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