

THE HONORS COLLEGE



and the Association of Honors Students

"I believe that Dr. Irwin will bring exceptional leadership to our honors activities and look forward to working with her to move our already superb honors programs to an even higher level."

~ Blair Lord, Provost
and Vice President for
Academic Affairs

YOU ARE INVITED!

WHAT?
Honors College Ice
Cream Social

WHEN?
August 23rd, 2004 at
7:30 pm

WHERE?
Taylor Dining Hall

- WHY?**
- Meet new and old Honors students
 - Mingle with Honors faculty
 - Eat Ice Cream!
 - Win Door Prizes

Need Directions?
Call the Honors Office at
(217) 581-2017



GREETINGS FROM THE NEW DEAN

Hello, everyone!
I'm honored and excited to be joining the Honors College this year, and I expect we all have some wonderful adventures ahead. We will be building on the traditions of the past—great classes, great thinking, lots of learning—but at the same time we will be breaking new ground: stay tuned for upcoming events and new programs!

I also hope to establish a regular weekly "office hour" when you can drop in and chat with the dean about issues that concern you or ideas you have for change or improvements in the College. In the meantime, feel free to e-mail me at bdirwin@eiu.edu.

As another part of the tradition of Eastern's Honors College, I'm thrilled to be working with the experienced and generous staff you are familiar with:

Margaret, Judy, and Pam along with our student interns and workers are really the ones who make this office sail along smoothly. They continue to make your lives and mine a whole lot easier with their talent and dedication.

I can't wait to meet you all this fall, especially those of you in your first year at Eastern. We will begin the adventure together.

Expect great things!

Dean Bonnie Irwin

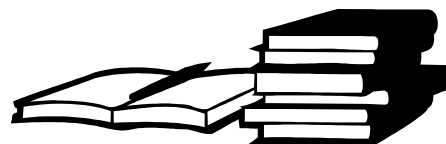


CALLING ALL FRESHMEN!

Beginning your college career is an exciting and new experience, especially for Honors students. To make your transition a little less stressful and a lot more productive, the Honors staff will be presenting a short session entitled "**Honors: A New Beginning**".

The goal of this session is to better inform you of the things that are happening and the things you can make happen. We will discuss aspects of Honors such as registration, opportunities, events to anticipate and some generally helpful information (such as where to go for what, etc) that will be a big help in adjusting to life at EIU (WE PROMISE!) This will also be the perfect chance for you to ask any questions that might be nagging you about Honors or Eastern in general.

Attending this session is **MANDATORY**



(but loads of fun!). This session will last for approximately one hour and will include lots of important information you will need to succeed in Honors. One of our Academic Advisors will also be on hand to answer any questions that you may have. The session will be held on August 20th at 11 am in Buzzard Auditorium (room 1501) in Buzzard Hall (#23 on the campus map on page 3 of the EIU catalog).

JOIN US FOR BRUNCH! We will be serving bagels, muffins and juice from 10:00 to 10:45 am in the foyer of the auditorium. Please email Margaret at cfmkm@eiu.edu if you have any questions about the session.

HELP!

Fact: Mail makes college students happy!

Fiction: Your new address magically appears in the Honors Office Database.

Problem: Most students like fiction.

Please help us solve this problem by filling out the form at the end of this newsletter and sending it back to the Honors Office **as soon as possible**. If, by some chance, your address should change during the school year, it is your responsibility to let us know so our mailings can reach you!

**TACKLING HONORS!**

- **Manage your time wisely!** Allow ample time for studying, resting, and socializing.
 - **Subscribe to the Honors Listserve.**
 - **Learn how to manage your stress level.** This can be achieved in many ways (i.e. exercise, time management).
 - If you are having personal problems, **seek assistance** either from a friend or a counselor (Hint: Dr. Messer is a great listener.)
 - **Have fun!** Even though everyone says that high school is the best part of your life, college life is even better.
- Go out and live it!**

ADVISEMENT UPDATE!

Your assigned Academic Advisor is available to meet with you to discuss academic concerns (i.e. class scheduling, prerequisites, graduation requirements) Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:30 pm. He/ she welcomes you to stop by 9th Street Hall or call 581-2313 during those hours.

Also, there are still openings in some Honors courses for those of you who would like to take an additional Honors course. Please contact your Academic Advisor or the Honors Office if you are interested in enrolling in another Honors class.

Reminder: As always, be sure to inform your Academic Advisor of any changes you wish to make to your class schedule **PRIOR** to making the schedule change. It is very important for both you and your advisor to have open communication concerning your academic program.

Words of the Wise

"I am always ready to learn, but I do not always like being taught."

~ Sir Winston Churchill

CHANGING OF THE DEAN

Dr. Bonnie Irwin began her duties as Dean of the Honors College on July 1. She replaced Dean Herbert Lasky who established the Honors Programs in 1982 and expanded it from 52 students to our current enrollment of nearly 700. Provost Blair Lord said, "No one will ever replace Dean Lasky who has become an institution here at Eastern, but I know Dr. Irwin will bring her own ideas and creativity to the task."

As Dean, Dr. Irwin will serve as the executive officer for the internal and external affairs of the Honors College with overall leadership responsibility for undergraduate honors student recruitment, retention and support, as well as honors curricula.

Dean Irwin came to EIU in 1994 as a faculty member in the university's English department. In addition to her regular teaching duties, she served as the department's acting chairwoman during the summer of 2001 and 2002. As a member of EIU's Honors Faculty, she has taught Myth and Culture and the Leadership Senior Seminar. She was also awarded the Distinguished Honors Faculty Award in 1998. Dean Irwin received her MA degree and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, in Comparative Literature.

Her husband, Ned Huston, is a science fiction writer and instructor in Eastern's English department.

GPAS... O GLORIOUS GPAS!

Listed below are the minimum grade point averages, as established by the University Honors Council, that each Honors student must maintain if he or she wishes to continue participating in the University Honors Program:

Year's End:	GPA
Freshman	3.00
Sophomore	3.20
Junior	3.40
Senior	3.50

These grade point averages are based on cumulative GPAs on a four-point scale and are reviewed at the end of each academic year.

SUBSCRIBING TO THE LISTSERVE

Your primary sources of information about what is happening in the Honors College are our website
<http://www.eiu.edu/~honprog>
 and our listserve.

Beginning in Fall 2004, only the EIU student email account will be subscribed to the listserve. Students who were earlier subscribed with hotmail, yahoo or other commercial accounts will be removed from the listserve during the fall semester.

ASSOCIATION OF HONORS STUDENTS

Who: All EIU Honors Students

What: To Become a Member of AHS

When: The 2004-2005 school year

Where: Bimonthly meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 6:00 pm in the Effingham Room in the Union.

Why: To meet some of the most involved and interesting students on campus and to make college memories that will last a lifetime.

RSVP: By returning the form at the end of this newsletter with a check made payable to "Association of Honors Students".

Stuff we do:

Picnics
Intramural Teams
Ice Skating
Progressive Dinners with Honors faculty
Collect donations for food banks
Visit nursing homes and Camp New Hope
Football games
Pumpkin patch
AHS Website

MUCH MUCH MORE!

"Joining AHS helped make EIU seem smaller by introducing me to so many different people" ~ Rachel Dent

ALL YOU NEED IS... FOOD!



The annual AHS picnic is a great way to dive into AHS. At the picnic, you will meet honors students who will be in your classes, get to eat lots of free food, play volleyball, football, or basketball, toss water balloons, enjoy the sunshine, and plunge headfirst into college life. The picnic will be held at Fox Ridge State Park, which is a fifteen-minute drive

from campus.

We will meet at the Honors Office at 12:30 pm to carpool to the Possum Holler Picnic Site. We should finish up around 5:00 pm – and remember that all this is **FREE!** All you need to do is show up and be ready for a fun day of socializing in the sun, and we'll take care of the rest! Please RSVP on the attached sheet!

AHS ELECTIONS

Although the elections for AHS officers were held during the Spring 2004 Semester, the opportunity for you to get involved in an official manner still exists. Elections for an alternate

Honors Council Student

Representative and AHS Class

Representatives will be held during the first AHS meeting on September 2.

The Honors Council consists of nine voting members: six faculty and three students. Students serve a one-year term and may run for a council position more than once. The Honors Council makes several decisions that affect the Honors Programs. For example, council members approve all Honors course proposals before they are sent to the Council on Academic Affairs for final approval and integration as an Honors course. The council also

makes policy decisions such as GPA requirements. Two of the most important responsibilities of the Honors Council are to choose the Incoming Freshman Scholarship recipients and the Continuing Student Scholarship recipients. Students who serve on this council have a major impact on its decisions by giving the Honors student perspective.

The members of AHS select two members from each class to serve as Class Representatives. Representatives attend AHS Executive Board meetings and give input on what activities, fundraisers, and service projects are conducted in AHS and any other matters during the year. Although representatives may not vote during Executive Board meetings, their opinions and suggestions are of great value and importance.

If you have any questions regarding any of the positions, please contact AHS president Erin Alderson or any other AHS Executive Board member.

AHS Executive-Board 2004-2005

President:

Erin Alderson

Vice President:

Lauren Ochs

Secretary:

Rachel Elams

Treasurer:

Melissa King

Social Chair:

Rachel Dent

Philanthropy/ Publicity:

Jaymie Krone

NOTE FROM THE AHS PRESIDENT

HI! I would just like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the EIU Honors College. As President of AHS, I would like to invite everyone to join our organization, which is exclusively for honors students. AHS is a social, academic, and philanthropic organization. We've organized progressive dinners with faculty, trips to the local pumpkin patch, and have also attended many on-campus acts such as comedy shows. AHS has also volunteered at local nursing homes, made cards for professors and BSWs (*EIU speak: building service workers*), and participated in "Relay for Life." I encourage all to come to AHS and see for yourself how fun and rewarding it is to be a member. If you have any questions about AHS or EIU you can email me at cueda2@eiu.edu. Have a great summer! See you next fall!

Erin Alderson

Words of the Wise
*"I have never let my
 schooling interfere
 with my education."*
 ~ Mark Twain

PRESSED FOR TIME?

Check out the Honors
 College website at
[http://www.eiu.edu/
 ~honprog](http://www.eiu.edu/~honprog)

You'll find valuable
 information such as job
 opportunities at
 Scholastic Bowl, special
 events as well as be able
 to print off
 scholarship
 applications
 all at the
 click of a
 mouse!



DID YOU KNOW?

Table salt is the only
 commodity that hasn't
 risen dramatically in price
 in the last 150 years.

Every citizen of Kentucky
 is required by law to take
 a bath at least once a
 year.

The first dictionary of
 American English was
 published on April 14th,
 1828, by - who else? -
 Noah Webster.

Pentheraphobia is a fear
 of a mother-in-law.

The writers of "The
 Simpsons" have never
 revealed what state
 Springfield is in.

[http://www.angelfire.com/ca6/
 uselessfacts/](http://www.angelfire.com/ca6/uselessfacts/)

AH... POOR COLLEGE STUDENTS...

On-line and paper applications for two
 prestigious scholarships will be
 available to Honors students the first
 week of September 2004:

The first is the **President Doudna
 Memorial Scholarship**. It is open to
all incoming freshmen at EIU, but
 you dandy Honors students already
 have a solid advantage with your
 impressive credentials. The amount of
 the monetary award cannot be
 disclosed at this time, but it is a goodly
 sum.

The second scholarship is the **John L.
 Whisnand Scholarship**. This
 monetary award is given to an EIU
 student, in good standing, with a
 minimum of one year to complete in
 order to receive a bachelor's degree.
 The recipient shall be a person of
 outstanding character whose actions
 and conduct reflect with credit upon
 EIU. Financial need is a considera-
 tion.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 19, 2004.....	Freshmen can move in
Saturday, August 20, 2004.....	Upperclassmen can move in Honors Freshman Information Session 11 am Buzzard Auditorium
Monday, August 23, 2004.....	First Day of Classes Ice Cream Social at 7:30 pm Taylor Dining Hall
Tuesday, August 31, 2004.....	Convocation 7 pm
Thursday, September 2, 2004.....	First AHS Meeting at 6:00 pm Effingham Room , Martin Luther King Jr. Union
Saturday, September 11, 2004.....	AHS Picnic 1 pm Fox Ridge State Park

WORD SEARCH

All of the following words
 are found in this
 newsletter. **Have fun!**

BOOTH HOUSE
 FOX RIDGE
 ICE CREAM
 POSSUM HOLLER
 SENIOR
 COUNCIL
 FRESHMEN
 LISTSERVE
 REPRESENTATIVE
 SOPHOMORE
 DEAN IRWIN
 HONORS
 PICNIC
 SCHOLARSHIPS
 STUDENTS

N	R	Q	E	H	E	F	I	L	Y	I	E	P	F	S
I	O	E	P	S	I	R	K	J	B	T	O	C	O	C
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A	X	K	O	R	K	H	E	V	N	L	P	P	G	R
E	X	C	E	N	O	R	R	N	H	T	A	O	E	S
D	Z	A	V	L	O	E	M	S	T	G	S	I	S	H
J	M	E	L	I	S	H	C	L	H	A	P	E	G	I
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We Need to Hear From You!!!

We need every Honors Student's fall address in order to keep in touch with you throughout the year. **EVERYONE** must return this form. It is your responsibility to see that we have your current campus address. Much important information is sent from the Honors Office (i.e. Pre-Registration packets), and **if we do not have your current address, we are not responsible if you do not receive mailings.**

Please mail this form as soon as possible to the Honors Office, Booth House, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920.

NAME: _____

FALL

ADDRESS: _____

FALL PHONE NUMBER: _____

Annual Honors Ice Cream Social - Monday, August 23, 7:30 pm

_____ Yes, I will attend. _____ No, I will not attend.

Association of Honors Students 2004-2005

_____ Yes, I would like to become a new member or renew my membership for AHS.
(Please enclose a check payable to the Association of Honors Students for \$5 for one semester or \$9 for the school year.)

_____ I am not sure if I want to join AHS, although I know that I can attend the Honors Ice Cream Social and/or the AHS Picnic with no obligations.

Do you plan to attend the AHS Picnic on September 11, 2004? _____

Do you have a car that you would be willing to drive to Fox Ridge? _____

If yes, how many people will your car hold (including yourself)? _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!

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