

2012-2013 Honors Program Annual Report

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Academics

Total number of students in Honors Program during 2012-13:	500
Entering Freshman Class (Class of 2016):	139
Number of current TCNJ students who joined the program:	7
Graduating Seniors who completed the program:	88

Fall 2012 Courses:

ECO 101-H1 Honors Principles of Microeconomics	Prof. D. Vandegrift
HON 201 General Chemistry I Honors	Prof. Krichten
HON 203-01 Issues in Philosophy	Prof. C. Preti
HON 203-02 Issues in Philosophy	Prof. C. Preti
HON 243 International Studies: Africa	Prof. M. Ismail
HON 370-01 Jackson Pollack's New York	Prof. L. Fichner-Rathus
HON 370-02 International Terrorism	Prof. J. Krimmel
HON 370-03 Utopias	Prof. M. Robertson
FSP 101-H1 Springsteen's Lyrics as Literature	Prof. Konkle
FSP 101-H2 Mark Twain and Kurt Vonnegut	Prof. Bearer
FSP 104-H1 Irish Cinema	Prof. Byrne
FSP 111-H1 Morality, God, and Free Will	Prof. Kamber
FSP 111-H2 Morality, God, and Free Will	Prof. Kamber
FSP 114-H1 Buddhism and Hinduism	Prof. Weinstein
FSP 114-H2 Buddhism and Hinduism	Prof. Weinstein
FSP 134-H1 Understanding Modern Iran	Prof. Gross
FSP 134-H2 Understanding Modern Iran	Prof. Gross

Spring 2013 Courses:

ECO 102-H1 Honors Principles of Macroeconomics	Prof. Michele Naples
HON 202 General Chemistry II Honors	Prof. Mirela Krichten
HON 203 Issues in Philosophy	Prof. Consuelo Preti
HON 265 Environmental Ethics	Prof. Morton Winston
HON 272 Philosophy of Religion	Prof. Pierre Le Morvan
HON 349 Cities & Sanctuaries of the Ancient World	Prof. Lee Ann Riccardi
HON 365 The Natural History of the Galapagos Islands and Equador I	Prof. Donald Lovett
HON 370-01 Photography in India	Prof. Deborah Hutton
HON 370-02 American Cities and Suburbs	Profs. Michael Marino and Robert McGreevey
HON 370-03 Artistic Reincarnation	Prof. Lincoln Konkle

Summer 2013 Courses:

HON 280 Creative Computing	Prof. Peter DePasquale	Blended Learning (Note: This is the first time an Honors course is being offered as a blended learning course)
HON 353 Rome of the Caesars and Rome of the Popes	Profs. Lee Ann Riccardi and Lois Fichner-Rathus	Maymester Faculty-led Study Tour

Honors By Contract:

<i>Semester</i>	<i>Number of Projects Approved</i>
Fall 2012	26
Spring 2013	58
Summer 2013	4

Awards

Outstanding Scholar Award

<i>Semester</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Project</i>
Fall 2012	Emily Braham	Senior	Psychology	The Draw-A-Scientist Test: Measures base rates beyond bias
Spring 2013	Mary Jane Dempsey	Senior	History and International Studies Double-Major	Blood and Borders: Immigrant Children and Jus Sanguinis

Conferences

Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference 2013, Philadelphia, PA, April 3-7, 2013

This year, 12 TCNJ students presented their work at the conference. Their travel and conference fees were fully supported by the Honors Program. The students all did exceptionally well and were outstanding ambassadors for the TCNJ Honors Program.

<i>Student</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Paper or Poster Presented</i>
Nina Balicusto	Sophomore	Psychology	The Neurophysiology of Psychopathic Brain Morphology and Functionality
Jacob Cafaro	Junior	History	Where Heaven Meets Earth: Religious and Social Connections in the Taiping Rebellion
Melanie Crampton	Junior	Physics Secondary Education	Eastern United States Crust Characterization
Taylor Enoch	Senior	Philosophy	<i>Ars Neuroaesthetica</i> : Introduction to the Neuroscience of Aesthetic Experience

Pamela Hitscherich	Senior	Biomedical Engineering	Fabrication of polymer and cellular composite constructs for tissue engineering applications
Mackenzie Mosera	Sophomore	Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing / Biology Double Major	Can You Hear Me Now?: An Interactive Ear Anatomy and Hearing Science Museum in Your Classroom
Katrina Notarmaso	Junior	Political Science	The Importance of Elites in the Nicaraguan Revolution
Pooja Padgaonkar	Sophomore	Biology (BS/MD Program)	The Journey to Attain the American Dream: An Analysis Through Children's Literature
Gordon Sayre	Sophomore	Psychology	A Defense of Morality in the Absence of Immortality
Jessica Scardino	Junior	Sociology	Religious Attendance and Happiness: An Application of Interaction Ritual Theory
Julian Sison	Freshman	Biology	Vicarious Vonnegut: Self-Representation Throughout <i>Breakfast of Champions</i>
James Tomasullo	Freshman	Business Management	The Cruelty of White Women During Slavery

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities

Freshman Honors Excursion to Grounds for Sculpture, August 29, 2012

This annual event, intended to welcome and bond the freshman class, as usual, was a big success. The new Honors Freshman class was transported by bus to the Grounds for Sculpture, where they were given drinks, snacks, and Honors Program t-shirts, before doing a group scavenger hunt.

Freshman Honors Program Information Session, November 1, 2012

At this event, held just before spring registration, the freshmen were provided with more information on the Honors Program requirements. Additionally, the Honors members of the TCNJ debate team were available to share their experiences in the Honors Program and to answer students' questions.

***Competitive Fellowships: What's in it for you?* Information Session, November 13, 2012**

Presenters: Jon Stauff, Nancy Freudenthal, Michelle Bunegan, Deborah Hutton, and Bryan Furman (student)

This was our first time holding the event, at which we provided information on fellowships such as Goldwater, Boren, Fulbright, Rhodes, etc. About 55 students attended the Tuesday evening info session, and it seemed to go well. It seemed to be better received by the lower classmen who attended the event (the upper classmen felt like they were receiving the information too late). We agreed to hold the event again annually starting in the spring 2014.

Accepted Students Day, April 7, 2013

Over 100 accepted students and their families attended the Honors Program Session, organized by the Admissions Office. The students were congratulated, given pins, and provided information on the Honors Program. Two current Honors students, Taylor Enoch and Jessica Scardino, spoke and answered questions. The event went well, with the main questions from prospective students and their parents revolving around honors housing and the perks of being in the program.

Senior Honors Reception, April 17, 2013

Speakers: Dr. R. Barbara Gitenstein, President, and Stephanie Gratale, Communications and Honors Program Graduate, Class of 2006

This annual event, attended by seniors and their families as well as some faculty and staff, recognizes and honors the graduates who have completed the Honors Program. There were short speeches by the President and a recent alumna, and then the students received the medallions that they wear at graduation. A booklet listing the students achievements was also produced for the event; a pdf of the booklet is available on the honors website.