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Bellarmino University Honors Program

Annual Newsletter

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Dear Honors students, faculty, and friends of the program,

It is my pleasure to share with you the 2nd annual Honors newsletter, detailing just some of the many remarkable accomplishments of the students in our program during the 2018-2019 academic year. As you'll read about in the pages that follow, it has been another busy year for the Bellarmine Honors Program: our students worked on original research and creative projects, gained valuable experience through internships and gave back to our community through service, traveled the country and studied abroad, and contributed their time and talents in leadership roles both on and off campus. As we always do, we had a lot of fun as well. Among other adventures, we canoed the Salt River, attended performances at Actors Theatre and Bellarmine's own Black Box and Cralle theatres, and made our annual pilgrimage to Churchill Downs for a day at the races. We are also excited for the future, with a record 98 first-year students joining us in the fall of 2019. I know everyone in Honors is eager to welcome these new students to Bellarmine, and to see what fresh ideas and energy they bring to our program.

Thanks for reading, and thanks to the seven elected members of the Honors Student Advisory Board who helped to put this year's newsletter together (especially Vice President of Communication Lauren Deines, who spent untold hours collecting information and designing the document). I couldn't be prouder of them, as I am of all the students in the program whose shared commitment to curiosity, challenge, and excellence makes our Honors community such a special one.

Sincerely,



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Honors Abroad





Bahamas	Anastasia Koester
Belize	Kandis Arlinghaus Hailee Bray Breena Frazier Allie Just Amandarae Matthew Elizabeth Oxley Catherine Terrell Haley Todd Savannah Trussell
Dominican Republic	Alyssa Durbin
Denmark	John Klapheke
England	Bailey McDougal Austin Dugan
Germany	Hannah McKenna
Greece	Olivia Atkinson
Guatemala	Audrie Lamb Elyse Frye Kennedy Erwin Allie Just Katie Kaufling
France	Meredith Thieneman Marie Gould Emma Haney
India	Bridget Bard Audrie Lamb Sarah Turo-Shields
Ireland	Katie Vogel
Italy	Olivia Graebe Olivia Beechem Wynn McDonald
Netherlands	Elizabeth Hamilton
Peru	Ashley Cravens Kristina Lynch Harry Moberly Alexandra Doud Jamey Van Dyke Natalie Taul Elizabeth Oxley Kasey Phelps Philip Golden
Spain	Satchel Smith Evan Sims Molly Rovinski Elena Cseh Lauren Henry
South Africa	Jack Clines

HONORS ABROAD

Honors students graduate from Bellarmine with an enhanced degree of intercultural awareness. One way we equip our students to become global citizens of our increasingly interconnected world is through a rotation of study abroad courses. This past year we offered two such courses, taking groups of Bellarmine Honors students and faculty to Belize and Peru.

HONR-320: Natural and Cultural History of Belize

Last spring, 12 students traveled to Belize to experience the natural environment, culture and history of the country. The associated course examined Mayan/Belizean history, Belizean music, Belizean culture, Belizean/Central American economics and politics, and coral reef ecology. While in Belize, students snorkeled the second-largest barrier reef in the world, interacted with local Belizeans, learned firsthand about coral reef ecology, and visited Mayan temples.



Hailee Bray, Haley Todd, and Cat Terrell befriend iguanas while participating in the Honors Belize course.

HONR-320: Cuisine and Culture of Peru

In May of 2019, twelve students accompanied Professor David Domine and Professor Sarah Martin to Peru for the culmination of a course focused on that country's cuisine and culture. Daily activities included an exploration of open-air markets, cooking demos, and museum visits. After several nights in Lima, where students volunteered at an elementary school run by Ursuline Sisters, participants traveled to Cusco for a homestay with local families. There they explored the Sacred Valley and the impressive archaeological ruins at Machu Picchu. From there, the group traveled to Puno, where they rounded off their trip with a boat tour of Lake Titicaca and its famous floating islands.



Honors students pose in front of Peru's beautiful Sacred Valley.

In addition to the students who participated in Honors study abroad, Bellarmine Honors students explored the world through a number of other programs and courses. Below are just some examples of life-changing experiences abroad.

Every year, Dr. Evanthia Speliotis, a member of the Bellarmine Honors Council, leads a group of students on a service trip to Guatemala. In Zacapa, they run a dental clinic, feed the hungry and build homes for families in need. In 2019, the trip consisted of 31 individuals who worked together for 9 months in preparation. Once in Guatemala, these individuals worked in the blistering heat, helped, supported, and watched out for each other, and opened their minds and their hearts to Guatemala, the people they met, and each other. This year, Honors students Katie Kaufling, Allie Just, and Kennedy Erwin were involved in the trip.

Sophomore John Klapheke spent his fall semester working at the LEGO Group's headquarters, located in Billund, Denmark. John designed concept models for the Creator Expert Team and worked alongside some amazingly creative minds. He was also a full-time student while he worked for the LEGO Group, allowing him to build both his dreams and his education. John has been interviewed and featured on WDRB news to speak further about his experience.



John Klapheke works on a concept model at the LEGO headquarters in Denmark.

Audrie Lamb and Bridget Bard participated in the Campus Ministry India trip during winter break. The trip focused on Indian culture, history, and religious diversity as the group explored Kerala, India. Fr. John, Angela Rone, Dr. Susan Donovan, and 12 Bellarmine students went on the trip.



Anastasia Koester snorkels in the Bahamas.

Anastasia Koester traveled with her biology class to San Salvador Island in the Bahamas, where they snorkeled the island's beautiful reefs and experienced its marine life firsthand.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Lenihan Memorial Award for Student and Community Leadership

Presented to students in each of the first-year, sophomore, and junior classes who, through scholastic standing and leadership on- and off-campus, have best promoted the university and demonstrated the spirit of Bellarmine. Undergraduate students may be nominated by faculty, staff, peers or self-nomination. First-year student Kevin Haas, sophomore John Sparks, and juniors Emmanuel Fasipe and Mary Wurtz were given this award.

Bellarmino College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Merit Awards

The Faculty Merit Awards are presented to a graduating senior from each of the six schools who has made the best use of his or her abilities and opportunities in accordance with the purpose of the college or school in which he or she is enrolled. The faculty members within each school nominate and select the recipients. The 2019 Awards were presented at the Honors and Awards Reception. The award in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology was given to Trevor Stantliff, the award in English was given to Eli Megibben, the award in Global Languages & Culture was given to Cassidy Adams, and the award in Mathematics was given to Maxwell Cartor.

Elizabeth Norton Hagan Scholarship

In September of 1994, Dorothy M. Hagan shared funds to establish three perpetual scholarships in the departments of Art, English, and History at Bellarmine College. Ms. Hagan's generous gift allows the English Department to award annually the Elizabeth Hagan Norton Scholarship in Literature to an academically exceptional student. This year the scholarship was awarded to rising senior Luke Hardin for his outstanding performance as an English major.

2019 Henry Clay Scholarship

The Henry Clay Internship Program is an opportunity for two highly driven students to work in the office of a member of Kentucky's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C for six weeks over the summer. Two talented students from our program were semi-finalists in the competition: sophomore Mary Greenfield and junior Mary Wurtz.

MA Communications Early Entry

In November, junior Lilly Caudill was accepted into Bellarmine's early entry Master of Arts in Communication program. This program offers an opportunity for undergraduate students to complete their BA or BS degree along with a graduate degree in Communication in four and a half to five years. Lilly will begin the program in Fall 2019.

Annual Prize in Ethics

Aditya “Adi” Singh won the Center for Ethics and Social Justice’s Annual Prize in Ethics for his essay, “Our History in Verse.” In his essay, Adi discusses the decline of poetry in modern times, and the intellectual and sociocultural ramifications of this phenomenon, and also argues for methods to reinvigorate awareness and interest within younger people for this art. Adi received a \$250 cash prize, as well as the opportunity to present and discuss his work hosted by the Center for Ethics and Social Justice.



Adi Singh, winner of this year's Prize in Ethics, reads his work.

Paul B. Kleine-Kracht Award

This award is presented to a graduating senior who is active in extra-curricular activities, has applied to and been admitted to an accredited law school and has maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0 while at Bellarmine. This award was given to senior Drew Chandler, who participated in Mock Trial for four years and will be attending UofL’s law school in the fall of 2019.

Fred W. Rhodes Servant Leadership Award

Dr. Fred Rhodes witnessed many profound moments watching Bellarmine students touching lives and performing service all over the world. In 2010, Fred’s wife, along with their two children, decided to honor Fred with a surprise birthday party that included the announcement of a scholarship intended to help Bellarmine students continue their efforts to serve others. The Fred W. Rhodes Servant Leader Award was given to Mary Wurtz, who has demonstrated leadership and service to a Bellarmine program.

Phi Beta Kappa Award

Board members of The Phi Beta Kappa Association of Kentuckiana, Inc. are invited each year to identify an outstanding graduating senior from majors in the Arts and Sciences at the University of Louisville, Bellarmine University and Indiana University Southeast. This year, Trevor Stantliff was recognized as a student demonstrating excellence in scholarship as well as attributes of intellectual curiosity, integration of learning, and contribution to the liberal arts.

Honors Societies

The following students are recognized members of honors societies: Cassidy Adams is part of the Alpha Mu Gamma National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society; Josh McCorkle, Satchel Smith, and Haley Todd are members of the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society; Max Cartor and Trevor Stantliff are part of the Kappa Gamma Pi National Catholic Honor Society; Noah Braden and Andrew Chandler are members of the Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society; Kandis Arlinghaus,

Richard Dickerson, Caleb Elmore, and Trevor Stantliff are part of the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership and Honor Society; Jamey VanDyke and Amandarae Matthew belong to the Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society; and Katie Kaufling is recognized by Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology.

English Speaking Union Scholarship

The Kentucky branch of The English-Speaking Union awards a limited number of scholarships to qualified Kentucky college students and Kentucky middle and high school teachers for courses offered at institutions in the United Kingdom each summer. Honors student MacKenzi Gooley was awarded this prestigious and highly competitive scholarship, which allowed her to study creative writing at the University of Edinburgh.

Southern Regional Honors Council Partners in the Parks Stipend

Elisabeth Hernandez received a \$700 stipend from the Southern Regional Honors Council to fund her participation in the National Collegiate Honors Council's Partners in the Parks summer field experience at Zion National Park.



Elisabeth Hernandez hikes in Zion National Park, where she participated in a summer field experience thanks to funding support from the Southern Regional Honors Council.

INTERNSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mary Wurtz, Anna Zimlich, Sam Riddle and Lauren Deines were selected for the Live.Work.Lead.Serve internship grant, a competitive award offered to undergraduate students to allow them to complete an internship with a non-profit organization. Mary completed her internship at Catholic Charities of Louisville, Anna worked with Southern Indiana's LifeSpring Mental Health Clinic, Sam worked with Gilda's Club, and Lauren worked at Down Syndrome of Louisville.

Rising junior Haley Todd has been working in Dr. Mary Huff's lab, researching the effects of cadmium on ovarian cancer cells. She also accepted an internship through Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure and Network (KBRIN) for the summer, a

program which allows undergraduate students to experience research environments at larger R1 universities.

Audrie Lamb completed an internship at the Governor's Scholars Program in Frankfort in Fall 2018. Audrie worked directly under the supervision of the Executive Director to help plan and manage their fall events, such as an awards ceremony at Churchill Downs and recruitment sessions for the summer of 2019.

Eli Megibben interned with Facilities Management Services in the Spring of 2019, where she provided services for refugees and migrants who serve as the janitorial staff at Bellarmine University. Eli's work was crucial to these individuals who are provided with both work and guidance as they integrate into our community.

Olivia Beecham worked as an audit co-op at MCM CPA's and Advisors, which is a tax, assurance, accounting, and consulting service to privately and publicly held businesses, not-for-profits, small businesses, and families throughout the region and across the country.



Trevor Stantliff volunteers at Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center.

Trevor Stantliff served in the healthcare track of the Love Thy Neighborhood Urban Missionary Internship. Love Thy Neighborhood is a program where young adults move to some of the poorest neighborhoods in the nation and learn how to serve and live self-sacrificially. Trevor worked in the Shawnee Christian Healthcare Center (SCHC), which is a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center. His job included collecting patients' vitals, family histories, and medications.

Last summer, Lilly Caudill interned at Fund for the Arts in the Workplace Campaign and Development departments. In this role, she had the opportunity to attend and speak at several workplace fundraising campaigns in the Louisville and Southern Indiana areas, as well as visit multiple Cultural Pass host venues to gather feedback on the program from their respective staff members.

Amandarae Matthew has maintained a long-term position as an Internal Audit Intern at Park Community Credit Union Corporate Headquarters. She assisted the other internal auditors by choosing a sample of accounts to test various controls to ensure that the policies and procedures in place are being followed and are effective, while also checking to see if the account owner has any fraudulent activity.

Ana Mort was accepted to participate in the Summer Health Professions Program for the summer of 2019. The program offers an innovative approach to academic enrichment in basic sciences through team-based learning. It is a rigorously inter-professional program offered in a diverse and vibrant urban environment hosted in Pomona, California.

For over a year, Jillian Sauer has participated in a legal internship at a local law firm in Louisville. With the guidance of her mentor, her position allows her to draft motions and other documents, conduct legal research, and go to court.

In the summer of 2019, Kate Lamb interned with The Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory in downtown Louisville. There she worked alongside the curation and museum administration departments to learn about museum management and spent much of her time leading tours of the museum. She has been asked to continue working in the fall.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TED x BellarmineU

This year, Bellarmine hosted TEDx, an independently organized TED event. The TED company is famous for its motivating TED Talks on a multitude of topics. TEDx events are organized by curious individuals who seek to discover ideas and spark conversations in their own community. Mary Wurtz, a rising senior studying Foreign Languages and International Studies, wrote and presented her TEDx Talk titled “A Second Soul: Love as the World’s Lingua Franca.” Dr. Hoon Choi, a member of the Honors Council, presented a TEDx Talk titled “A Case Against a Diversity Course Requirement: A Holistic Alternative”. Junior John Klapheke was on the core team, which helped ensure smooth production of the event. Mary and Dr. Choi’s TEDx Talks can be found on YouTube.



Dr. Choi presents his TED Talk at Bellarmine’s own TEDx event.

Provost Search Committee

Honors students Mary Wurtz and Kate Lamb were selected to participate in the Provost Search, which involved a select group of students who were invited to eat lunch with each of the candidates. This allowed for students to ask questions of each of the potential provost and see who felt like the best fit for Bellarmine. This opportunity demonstrated how much Bellarmine truly values the thoughts and opinions of its

student body. Students recorded their feedback, which was collected and reviewed by the administration as they made the final decision.

Women in Leadership Banquet

The Women in Leadership Banquet is held in March during Women's History Month to allow female-identifying Bellarmine leaders to connect with each other and the network of young Alumnae, share ideas and inspiration, and celebrate the many accomplishments of women in our community. This event is going on its 15th year, and this year's theme was "Emergence". Two Honors students were recognized at the event: first-year student Sarah Turo won the Emerging Leader award, and junior Mary Wurtz won the Rising Leader award.

32nd Annual KPA Psych Bowl Competition

Lauren Deines traveled with four other students to Asbury University where they participated in the 2019 KPA Psych Bowl. The Psych Bowl is a high energy, single-elimination quiz tournament for teams of undergraduate students majoring in Psychology.

Camp Kesem

MacKenzi Gooley started a new RSO on campus called Camp Kesem, a national college organization that provides free summer camps to kids whose parents are affected by cancer. The first camp will be during the summer of 2020 but starting next fall the organization will be in full swing to plan and raise money for the camp. They are also hoping to branch out and help as many families as possible.

Civil Discourse Panel

The Civil Discourse panel, hosted in the spring of 2019, was put together by Honors student Mary Greenfield. The panel's aim was to start conversation about what effective civil discourse looks like and how we can begin to adopt practices, both in the academic sphere and the community, to foster spaces for it to occur. The panelists included three Bellarmine professors: Dr. Ainsley Lambert-Swain, Dr. Hoon Choi, and Dr. Evanthia Speliotis; and the Associate Program Director at the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center in Louisville, Mr. Tim Darst. Many members of the community attended, along with several groups of Bellarmine students. Many members of the Louisville community want to make this an annual panel, possibly partnering with some more organizations in addition to the Earth and Spirit Center for spring of 2020.



Mary Greenfield leads Bellarmine's first civil discourse panel, encouraging a productive environment for important dialogue in our community.

Spring into Action Day

Spring into Action is an annual event put on by the Office of Service and Leadership that gives students an opportunity to serve with a local organization in Louisville that is making an impact on the lives of the city's inhabitants. Kate Lamb led a team, and other Honors students participated in the event. This day of service offered students a chance to reflect on what service means to them and allowed students to bond with one another while they worked.

Bellarmino Latinx Hispanic Union

Bellarmino Latinx Hispanic Union's (BLHU) mission is to celebrate, support, and advocate for the Latinx and Hispanic community at Bellarmine University. BLU's purpose is to educate, unite and, inspire Latinx and Hispanic students with cultural awareness; to strive for academic excellence and empower Latinx and Hispanic students to build the future while we motivate and learn. The club was created by Honors student Ana Mort.



Members of the BLHU visit historic Selma, Alabama.



Members of the 2018-2019 Residence Life staff pose for a photo as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Residence Life Office

Resident Assistants (RAs), Academic Peer Advisors (APAs) and Peer Ministers are vital to a students' experience living on campus. Providing both academic and emotional support for their residents, Residence Life staff dedicate a significant portion of their lives to those around them. Within the last year, a number of Honors students served their on-campus community in the residence halls: Emmanuel Fasipe, Jordan Stacy, Grace Michels, Audrie Lamb, and Allie Richards served as RAs; Amandarae Matthew, Trevor Stantliff, and Marley Alexander served as APAs, and Allie Moore and Andrew O'Neill served as peer ministers.

Bellarmino Society

The Bellarmine Society is a student advisory council to President Donovan. The group meets regularly with Dr. Donovan to engage in dialogue on topics ranging from on-campus living to Title IX report processing. Each group of Bellarmine Society members is selected by the previous year's participants, and this year the council included Honors students Drew Chandler and Eli Megibben.

Greek Life

Honors student Cass Marlow was elected to be a National Voting Delegate for Bellarmine's Alpha Phi Omega chapter, Alpha Eta Chi, and went to Austin, Texas to participate in legislation that was for the national fraternity. In November, Lilly Caudill visited Phi Mu National Headquarters in Peachtree City, Georgia as part of the national Phi Mu Collegiate Advisory Committee.

Additionally, in January, Lilly was appointed as Phi Mu Rho Zeta's 2019 Parent and Alumnae Relations Chair. Savannah Trussell and Breena Frazier both served as Vice-Presidents of service for the APO fraternity.



Lilly Caudill visits the Phi Mu national headquarters in Georgia.

Student Government Association

Bellarmino's Student Government Association (SGA) is instrumental as the line of communication between Bellarmine's administration and its constituents. Honors students who served during the 2018-2019 SGA term are Andrew Chandler, Senior Representative; Audrie Lamb, Junior Representative; Jack Clines, Sophomore Representative; Alexa Glass, Cash Brainer, Sarah Downs, Joey Rains, First-Year Representatives.

Mock Trial

Bellarmino's Mock Trial team had a very accomplished year, traveling to multiple competitions and scrimmages, and finishing their season at the Opening Round Championships. Their Executive Board consisted of 4 members of the Honors program; Drew Chandler (senior) served as President, Jillian Sauer (junior) as Vice President, Jamey Van Dyke (junior) as Treasurer, and Annie Wamsley (first-year) as the Public Relations chair. Outstanding witness awards were given to Annaleigh Cummings and Jillian Sauer, and an outstanding attorney award was given to Drew Chandler.



Annaleigh Cummings and Jillian Sauer lay down the law as part of Bellarmine's mock trial team.

International Thomas Merton Society

Mary Greenfield received a scholarship to attend the International Thomas Merton Society conference which was hosted at Santa Clara University in California. The scholarship also included a year-long membership to the society. The experience enabled participants to develop relationships with Merton scholars from across the country and the world. Mary found the experience inspiring, and she hopes it will fuel her Honors thesis.

Global Ties US

In January, Mary Wurtz was named an Emerging Leader by Global Ties U.S., an international exchange and public diplomacy organization located in Washington, D.C. The Emerging Leaders Program gathers standout interns and volunteers from the Global Ties network nationwide to participate in the National Meeting and in a series of networking events, workshops, and panel sessions with foreign policy professionals.



Mary Wurtz poses in the Chinese embassy in Washington D.C.

ARTS & ATHLETICS

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

The Bellarmine Theatre Program produced *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a contemporary musical comedy about middle school misfits competing for the title of Spelling Champion and finding comfort amongst their peers as they make their way through various prepubescent hardships. Directed by Dr. Zackary Ross, a member of the Honors Council, with Music Direction by Dr. Mark Kano, the production starred Honors student Kevin Haas, while Honors students Logan Wright, Correna Tate, De'avion Reid, and Taryn Tramill all worked as part of the backstage crew. Maddie Kurtz did the social media publicity as part of her applied senior thesis project.



Honors students Kevin Haas and Logan Wright duel it out in Bellarmine's production of *House of Desires*.

House of Desires

The Bellarmine Theatre Program produced *House of Desires*, a Spanish Golden Age comedy by Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz about “a brother and sister who become entangled in a web of love with four others.” Directed by Professor Megan Burnett, this production featured several

students from the Honors Program: the cast included Taryn Tramill, Kevin Haas, Mackenzie Tedford, and Logan Wright; and the original music was composed and performed by Evan Sims. Other Honors students helped behind the scenes: Aubrey Kirchoff was one the assistant stage managers, and Maddie Kurtz did the social media publicity as part of her applied senior thesis project.

Spring Fling and Sing

Bellarmino's Music Department invited students and faculty alike to watch accomplished musicians and singers perform in the Quad. Evan Sims arranged and performed "Jigsaw Falling into Place" by Radiohead with Elyse Frye on violin. The Gumbo Ensemble also played at the event, with Honors students Josh McCorkle playing the baritone saxophone and Ethan Colbert playing the tenor saxophone.

Flo Gault Poetry Contest

First-year student Andrea Doll received an honorable mention in the Flo Gault Poetry Contest, a state-wide contest for undergraduate students, this year hosted by Sarabande Books. Andrea's submission was titled "Skin Splayed Out on the Pavement of the Night."

Mango Street Live

Mango Street Live is an annual poetry and jazz event that is dedicated to the celebration of student achievement and repertoire in the arts. Led by Honors student Emmanuel Fasipe, the program showcases talent in the arts from students across campus.

The Vagina Monologues

The Vagina Monologues is a series of monologues written by Eve Ensler that illustrates the lives and struggles of women in our society. It is a part of the V-Day campaign, which has become an annual celebration of women. The 2019 Vagina Monologues were directed by Honors sophomore Taryn Tramill, and she, along with Lauren Deines, Mary Greenfield, Correna Tate, and Ana Mort, performed in the program.



Manny Fasipe emcees at Mango Street Live.

Athletics

Honors student-athletes distinguished themselves throughout the academic year, proving that excellence in sports and excellence in the classroom are by no means mutually exclusive. Connor Lynn, Haley Todd, Caroline Lucas, and Kandis Arlinghaus competed on the swim team; Elise Markley, Lauren Mackey and Kenzi Gooley on our women's soccer team; Amanda Isom in field hockey; Max Cartor in men's lacrosse; Madeline Kurtz in softball; Josh McCorkle in wrestling; Savannah Trussell in golf; and Neville Wintergerst-Burch in women's cross country and track & field.

Honorable Highlights: Kentucky Honors Roundtable & Southern Regional Honors Council

Honors students presented research and creative work at a variety of venues, including the Southern Regional Honors Council conference in Memphis in the spring. Also, in the spring, Bellarmine University hosted the Kentucky Honors Roundtable conference, an event for Honors students and faculty from colleges across the commonwealth.

Bellarmino brought 22 faculty and administrators and 80 students from 10 different institutions to campus for a weekend of oral and poster presentations.

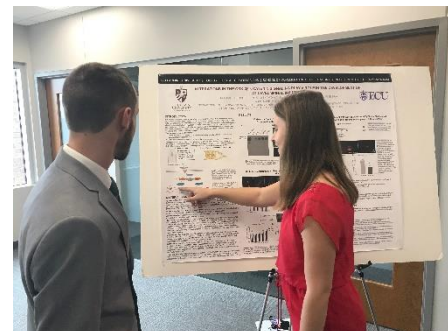
As part of that conference, Bellarmine hosted a symposium in honor of Dr. Margaret H. Mahoney, who ran Bellarmine's Cardinal sections, which was the antecedent to the Honors Program we have today. 36 Bellarmine Honors and Cardinal sections alumni also attended, providing them the opportunity to reconnect with the program and meet our current students.



Cassidy Adams presents her creative work at Kentucky Honors Roundtable.



While in Memphis for SRHC, Honors students (1 to r) Katie Kauffling, Eli Megibben, Trevor Stantliff, and Drew Chandler do their best Elvis impressions at Sun Studios. Not pictured: Dr. Blandford embarrassing everyone by playing air guitar.



Hailee Bray presents her original research on spinal cord injuries at KHR.

Honorable Highlights: Faulkner Course



Dr. Conor Picken led a new course called "Faulkner and Social Change", which focused on what one could ascertain about social inequality through William Faulkner's novels. As a southern white man, Faulkner's views on social issues were what we might call backwards, yet his novels reveal a tension present in the South as it struggled with its past in matters of race, class, and gender.

The class was run as a seminar, which means that every student was responsible for leading an organized class discussion. This style allowed students to have more agency in class and it spread out the talking points in a way that built a sense of community. The course culminated in a literary pilgrimage to Faulkner's hometown of Oxford, Mississippi, where the class toured his home and community.

Honorable Highlights: Merici's Mentors

Merici's Mentors is an organization started in September of 2018 by Bellarmine University Honors students Mary Daniels and Lexi Cox. The organization works to increase diversity, inclusion, and equity in higher education by helping students from underprivileged schools prepare for and apply to college. Merici's Mentors offer a variety of workshops on ACT preparation, FAFSA, scholarships, how to fill out an admissions application, and more. Last year, the program served roughly sixty students from the Jefferson County School District, Oldham County, and even Jeffersonville, Indiana. Fellow honors students John Sparks, Allison Moore, Kate Lamb, Jack Clines, and Jacob Scobee all volunteered their time to help with our workshops last year. Thanks to their efforts, three of the program's mentees went on to secure full ride scholarships to various colleges across Kentucky, including Campbellsville University, The University of Louisville, and our very own Bellarmine University.

One of Merici's Mentors' biggest events of the year was its partnership with Iroquois High School to provide two weeks of intensive ACT preparation to their students, with forty students electing to participate in these sessions. Merici's Mentors has also worked to increase diversity and inclusion at Bellarmine University through its Night with the Knights overnight experience, which brought high-achieving students of color from JCPS schools to spend the night at Bellarmine University and see what being a knight is all about. Two of the Night with the Knights students committed to Bellarmine and are attending in the fall. Under the leadership of John Sparks, Mary Daniels, and Lexi Cox, Merici's Mentors will continue to expand during the 2019-2020 school year and work to bring more diversity, equity, and inclusion to higher education.



John Sparks (left), Mary Daniels (middle) and Lexi Cox (second from right) show three high school students a day in the life of a Bellarmine student.

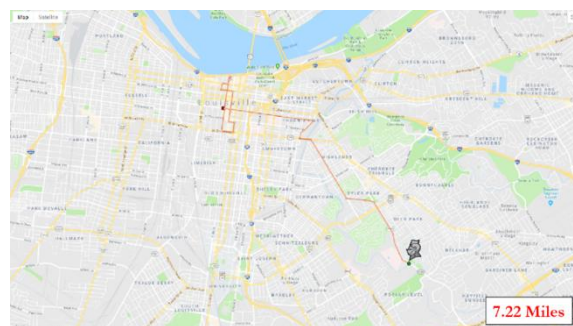
Honorable Highlights: Dr. T's Physical Activity Across the Lifespan

In the fall of 2018, Dr. Thomas Wójcicki added an experiential learning component for the Honors students in his “Physical Activity Across the Lifespan” course. Students in this course not only learn about basic physical changes and physical abilities across the lifespan, but also observe the sociological and socioeconomic effects on physical activity and its consequent effects on physique. The class invites students to think critically about the walkability of a city, and the impact it may have on the people who live there.

The Honors aspect of this course took Honors students out of the classroom and into the world to enhance their learning. Two Honors students, Tyler Satterfield and Garrett Scaman, joined Dr. T on four separate walking excursions throughout Louisville. These trips included Dr. T's daily walking commute from the Flynn Building to Bellarmine's Main Campus, a trek through Old Louisville, a public transportation tour of Downtown Louisville, and a commute into Southern Indiana via the Walking Bridge. The goal of these outings was to expose students to social and environmental factors that would affect walkability and to engage in conversations about pedestrian rights and concerns. In total, these students traveled roughly 15 miles, 8 miles of which were on foot. At the end of the semester, Tyler and Garrett were asked to reflect on their trips and present their experience to the class. Overall, Dr. T's “Honored” Physical Activity course was a huge success, and the dual course will be run again in the Fall of 2019, this year with more Honors students to embrace the experience.



Dr. Thomas Wójcicki acquired his Ph.D in Kinesiology with a focus in Exercise Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Now a proud Louisvillian, Dr. T actively promotes walkability and accessibility to public transportation to the city.



A snapshot of a route through Downtown Louisville, one of the many off-campus excursions for Dr. T's course.

Senior Recognition

One of the unique components of the Honors experience is the senior thesis, which provides students in the program with the opportunity to make meaningful contributions to their chosen fields of study by working closely with faculty mentors on projects of their own design.

Students have consistently stressed how crucial the Honors Thesis process was to their intellectual and personal development, and just how valuable a credential it proved to be when applying for jobs or to top graduate and professional schools.

We would like to congratulate our graduating Honors students in the Class of 2019 and wish them well in their future.

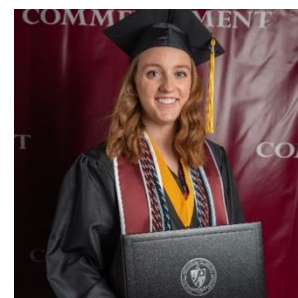
Cassidy Adams

Cassidy Adams double-majored in Art and Spanish while at Bellarmine University. She completed her thesis with a focus in photographic art, titling it “A Creative Study in Black and White: A Black and White Study of Familial Photographs During the 20th Century and their Relevance to Contemporary Life”. Her thesis was presented at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable conference hosted by Bellarmine.



Kandis Arlinghaus

Kandis Arlinghaus majored in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Bellarmine. She presented her thesis, “The Effects of Ultraviolet Light Exposure on the Activity of Catalase in the Coelomocytes of the Sea Urchins *Lytechinus variegatus* and *Arbacia punctulata*”, at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable at both Western Kentucky University and Bellarmine University, and at Bellarmine’s Spring 2019 Undergraduate Poster Celebration. Kandis was awarded the “Best Thesis Award” from the Bellarmine Honors Council. Next year, she will be attending the University of Georgia for a Masters in Marine Science, where she will be studying chemical oceanography.



Senior Recognition

Bridget Bard

Bridget Bard graduated in the fall of 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Bellarmine. Her thesis, “Religious Motivation, Priming, and Their Effects on Sexist Language,” was presented at Western Kentucky University. Bridget spent her spring semester giving back to her university by working in the Campus Ministry office. She is currently looking to branch out to other universities for a position in Offices of Diversity and Inclusion or Campus Ministry. She hopes to work with college students to empower them to create the change they want to see in the world.



Noah Braden

Noah Braden studied both Economics and Accounting while at Bellarmine. He presented his thesis, titled “Predictability of Mid-to-Long Term Price Direction Following Price Shocks Unassociated with Regularly Scheduled Earnings Calls in Domestic Equity Markets” at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable and Spring Celebration of Undergraduate Research, both of which were hosted by Bellarmine. He will begin working for KPMG Limited Liability Partnership’s Louisville location in September of 2019 and is preparing to take the CPA exam.



Maxwell Cartor

Max Cartor majored in Mathematics and was a member of Ambassadors and Bellarmine’s Orientation Team, was a peer tutor for the SSC, and a four-year member of the lacrosse team. Max was also named one of the two Knights of Honor this year. He presented his thesis, “The Topology of the Unbased Visual Boundary of the Diestel Leader Graph”, at the Indiana chapter meeting of the Mathematical Association of America at Hanover. He was awarded the “Best Thesis Presentation” by the Honors Council. He has chosen to attend UofL in the fall.



Senior Recognition

Andrew Chandler

Drew Chandler majored in Economics and Political Science and was president of Bellarmine's competitive Mock Trial team for three years. His thesis, "A Rhetorical Analysis of Opening Statements in Trial: Reconsidering the Classical Canon of Invention," was presented at the Southern Regional Honors Conference. At the Honors and Awards Brunch, Drew delivered the Presidential Speech to an audience of faculty, staff, and other students. He was awarded the Fred C. and Florence Koster Scholarship Award, the Paul B. Kleine-Kracht Award, and the 2018-2019 Inspirational RSO Member Award. He will be attending the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law in the fall.



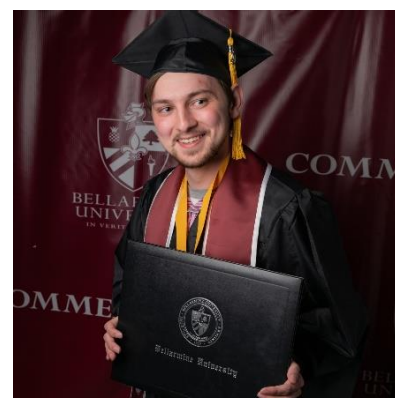
Gabrielle Davis

Gabby Davis majored in Psychology while she attended Bellarmine University. Her thesis, titled "The Framing of Recovery and Anorexia Nervosa Treatment Willingness," was presented at multiple conferences, including Kentucky Honors Roundtable and the Southern Regional Honors Conference in Memphis. She has been accepted to the Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville, where she is pursuing a Master's of Science in Social Work. Her goal is to attain a therapy license and provide individual counseling in a private setting.



D. Richard Dickerson III

Richard Dickerson studied Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Bellarmine. His thesis was titled "The Scientific Phantom Problem: Planck's Quantum in Light of Nietzschean Critiques," and he presented his research at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable hosted by Bellarmine. He will attend medical school at the University of Louisville.



Senior Recognition

Caleb Elmore

Caleb Elmore majored in Biology at Bellarmine University. He presented his thesis, “The Political Animal: On the Why, the How, and the Who of the City,” at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable hosted by Bellarmine. He is attending medical school at the University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Kennedy Erwin

Kennedy Erwin graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Bellarmine. She presented her thesis, “Impacts of pH Exposure on the Germination of the Freshwater Bryozoan Pectinatella magnifica,” at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable hosted by Bellarmine. She is continuing her education at Purdue University, where she’ll study veterinary science.



Katherine Kaufling

Katie Kaufling majored in Psychology at Bellarmine University, where she has served on the Honors Student Advisory board for three years. Her thesis, “Exploring Associations between Academic Achievement, Worry, Personality, and Parental Warmth and Control,” was presented at three regional conferences and multiple times on campus. She was awarded the “Best Thesis Award” from the Bellarmine Honors Council. Her post-grad plans include marrying her high school sweetheart and pursuing a PhD in Developmental Psychology at the University of Louisville.



Senior Recognition

Julia King

Julia King graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Bellarmine. Her thesis, “The Unique Identity of the Korean Sound,” was presented at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable event hosted by Bellarmine.



Sebastian Kontic

Sebastian Kontic studied Accounting while attending Bellarmine University. He presented his thesis, “R&D in the Accounting Landscape,” at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable at Bellarmine University. His plans include pursuing a Master’s in Business Administration at Bellarmine, and continuing to work at Ernst and Young CPAs.



Elizabeth Megibben

Eli Megibben studied English, History and Peace Studies at Bellarmine. Her thesis, “‘We were just trying to, you know, survive’; Coming of Age as a Displaced Person and Narrative” illustrated the stories of displaced persons and the ways their experiences changed their lives. She presented her research at the Bellarmine Undergraduate Celebration of Research and Creativity, the Kentucky Honors Roundtable at both WKU and Bellarmine, and Southern Regional Honors Conference in Memphis, Tennessee. Since graduating, Eli has earned a certification in teaching English as a second language and has taken a full-time job as an English Instructional Assistant (serving as a one-on-one aid for English-learners) at Martha Layne Collins High School.



Senior Recognition

Trevor Stantliff

Trevor Stantliff studied Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in his time at Bellarmine. He served as an APA for two years and was the Honors Student Advisory Board president his senior year. Trevor finished a 3-year research project in the fields of Cancer Drug Discovery with his thesis titled "Investigations of the Mechanism of Action for Lung Cancer Cell Death by a 4-Trifluoromethoxy Substituted Chalcone Derivative." Trevor presented this research at three separate conferences. After graduating, he will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine to pursue a Medical Degree.



Catherine Terrell

Cat Terrell majored in Biology and minored in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology while she was at Bellarmine. Her thesis was titled "The Effects of Language in Music on Memory," and she presented her research at the Kentucky Honors Roundtable as well as the Undergraduate Celebration of Academic Achievement. After graduation, Cat is planning to move to South Korea to teach English. Later, she plans to move back to the US to pursue a Master's degree in Elementary Education.



ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Erin Crone ('18) was the first recipient of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum 2019 Leopold Fellowship. The fellowship will provide funding to pursue an M.S. in Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison while conducting ecological research in the Arboretum starting in the fall 2019 semester. Erin was also awarded a highly competitive fellowship from the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program, which recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based Master's and doctoral degrees at accredited United States institutions.

Elizabeth Dugan ('18) is a first-year medical student at the University of Louisville, class of 2022. She was elected to serve as UofL Medical Student Council President for the 2019-2020 school year and is also President of the UofL Women in Surgery Club. She participated in the 2019 UofL Summer Research Scholars Program, where they worked in a neurobiology lab to examine the genetic regulation of anatomical plasticity in the adult sensory cortex. Finally, she performed a jazz dance in the ULSOM Talent Show and a ballet contemporary dance for the ULSOM Convocation of Thanks in honor of the Willed Body Program donors of the human anatomy lab.

Clare Hagan ('18) spends time stage managing a devised theater piece which is being produced in three rural Kentucky nursing homes in Morgantown, Hodgenville, and Beattyville. The project, known as "The I won't grow up project" or "Wendy's Neverland," is a collaboration between Signature Healthcare LLC, which is based out of Louisville, and Timeslips, a nonprofit which deals with creativity and dementia. In addition to that work, Clare will be interning for Sarabande Books, which is a nonprofit literary press dedicated to publishing quality poetry, short fiction, and essays. She has also been working as part of the Research Team for Looking for Lillith's upcoming play centered around Kentucky Suffragists.

Allison Welp ('17) graduated with her Bachelor's in Medical Laboratory Science. Since graduating, she has passed her qualifying exams and advanced to PhD candidacy at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine, where she is studying microbiology and immunology. She has joined Jen Bomberger's lab, where they study viral-bacterial co-infection during chronic respiratory diseases.

Ashley Jefferson ('17) graduated from Bellarmine University and shortly after entered into the Bellarmine Doctor of Physical Therapy program. She has continued

research through the program - last year assisting Dr. Pariser in her research with the program “Walk With Ease,” and this year working with Dr. Ayotte working with adolescent volleyball players, testing out a core program to see if it may help with preventing injury and improving athletic performance. She looks forward to graduating in May 2020, passing the boards, and finding a career.

Colin Copley ('17) is now a Graduate Assistant at Texas State University in their Geography program, and he is planning to graduate in May 2020. He has received the Merrick Merit Fellowship. Lastly, in the fall of 2018, Dr. Mazur presented and published a conference paper that Colin received co-authorship on from work done on his honors thesis.

Layne Porta ('12) received her Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition from the University of Louisville and has taken a position at Rollins College in Orlando, FL teaching and directing the student writing center.

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