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Dear Friends,

Honors College students are very involved in service activities. That includes service to the campus community, the general community, and even service in far reaches of the world. This issue of the Honors Community magazine highlights Honors students in service activities, including several stories featuring particular students and their individual contributions in service.

It is clear to us in the Honors College office that Honors students are very involved on campus. Perhaps it is the connection to the service that our Honors students have done in high school through participation in National Honors Society chapters. Perhaps it is just the knowledge that high-achieving students have a responsibility to give back to their community. In any case, I think you will find this issue of our magazine to be quite enlightening as to the various kinds of service activities in which our Honors students are involved.

The Honors Alumni Executive Board was instrumental in helping organize a very special event for us on campus in April – the first annual Honors College Distinguished Alumni Awards Breakfast. Descriptions of the four Honors alumni who were featured that day are found in this issue of the magazine. This event was so successful that we plan to host it every year. Look for an e-mail from the Honors College early in 2015 that asks you to nominate Honors alumni for one of these special awards.

Some standard features of our Honors Community magazine that you will once again find in this issue are reports on students receiving special awards and an interview with one of our Honors faculty members.

This spring’s graduating class of Honors College students numbered more than three hundred. Our list of alumni is expanding rapidly! I am proud of the accomplishments of our graduates. Please do remain connected to our Honors Community.

Dr. Dale H. Mugler, UA Honors College

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Relay for Life – Jennifer Anand

Jen Anand certainly isn’t your average Honors Student. Many Honors students go through tough times and emerge as leaders, but Jen is certainly one of a kind. The oldest of seven children, Jen is a two-time cancer survivor. Jen was first diagnosed with Stage IV Hodgkin’s Lymphoma in January 2012, just eight months before joining the Honors College at The University of Akron. In December 2012 after completing her first semester, she had a relapse forcing her to miss the Spring Semester to get a bone marrow transplant. Jen is a fighter. She returned this past fall to the Honors College. In April, Jen was the team captain for the Honors College Relay for Life team. Under her leadership, the Honors College team raised over $2300 for the American Cancer Society. Jen was also awarded the Luminaria Award for bringing in the most new sponsors.

She decided to be the captain of the team because of not only her own personal struggles with cancer but also in memory of her best friend’s brother, Sam LiBassi, who passed away in October 2013 from his third battle with cancer at the age of 25. “I wanted to help honor these people and support cancer patients everywhere,” Jen said of her decision.

After Relay for Life 2014, at The University of Akron, Jen had a unique survivor’s perspective of the event:

“As a survivor, it was really cool to see all the arrangements and ceremonies for the survivors. All the survivors are invited to kick off Relay by walking the opening lap. Later on, there is a survivor ceremony where survivors are honored, and asked to share their name, cancer, and years in remission if they so choose. Afterwards, all survivors and caregivers are invited to walk around the track, while all others line the sides of the track and clapped. The neat part about this ceremony is that caregivers were included and honored. My family was such an integral part of helping me beat cancer, and I was so thankful they also were honored.”

Relay for Life 2014 is only the beginning for the community service Jen Anand has planned to help those affected by cancer. She and her family are now regular volunteers making meals at Ronald McDonald House (RMH) which helps support the families of those suffering from cancer. Jen has also begun planning a fundraiser benefit for RMH based off of the food network show “Chopped.” She created “The Cookie Project” which is a campus group that will make cookies for RMH in Akron. Jen also is active with the Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) support group at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital. This group is designed to meet and support other cancer survivors and those currently undergoing treatment.

In the future, Jen hopes to use her degree in Mechanical Polymer Engineering to develop and improve medical devices.

Three UA Honors Students recognized in 2014 by national Goldwater Scholarship program.

With only 283 awards given in the entire United States for the nationally-competitive Goldwater Scholarships, it is special that three UA Honors students received recognition in 2014. In the picture (left to right) are Melissa Boswell, Gregory Howard, and Cale Crowder. Both Crowder and Howard were awarded this special scholarship and Boswell received “honorable mention.” The Goldwater scholarship is for students completing their junior year in a STEM discipline who plan to go on to graduate school in research. Each of these three UA scholars has been active in research in biomedical engineering.
On Friday April 25, the Honors College held its first annual Honors College Distinguished Alumni Awards Breakfast. This awards ceremony was created to honor and recognize four alumni of the Honors College who have demonstrated noteworthy professional achievements and have made significant contributions to their communities.

The Awards Breakfast also presented a new award to a graduating senior. The John B. and Kathryn M. Hunter Award in Community Leadership and Service is awarded to someone “who shows extraordinary leadership in his or her commitment to and involvement in organizations and activities that serve and improve the lives of humankind.”

Also honored were the top 10 graduating seniors as chosen by a committee within the Honors College based on a number of criteria including: GPA, activities, awards, and community involvement.

Alumni Honored

Upon graduation from the Honors College in 2006, Mr. Braddock began his career as a Mathematics teacher in the Streetsboro City School District. He worked to integrate various technologies into the classroom, such as SMARTboard math tools, SMARTboard student response devices, and Microsoft Office, in order to improve student learning. He also applied for grants through organizations such as DonorsChoose.org and the Streetsboro Educational Foundation. He also reviewed and submitted recommendations to update and expand Streetsboro’s AP course offerings. During his time at Streetsboro, Mr. Braddock completed his Master of Education in 2011 from The University of Akron.

In 2012, Mr. Braddock became the middle and high school instructional consultant in mathematics and STEM coordinator for the Mahoning County Education Service Center in Youngstown, Ohio. Currently, he manages a project that works to unite K-12 districts, area businesses, industry partners, government, and higher education institutions to increase STEM education in Ohio.

Mr. Braddock belongs to several math societies, including the Greater Akron Mathematics Educators Society and The University of Akron Calculus Communication Circle. He has also received several teaching awards, including The Streetsboro High School Teacher of the Month in February 2012, and The Partners in Education Teacher of the Month in November 2011.

Mr. Braddock's time at The University of Akron's Honors College benefitted him both professionally and personally. Professionally, he received a fine education while earning his B.S. in Mathematics and a B.A. in Education in 2006. This allowed him to pursue his passion of working with mathematics and young people. Personally, he met his future wife, Meganne, in the Honors College.

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The University of Akron and InfoCision Management Corporation work together closely, and they also have been intertwined in Mr. Brubaker’s life. He began his career at InfoCision Management Corporation in 1985 while a student in the Honors College at The University of Akron. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Finance in 1992, while working at InfoCision. In his current role as Chief...
of Staff, he is a member of the Executive Team and is responsible for HR, internal and external communications, and manages InfoCision's legal and compliance departments.

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Theresa Morelli

Ms. Theresa Morelli is a native of Akron and a two-time graduate of The University of Akron. Ms. Morelli attended The University of Akron and graduated summa cum laude in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in English from the Honors College.

She then attended the University's School of Law and graduated with her J.D. in 1989. Since graduating from The University of Akron, Ms. Morelli has been a loyal alumna and has contributed to student success through her gifts. She has helped fund the Akron Experience Scholarship Fund, the Honor College Alumni Endowed Scholarship, and the School of Law Dean's Club.

After graduating from The University of Akron's School of Law in 1989, Ms. Morelli began working as an associate attorney at William Zavarello Co., L.P.A., where she practiced malpractice, personal injury, tort, and civil rights law until 1991. She then joined Southeastern Ohio Legal Services as a staff attorney and provided legal representation for low-income Ohioans until 1997. In 1998, Ms. Morelli began working at Forest City Enterprises in a limited compliance role.

She then served as Corporate Counsel and Assistant General Counsel before arriving at her current position of Managing Counsel of Residential Management in 2012. She started a small law department within Forest City Enterprises, a publicly traded company. Her current duties include providing comprehensive counsel, ensuring compliance for housing and property management issues, and representing the corporation before administrative agencies and the courts.

In the midst of her busy career, Ms. Morelli found time to teach, publish, and present papers at conferences. She has served as an adjunct instructor at several colleges, presented papers at a number of legal meetings, and published five articles in journals dealing with legal and health matters. She is a nationally recognized legislative and media advocate for persons affected by genetic discrimination and has appeared on NBC News, PBS, public radio, CNN, and Good Morning America. Forest City has recognized her with its Shining Star Award.

Allison Tillinger

Ms. Allison Tillinger’s experiences at The University of Akron’s Honors College have allowed her to pursue a career devoted to her passion—Art. A life-long art enthusiast, Ms. Tillinger now spends her days surrounded by art at The Cleveland Museum of Art. She started her professional journey at The University of Akron’s Honors College, where she majored in History and Art History. While a student, she worked as an administrative assistant in the Honors Program and was an active Honors Delegate member and Honors Club member, even serving as the President of the Honors Club for one year. Between her undergraduate and graduate years, Ms. Tillinger interned at a variety of museums, including The National Inventors Hall of Fame, The Cleveland Museum of Art, The Massillon Museum of Art, The Conner Contemporary Art Gallery in Washington, D.C., and the Archives of American Art at the Smithsonian Institution.

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After graduation, Ms. Tillinger moved to Washington, D.C. to study Art History at George Washington University, from which she graduated with a master’s in Art History in 2006. Though she left Ohio for a short time, her strong local ties brought her back to Akron. From 2005–2009, she worked at the Akron Museum of Art, initially as Curatorial Assistant and then as Assistant Curator.

After a four-month period at the Dunham Tavern Museum in Cleveland, she returned to the Akron Art Museum as the Assistant to the Director. In 2010, Ms. Tillinger became the Membership Assistant at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

The following year, Ms. Tillinger was promoted to her current position of Engagement Specialist. In this position, she develops and implements events and activities to engage museum donors and prospective donors including behind-the-scenes programs, specialized tours, museum studies courses, concerts, receptions, and other events. One of her recent projects is to help found and develop Column & Stripe, the museum’s newest affiliate group for young professionals who are in their 20s and 30s.

Ms. Tillinger is an active and engaged alumna of The University of Akron. She was an inaugural member of The University of Akron Honors College Alumni Board. She served as the President of the Board from 2009–2011 and as the Development Committee Chairwomen from 2011–2013.

The John B. and Kathryn M. Hunter Award in Community Leadership and Service

Jean-Pierre Iskandar

When Jean-Pierre first came to the University of Akron from Lebanon, he was not accepted to the Honors College. He had no scholarships, a large cultural and language gap, and no AP or post-secondary credits like many honors students have. However, he did have a passion to succeed and to overcome any obstacle in his way. Jean-Pierre was later accepted to the Honors College as a continuing student because of that passion.

Since then, Jean-Pierre has been a volunteer at both Akron General and Summa hospitals, in the emergency room and the Red Cross blood donation center. He has been a volunteer with the Antonine Sisters Adult Day Care since 2005. He has tutored for French, Spanish, and Chemistry for several years at UA. He has been a learning assistant for Human Anatomy and Physiology and for Principles of Chemistry I and II, and his review sessions typically draw 250 students per session! He voluntarily teaches MCAT study sessions at UA and for Kaplan. He has been a peer mentor for first year Honors Students for the past two years. He has served as president of both the French Honor Society and of the campus Mortar Board Senior Honorary. He has been active in Phi Delta Epsilon medical fraternity on campus. He is active as a research assistant on more than one project in biology. He has done all of this while maintaining a 3.9 GPA. Jean-Pierre is headed to Case Western Reserve University for a special medical program.

Top 10 Graduating Seniors

Sara Auclair
History and Spanish

Sean Blasko
Computer Science and Information Systems Management

Jean-Pierre Iskandar
Biology and French

Rachel Salyer
Communications

George Voros
Biochemistry and Biology

Michael Wransky
Applied Mathematics

Zachariah Lowe
Integrated Social Studies Education

Allen Mathis
Mechanical Engineering

Clinton Metzger
Biology and Spanish

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Make a Difference Day – The Honors Club

One of the easiest ways for an Honors Student to get involved at the University of Akron is to join the Honors Club. The Honors Club is the perfect blend of social and service organizations. “Honors Club is a great opportunity to take a break from the monotony of studying to meet fellow students you may not have otherwise. Our group offers study breaks, fun social events, and service opportunities to help make a difference in our community as a whole,” says Janean Kazimir, the Service Vice President of Honors Club.

So what in particular does the Honors Club do for community? Kazimir provided insight, “Our biggest events each year are Make a Difference Day (M.A.D.D.) in October and Relay for Life in April. M.A.D.D. is a lot of fun because you sign up as an organization and get sent out to a random place in the community the morning of the event. You never know what to expect because the projects vary so widely.

In the past 2 years, we planted several thousand tulip bulbs and stacked bricks at Stan Hywett Hall and then cleaned/painted tables in a church meeting hall all in just a few hours.” In addition to M.A.D.D. and Relay for Life, the Honors club also has put together numerous canned food drives, participated in national volunteer week, volunteered at the Akron Marathon, and helped with many other service projects. Social Vice President Savannah Snyder’s fondest memory of Honors Club came at the Akron Marathon while the team helped with recycling. “Recycling may seem like a tedious task of placing the recycled items into the correct bins as well as gather these bags up and take them to the proper location, but the atmosphere of the marathon was amazing! Everyone was in high spirits and into recycling while others told us how awesome it was that we were doing it! It was a really gratifying to be a part of it,” said Snyder.

The Honors Club has a membership of around 100 students with around 40 regularly attending each event. It is an informal and fun way for the Honors Students to make a difference while also building great relationship with their peers and members in the community.

Take Steps Akron – Kanga Blue

On Saturday, October 19th, Kanga Blue, the UA Honors College Women’s a cappella choir, volunteered and performed for a Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America event.

The event was called Take Steps Akron– one of many Take Steps walks held around the US. These walks are meant to raise money and awareness for those who suffer from Crohn’s disease, Ulcerative Colitis and other digestive diseases. Those who participate form teams (similar to Relay for Life), raise money, and walk a certain distance (depending on a city’s layout– for Akron it was 3 miles in honor of those who suffer.

Other than singing, many of the Kanga Blue ladies volunteered to help organize, set up, and clean up for the event.

Despite that it was an absolutely miserable, cold and rainy day, the Kanga ladies had a great time cheering up the soaked walkers!

We sang our arrangement of the Star Spangled banner to kick off the event, and then performed a set of four other songs.
Dr. Mostardi Q&A

Natural Science Colloquium professor Dr. Mostardi has been a professor at the University of Akron since 1967 when he accepted his first position in the Biology department. 47 years later, his passion and enthusiasm for teaching the best and brightest students at The University of Akron has never been stronger. Dr. Mostardi is one of the longest serving professors in UA history.

Q: Can you tell me a little about what you do as a Colloquium Professor here at UA?
A: My primary responsibility is to generate interesting presentations in the natural science that stimulate Honors students in a wide variety of majors. I give them information for discussion about the breadth of the natural sciences.

Q: I know before your career as a professor, you were a player in the NFL. Can you tell us a little about that experience?
A: I was an ALL-MAC Quarterback at Kent State University and was drafted 12th by the Cleveland Browns in 1959. I remember showing up to training camp at Hiram and being surrounded by legends like Jim Brown, Bobby Mitchell, and Ray Renfro. I was in awe of my surroundings and it took a few days to get over that intimidation. After playing in the league for three years, I really lost interest because it was too much like a business and I was constantly getting injured. Therefore, I decided to go back to school and get my PhD so I could become a professor.

Q: What skills did you learn from football that you use as an educator in the classroom today?
A: The primary thing I learn from sports is the rare characteristic of intensity and desire to learn. I use that intensity to project to my students the passion of learning. I still today continue to have a passion for learning as much as I can so I can pass that knowledge on to the students of my Honors Colloquium.

Q: What is it about The University of Akron that brought you here to teach?
A: Honestly, the biggest reasons were that they were hiring and they allowed me to do the research I wanted to do. At that time the biology building was a new facility and it was desirable.

Q: What is the best part about teaching in the Honors College?
A: Everyone is good. They are the best and brightest the university has to offer. They are interesting and stimulating and push me to become a better professor.

Danielle Shaffer

Honors Student Danielle Shaffer was awarded first prize in the 2014 American Accounting Association's (AAA) Ohio Region Student Manuscript Competition for undergraduate students. Danielle’s paper “Financial Ratios and Revenue Fraud” won her a trip to Columbus to the American Accounting Association’s Regional Meeting where she was presented a plaque and a check for $500. Speaking of her experience, Danielle said, “I am very honored to have won first place in the Accounting Association Ohio Region Manuscript Contest for the submission of my Honors Project, “Financial Ratios and Revenue Fraud.” Without the Honors Research Paper Requirement, I would not have had the opportunity to participate in such an intense research project.

“From this, I not only improved my ability to analyze but I greatly improved my written communication skills that will support me throughout law school.”
Lisa Mickley, a second year Honors College student majoring in biochemistry from North Canton, OH, is an active member of Habitat for Humanity. Lisa began with Habitat for Humanity in high school but her constant involvement in varsity sports limited her involvement. She became more focused with Habitat when she came to The University of Akron. During her first construction project Lisa said, “It was the first time I believe I had ever used a hammer and nails and I was pretty pathetic at it.” However, Lisa got much better with practice. In addition to working in the Summit county area with Habitat for Humanity, Lisa has also traveled to Tennessee and North Carolina to do work which included the demolition of a foreclosed home and helping move items for a new Habitat Re-Store, which is a donation center that sells gently used home improvement items.

Lisa’s favorite part of Habitat for Humanity is the sense of accomplishment she feels when she actually does physical labor and is able to actually see the difference she has made. Speaking on why she continues to serve with Habitat for Humanity, Lisa said, “Habitat for Humanity is all about serving the community however you can. You are not required to attend meetings or participate in build days throughout the course of the year, but the more you become involved in such an organization and you surround yourself with other people that have similar goals when it comes to community involvement, the more you want to do. You cannot beat the energy and enthusiasm you’ll find in the most active members of this organization.”

Lisa plans to remain very active with The University of Akron’s Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and is planning on potentially becoming President of the Chapter. Lisa plans to pursue a degree in medicine after graduating from The University of Akron.
A Broader View – Kate Powell – Ghana

Kate Powell, a senior in the Honors College, has truly gone beyond the borders in her service. When she was elected President of the Honors Nursing Group as a sophomore, she had big dreams in mind for helping others. “I have grown up in a family of missionaries and after brainstorming one afternoon, I got the idea of a service trip.” Kate said. “We worked with A Broader View Volunteer Services to get connected with a local village organization in Kpando, Ghana, called UNiTED.” Leading the Honors Nursing Group and a few others within the nursing program at The University of Akron, Kate assembled a six person team to travel to Ghana to provide educational programs on disease prevention, wound care, hypertension screening, glucose screening, Hepatitis B tests, and HIV tests to the people of Kpando who otherwise would not have been able to get these services.

Kate eloquently reflected on her trip by saying, “The relationships we developed in Ghana were inspiring, and before we left, we began planning for our return trip the following year. The positive feedback was overwhelming. I was really excited to hear how this trip had so deeply impacted the students who went. From there, I decided we need to make this an opportunity available to more students so that it may become a viable option for students for years to come.”

The culture shock of seeing the conditions that the people of Kpando live through on a daily basis really put things into perspective for Kate and the other students. Because of this Kate has become a strong advocate for other Honors students to get out and help beyond our borders. “When you serve abroad, you get to live with the people. For however short of time you may be there, you still get to know how they live, their thoughts/feelings, fears, and their needs.” Kate’s ambitions have been altered with the service in Ghana. She hopes to establish herself in the business world working for either a charity hospital or other non-profit organization. “There will always be a place for service in my life whether it be local or international. It is a huge part of who I am, and I find great joy in discovering new ways of pushing myself beyond my comfort zone.”

Joey Fox, a graduating senior in the Honors College, was selected as a Fulbright Scholarship finalist for studying Music at the Dagara Music Center in Ghana. The Fulbright Scholarship provides merit-based grants as well as an international educational exchange for highly competitive students, scholars, teachers, professionals, scientists and artists. If selected, Joey would study the local music including the primary instrument of the area, the Gyril, which is a member of the xylophone family of percussion instruments.

When asked about how he became interested in pursuing the Fulbright Scholarship Joey said, “My primary teacher Dr. Larry Snider first told me about the Fulbright program my freshman year in relation to a previous student of his who won a Fulbright Award to study the Marimba in Japan with world-renowned virtuoso Keiko Abe. Since then, I have been determined to keep my grades up in order to be eligible for the grant.” He then added, “The application process was quite grueling. I had to write two essays— one was a personal statement about myself, the other was a proposal of what I would like to do if I were selected for a grant. The essays needed to work together seamlessly to demonstrate why it was crucial to my future that I receive this grant. A lot of self-analysis and self-discovery went into writing those essays.”

Joey is involved in The University of Akron Symphony Orchestra, Steel Drum Band, various percussion ensembles, jazz groups, and his own band “Clouds and Trees”, which plays original rock music. Joey aspires to travel the world and perform all types of music from orchestral music to contemporary chamber music to solo percussion music. He also aspires to pass on his knowledge of music by providing lessons or classes to those who want to perform/create great music.
Q: How did you get involved in Relay for Life?
A: During my junior year of high school, I became involved with Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society, which is the largest nonprofit charity organization in the world. I joined my National Honors Society’s Relay for Life team because I was interested in charity and service. When I attended the Relay for Life walk, it turned into something more for me. I saw how many people (basically everyone) are affected by cancer and what it means to people to find a cure for this disease. The edges of the whole track, both sides, were lined up with luminaria bags with the names of people who were fighting the disease or who lost their battle. During my freshman year of college it became personal, I lost my uncle to lymphoma. In order to do my part in the battle against cancer, I joined The University of Akron’s group— Akron Against Cancer. I joined their committee to plan the Relay for Life Event located on campus and I formed my own team of Honors students that I became friends with during my freshman and sophomore years. During my countless hours of contributing to the cause, I have come to realize that the American Cancer Society funds doctors and biomedical engineers conducting cancer research, programs to help cancer patients in need, and lobbyists who go to government to bring change. This is a lot more than I expected and made me even more motivated to contribute to this cause.

Q: Why do you think people should get involved in Relay for Life?
A: Imagine yourself in a room with 10 people. Out of those 10, most likely at least 9 of them will be affected by cancer in some way. It could be their family, friends, relatives, colleagues, or even themselves. Long story short, everyone is affected by cancer, and the American Cancer Society is one of the largest and most powerful organizations out there that is fighting against the disease. The Relay for Life event is the signature event that the American Cancer Society holds to raise money for research, cancer patient support, education, government lobbyists, and awareness. For example, the American Cancer Society had a part in eliminating smoking in restaurants and in public in many states. The American Cancer Society funds research in the medical field, which eventually could turn into finding cures and treatments. This non-profit organization is working very hard to bring more hope and more birthdays to the world.

Q: What are your future aspirations?
A: My future aspirations are to work in the biomedical engineering field. I am currently weighing several options and looking for the opportunity to do something I really enjoy doing. It is possible that I will be going to graduate school to reach that goal. Currently, I am leaning towards becoming a research and development engineer for a company. The major reason why I chose biomedical engineering is because I want to help people on a larger scale than a doctor. In research and development, I want to create something novel that will have a positive impact on the quality of life of a lot of people.
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