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Welcome to the 2nd annual Honors & Scholars Chronicle. We’ve had a busy and productive year in the H&S Center. During move-in weekend (August 24-25) we welcomed approximately 2500 bright-eyed first-year Honors & Scholars students to campus. We greeted them in the residence halls and then gathered the entire first-year Honors & Scholars cohort in the Mershon Auditorium for the 2nd annual H&S Launch Event. It was a grand celebration of the beginning of the Ohio State Honors & Scholars adventure. I wish you all could have seen the auditorium filled with enthusiastic new students, swaying as we all sang Carmen Ohio at the conclusion of the program. Wow! Although the weather has been hot and humid, the Autumn Semester has rocketed forward.

Once again, this year’s Chronicle showcases amazing students and activities. In particular we highlight the Daehn family and discuss their strong Honors & Scholars ties. We are moving ahead with our Enrichment Grant Initiative which will raise funds to facilitate exceptional student experiences beyond the classroom such as research, study abroad opportunities, or internships. The STEM – Engagement and Exploration Scholars, our 17th Scholars program, is in its first year and has the goal of helping students in STEM areas explore careers and outreach. In addition we begin a new partnership with the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation with our first class of Stamps Leadership Scholars as part of the Eminence Fellows Program. We begin the academic year with these and many other exciting endeavors.

Please enjoy this edition of the Chronicle and be sure to contact us with news of your own adventures. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Dr. Linn Van Woerkom speaking with sophomore, Ashley Gerlach, at the 2nd Annual +Honors & Scholars Launch event
Ohio State’s Inaugural Year of Stamps Scholars

This fall, The Ohio State University will welcome its first class of Stamps Leadership Scholars. Through its new partnership with the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation, the University has awarded these full cost-of-attendance awards to six incoming first-year students chosen from a competitive application process. The Stamps Scholars will be active members of the Eminence Fellows Program at OSU. They will also receive additional funding for education enhancements as well as an invitation to the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation national convention, held every two years.

In 2006, Penny and Roe Stamps created merit scholarship programs for undergraduates at their alma maters, University of Michigan and Georgia Institute of Technology. After seeing what a difference such awards made in the lives of the recipients, the couple expanded their reach with similar programs at the University of Miami in 2009 and at Barry University, Caltech, the universities of Florida, Illinois and Virginia, and UCLA in 2010. The list of partners has continued to grow to include three dozen of the country’s leading public and private universities and colleges.

In addition to financial support, the Stamps Scholars will enjoy the opportunities and benefits of the Eminence Fellows program. The program, now in its third year, was founded with one goal in mind: to cultivate intellectually and socially engaged citizens who intend to commit themselves to solving big problems. Eminence Fellows pursue rigorous academics in a peer-learning environment, work with mentors from Ohio State’s world-class faculty, engage with a network of leaders from across the industries and collaborate on a long-term service project that serves the Columbus area.
Ruthie Wygle, a rising senior and Honors student, is passionate about health policy and hopes to work at the state level of government after graduation. This summer, Ruthie was offered a position as a congressional relations intern at Strategic Healthcare, a health policy consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

Ruthie was thrilled when she was offered a position within such a prestigious program, but was worried about the financial investment it would require. Although the program offered a small stipend, it was not enough to cover the living and transportation costs for the entire summer.

Hannah McCandless, a rising junior and Honors student, hopes to obtain a Masters of Development Practice with a specialty in non-profit management before pursuing a career in the development industry in East Africa.

In order to achieve her dream, Hannah will be spending the upcoming academic year studying abroad in Nairobi, Kenya, with the University of Minnesota’s Studies for International Development program. The program includes classes, field trips, internships and a semester of independent research, but is very costly with fees for tuition, and expenses for travel, food and lodging.

With the help of an Honors & Scholars Enrichment Grant, funded by donors, both Ruthie and Hannah were able to shift their focus off of the cost of these programs, and direct their energy toward following their passions.

These grants, which were awarded through a competitive application process, are aimed at providing Honors and Scholars students with the opportunity to participate in experiences to broaden their intellectual exploration and learning outside of the classroom.

Associate Provost and Director for Honors & Scholars, Dr. Linn Van Woerkom explains, “It is our mission to provide Honors and Scholars students the ability to participate in opportunities that help create a holistic learning experience, whether that’s through research, study abroad, conferences, or community service. It is our hope that eventually every Honors and Scholars student will take advantage of an enrichment grant and explore what the world has to offer.”

Working toward that mission, this fall the Honors & Scholars Center will begin awarding $75,000 annually in enrichment grants to eligible Honors and Scholars students through a competitive application process. The
grant amount will vary based on the student's proposals, with a maximum award of three thousand dollars.

The experiences will highlight and include the Honors & Scholars G.O.A.L.S., an initiative launched last year which encourages students to explore five areas: Global awareness, Original inquiry, Academic enrichment, Leadership development and Service engagement. The application process for the enrichment grants will require the students to explain how their proposed opportunity will help them reach one or more of these G.O.A.L.S.

“Not only do these programs and experiences help students become well-rounded individuals, they also make them more competitive for national scholarships, fellowships and strong candidates for top-tier graduate and professional schools. What might seem to some as just a summer internship, could lead to bigger things down the road,” said Dr. Van Woerkom.

As the summer came to an end, Ruthie reflected on her time abroad. “This summer was much more than just an internship. From attending conferences regarding financing the future of cancer research and treatment, to constantly interacting with constituents who have taken the initiative to make a change, to experiencing the Fourth of July in the nation’s capital and going to the Annual Congressional Baseball Game for Charity at National park, it has been an experience I will never forget.”

Students are encouraged to apply for additional funding in cases that require more than the amount of the Honors & Scholars Enrichment Grants. In addition to the Honors & Scholars Enrichment Grant, Hannah McCandless was awarded the Boren Scholarship, a prestigious national fellowship that provides students funding to study abroad.

If you would like to support the Honors & Scholars Enrichment Grant program, please contact us at honors-scholars@osu.edu.
Honors & Scholars:
It’s a Family Affair

Just about every family has a few traditions, whether they are holiday celebrations, original recipes, or weekly movie nights. For the Daehn family, being a Buckeye—and an engineer—has become a family tradition.

Dr. Glenn Daehn is a professor of Material Science and Engineering. His son, Andrew, is a recent graduate of the Mechanical Engineering major. His daughter, Katie, is a fourth year in Materials Science and Engineering. Andrew was in the Scholars Program and Katie is a part of the Honors Program. Katie and Andrew also have a younger sibling who might attend OSU; all three were born in the OSU hospital, giving a whole new meaning to “born and raised a Buckeye.”

Dr. Daehn, who has taught at OSU for about twenty-five years, grew up in an engineering family and considers himself a “second generation metallurgist.” His father worked for a Chicago manufacturing company and got him interested in machines.

Dr. Daehn went on to study Material Science and Engineering at Northwestern and then at Stanford before teaching it here. He affirmed that engineering and nanotechnology are common dinner table topics, along with Swedish jokes.

“My dad thinks he’s Swedish,” Dr. Daehn explains lightheartedly, “but he’s not.”

Andrew is a recent alumnus who graduated after the Maymester this past year. He was involved with Mount Leadership Society Scholars, Chimes Junior Class Honorary and Kappa Sigma fraternity. He started out in Material Science but eventually switched to Mechanical Engineering, which proved to align very well with his interests. Dr. Daehn recalls that Andrew has been interested in cars since he could talk, and has always been a good critic of their style and performance.

In the fall, Andrew will be working in product development for the Ford College Grad Program. It is a three year rotational program involving product development and vehicle engineering. During one of his last semesters, he took an elective called Vehicle Dynamics, which will undoubtedly be relevant to his position at Ford. (Dr. Daehn was quick to point out that a large number of specialized courses like these is one of the things he most appreciates about OSU.)

Andrew notes that it is a very exciting time to be at Ford. “I couldn’t think of a position better suited to my interests.”

His younger sister, Katie, shares his interest in engineering but is following a slightly different path. Entering her Senior year in Materials Science and Engineering, she specializes in Metallurgy. She was not set on engineering in high school, but eventually realized that it was what she wanted to do. There are a surprising number of ways to get involved with Materials Science on campus, and Katie has taken advantage of many of those opportunities.

Katie is a member of the Welding and Joining Metallurgy Group, Women in Engineering Learning Community and Material Science and Engineering Club. In addition, she is part of the Honors Collegium.
Katie is also working on some projects of her own involving nickel-based superalloys. She recently won a Goldwater Scholarship, an extremely prestigious award for college students planning to pursue research careers in science, mathematics, and engineering.

Katie also received an enrichment grant from the Honors & Scholars Center allowing her to travel to Cambridge this summer and do research alongside Dr. Julian Allwood, assisting in his research program on sustainable life cycles for strategic metals.

After graduation, Katie plans to earn her PhD, possibly through a three-year program at the University of Cambridge, though she is also looking at schools in the United States. Because she is interested in sustainable materials, she hopes to combine her interest in the hard sciences with topics such as the environment and economics.

Neither Andrew nor Katie knew from the very start that they would end up attending Ohio State. Dr. Daehn explains that while he insisted they at least take OSU into consideration, they had the final say in their own college decisions.

“Any good university provides more opportunities than you can possibly take,” Dr. Daehn remarks, but he notes that Ohio State has a greater number of opportunities, clubs, and specialized courses than most universities.

Both Andrew and Katie were at first hesitant to attend college so close to where they’d grown up, but they soon realized that Ohio State’s closeness to home and affordability would allow them to travel and study abroad, something that might have been difficult to do at some of the other institutions they were considering. In fact, they have already taken advantage of the opportunity to study abroad, both having traveled to Germany for internships through the DAAD RISE program.

So what is it like for three family members to all be part of the same university? The Daehns seem to be in unanimous agreement that it is a good arrangement.

“It’s pretty cool,” Andrew remarks. “Sometimes I get to have lunch with Kate.” Dr. Daehn adds that they often have family dinners on Sundays.

Katie recalls that it was great going into college and already having a support system from the very first day.

“Lots of people want to get away from their families in college,” she notes. “I can be distanced when I want to, but I also know that they’re always here if I need them.”

They all agree that the professors generally treat Andrew and Katie no different than anyone else in their classes. Surprisingly, Katie has not had a class with her father yet, but Andrew has. “He fell asleep a few times,” Dr. Daehn says teasingly. “But he still got an A.”

As far as teaching classes goes, Dr. Daehn particularly enjoys labs. Though he believes they are the most difficult for both the students and for him, they are also his favorite. One of the most interesting projects for his classes has been an assignment in which students create an aluminum alloy from scratch within certain parameters.

“That’s another advantage of a big university; you have the materials and resources to do everything that you might want to,” he says. The students would then test their alloys, and whoever had the strongest one would be the winner. Though this project is not done every year, he knows it is a popular activity among the students and hopes to get back to it soon.

Andrew and Katie are also both heavily involved in the Honors & Scholars program, with Andrew in Mount Leadership Society Scholars and Katie in the Honors Collegium. Andrew appreciates the fact that his Scholars group is made up of students from a variety of majors, allowing him to meet people outside of the Engineering program.

Within this Scholars program, their common interests are leadership and community service. For this reason, Andrew believes that the people in Mount Scholars are great influences. Echoing the sentiments of many Scholars students, he says that most of his best friends are those he met through fellow Mount Scholars.

Katie believes that the Honors Program and Honors Collegium have been instrumental in preparing her for grad school. When she found out that someone at Cambridge was doing research that precisely matched her interests, she reached out to that professor, who responded that he would be happy to work with her but that she would need to find her own funding.

Donors to the Honors & Scholars Enrichment Grant program recognized the importance of this opportunity and decided to fund Katie’s trip.

The Collegium also taught Katie the importance of national scholarships and how they can help with opportunities after graduation. Once she set her sights on the Goldwater, she made sure to get to know her professors, got involved in research and maintained her grades.

Clearly, these efforts paid off, and she is immensely grateful for both the Goldwater Scholarship and her Honors & Scholars Enrichment Grant.

As a parent, Dr. Daehn sees the Honors & Scholars program as providing “all the advantages of an elite university here at a large, public university.”

He realizes that the top tier students at OSU would be welcome at elite universities, yet they are able to thrive here. He sees Honors & Scholars as an effective nurturing group for these students, providing them with extra resources and connections.

As a faculty member, he also appreciates the talent H&S brings in each year. “Every year,” he remarks, “they bring in better freshman than the year before.”

In addition to the Honors & Scholars program, each member of the Daehn family has their own favorites when it comes to OSU locations and traditions. Dr. Daehn enjoys going to the RPAC and also loves the social events that occur within the Department of Material Science and Engineering.

“The department does Friday
afternoon happy hour pretty well,” he adds, eliciting a chuckle from Andrew. He then goes on to explain that both happy hour and Friday morning donuts are departmental traditions that encourage interaction between the students and faculty.

“Getting to know people and exchanging ideas are what make a place like this tick.”

One of Katie’s favorite places on campus is the peaceful rooftop garden at Knowlton Hall, and some of her favorite traditions include having dogs at the library for finals week and attending Material Science and Engineering conferences with other students. Andrew enjoys Mirror Lake and the free concerts that frequently occur here.

When asked to share a favorite memory from their time at OSU, Andrew and Katie both recall their summer in Germany. Andrew explains that largely living on his own in a foreign country was a great learning experience for him both personally and academically. Katie agrees that the experience is something she will always remember about her college years.

Dr. Daehn relays a humorous anecdote from one of the classes he taught (which also happened to be one Andrew was in). He explains that he was lecturing about something fairly unremarkable when suddenly, in his class of over one hundred students, there was a collective gasp. Dr. Daehn could not figure out what was so shocking about what he’d said. As it turns out, almost every student had been watching Big Ten basketball playoffs on their laptops, and someone had just scored to bring the game into overtime.

In a few closing remarks, Dr. Daehn once again emphasizes how well it worked out to have his family together in Columbus as part of the Ohio State community. “OSU has exceeded our expectations both educationally and personally,” he explains.

Andrew has gotten the travel opportunities he wanted, Katie is set up well for grad school, and they get to spend plenty of time together as a family. In fact, this last point was even more evident as, on the way out of Dr. Daehn’s office, he mentions to his daughter, “Andrew said something about lunch…”

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Increasing Collaboration: Honors Faculty Advisors

This fall, the Honors & Scholars Center is launching a new initiative to increase collaboration between the Center and Honors faculty advisors. “Honors faculty advisors are an essential part of the puzzle when it comes to an Honors student’s Ohio State experience. They help with the creation of Honors courses and assist Honors students with scheduling, Honors theses, research, and more,” said Dr. Lindsey Chamberlain, assistant director for the University Honors Program.

The idea for this new program was sparked after discussions at a conference with other University Honors Programs. “Increasing the communication and collaboration between faculty and administration will allow us to have a greater impact with Honors students, allowing them to get the most out of their time here at Ohio State,” said Chamberlain.

This year, the pilot will include eight to ten faculty advisors from the College of Arts and Sciences. The program will focus on how the Honors & Scholars Center can support the faculty and the students in a more effective way. It will also include creating a plan to implement the Honors & Scholars G.O.A.L.S. within the students’ individualized Honors contract, assessing the current Honors courses, and surveying the students to get their input as well.
The acronym STEM, which stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, has become more and more recognized in recent years. Alongside the Honors & Scholars Center, the Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences has helped create the seventeenth Scholars program: STEM Exploration and Engagement (STEM EE) Scholars. This program, which welcomed 58 students this fall, aims to provide participants with a purposeful connection to increase their engagement with the university and their STEM major or interest.

STEM EE Scholars will have an opportunity to explore related fields and discover possible career opportunities within their areas of interest. They will interact with the University community through mentoring and tutoring, and will be able to take advantage of work and funding opportunities to support their academic success. Sarah Eulitt, program manager for the program, is looking forward to the first year.

“For the first year of our STEM EE Scholars, I am most looking forward to igniting their curiosity of the world around them and fueling their passions for STEM. I am excited to broaden their scope of the realm of possibilities that the STEM fields can offer, as well as deepen their resolve and commitment to serving others through STEM-based outreach,” Eulitt said.

In the STEM EE Scholars Program, students will participate in service activities to support STEM understanding in the community, focus on diverse STEM careers and how this diversity is essential in addressing scientific questions, and work on leadership skills while supporting other students in mentor or tutor relationships.

“We are hoping to incorporate many exciting things into the program, starting with our outreach efforts for engaging elementary, middle, and high school students in the local community. We hope to bring tutoring, mentoring, and hands-on activities to the students in an attempt to provide exposure to STEM and generate interest and excitement in pursuing a STEM major and career. We will also be taking field trips to local and not-so-local locations, bringing in faculty and professional guest speakers, and going on tours of campus research facilities and centers,” Eulitt said.

Each Scholars program features a first-year residential community that provides students with a peer-network of high-ability students with similar interests. Currently, first-year STEM EE Scholars are required to live together in Taylor Tower on North Campus.

For more information about the STEM Exploration and Engagement Scholars and the 16 other Ohio State Scholars programs, visit honors-scholars.osu.edu/scholars.

Remembering John T. Mount: Friend of Honors & Scholars

On February 20, 2014, Ohio State lost a dear friend, educator and leader, John T. Mount (95). John was a part of the university since 1932 when he enrolled as a student, and served various roles over the years including four vice presidency positions for the university, educational services, student life, and the regional campuses. After retiring in 1983, he continued to hold the titles of vice president emeritus for regional campuses, dean emeritus for University College and senior volunteer associate for The Ohio State University Foundation. He also helped establish the Mount Leadership Society Scholars program in memory of his late wife, Ruth Weimer Mount, a longtime university administrator and volunteer who passed away in 1997. John’s involvement with Ohio State and his devotion will sustain students for generations to come.
An apple a day keeps the doctor away. If a group of Ohio State students has its way, so will a visit with ENCompass (Empowering Neighborhoods in Columbus), a new venture that enables students to connect Columbus residents with health-related resources.

The story of ENCompass begins in the classroom. As part of her Global Public Health class in autumn 2012, Dr. Amy Acton featured a TED talk by Rebecca Onie, founder of Health Leads, a national non-profit organization that empowers undergraduate student volunteers to connect patients in hospital waiting-rooms with health-related resources.

The seed was planted. After watching the talk, a core group of students—including Honors students, Scholars students, and Public Health majors, many with an interest in healthcare—saw an opportunity to put a similar idea to work for Columbus. To support the students as they developed their initiative, Dr. Acton developed the IDEAS Collaborative (Innovative Design for Education, Action, and Service), an interdisciplinary course designed to incubate students’ ideas for service ventures. Under Dr. Acton’s guidance, the students set to work, with the goal of developing a sustainable, student-led initiative that would harness the talent of students across the disciplines to improve the health of Columbus communities.

This was no small challenge for the students or Dr. Acton. “The class was the hardest I’ve ever taught,” Dr. Acton recently shared, “because ‘slowing down to go fast’ and doing the research, tolerating ambiguity when all you want to do is run with it—these were the challenges that made the students uncomfortable. Yet these were the lessons of the class.”

On April 15th, 2013, the class presented its plan to campus and community stakeholders. ENCompass was born.

In fall 2013, a new cohort of Eminence Fellows arrived on campus. The Eminence Fellows Program, which is part of the Honors Program at Ohio State, challenges each class to collaborate on a service project over four years. After a series of exploratory meetings with ENCompass, the new class unanimously decided to partner with the new initiative. Over the next months, almost sixty members strong, ENCompass divided into committees to tackle all of the steps leading to their big goal: setting up two service sites by the end of 2014. Committees worked on everything from IT infrastructure to the training of volunteers.

ENCompass currently works out of two locations: the Broad Street Food Pantry and Ohio State University Hospital East, and takes advantage of the resources that already exist in Columbus, sharing them with community members in need. The volunteers use two databases to provide them with lists of resources: Hands On Central Ohio for things like food, shelter, and clothing, and the Ohio Benefits Bank for government assistance programs such as WIC and SNAP. Volunteers also teach clients to find and use these resources on their own.

In April 2014, after a series of productive meetings, the group successfully presented a proposal to the leadership of the OSU University Hospital East. The ENCompass site there will be operational this fall. Preethi Chidambaram, co-director of the new site at OSU Hospital East and an Eminence Fellow, said that the project benefited from the generous help of administrators there. “Their mentorship has really been invaluable in starting our pilot there,” she said.

Perhaps the most important component of running an organization like ENCompass is the people. Elana Curry, one of the original founders and current co-president and member of the Honors Collegium, explains that the core group members knew that there were certain areas they would need to recruit students for, such as site engagement, recruitment and develop-
ment, IT, finance, and later PR. “We knew from the start that we needed all these committees, but getting personnel to fill the spots was a process,” she recalls.

Kelly Helmreich, an Eminence Fellow, Computer Science and Engineering major, and the current vice president of IT, admits that when she and the other Eminence students were approached about being a part of ENCompass, she was unsure what her role in the organization could be. However, it soon became clear that there was a fit for everyone’s interests.

Kelly eventually found her place running IT. She believes that part of what keeps people around is the fact that they see the results of their work when they volunteer and when they hear stories about clients at the weekly meetings.

ENCompass benefits both its clients and its volunteers. Kelly describes its mission statement as twofold: to connect the underserved in Columbus with necessary resources that exist in the city that they may not know about and to provide students with a meaningful volunteer experience that would require a higher level of dedication than occasional service. As Dr. Acton put it, the project has challenged students to develop a collaborative leadership style. “The students realized no one person could ‘own’ the project if it were to succeed.”

When asked to share an example of the impact of her work, Kelly recalls a client with a history of degenerative eye disease whose insurance did not cover treatment by an ophthalmologist. ENCompass helped connect her with Prevent Blindness Ohio, where she qualified to get tested for free, potentially saving her vision.

Some of ENCompass’s plans for the future include becoming an independent nonprofit organization, developing a method to follow-up with clients, finding a technology-based method to store data, and starting up and expanding the site at the hospital. Volunteers will also visit some of the resources that they recommend in order to better serve their clients. Of course, in order to keep the group going even after the original members graduate, they will make sure to take on new members every year, improve the training process, develop a firm protocol, and become more visible in the community.

ENCompass has demonstrated how collaboration across campus and with community partners can empower both Ohio State students and the communities around campus. Elana believes that ENCompass will improve the health and well-being of those it serves. “I truly think that we can make an impact in the community. Just from my experience being part of ENCompass and volunteering for ENCompass, there is a huge need to just be connected with these resources; there are so many in the community that are underutilized and that people really want to know about.”

“I think it’s amazing that we can do this as college students,” Preethi added.

For more information about ENCompass, please contact the Honors & Scholars Center at honors-scholars@osu.edu.
Recent Alumni Work with UFO to Apply for Fellowships

The Undergraduate Fellowship Office (UFO), housed within the University Honors & Scholars Center, advises and assists undergraduate students regardless of their Honors or Scholars affiliation. They also assist recent alumni applying for fellowship opportunities such as the Marshall Scholarship, the Churchill Scholarship and the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. In addition to recruiting and advising students interested in national fellowships, the UFO helps students craft and revise competitive application materials. Recent alumnae Rose Kramer and Lauren Stabler both worked with the UFO this past academic year.

Kramer, a 2012 graduate who majored in Spanish literature, wasn’t positive about what she was going to do after graduation. She spent her first year, post-graduation, working with the Spanish-speaking community in Columbus and attending a Spanish-language conversation group weekly where she met people from various countries.

“These experiences eventually led me to schedule a trip to Peru in which I spent two months traveling throughout the country and teaching English through an NGO in Arequipa, Peru. Upon my return I discovered that a good friend of mine had received the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship position in Argentina with the help of the Undergraduate Fellowship Office. I felt that I was ready to return to Peru for a longer period of time with clear goals and interests in mind for cultural exchange and community involvement,” Kramer said.

Kramer contacted the UFO and began the application process for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program in hopes of receiving an English Teaching Assistantship in Peru.

“There were so many components to the application such as biographical data, a statement of grant purpose, a personal statement, a foreign language evaluation and collecting references and transcripts. The Undergraduate Fellowship Office guided me through the entire process,” she said.

Stabler, a 2013 graduate who majored in political science, had originally planned on attending law school post-graduation. When her plans changed, she was grateful to have the chance to work with the UFO. She started the application process for a Fulbright grant to study political science in Germany. Although she was living in Washington, D.C., during the application period,
Stabler worked with the office via email and Skype appointments. “Overall it was a very long, but rewarding process,” she said.

After an intensive application process and months of waiting, both Kramer and Stabler were selected as Fulbright recipients. For the 2014-15 academic year, Kramer will work as an English Teaching Assistant in Peru, and Stabler will attend the University of Mannheim in Mannheim, Germany, where she will begin her first year of a master’s program in political science, as well as work as a research assistant for the chair of international relations.

Kramer and Stabler are both looking forward to the experience and how this will prepare them for the future.

“The Fulbright grant has allowed me to expand and explore my teaching goals in a non-traditional manner. Prior to being awarded the grant, I had planned to enter graduate school and teach directly after graduation. With this opportunity, I will be able to enter graduate school with confidence that I can use my experience as an ETA and my knowledge of different educational methods to enhance my studies in graduate school,” Kramer said.

Stabler echoes similar sentiments, “In the short term, this fellowship will help to improve my cross-cultural and leadership skills, achieve fluency in German - one of the three official languages of the European Union, and finance the first year of my master’s program in political science. “

The UFO welcomes alumni who are interested in applying for national scholarship and fellowship awards. Fellowship advisor Dana Kuchem says, “To cast a wider net for fellowship candidates who are no longer on campus, we now hold information sessions via conference call and Skype. The UFO usually helps about a dozen alumni apply for national scholarships and fellowships each year. Often, an applicant’s post-graduate experiences make them even more competitive for prestigious awards.”

For more information on opportunities available for alumni, visit fellowships.osu.edu.

It’s Official: The Honors & Scholars Alumni Society

The Honors & Scholars Alumni Society was officially welcomed as a chartered society with the Ohio State Alumni Association this past spring. The society exists to support the advancement of the Honors & Scholars Center, its faculty, alumni, staff and student body. Throughout the year, the society holds a variety of events with the goal of connecting Honors & Scholars alumni with each other, current students, faculty and staff. To learn more, visit honors-scholars.osu.edu/alumni

Meet the Board: Anish Mistry, Board President

Anish Mistry, a 2005 graduate of The Ohio State University, currently serves as Board President for the Honors & Scholars Alumni Society. Anish started his first company when he was 19, and is currently the founder and Managing Partner at Strategy CIO, bringing IT leadership to mid-size organizations. Apart from his business activities he is an active volunteer in the community. Aside from Honors & Scholars, he currently serves in leadership and advisory positions with the Columbus Young Professionals Club and Columbus Australian Rules Football Club. He has also held leadership positons in NetIP North America, NetIP Columbus, Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce, Young Professionals of Worthington, Central Ohio Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation and Leadership Worthington. Anish is still active with the Media, Marketing and Communication Scholars, a program he was a member of when he was at Ohio State. He mentors the MMC Scholars in software development, business and Open Source technologies.

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Alumni Notes

Notes are organized by class year and then alphabetical by last name.

Louise Ann Loynachan Amrine ’70
Honors Program
Retired as president of Physical Therapy Services of Fairmont on June 30, 2014. Currently resides in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Lawrence E. Bechler ’72
Honors Program
Currently resides in Madison, Wisconsin, where he is a shareholder in the law firm of Murphy, Desmond, S.C.

Colonel Frank A. Titus ’73
Honors Program
Retired U.S. Air Force. Recently served as panelist for The Ohio State University John Glenn School of Public Affairs Forum on Weak and Failed States. Currently resides in Columbus, Ohio.

James D. Goltz ’76
Honors Program
Retired branch chief for the Earthquake, Tsunami and Volcanic Hazards Program at the California Office of Emergency Services. Will serve as visiting research professor for the Disaster Prevention Research Institute at Kyoto University in Kyoto, Japan, for the 2015-2016 academic year.

John Kulewicz ’76
Honors Program
Partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in Columbus, Ohio.

Chris Woodyard ’76
Honors Program
Author of Haunted Ohio series and the Ghosts of the Past series. Currently resides in Dayton, Ohio.

Richard A. “Rick” Green ’77
Honors Program

John Tyznik ’77
Honors Program
Practicing family physician in Gahanna, Ohio, for 27 years with Central Ohio Primary Care. Enjoys running marathons and was the former medical director for the Columbus Marathon from 2003-2007.

William Morris ’79
Honors Program
Gastroenterologist in a private practice in Granville, Ohio.

Regina E. Quinn ’82
Honors Program
Manager for Safe Environment Program with the Catholic Diocese of Columbus.

Catherine Baumgardner ’84
Honors Program
President, Catherine Baumgardner & Associates, and teaching assistant professor at The Pennsylvania State University in the eMHA Program. Currently resides in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Bill Baumel ’90
Honors Program
Managing director for RWI Ventures in Los Gatos, California, and specializes in SaaS, cloud, big data and data security investments. Married to Jill Baumel ’90, and they have six boys, ages 1 to 17.

Ronee Korbin Steiner ’90
Honors Program
Managing partner at Korbin Steiner & Marquis Law Offices in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Jason Gelender ’91
Honors Program
Supervising senior attorney at the Office of Legislative Legal Services for the State of Colorado in Denver.

Keith Goad ’92
Honors Program
Business segment CFO with Nationwide Insurance and adjunct professor of finance and economics at Franklin University. Involved in much of the innovation and new product development work currently underway at Nationwide.

George Carr ’94
Honors Program
Counsel at Janik LLP in Cleveland, Ohio. Recently led a series of recitals by the Cleveland Trombone Collective, a group of local professors, teachers and freelancers, in works by Schubert, Sousa and Bach.

Diane George ’94
Honors Program
Pharmacy manager at Target. Currently resides in Hilliard, Ohio.

Lisa Griffith ’94
Honors Program
Graduated from the University of Minnesota with her Juris Doctor degree and is now founder and president of The Griffith Law Firm, A P.C. in Solana Beach, California.

Galen Hellwarth ’94
Honors Program
Dealer development manager at John Deere in Manheim, Germany.

Christina Sprowl Cherry ’94
Honors Program
Director of Public Health Nursing at Huron County Public Health. Currently resides in Monroeville, Ohio.

Lisa Leibfacher Long ’95
Honors Program
Reference archivist at the Ohio History Connection and currently resides in Hilliard Ohio.

Eric Kline ’96
Honors Program
Engineering manager, Ram Air Turbines, at Sagran Group. Married to Tanya Kahl (’96) with two daughters, Elena and Maya. Currently resides in Mogadore, Ohio.

Susan Kreis ’96
Honors Program
Director of financial planning and Analysis at Glimcher Realty Trust. Currently resides in Upper Arlington, Ohio.

Ryan Powell ’96
Honors Program
Principal designer at Google in San Francisco, California.
Natalie Taylor ’96  
Honors Program  
Diabetes education coordinator at Palomar Health. Currently resides in San Diego, California.

Alissa Lane Huschart ’97  
Honors Program  
Associate director at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jacqueline Nwando Olayiwola ’97  
Honors Program  
Associate director for the Center for Excellence in Primary Care, and assistant professor for the Department of Family and Community Medicine at University of California in San Francisco. Named Top 100 Buckeyes You Should Know in 2012.

Rusti Porter ’97  
Honors Program  
Vice president of marketing at KRAVE Pure Foods in Sonoma, California.

Benjamin Sloas ’97  
Honors Program  
Vice president of trust operations at Huntington Bank. Currently resides in Westerville, Ohio.

Maria Tzagournis ’97  
Honors Program  
Senior director for commercial contract management at Exel in Columbus, Ohio.

Syed Ali ’98  
Honors Program  
Senior manager of field training & strategic initiatives for Express Scripts. Married in 2012 and has two kids growing up to be Buckeye fans!

Eric Hirt ’98  
Honors Program  
Regional sales manager at Teleflex in Louisville, Colorado. Pursuing a Masters in Management and Organization.

Eric Chaffee ’99  
Honors Program  
Professor of law at The University of Toledo College of Law.

Robin Grant ’99  
Honors Program  
Recently accepted a position at Big Lots Stores, Inc. as corporate counsel. Serves on the Board of Directors of Flying Horse Farms and Leadership Columbus. Currently resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Mark W. McDougall ’99  
Honors Program  
Intellectual property attorney at Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP in Cleveland, Ohio.

Josh Oakes ’99  
Honors Program  
Director for business development at Worthington Armstrong Venture. Has two children, Eli and Kenzie, with wife, Allison.

Zulma Liz Sanchez Flores ’99  
Honors Program  
Quality control analyst in Las Piedras, Puerto Rico.

Joe Agnone ’00  
Honors Program  

Kevin M. Doll ’00  
Honors Program  

Kelly Glazer Baron ’00  
Honors Program  
Assistant professor of neurology at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University and director of the behavioral sleep medicine program. Currently resides in Chicago.

Eric Kaufman ’00  
Honors Program  
Associate professor and extension specialist at Virginia Tech. Adding a new role as faculty principle of the Honors Residential College at Virginia Tech this fall.

Nicholas Kman ’00  
Honors Program  
Emergency physician and associate professor of emergency medicine at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Serves as the program director for all part 3 advanced clinical management tracks of the LSI curriculum. Named faculty inductee for the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Medical Honor Society.

Mary Paster ’00  
Honors Program  
Associate professor and chair for the Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Science at Pomona College. Was recently appointed as associate dean. Currently resides in Upland, California.

Adrienne Bowden ’01  
Honors Program  
President of the Central OEA/NEA and middle school science teacher at Pickerington Local Schools.

Amanda Gradisek ’02  
Honors Program  
Assistant professor of English at Walsh University in Canton, Ohio.

Sarah Judkins ’02  
Honors Program  
Staff psychologist at Gonzaga University Counseling Center in Spokane, Washington.

Keith Little ’02  
Honors Program  
Attorney at Bailey Cavalieri, LLC, in Columbus, Ohio.

Claire Miller ’02  
Honors Program  
Senior account executive at Gartner Group in Los Angeles, California.

Jaya White ’02  
Honors Program  
Associate attorney at Quarles & Brady LLP, a health law practice.

Jeffrey S. Barry ’03  
Honors Program  
Deputy general counsel for Schottenstein Stores Corporation in Columbus, Ohio.

Emily Exten ’03  
Honors Program  
Orthopedic surgeon, focusing on foot and ankle and trauma, at Meriter Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Married Jonathan Skarie on July 5, 2013 and welcomed first child, daughter Gwenn, on May 18, 2014.
Alumni Notes

Ariella (Lisa) Forstein ‘03
Honors Program
Currently lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and serves as the CEO for The Ariella Approach, which provides vocal and life empowerment coaching.

Jason Spangenthal ‘03
Honors Program
Director of project management for VentureBeat. Currently resides in San Francisco, California.

Eric Williamson ‘03
Honors Program
Assistant professor in neurology at the Perelman School of Medicine at The University of Pennsylvania.

Sara Zofko ‘03
Honors Program
Recently directed a short film that she self-financed, wrote and produced called Business or Pleasure that premiered at the 15th Annual Provincetown International Film Festival. She also appeared on Kathy Griffin’s talk show Kathy. She currently resides in West Hollywood, California.

Ann Foisy ‘04
Honors Program
Managing director for human assets at Teach for America. Ann and her husband (Luke Seghi ‘04) welcomed their second child Julia in February, and Claire age 3, is enjoying being a big sister.

Beth Richman ‘04
Honors Program
Business development manager at SonaCare Medical in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Nicki Sacco ‘04
Humanities Scholars Program
Director at Civic Entertainment Group and currently resides in New York City.

Austin Zdawczyk ‘04
Honors Program and Health Sciences Scholars Program
Manager of In Vitro Biocompatibility at NAMSA in Perrysburg, Ohio. Daughter, Charlotte Anne, was born on July 23, 2013.

Mohit Belani ‘05
Honors Program
Director for Ramsons Garment Finishing Equipment in Bangalore, India.

Katherine Crawley ‘05
Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program
Regional transportation manager at Amazon in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mark Heitz ‘05
Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program
Global supply development manager for MARS Chocolate. Currently resides in Dubai.

Lauren Kleinman ‘05
Undecided Liberal Arts Scholars Program
Outreach specialist at the Healthier Hospitals Initiative. Currently resides in Columbus, Ohio.

David McKinney ‘05
Honors Program
Maternal-fetal medicine fellow at University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Jacob Morvay ‘05
Honors Program
Assistant controller at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in New York City.

Deanna Saylor (Cettomai) ‘05
Honors Program
Chief resident for the Neurology Residency Program at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Married Brad Saylor in December 2012.

John C. Trefry ‘05
Biological Sciences Scholars Program
Microbiologist at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, researching the Ebola virus vaccine, therapeutic and animal model development. Currently resides in Frederick, Maryland.

Idahosa A. Osaretin ‘06
Honors Program
Member of the technical staff at MIT Lincoln Laboratory. Currently working with faculty and students in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department on a capstone project to design and build an L-band radiometer hosted aboard an unmanned aerial platform.

Nicole Baas ‘06
Honors Program
Owner and photographer at Nicole Bass Photography in Boston, Massachusetts.

Crystal Cheng ‘06
Honors Program
Graduated from the University of Cambridge with a PhD in nanotoxicology and currently works as a freelance editor. She was married in 2010 and has a daughter who was born in 2013.

Kathryn Dove ‘06
Honors Program
Pursuing a doctorate in political science at University California, San Diego.

Liz Ghandakly ‘06
Honors Program
Attorney at IBM in Washington, DC.

Eric Little ‘06
Honors Program
Political and economic affairs officer for the U.S. Department of State. Currently resides in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Jamie Paulson ‘06
Honors Program
Graduation coordinator and data specialist with the College of Engineering at The Ohio State University.

Andrew Pullekins ‘06
Honors Program
Received his Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University in 2009. Attorney at Slater & Zurz, LLP in Akron, Ohio.

Victoria Reyes ‘06
Honors Program and Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program
Doctoral candidate in the department of sociology at Princeton University. In January, 2015, she will serve as assistant professor in the Growth and Structure of Cities Department at Bryn Mawr College. Victoria and her husband, welcomed their first child this summer.
Nathan Ruffing '06
Honors Program
Helicopter pilot in the US Marine Corps, currently stationed in San Diego, California. Completed three deployments and will be finishing his current service contract in 2015 and moving back to Columbus.

Adriana De Los Santos '06
Health Sciences Scholars Program
Animal keeper and show assistant at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Adam Schwartz '06
Honors Program
Quality director at Rolled Alloys in West Chester, Ohio.

Jennifer Steiner '06
Tomorrow's Teachers Scholars Program
STEM instructor at Meadow Glen Middle School, FIRST LEGO League robotics coach and STEM academy consultant. Currently resides in Lexington, South Carolina.

Courtney Jo Swain (Talbott) '06
Scholars Program
Support officer II for the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency. Currently resides in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, with her husband, Charles.

Andrew Tarvin '06
Honors Program
Humor engineer and founder at Humor that Works, located in New York City. Recently gave a talk at TEDx at Ohio State University on the value of humor in the workplace.

James Weiler '06
Honors Program
Attorney at Bolinger Connolly Krause in Chicago, Illinois.

RaeAnna Wieland (Miller) '06
Biological Sciences Scholars Program
High school biology teacher and currently resides in Worthington, Ohio.

Stephanie N. Baker '07
Honors Program
Human resources manager at Omega Engineering, pressure division. Currently resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Colleen Carr '07
Honors Program
Global program manager at LinkedIn in Chicago.

Katherine Lowe '07
Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program
Attorney, DCSD in Wauconda, Illinois.

Renee Severyn Marino '07
Humanities Scholars Program
Change management consultant at Accenture in Manhattan Beach, California. Married to fellow Buckeye, AJ Marino '06.

Michael Misseri '07
Scholars Program
Key account manager for Rampant Brands and Heidelberg Distributing, and a certified cicerone. Currently resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

Kelly Murphy '07
Honors Program and Architecture Scholars Program
Graduated from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design with a Masters in Landscape Architecture in May 2014.

Lauren Reusing Maxham '07
Honors Program
Chief medical resident in the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Nevada School of Medicine in Las Vegas.

Ty Shepfer '07
Honors Program
Human resources account manager for Shell Oil Company in New Orleans.

Katherine Thornton '07
Arts Scholars Program
Secondary educator at Plano Independent School District in Plano, Texas.

Erin Wilson '07
Honors Program
Capstone scholars program at the University of South Carolina.

Vicky Blizzard (Samuto) '08
Honors Program
Talent planning project manager at PNC Bank in Pittsburgh, PA. Co-president of The Ohio State University Alumni Club of Pittsburgh.

Mallorie Chase '08
Architecture Scholars Program
Pursuing a doctorate in History of Art and Architecture at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Anjali Chavan '08
Honors Program
Attorney at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Columbus, Ohio.

Adam Davie '08
Honors Program
Became a licensed architect in March 2014, and currently works at SmithGroupJJR in Washington, D.C.

Ryan Edmiston '08
Honors Program
Third year law student at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.
Alumni Notes

**Amanda Fulajtar ’08**  
*Politics, Society and Law Scholars Program*  
Recruiter at Cleveland Clinic.

**Alison Greulich ’08**  
*Architecture Scholars Program*  
Designer at Stuart Silk Architects and currently resides in Seattle.

**William Hroncich ’08**  
*International Affairs Scholars Program*  
Client manager for American Express Global Business Travel. Currently resides in Denver, Colorado.

**Taniya Jayadeva ’08**  
*Honors Program*  
Marketing analyst in marketing intelligence at Wunderman in Washington, D.C.

**Mandy (Antigo) Pullekins ’08**  
*Honors Program*  
Received her Doctorate of Veterinarian Medicine from The Ohio State University in 2012. Veterinarian at Four Paws Blue Cross Animal Hospital in Akron, Ohio.

**Brian Ricks ’08**  
*Honors Program*  
Welding engineer at Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems. Received a Master of Science degree in Materials Engineering and a Master of Engineering Management degree from Northwestern University.

**Caitlin Scannell ’08**  
*Honors Program*  
Orthopedic physician assistant at Toledo Orthopedic Surgeons in Toledo, Ohio.

**Brendan Smith ’08**  
*Politics, Society and Law Scholars Program*  
Submarine officer in the US Navy. Currently resides in Mystic, Connecticut.

**Matt Wohlever ’08**  
*Honors Program*  
Postdoctoral fellow at the University of Chicago.

**Bridgette Brodbeck ’09**  
*Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program*  
Lead PaceSetter program coordinator at State Auto Insurance Companies in Columbus, Ohio.

**Mike Cengia ’09**  
*Honors Program*  
After working at Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company on a few NASA contracts as an engineer, he made the switch to education and currently works as a math and engineering teacher at Northglenn STEM High School in Denver, Colorado.

**Caitlin Coyle ’09**  
*Humanities Scholars Program*  
Post-doctoral fellow at the Yale School of Public Health. Received her Doctor of Philosophy in Gerontology in May 2014, from the University of Massachusetts.

**Alina Gibitz ’09**  
*Honors Program*  
Elementary music specialist and choral director in Seattle. Recently elected president of Northwest Kodaly Educators, a non-profit music educator’s organization that serves the Seattle and Puget Sound area.

**Liz Hess ’09**  
*Biological Sciences Scholars Program*  
Post-graduate-year 2 health-system pharmacy administration resident at UNC Health Care. Looking forward to a career in pharmacy administration, including medication safety.

**Jennifer Hickey (Hill) ’09**  
*Honors Program*  
Senior financial analyst at L Brands in Columbus, Ohio.

**Beau Ingle ’09**  
*Biological Sciences Scholars Program*  
Program manager for international programs in agriculture with the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University.

**Tricia Krukemyer ’09**  
*Health Sciences Scholars Program*  
Registered dental hygienist in Lithopolis, Ohio. New son, Tucker, was born April 1, 2014.

**Miguel A. Lopez Jr. ’09**  
*Biological Sciences Scholars Program*  
Research assistant at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

**Adam Malone ’09**  
*Honors Program*  
Director of insights at Domedia, LLC in Columbus, Ohio. Recently engaged to Mary Frances Wedekind.

**Melissa Mick ’09**  
*Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program*  
Hall director for the Jesup Scott Honors College at the University of Toledo. Received a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration from Kent State University.

**Amanda Pensiero ’09**  
*Biological Sciences Scholars Program*  
Resident physician at University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Megan Sines ’09**  
*Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program*  
Accountant at AECOM Technical Services. Currently resides in Mentor, Ohio.

**Chad Sowald ’09**  
*Honors Program*  
Software engineer at Rightside in Seattle, Washington. He and his wife, Renee ’09, welcomed their first child, a baby boy, summer 2014.

**Rod Swain ’09**  
*Honors Program*  
Regional recruitment manager for City Year. Currently resides in Columbus, Ohio.

**Robert Bonacci ’10**  
*Honors Program*  
Recently named 2014 Summer Scholar at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, which recognizes outstanding public health leadership. Named 2013 Association of American Medical Colleges Nickens Scholar, for leadership efforts to address educational, societal and health care needs of racial and ethnic minorities in the United States.
Alyssa Bowerman ’10  
Honors Program  
Counsel for American Electric Power in Columbus, Ohio. Received a juris doctorate in 2013 from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

Caroline English ’10  
Honors Program  
Senior process engineer for Intel Corporation in Portland, Oregon.

Cassie Giesige ’10  
Health Sciences Scholars Program  
Lead dental hygienist for Northstar Family Dental in Westerville, Ohio.

Kristy Hillier ’10  
Honors Program  
Graduated cum laude from The Ohio State University College of Medicine in May and has recently moved to Houston, Texas, to start her pediatrics residency at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital.

Lauren Luffy ’10  
Honors Program  
Manager of student engagement at The Ohio State University. Currently resides in Columbus.

Lea C. Madry ’10  
Honors Program and Politics, Society and Law Scholars Program  
Associate Attorney at Chapman and Cutler, LLP in Chicago.

Colleen Malesski ’10  
Honors Program  
Research assistant at the Tennessee Consortium on Research, Evaluation and Design at Vanderbilt University. Pursuing a Master of Public Policy degree focused on education issues at Vanderbilt’s Peabody College.

Seth Murray ’10  
Media, Marketing and Communication Scholars Program  
Fighter pilot for the DC Air National Guard, United States Air Force. Currently resides in Alexandria, Virginia.

Noorjahan Rahman ’10  
Honors Program  
Law student at Georgetown University Law Center and resident artist in a local South Asian performing arts organization, Nootana.

Max Reisinger ’10  
Honors Program  
Enforcement specialist at ReliabilityFirst in Cleveland, Ohio.

Thomas Schleichert ’10  
Honors Program  
General surgery resident at Metro Health Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Married Biological Sciences Scholars 2009 graduate, Angela Sweitzer on June, 21, 2014.

Maurice Shirley ’10  
Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program  
Assistant director of graduate admissions at the New York University School of Law.

Luke Smith ’10  
Honors Program  
Fourth year medical student at The Ohio State College of Medicine. Applying to Neurosurgery programs in Fall 2014.

Adrienne Strong ’10  
Honors Program  
Pursuing a doctorate in Sociocultural Anthropology at Washington University in St. Louis.

Brian Tweedie ’10  
Biological Sciences Scholars Program  
Associate attorney at Budd-Falen Law Offices, LLC. Currently resides in Fort Collins, Colorado.

SPC. Brandon James Christie ’11  
Honors Program  
Specialist in the 122nd Army Band. Currently pursuing a Doctorate of Musical Arts form The Ohio State University.

Erinne Kennedy ’11  
Biological Sciences Scholars Program  
Dental student at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Karissa Lam ’11  
Media, Marketing and Communication Scholars Program  
Graphic and web designer at Vivid Seats in Chicago.

Michelle Lewis ’11  
Media, Marketing and Communication Scholars Program  
Manpower officer for 1st Combat Engineer Battalion for the US Marine Corps in San Clemente, California.

Casey R. Luken ’11  
Business Scholars Program  
Consultant with Accenture in Chicago, Illinois.

Stephen Marks ’11  
Honors Program  
Master of Business Administration degree candidate at Harvard Business School. Currently resides in Boston, Massachusetts.

Christina Mastronicolas ’11  
Environment and Natural Resources Scholars Program  
Recently moved from Cleveland to Centerville, Ohio, for a job opportunity as an analyst with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Last summer she competed in the Challenge National Race with two other Buckeyes and hopes to do so again this summer.

Lindsey Mazurski ’11  
Honors Program and Architecture Scholars Program  
Sustainability Consultant at Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. Currently lives in Naperville, Illinois.

Stephanie Wilker ’11  
Honors Program  
ESL instructor at Columbus State Community College.

Erica Baumker ’12  
Honors Program  
Clinical research coordinator at The James Cancer Hospital. The research team, led by Dr. Maura Gillison, is investigating the role of human papillomavirus (HPV) in head and neck cancers.

Renee Bishai ’12  
Humanities Scholars Program  
Program coordinator for Global Engagement in the Office of International Affairs at Ohio State University

Cameron Bodenschatz ’12  
Honors Program  
Graduate research assistant and PhD candidate in the Department of Chemical Engineering at Clemson University.
Sean Durner ‘12
Media, Marketing and Communication Scholars Program
Senior pricing analyst at Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, Ohio.

Drew Enigk ‘12
Honors Program
Graduate student in the Evolutionary Anthropology PhD program at the University of New Mexico. Recently completed his second behavioral ecology pilot study on the Kanyawara chimpanzee population in Kibale National Park, Uganda, and will present his research findings at the International Primatological Society conference in Hanoi, Vietnam, in August 2014.

Robert Kapaku ‘12
Honors Program
Engineering graduate development program at the Rolls-Royce Corporation. Received a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University.

Erik Kennelly ‘12
Honors Program
Finished two years with Teach for America in St. Louis as a high school math teacher. Starting at Duke Law School in fall 2014.

Vanessa Spates ‘12
Media, Marketing and Communication Scholars Program
Graphic designer with Victoria’s Secret in Columbus, Ohio. Vanessa met her fiance while they were both working for The Lantern. They will be getting married in 2015.

Katie Ferman ‘13
Honors Program
Independent grant writer working for several organizations in the United States and Guatemala. Currently resides in Antigua, Guatemala.

Shelby Kretz ‘13
Honors Program and Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program
Executive director for 1girl, which she co-founded while at Ohio State. 1girl is a nonprofit organization that provides leadership development to middle school girls and college women to help close the gender leadership gap. Currently resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Amy Nowland ‘13
Honors Program
Second grade teacher with Worthington City Schools. Currently resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Amanda Pierce ‘13
Media, Marketing and Communication Scholars Program
Media coordinator at the Columbus College of Art and Design in Columbus, Ohio.