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Year in review (2005-2006)

The academic year is coming to an end and it is time to recount and reflect on a great academic year for the honors program at Bryant University.

In May 2005, six students graduated with honors. The senior project presentations were exciting and well attended.

One of our graduating honors students in 2005, Becky LaFrancois, joined the Ph.D. program in Economics at Syracuse University.

We started the academic year in August 2005 with a strong interest from freshmen. A total of 66 freshman students are enrolled in the honors program. The honors program now has a total of 175 students.

Apart from the regular honors curriculum offerings, the FFL program offered tailored FFL experience to incoming honors freshmen second year in a row. In addition, several new honors courses have been approved during this year.

Several new initiatives have been implemented including priority registration, research opportunities, new courses and extra curricular experiences.

Thank you for a great year of enthusiastic participation.

Have a great summer!

Faculty Honors Council

Ranjan Karri, Martha Kuhlman, Judy Litoff, Betty Powers, Kathy Simons and John Visich



Honors Trip to NY MET

Sixteen students made a trip to NY City to visit the Metropolitan museum along with students from Roger Williams University.

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Special points of interest:

- New website: <http://honors.bryant.edu>
- [Spring 2006, Honors senior projects](#)

New Honors courses

POLS 2XX—

Honors: Contemporary American Politics

This honors course covers the ideas and historical factors that shaped the formation and evolution of the U.S. political system. It examines the main governmental and non-governmental players in the contemporary policy-making system and how they interact to create policy decisions. It explores some key ongoing policy debates. Additionally, it goes beyond book knowledge to examine contemporary, practical politics throughout the semester. Students receiving credit for PS256, Government and Society in American, cannot receive credit for this class.

GLOB2XX/POLS2xx — **Honors: Politics of the Global System**

This honors course explores the current global political system. It examines major historical developments that shaped the actors and power distribution of the current system. Next, it explores competing international relations theories that attempt to explain the main motivations and realities guiding the behavior of actors in the system. Then, it focuses on contemporary issues with global implications. Subsequently, it examines recent and future challenges faced by particular key actors in the system as they attempt to shape the global system of the future. It concludes by returning to the system level to consider the prospects for global cultural clashes or peace through globalization. Students receiving credit for GLOB241/POLS241, Introduction to Global Politics, cannot receive credit for this class.

COM204— Honors: The Process of Communication

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an in-depth introduction to the fundamental philosophies underlying the field of Communication. It is a sophisticated, seminar-structured class designed for students who have declared Communication as a major or minor and for those considering pursuing a degree in Communication. In this class we will a) define communication and the different approaches to studying communication; b) examine the main areas and sub-disciplines in the field of communication; and c) outline the research methods applicable to the study of communication problems and processes. This class, as an Honors course, will take a deeper, more detailed look at communication as a process and at a number of important concepts (areas of study) in the discipline. Likewise, course expectations of student performance and output are high.

Honors student research: Working with faculty

Starting Fall 2005, faculty are encouraged to engage honors students in academic research. Interested honors students are appointed as paid research assistants to benefit from collaboration with faculty on ongoing research projects.

Danielle Godon worked on a project with Prof. John Visich. The project dealt with understanding the management of product returns from central warehouse.

Emily Giannini worked with Prof. Tim Krumwiede and helped develop a case.

Ben Leger worked with Prof. Asli Ascioğlu. The research project pertained to understanding US equity markets and investor behavior.

Undergraduate research initiative

Honors students now have an opportunity to work with faculty on research projects. Faculty members are encouraged to recruit honors students as research assistants.

The objective of this initiative is to expose academically motivated students to research.

Undergraduate research assistants are funded by the office of Academic Affairs up to a maximum of ten hours per week for the semester.

During Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 three honors students worked with faculty members on research projects.

Honors Undergraduate research awards

Kristen Lynch a junior honors student at Bryant got interested in the research being conducted by Prof. Judy Litoff. Under Prof. Litoff's mentorship, Kristen wrote a paper titled "The War in the Pacific and the Transformation of WAAC/WAC Martha Alice Wayman, 1942-1946." and presented at the New England Historical Association meeting on April 22 being held at Bridgewater State College, MA.

Emily Giannini worked under the direction of Prof. Tim Krumwiede to develop a classroom case on "Other Than Temporary Impairment of Debt and Equity Securities". This case will be published soon in a leading accounting case journal.

Undergraduate Research Awards were presented to Kristen Lynch and Emily Giannini.

Newsflash!! New Honors program coordinator

Current honors program coordinator Prof. Ranjan Karri decided to step down from his position. The position was announced as open to all Bryant interested faculty. The selection process resulted in the appointment of Prof. Kenneth Sousa as Bryant's new Honors program coordinator.

Prof. Sousa brings lot of energy and enthusiasm for the honors program. All honors students are encouraged

to contact Prof. Sousa regarding any issues pertaining to the honors program.

Never lose the drive...

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Senior Projects during 2005-2006

Tingting Chen:

SHOULD IRAS INVEST IN REAL ESTATE: THE PROS AND CONS

Jessica Bolster:

THE LEGAL SIDE OF DOMESTIC CHILD ABUSE

Mikayla Truckey:

TO MAKE OR BUY: THE ULTIMATE DECISION IN A SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Christine Baker:

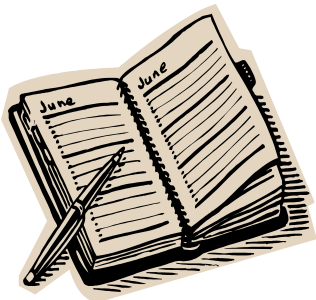
THE PERCEPTION OF OFFENSIVENESS OF FOUL LANGUAGE IN THE WORKPLACE

Janet Ochange:

THE SOCIAL SECURITY SHORTFALL

For details please check honors website.

Alumni Spotlight



Please email any news about our honors alumni to ksousa@bryant.edu

Becky Lafrancois (2005) Honors graduate joined the Ph.D. program in Economics at Syracuse University.

Kelly Van Deusen (2005) is pursuing a Masters degree in Communication at Tufts University.