

# University Honors Program News

Montana State University Billings

We will be publishing the Honors newsletter every other week, referred to by some as "fortnightly." Upcoming semester events are posted to the right – we will be having a club meeting this Thursday night. Please let us know if you will be unable to attend at [msub.honors@gmail.com](mailto:msub.honors@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

### MSUB General Application

#### Priority Deadline:

February 1<sup>st</sup>

#### FAFSA Priority Deadline:

March 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Honors Scholarship Deadline:

March 30<sup>th</sup>

## UPCOMING HONORS EVENTS:

- HONORS CLUB MTG Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Madison – 5:30p
- VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, Galleria
- NINJA NIGHT Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, Galleria – 6p-9p
- HONORS SOCIAL Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Galleria – 5p-9p
- LAST LECTURE Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, LI 148, 7p
- EASTER FUNDRAISER Mar 19<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, Galleria
- RED CARPET FORMAL DANCE Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>, Ballroom, 8p-12a
- HONORS SPONSORS SERVICE SATURDAY Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>, Atrium 9:30a
- HONORS END OF SEMESTER CELEBRATION Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>, COB, 5p

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## Senior in the Spotlight... STEVEN BARTON

Steven is from Havre, MT, and is graduating a double major in Chemistry and Biology, with a minor in Physics. Steven began his career at MSUB in the Fall of 2008 as a Chancellor's Excellence Award Scholarship recipient, and has been a member of the Honors Program throughout that time. This year, Steven has been an active member of the newly instated Honors Student Advisory Council, and has represented the Program as the Resident Assistant on the Honors Floor. In 2011, Steven attended the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR), and will be presenting his own research at this year's conference, being held in Ogden, UT, in March. After graduating from MSUB, Steven will attend Pharmacy school at the University of Montana.



### STEVEN BARTON

*"Education is one of the most important things that an individual can invest in! The Honors Program is a great way to get the most out of your education and is something that every student should strive to be a part of."*

**Providing Enriched  
Educational Opportunities  
for Students...**

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### *Aisthesis Journal Submissions*

Aisthesis is a cross-disciplinary journal of works from Honors students from universities all around the country. The journal accepts research projects, essays, poetry, fictional stories, photographs, graphic art, etc. from every major and discipline of either current Honors students or students enrolling in Honors classes. Aisthesis offers an opportunity for undergraduate students to be published in a respectable student journal.

Submissions for the journal are accepted year-round, but the deadline for the next issue is Friday, March 30th, 2012. Send your submission to [hons@d.umn.edu](mailto:hons@d.umn.edu) along with your name and your affiliated university. Submitted written work should not exceed 5,000 words, and text files in Word or plain-text format are preferred. As for visual submissions, black and white is preferred, but color is welcome. Visual submissions can range from photography to artwork to graphic art. After the deadline, a student and faculty editorial committee will review submissions. Questions or concerns about submission requirements and the publication process, should be directed to [mess0132@d.umn.edu](mailto:mess0132@d.umn.edu).

### *Partners in the Parks*

Partners in the Parks is an outdoor experiential learning program co-sponsored by Southern Utah University and NCHC in cooperation with the National Park Service. In 2012 there will be a variety of academic adventures at national parks across the country. These week-long projects include seminars led by university faculty and park rangers as well as exciting recreational opportunities to broaden participant's understanding of the value of national parks. PITP programs are open to honors faculty and students from all majors and disciplines. For more information or registration, visit: <http://www.partnersintheparks.org>

Projects fill fast so encourage interested students and faculty to register ASAP. Send questions to: [honors@suu.edu](mailto:honors@suu.edu)

### *Proposed Partners in the Parks Projects - 2012*

1. Acadia National Park, ME (Aug 4-10)
2. Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, CO (Aug 13-18)
3. Bryce Canyon National Park, UT (Aug 6-11)
4. Fire Island to Ellis Island, NY (June 3-9)
5. Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, AZ (May 28-June 2)
6. Olympic National Park, WA (Aug 5-11)
7. Sequoia & King's Canyon, CA (Aug 6-11)
8. Virgin Islands National Park, VI (May 19-26)

"Excellence can be obtained  
if you:  
...care more than others think  
is wise;  
...risk more than others think  
is safe;  
...dream more than others  
think is practical;  
...expect more than others  
think is possible."

~ Albert Einstein

### *The Rook*

The Rook accepts submissions from current MSUB students as well as alumni, faculty, and staff.

**For Writers:** *The Rook* accepts all writing including but not limited to: poems, short stories, novel excerpts, creative nonfiction, original translations, and academic literature. All works will be considered, though due to limited space, works of 5,000 words or more are rarely printed. To submit writing go to: [www.msubillings.edu/therook/submit-writing](http://www.msubillings.edu/therook/submit-writing)

**For Artists:** *The Rook* accepts any media submitted as a black and white or color photograph. To submit art go to: [www.msubillings.edu/therook/submit-art](http://www.msubillings.edu/therook/submit-art)

**Staff Positions Are Available!** To apply, go to: [www.msubillings.edu/therook/staff-application](http://www.msubillings.edu/therook/staff-application).

There are entry level staff positions: poetry staff, prose staff, and visual art staff. These positions judge submissions from their respective department. Students can be on the staff for multiple departments.

Other available positions include PR Director (creates marketing strategy and manages its execution on the multiple buildings on campus), and a Business Manager (keeps track of purchases, and keep track of vendors and local businesses that sell *The Rook*).

While positions are unpaid, they do not take much time and provide great experience working with a publication.

For more information about *The Rook*, visit [www.msubillings.edu/therook](http://www.msubillings.edu/therook), call or text 406.534.9540, or follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/The.Rook.MSUB](http://www.facebook.com/The.Rook.MSUB).



**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Name (Last, First, MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Montana Resident \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No      U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Cumulative Grade Point Average (please use 4.00 scale) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credits for which you are or will be enrolled at MSU Billings for Summer 2011: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors Courses Completed (list courses and semester completed) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Honors Courses Anticipated \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

In order to be considered for the University Honors Scholarship, the following materials must accompany this application:

1. A formal letter including information about your current academic progress, involvement in community and/or school activities, work experience, educational goals, financial situation, and any other relevant information you would like the scholarship committee to consider.
2. A working copy of your most recent grade transcript (an unofficial transcript).

**ALL APPLICANTS PLEASE SIGN AND DATE BELOW**

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct. If selected for this scholarship, I permit the release of my academic, financial, and biographical information to outside agencies (donors, hometown newspapers, college publications, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The complete application must be received on or before **March 30, 2012** in order to be considered. Return this completed application with all required information to:

***MSU Billings Honors Program***

**Liberal Arts # 710  
1500 University Drive  
Billings, MT 59101-0298**

**University Honors Program**  
**Summer Scholarship Application**  
**Deadline: March 30, 2012**

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# *University Honors Contract*

**Directions:** This form is to be completed in order for students taking a standard class to receive Honors credit. Please fill out the following form and return it to the Honors Program, LA 710.

Note: Please attach a regular class syllabus.

## **Student Information**

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

## **Course Information**

Course Rubric \_\_\_\_\_ Course Number \_\_\_\_\_ Course Title \_\_\_\_\_

Credits \_\_\_\_\_ Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

## **Receiving Honors Credit for \_\_\_\_\_:**

Course Name

The Honors Program fosters its members' intellectual development by emphasizing problem-solving, critical thinking, active learning and creativity as well as by encouraging innovative approaches to familiar ideas and vexing problems. In supplementing the work of this course and in pursuit of Honors Program's goals, the student will:

Expected outcomes or benefits:

The following will be turned into the Honors office and put in the student's file as part of an Outcomes Assessment (no credit can be given without this in the student's file):

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Director, University Honors Program \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed:** Faculty Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Director, University Honors Program \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_