

Welcome Back Fellow Honors Programmers,

With the semester already rushing along, there is much on which to update you; so let me dive right in:

- Kick-off Meetings – In order to facilitate as many members' schedules as possible, there will be 2 kick-off meetings to the semester this spring, both on Monday, February 3, at noon and the second at 4:00. We will be ordering subs for the noon meeting and pizza for the session at 4:00. So that we can order the correct amount of food, please rsvp to Linda (linda.beltran@msubillings.edu) at for the session that you would like to attend.
- Lots of New Members to Welcome – We have lots of new members to welcome: Logan Hoyt, Tanner Hermanson, Britney Cox, Adam Fairbanks, and Amanda Felton.
- Honors Scholarships – We expect to offer approximately \$15,000 in Honors scholarships again this year. Again, preference will be given to applicants who intend to graduate as University Honors Scholars, that is, earn 21 honors credits. To get details and to apply, see the UHP scholarship page: <http://www.msubillings.edu/honors/scholarships.htm>
- Honors Contracts – The deadline for Honors contracts is Friday, February 21. You can get a downloadable copy on the UHP course page: http://www.msubillings.edu/honors/pdf/University_Honors_Contract.pdf
- Western Regional Honors Conference – This year's conference will be in Denver from Friday, April 11 through Sunday, April 13. The conference features student presentations, creative, research, or honors program presentations. The deadline for submissions is February 8. If your work is accepted, the UHP will pay all of your expenses. The conference offers the opportunity to meet faculty and students from other honors programs and to find out what they are doing. We will support students who are interested in helping us in this way as well. For more information, see: <http://www.msudenver.edu/honors/wrhc/#call>
- Goldwater Scholarship Nominee – Congratulations to Elizabeth Mullins on becoming MSUB's second nominee ever. Goldwater Scholarships are for the most talented students in math, science, and engineering who are going to graduate school and hope to pursue research in their career. Elizabeth wants to enter an MD/Ph.D. program when she graduates and to pursue a career in biomedical research.
- Call for Volunteers – In the Breaking Barriers announcement, you can participate with the Korean students without joining the IELP class and do so on your time. If you are interested, contact Jeff Davis or me.

Glad you're back, looking forward to a productive semester, and hoping to see at one of the kick-off meeting,

David Craig

HONORS STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

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Kick-off Meetings:

Monday February 3, 12:00 or 4:00

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www.msubillings.edu/honors/pdf/University_Honors_Contract.pdf

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Breaking Barriers & Foreign Networking

Intense English Language Program of MSUB is hosting 15 Korean students through February 7th. Please consider joining their IELP class on M,W, F 9-noon or T,Th from 1-4 p.m. in MCD 163 for general conversing and engaging discussions with these visiting students. These students are excited and longing to have more interaction with American students to use the English language and explore our local culture.

For more information please contact: Jeff Davis – IELP Instructor

406-694-7593 jeffrey.davis@msubillings.edu

IoE Statewide Summer 2014 Undergraduate Internship Program

Deadline: Monday, March 10, 2014 - 5:00pm ([Apply online](#))

The [Montana Institute on Ecosystems](#) (IoE) **Statewide Summer Internship Program** is accepting proposals for research projects in ecosystem science from undergraduates throughout the Montana University System and the Montana tribal colleges. Internships will be awarded for work in environmental areas with a priority for working on projects that focus on one of the following IoE/[MT-EPSCoR](#) research areas:

1. Feedbacks between microbial metabolism and ecosystem processes
2. Linkages between landscape patterns and ecosystem processes
3. Impacts of climate change on ecosystems through modeling, experimentation, and vulnerability assessments

Funding for the internship program comes from the Montana NSF EPSCoR grant (subject to continued project funding); awards are subject to satisfactory adherence to all [program rules and expectations](#).

The application process is open to undergraduates from all MSU, UM, and Montana tribal college campuses who will not graduate before December 2014. Applications and supporting faculty mentor letters of recommendation are due by Monday, March 10. Awards will be announced by Monday, March 31.

Apply online at: <http://montanaioe.org/form/apply-ioe-undergraduate-research-program-summer-2014>

For more information stop by Honors office.

Welcome to our new Honors Club Members

Britney Cox

Adam Fairbanks

Amanda Felton

Tanner Hermanson

Logan Hoyt

