

UHP NEWS



MSUB Honors Program

Summer 2016

Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

It's August and our thoughts and actions are turned to the semester ahead. Call the following a preview of some of things on our mind. Also call it a welcome break from unpacking after our move and all the new arrangements necessary to our new home ready for your arrival.

- **Orientation** – We are handling orientation activities differently this year. For new members, there will be a team and leadership building activity (think climbing the Rims) led by Professor Clinton Culp of the HHP Department. It is scheduled for the second Saturday of the semester, September 17; more details to come. We will also send out a schedule for other UHP orientation activities closer to the start of the semester.
- **Honors Capstone** – Our capstone class, Hunger and Food Security in Billings, is under enrolled, and I am worrying about having to cancel it. For anyone who wants to earn the Honors minor, it's worth taking since the course fulfills one of the requirements for the minor.
- **Honors Council Retreat** – Before the fall semester opens, the Council will have a retreat to plan the Honors year. More specifically, we will work on finishing a draft of a strategic plan for the UHP, on assessment for our minor, and on completing a UHP Handbook. The latter will pull together information that will be helpful students, faculty, and staff involved in the program.

As we turn to the year ahead, our spirits quicken and anticipation builds. After a year in which we had such accomplishments as the Interdisciplinary Honors Minor and the new graduation designation University Honors Graduate and secured space for the Honors Center, there is much to build upon for the program's continuing success.

With all good wishes for the remaining summer days and high hopes for the year ahead,

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Thank you for your help!

Sarah Gallup, Lacey Mogan & Michelle Williams

were huge helps during the honors
freshman orientations!

WELCOME!

Thirty-two and Counting

We have added 32 new members since 2016 began and expect to begin the academic year with just over 100 students. Welcome to all our new members.

Incoming Freshman

Kathleen Brandt
Jenna Cragwick
Forrest Cross
Christina Dahl
Alyssa Dawes
Sarah Farris
Preston Gingrich
Kelsey Glasgow
Deshaun Hogue
Taylor Kurkoski
Destiny Long
Rachel Lythgoe
Sam Muskat
Britney Patek
Michaela Roller
Dylan Smith
Camryn Stucker
Bailee Sveinson
Alexis Zent

Nominated Members

Spencer Asay
Danielle Branson
Stephanie Carney
Jordan Gjerde
Hannah Hanser
Ted Hemrick
Miglena Ivanova
Nicole Sayre
Grace Shaw
Thomas Spencer
Erica Stubblebine
Leanne Tombrink
Alexa Torbert

A Place to Call Home

We have a home, space that can meet all of our needs. Our space is in the College of Education 106 office complex and includes a seminar room/lounge combination, an office for our guest writer and part-time faculty, a kitchen-like area, in addition to offices for an assistant and the director. For the first time, we will hold honors classes in our own space—this fall's Perspectives and Capstone classes—and will have a place where UHP students can relax, study, and hold meetings.



There is symbolic as well practical value to having our own dedicated space. The National Collegiate Honors Council specifies what it calls the Basic Characteristics of Fully Developed Honors Program; the document lists 17 features, most of which we have. Our new home will enable us to add two of the characteristics that we have been missing: 1) "suitable, preferably prominent, quarters on campus that provide both access for the students and a focal point for honors activity" and 2) "a locus of visibility." The latter is more of a psychological location and speaks more to a program's reputation for

quality. A physical home will help us more firmly to establish our reputation for quality on campus.

An aside, the only characteristic that we are missing is priority registration for honors students. That is something that we can decide if we want to make a priority for the future.

The College of Education has generously allowed us to use this space, and we have agreed to move again when the childcare facility they hope to establish gets running. By then, we hope the value of a spatial honors home will become well known and the University will provide a comparable facility elsewhere on campus.

