

UHP NEWS



MSUB Honors Program

May 2016

Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

Our academic year is almost wrapped up, and it's been another year of high achievement. Most of this newsletter is devoted to those accomplishments, especially of our graduates. Special congratulations to Chasmin Haggerty and Jinise Trueblood who will be the first students to earn the Interdisciplinary Honors Minor. When they entered the program, we had not even thought about having a minor. If you would like to see a presentation that completes the minor, Jinise will do hers today at 10:00 in the SUB 134.

- Research and Creativity Conference – The third annual conference, which we sponsor, had 112 participants this year, up from 46 its first year. One of our most important goals as a program is increasing opportunities for undergraduate research and creativity and showcasing the results. Next year, we hope to have more honors courses and contracts result in presentation at the conference. Special thanks to the UHP students who volunteered at the Conference, without whose help it would not have run as smoothly.
- Student Advisory Committee – The committee met with Provost Hoar and Vice Chancellor Oravec last week to talk about the possibility of theme housing for UHP students, space for the UHP for next year, and various academic matters, especially how to improve advising. The Committee will meet again this evening to make preliminary plans for next year. Among the ideas under discussion is having students take over part of UHP orientation activities. More to come.
- Help with Summer Orientations – On Thursday noons, June 9 & 23, July 14, and August 4, there are sessions for incoming students to meet with clubs and current students. It would be great to have UHP students at these sessions. The sessions run from noon to 1:00. Please let Jenay or me know if you can help.
- Hunger Capstone – Our project-based capstone will be offered again this fall. Class members will work as a team to explore and implement strategies to improve the emergency food distribution system, reduce food waste, and build a food safety-net for Billings area residents. The class will be scheduled to fit its members' schedules and is worth considering even before one is a senior, since senior years typically have demanding departmental capstone requirements.
- A Goal – The newsletter illustrates some of the impressive accomplishments of our members. The Research and Creativity Conference, also an important accomplishment, has become part of MSUB academic culture, but it chiefly relies on our efforts in the office. For the future, a crucial communal goal then is becoming known for what we as a program can accomplish. That's what we will work harder on next year.

At a crucial moment in the film *The Shawshank Redemption*, Andy Defresne says to his friend Red who is afraid of change: "You're either busy living or busy dying." A variation on those words can be applied to honors programs including ours, which is why even as we congratulate you on this year's achievements (individual congratulatory notes to come), we are already making plans for next year.

Good summers all, with full measures of relaxation and enjoyment,

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ONLINE HONORS SUMMER COURSE

COMX 115-801 Intro to Interpersonal Communication
Professor Melinda Tilton

2016 Honors Scholars

Mollie Carty:

Elementary Education

Mollie Carty has excelled in the classroom, as a work study student for the IT Department, and in community service, in terms of the latter in leadership positions in Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and Student United Way. She proposed an Honors class to explore the concept of justice, which resulted in Professor Diaz's spring 2013 seminar. She is currently interviewing from Illinois to Montana for elementary education positions.

Ranielle Santos:

Pre-Nursing

Ranielle is the first student to become a University Honors Scholar at the same time that she earned her Associate's degree.

She has excelled outside the classroom as well as in and was a finalist for the Student Employee Leadership Award. Ranielle will remain at MSUB as she completes her nursing degree from MSU.

James Ellis:

History

At the 2015 Research and Creativity Conference, James did a startlingly good presentation, "Gender, Sexuality, and Expression in Weimar Berlin, 1919-1933," which resulted in his nomination to the UHP.

The nomination was another step in his Honors odyssey, James having taken his first UHP course in 2006. He will enter Gonzaga University in the fall for a master's in Counseling degree.

Chasmin Haggerty:

Elementary Education

Chas used a trip to New Zealand to complete her Honors requirements and better to prepare herself as a teacher. While there, she visited schools to compare pedagogy and curriculum with US schools. Chas is especially interested in dyslexia and has tutored for 4 year in the Barton program. She hopes to get a job in Billings School District 2.

Jinise Trueblood:

Health & Human Perf

Jinise will continue her education in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the Mayo Clinic and hopes to specialize in pediatric physical therapy. A dedicated runner, she has been a member of the Cross Country and Track teams.

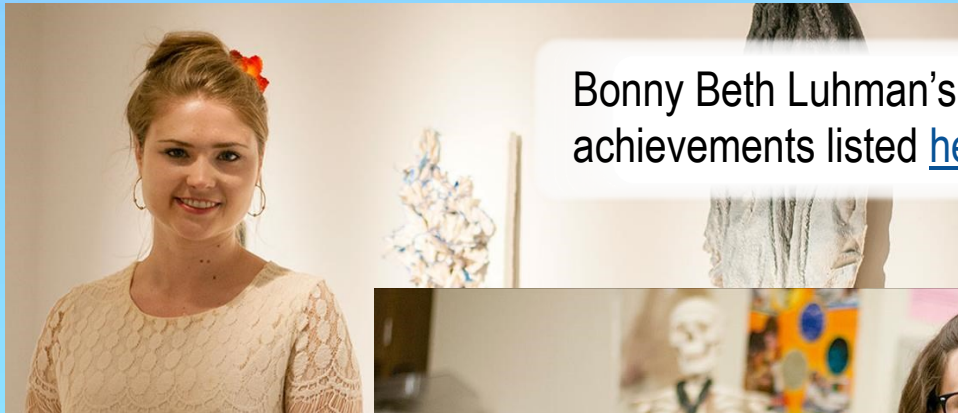
She was a student in UHP guest writer Tim Cahill's Travel Writing class, and he was so impressed with her final paper that he urged to publish her work.

2016 Honors Graduate

Derrick Anderson: Business Administration

Derrick is the first UHP member to earn the designation University Honors Graduate. He also did groundbreaking work on his Honors internship with Big Sky Beetle by expanding his duties and turning the position into an opportunity for creative problem solving. Derrick has accepted a position with State Farm Insurance and will begin the Monday after graduation.

Recapping the year of honors students featured in MSUB SNAPSHOTS



Bonny Beth Luhman's art achievements listed [here](#)!



Sarah Gallup talks girls in science [here](#)!



You can find Baudry Metangmo's snapshot [here](#)!



And Mollie Carty's snapshot can be found [here](#)!

CONGRATULATIONS

to those honors students who are 2016 MSUB leadership recognition nominees and winners!

Leadership Award Nominees

Student Employee Leadership
Ranielle Santos

Outstanding Student Volunteer
Lacey Mogan, Miglena Ivanova

**Striving for Excellence in
Leadership While Caring for
One's Family**
Derrick Anderson

Academic Leadership
Amy Sexton, Ryan Reddick

Senior Leadership
Mollie Carty

**Outstanding Member of an
Organization**
Ranielle Santos, Amy Bieber

**Outstanding President of the
Year**
Lacey Mogan

Emerging Student Leader
Ranielle Santos, Sarah Haight

International Student Leader
Miglena Ivanova



Leadership Award Winners

Outstanding Student Volunteer
Sarah Gallup

Academic Leadership
Scott Gorman

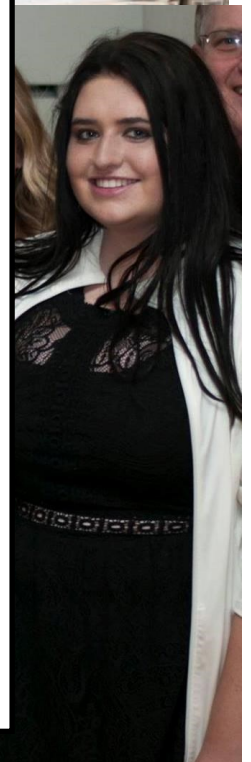
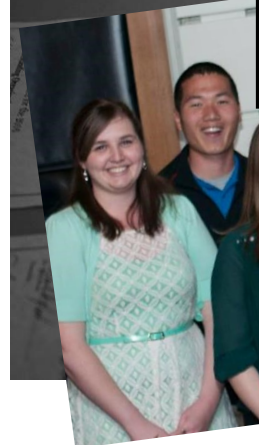
Senior Leadership Award
Baudry Metangmo

Emerging Student Leader
Shimmeri Secrist

Outstanding Residential Leader
Ranielle Santos

100+ Volunteer Hours
Scott Gorman, Mollie Carty
Clay Sluggett, Lacey Mogan

Senior LEAD Class
Mollie Carty, Carissa Sorenson



The following UHP students presented at the

Third Annual Research & Creativity Conference

Thanks for your participation!

Amy Bieber
Miglena Ivanova
Dana Lubieniecki
Bonny Beth Luhman

Miranda McNeil
Carissa Sorenson
Jinise Trueblood
Joseph Walters

THANKS, VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to those of you who helped with set up and tear down at the Research & Creativity Conference! You were an incredible help!

Dani Branson
Jehremy Felig

Sarah Gallup
Sarah Haight
Sarah Khan

Synda Boumediene
Lili Delgadillo

CONGRATS!



Rio Frame
on your Cross
Country Buzzle!

*Have a Great
Summer!*