



HONORS PROGRAM

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Welcome Elite Honors Scholars 2013



**Front: Abby Jaskowski (Jacksonville, AL),
Alyssa Cunningham (Arley, AL) Erin Whetzel (Harvest, AL)
Back: Wesley Schultz (Harvest, AL), Dylan Kyser (Dora, AL),
Storm Johnson (Rainsville, AL), Caelan Goss (Piedmont, AL) and
Alex McFry (Anniston, AL)**



SENIORS

Front: Emilee Smith, Whitney Gaut, Terry Hinkemeyer, Brian Hinkemeyer. Back: Cody Coots, Evan Mince, Greg Felch

JUNIORS



Front: Lauren McClendon, Emily Smith, Lea Isbell, Barbara Edwards.
Back: Micah Burns, Noah Trudeau, Daniel Jackson



SOPHOMORES

Front: Alaina Durham, Katie Loper, Allison Bryan, Lora Corbin.
Back: Amanda Parker, David Rickless, Trent Ford



Evan Mince

President

Student Honors Board 2013-2014

Dear Honors Students,

I hope that everyone's semester is off to a great start! It is a bittersweet feeling to be in my last year as an undergraduate at JSU, but I am very excited for what this year has in store for all of us. Our goal is to involve the entire Honors Program in the events we have planned for this year, and we have scheduled events that will do just that.

During the Fall semester, we plan to finish renovating the basement of the Honors House. On Saturday, October 19, we will be having a work day at the Honors House where we hope to complete the basement renovations. It will be open to all Honors students, so we hope you will join us! We will also have our annual Honors Bowl tournament on Tuesday, October 29 at the Houston Cole Library. Be sure to get your teams together, and be sure to keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

It is my goal to make this year the best the Honors Program has ever had. It has been an absolute joy to watch the Honors Program grow from a small core group of students to a program with over 200 members. The program is growing every single day, and I am honored to be a part of that process with all of you.

Wishing you the best,

Evan Mince



Dr. Steven Whitton
Director

Our first group of Elite Honors Scholars graduated along with a number of members of our growing program. Congratulations to Allison Clark, Jansen Harmon, Kristin Hays, Andrew Newsome, Courtney Crosby Newsome, Benjamin Parr, and Joshua Wise, all of whom were around that first year to help our program get underway. My thanks to Dr. Teresa Reed, Honors Board faculty member, for presenting the first Elite Honors medallion this Fall; presenting at Spring graduation was my honor.

My thanks, too, to Janet Whitmore who is our program coordinator and who, during Fall and Spring terms, helped our Honors students raise over \$6000 to benefit Relay for Life. Our Honors Board of faculty, administrators, and staff worked selflessly last year. This year we anticipate new service projects to augment ongoing ones, and all will benefit the community-at-large. The Honors Program remains strong academically: this fall there are already over 400 seats filled in Honors classes across the curriculum.

A second International Travel opportunity became available to Honors students. This past June

Dr. Teresa Reed (English) and Dr. Aaron Garrett (Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences) travelled with JSU students to Taizhou University in China. Eight students, all members of our Honors Program, were immersed in aspects of Chinese culture and history.

This year our program was able to reciprocate. Two professors and 15 students from Taizhou University were on our campus in July to complete a course of study in American culture. The evening of July 12, all guests from China were entertained with a meal at Honors House and were made honorary members of the JSU Honors Program. They are now wearing our program's official t-shirts on their campus.

The Honors Program continues to help students fulfill their potential in their chosen fields while preparing them to meet the challenges and responsibilities of becoming citizens with global perspectives. I salute our departing Honors graduates for their accomplishments, and I am equally pleased to welcome our future Honors graduates.



Janet Whitmore
Program Coordinator

Wow! What an exciting beginning we have had to the Fall 2013 semester. We have so many activities that are taking place. It has been an exciting time for the Honors Program as we exceeded 200 in our membership. With the increasing number of program members, the Honors House has become a very busy place. It is such a joy to welcome the new students and see the excitement as they begin new chapters in their lives. The varied range of personalities, talents, and interests allow us to embrace new ideas each year.

The students are excited about getting renovations done to the basement of the Honors House which will become a study/hangout place for them. On October 5, the students put a fresh coat of paint on the walls, as well as a new coat of waterproofing on the deck. They hope to complete the majority of the renovations on October 19, beginning at 9 a.m. and invite all Honors Program members to be a part.

Last year our major service project for the Elite Honors Scholars was Relay for Life. Being a survivor myself, it was a joy to see them work so diligently for such a worthy cause. Together our group raised over\$6000. They have again voted to have Relay for Life as our service project this year and will be getting fundraisers going very soon. Please watch for coming events and support them as they become a part of a nationwide effort to conquer cancer.





HONORS PROGRAM BASEMENT/DECK WORK DAY

October 5, 2013

WORKING or
Having fun??

You can do both when you are
working with members of the JSU
Honors Program!! Thanks
for all the hard work everyone.

