



HONORS PROGRAM

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CONGRATULATIONS

We are proud of Allison Clark, our first Elite Honors Scholar to graduate. Allison graduated December 14, 2012, with a B.S. in Secondary Education and Mathematics.



2012 Elite Honors Graduate





Dr. Steven Whitton, Director

As you probably have read in the previous newsletter, the JSU Honors Program is excited to be graduating the group of Elite Honors Scholars who helped initiate the Program four years ago. Fall 2012, Allison Clark (BS in Education) became the first Elite Honors Scholar graduate. Honors Program students Emily Brandt (BS in Education) and Evan Johnson (BA in Music) also received their diplomas. All three were presented Honors Program medallions at the ceremony.

I also want to recognize the Elite Honors Scholars who will be “walking” at the Spring 2013 ceremony. They are Jansen Harmon, Kristin Hays, Andrew Newsome, Courtney Newsome, Ben Parr, and Josh Wise. Other Honors Program graduates will “walk” as well.

Spring term is the time of our service activities, though we cheated a bit this Fall by accepting donations for bagging groceries at two local stores and by participating in JSU’s Trunk or Treat children’s project. The Honors students have embraced Relay for Life this academic year and will donate proceeds from our third annual sale of business discount cards. We will again be collecting pairs of shoes to be donated to charity for our fourth annual Shoes for Spring initiative. We are also in talks with St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital in Memphis hoping to provide individual boxes of Crayola crayons for patients there. The Crayons Drive is being planned as the ongoing project overseen by each group of freshman Elite Honors Scholars.

The Honors Program continues to leave its mark. Even as the first group of Elite Honors Scholars departs, the Honors Board will be reviewing applications for next year’s group of freshman Scholars. Program membership increases each academic year as does enrollment in campus-wide Honors classes.

I invite you to stop by Honors House to look us over and meet some of JSU’s brightest students. You might like what you see and consider supporting us through JSU Foundation at www.jsu.edu/foundation.



**Jansen Harmon
President
Student Honors Board**

Dear Honors Students,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you back to JSU for the spring semester of 2013. I trust that all of you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year’s break. We have been working very hard to make plans for this semester. We are a program dedicated to service, scholarship, and academics. I am pleased to say that we have made great progress in these areas and others over the past few years. This semester is just another stepping stone on the pathway towards excellence.

The thing that I am most excited about this semester is our new service initiative. This year we will be dedicating our efforts towards Relay for Life. Whether you are a veteran or new to this initiative, you can be influential in helping both our community and even your next door neighbor. Everyone knows someone who has either helped this organization or been helped by this organization. I encourage everyone to be on the lookout for how they can make an impact. Thank you once again for being a part of our growing community, and I hope that you are excited about this year’s activities!

**Several JSU honors students will be attending
the upcoming
Alabama Collegiate Honors Council
Conference
February 22-23
Auburn University at
Montgomery**





Janet Whitmore
Program Coordinator



The year of 2012 was a very exciting time for the JSU Honors Program. I enjoyed spending time with the Elite Honors Scholars as well as some of the Honors Board Members for our holiday celebration and sharing of past accomplishments. Dr. John Hammett, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, was present to speak to the students and congratulate Allison Clark, our first Elite Honors Scholar to graduate. We miss her on campus and in the program but we are very excited about what lies ahead for her. In April we will graduate the remainder our of first group of Elites.

We are in full force for the new year. We have lots of exciting projects for the Spring semester. The one I am most excited about is Relay for Life. Being a survivor myself, I am very honored that my students have voted to take on this project. We have several fundraising events that will take place. The students have already begun raising money through their personal pages on the Relay for Life website. Please take time to visit our page and make a donation to our team or any individual on the team you would like to help.

We will be selling Suns and Moons, business discount cards, and bagging groceries to enhance our fundraising efforts in hopes of reaching our \$5000 goal.

This is a very exciting time for the Honors Program, and we are grateful for the efforts of everyone involved.

Please take time to visit the national website below.
JSU Honors Program is the featured member on the

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

<http://www.aascu.org/>

The Relay for Life for Calhoun County will be held on May 10, 2013.

Watch our Facebook page and email for upcoming fundraisers.





HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER FOR ELITE HONORS SCHOLARS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Elite Honors Breakfast Meetings
February 13
February 27
March 13
April 3

S.H.O.E. Project
Month of February
Watch for boxes around campus and
donate any shoes you no longer wear.