Happy Finals, Redhawks! Congratulations on making it this far in the semester: just a few more days until the end! We hope that your classes are going smoothly and that studying for finals is going well. We’d like to take a moment to thank everyone who attended Messy Olympics a few weeks ago. We had a great time!

We’ve had a very successful year in the Honors program which could not have been possible without several different people. Firstly, The Honors Program also recently said goodbye to our graduate assistant, Erin Hogan. Erin will graduate this spring with her M.A. and has been hired at SLU. Congratulations, Erin!

Of course, great student leadership is another thing that has helped contribute to the honor’s programs great year. Thank you to our exemplary student Honors Council: Christina, Cassie, Raven, Lydia, Tracie, Karen, Lucy & Brooke. If you see them on campus feel free to stop them, say hi, and thank them for all the hard work that they have put in this semester. Cassie, Raven, Lydia, Tracie and Lucy will all be returning to the council next year. We look forward to seeing what they accomplish in their new positions.

Even with elections and transitioning in new council members, our outgoing council has been hard at work putting in place the beginning of next semester’s events. Keep reading this issue to for a recap of this semester, to find out more about next semesters events, meet your new council, and more.

Good luck on your studying, Redhawks!
Messy Olympics

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Student Research Conference

The 24th Annual Student Research Conference was held on April 20-21 in the University Center. This was a chance for students to present any research they have done. At this year's conference, there were several honors students who presented individually or with a group.

Our program historian, Lydia Cameron, presented at the research conference twice: a poster presentation on Right Hemisphere Brain Damage and a group presentation entitled “A Holistic Overview of Transcontinental Threats.” “The Student Research Conference was a great experience for me,” Cameron said. “I did a poster presentation for an honors contract, which allowed me to work closely with a faculty member writing a research paper on a topic that particularly interested me. We then turned that into the poster that I presented with.”

The Student Research Conference doesn’t just provide a great opportunity for students to present. Honors Students Brady Nahlik and Destiny Brooks were involved with the planning committee for this year's conference. We hope to see more honors students' smiling faces presenting at the SRC next year. Thank you to everyone who represented our program and put their best foot forward.

Honors Presenters

- Tyler Howard
- Philip Pierce
- Destiny Brooks
- Ellen Gieselman
- Bhanu Sehgal
- Leah Waddell
- Holly Thompson
- Cassandra Mick
- Sawyer Magnus
- Paige Shoemaker
- Rutvi Zalawadia
- Zack Kester
- Lydia Cameron
- Annie Henning
- D.J. White
- Peter Jacobsen
- Doug Halim
- Justin Robinson
- Jennifer Joost
- Allegra Melrose
- Shelby Melton
- Cassandra Park
- Sean Thomas
- Christina Thomas
- Colten Peterson

Upcoming Honors Events

Opening Weekend Open House:
  August 20th
Nacho Ordinary Mexican Fiesta
  Sept 16th, 2016 @ 5:30
Student/Faculty Meet & Greet
  Sept 26th, 2016 @ 6
Honors Games
  October 8th, 2016 @ 1 pm
Student Spotlight: Phi Beta Lambda Honors Students

The Zeta Alpha Lambda chapter of Future Business Leaders of America - Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) from Southeast Missouri State University took 18 students to participate in the State Leadership Conference of PBL in Springfield, Missouri on the weekend of Friday, April 22nd through Saturday, April 23rd. The conference provided students with an opportunity to hear presentations on such topics as leadership, careers in the FBI, and networking as well as to run for state leadership positions and participate in competitive events.

Melissa is a Sport Management major with a minor in Business Administration, as well as a member of the Honors Program.

Melissa competed in several events at the State Leadership Conference and placed 2nd in Sports Management and Marketing. She also competed in Macroeconomics.

Melissa is expected to compete in both Macroeconomics and Sports Management and Marketing at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) next month!

In addition, she has served the past year as the Community Service Committee Chairperson for PBL.

Rebecca placed in several events at the State Leadership Conference, including 2nd place in Desktop Publishing and 2nd place in Social Media Challenge (with Dylan Kennedy). She earned the Director Award which focuses on introductory community service, career research, and PBL involvement at the local level.

Rebecca is expected to compete in both of these events at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) next month!

In addition, she served as Chapter Secretary in 2015-2016 and was elected as a State officer for the coming year.

Chance placed in several events at the State Leadership Conference, placing 1st in International Business, 3rd in Microeconomics, and 1st in Strategic Analysis and Decision Making.

Chance is expected to compete in International Business and Microeconomics at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) next month!
Andrew is a double major in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics and a member of the Honors Program. He placed 1st in Computer Concepts and 1st in Cyber Security at the State Leadership Conference. He is expected to compete in Computer Concepts and Cyber Security at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) next month.

Andrew has a history of bringing home awards from the National Leadership Conference:

2015: 6th place in Mobile Application Development (with Amber Joiner) and 7th place in Network Design (with Andrew Crutcher)


Maria Pizzo is majoring in Philosophy with a minor in Entrepreneurship, and is a member of the Honors Program.

Maria competed in several events at the State Leadership Conference, including Entrepreneurship Concepts and Future Business Executive. She placed 3rd in the State in Future Business Executive. One of the highest PBL awards, the Future Business Executive event honors outstanding PBL members who have demonstrated leadership qualities, participation in PBL, executive potential, and evidence of knowledge and skills essential for successful careers in business. Maria is expected to compete in both Entrepreneurship Concepts and Future Business Executive at the National Leadership Conference next month!

She has served in multiple leadership roles in the organization. She just finished a year as the Missouri State PBL President and last night was elected to be Vice President of our local chapter.

Matt Reishman placed 1st in both Computer Animation and Networking Concepts at the State Leadership Conference.

Matt is expected to compete in Computer Animation and Networking Concepts at the National Leadership Conference (NLC) next month.

He has a long history of bringing home awards from the National Leadership Conference:

2015: 6th place in Mobile Application Development (with Amber Joiner) and 7th place in Network Design (with Andrew Crutcher)

Honors Banquet

Thank you to everyone who attended our End of Year banquet! We had a great time seeing you and recognizing those students who have contributed to the program this year. Congratulations to our Exempli Gratia winners, Dr. Bambi Robinson and Lydia Cameron. You can read more about them below. We can’t wait to see what you all do next year!

Lydia Cameron is a sophomore at Southeast, majoring in communication disorders with a double minor in child development and global studies. She hopes to pursue a career specializing in neurogenic communication disorders. Lydia is active with the honors program and the Student Honors Council. She served as the council historian for the 2015-16 year and will return as the Faculty Liaison for the 2016-17 year. She loves the opportunities the honors program gives her, including living on the Honors floor and doing research projects with faculty members as part of Honors contracts.

In addition to her involvement with the Honors Program, Lydia is involved with Residence Hall Association, where 2016-17 will be her second year on the executive Board. She is active with the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association and Southeast Serves. Next year she will be a Resident Assistant in Towers North.

Dr. Bambi Robinson is a graduate of the Ohio State University, with a PhD in philosophy. Her MA is also from OSU. She received a BA in philosophy (double major in psychology) from University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she participated in the honors program. Her specialty is medical ethics, with a focus on reproductive ethical issues.

Dr. Robinson has been involved with the honors program since dirt was invented/evolved/created. Dr. Robinson loves participating with honors students at their events. Unfortunately, she has yet to guess “who done it” at a Murder Mystery Dinner, but still loves participating.

Why does she love the honors program? The students are fun, smart, goofy, nerdy; everything one could want in a group of people who possess lively minds. They challenge her in class every day. She love being a professor, and it’s even more fun when working with people who are intellectually curious.

For fun, she crochets, geocaches, and reads. Mostly. With the aid of students, she has yarn bombed the honors house. She is also a mother.
Student Honors Council

2016-2017 Honors Council
Pictured Left to Right:
DJ White,
Seth Watkins,
Lydia Cameron,
Cassandra Park,
Raven Lawhorn,
Tracie Beard,
Lucy Freitag,
Kayla Miller

2015-2016 Honors Council
Pictured Left to Right:
Christina Thomas
Lydia Cameron
Cassandra Park
Raven Lawhorn
Karen Muramatsu
Tracie Beard
Lucy Freitag
Not pictured: Brooke Reeves
Dr. Kevin Dickson is a professor of Management in the College of Business. Dr. Dickson has a Ph.D. degree in Management from the University of Texas at Austin. He also received a Master of Organizational Behavior and Bachelor of Arts from Brigham Young University. He has been teaching at Southeast Missouri State University since 2004 and became the head of the Jane Stephens Honors Program in January of 2015. When Dr. Dickson is not at the Honors House he can found in his Dempster office or spending time with his family. He can be reached at Dempster Ext. 6023, Honors House Ext. 2513 or by email at kdickson@semo.edu