

# Jane Stephens Honors Program

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Welcome back Redhawks! We hope your semester has gotten off to a great start. The Student Honors Council has been hard at work planning lots of great events for this semester which we hope to see you at. You can read more about those on page three. In addition, the Student Honors Council has come up with a new program that we will be instituting this semester called the Golden Owl. You can read more about that and how you can get involved on page two.

If you're looking to get more involved with the honors program, a great way to do that would be to join one of our standing committees. We currently have three: publicity, programming, and learning in volunteerism. As well, nominations for next year's honors council will be coming up soon. Serving on a committee is a great way to gain some experience if you are interested in serving on the Student Honors Council next semester. If you're interested in any of these committees, or in running for the council next year, feel free to stop by the house and get some information. Any of our council members or house staff would be more than happy to give you more information.

Thirdly, don't forget that honors contracts are due next month!

This is our second semester using our new online system. For those of you that have not used it yet, you can read more about it and how it works on page two.

We hope you've had a great February!

## Golden Owl Program

The Golden Owl Program is a new form of point system for the Jane Stephens Honors Program. You earn a Golden Owl for participating in different activities throughout the semester. Some of these activities include: attending an honors event, participating in a committee, spending an hour at the Honors House per month, and many more. We will be keeping track of the Golden Owls throughout the semester, and at the end, whoever has the most will receive a prize. We are doing this to encourage more participation from those in the program. It also provides a new incentive to be an active member.

Some of the things that you can do to earn Golden Owls are attend Honors Open Houses, invite an Honors faculty member to an event (and have them attend), serve on an Honors committee, spend an hour a month at the Honors house and, of course, come to Honors events!

Keep your eyes out: in addition to all of this, there may be more opportunities to earn Golden Owls throughout the semester!



**Interested in getting involved in the Honors Program? Join a committee!**  
**There are currently open spots on the Publicity, Programming, and Learning in Volunteerism committees.**

### Honors Contracts: What You Need To Know

Honors contracts have been moved over to a new online system. To submit an honors contract login with your Southeast Key and password at <https://faculty.semo.edu/honors>. With this system you or your honors faculty member can create, edit, and approve an honors contract. Once a contract has been approved by you and your honors faculty member, the director can then approve the contract. You can view the status of your contract at any time in this system. Once complete, your honors faculty member can mark the contract as complete in the system. Contracts for this spring will be due on **March 24th, 2016**.

## Student Spotlight: Christina Thomas

Our student spotlight for this month is Christina Thomas. Christina is from Memphis, Tennessee. She is a student worker at the honors house and a tutor here on campus. In addition, she is the chair of the Student Honors Council, the publicity coordinator for Psi Chi, and the president of Phi Eta Sigma. She was recently selected as a participant in the Spring 2016 Center for Strategic and International Studies seminar.

After completing her undergraduate degree, Tina hopes to go straight into a doctoral program and eventually work in Child Clinical Psychology at a psychiatric facility. She will graduate in December of 2016.

In her free time, Tina likes to watch the show Friends, play intramural sand volleyball and softball, and attend every gymnastics meet that she can.

If you see Tina at the honors house or around campus, feel free to stop and say hi! She always loves to meet and talk with new people.



**Fun fact: Tina has had multiple concussions over the course of her time as an athlete.**

## Upcoming Honors Events

### **Open House**

**February 27th, 3-5 pm**

### **Geek Trivia**

**March 2nd, 6:30 pm**

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

**March 22nd, 7 pm**

### **Messy Olympics**

**April 9th, time TBD**

## Faculty Spotlight: Dean McGowan

Dr. Chris McGowan is the dean of the College of Science, Technology and Agriculture and a professor in the Department of Chemistry.

Dr. McGowan attended the University of Texas for three semesters but earned a BS in chemistry from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, in 1973. He received a MS in 1976 and a PhD in 1979, both in analytical chemistry, from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Prior to his career at Southeast, Dr. McGowan was a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry at Tennessee Technological University, 1978-1997. He also served as chairman of the department, 1992-1997.

Dr. McGowan began his tenure as Dean at Southeast in 1997. He has also served as the interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the School of Graduate Studies and the old School of Polytechnic Studies.

He feels that the best thing about the Jane Stephens Honors Program is the students. He really enjoys teaching his UI100 section on the Manhattan Project. He has great time at Trivia Nights, but his team seldom wins!

In his free times he enjoys reading and he tells people that he “owns golf clubs.” We think he actually attempts to use them. He is also an avid sports fan. He attends Redhawk games, several Cardinal games each summer, and has season tickets to the Tennessee Titans.



**Dr. McGowan's favorite events that the Honors program puts on are the trivia nights. He has a great time, even though his team seldom wins.**



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