Look inside for exciting upcoming events!

mu honors

An exclusive spring break opportunity

Photography contest with a great prize

Important registration information

October 2012
Spotlight Series: Televised Debate Watch Party
October 3
7:30-9:30pm
Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center
Gather your friends and watch President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney square off in the first presidential debate of the 2012 election. Food and drinks will be provided!

Afternoon Tea with the Director
October 4
212 Lowry Hall
By Invitation only. For more information contact John Kumia.

Spotlight Series: Behind the Scenes
October 17
6-7pm
Memorial S304
Informal talk with campaign experts and workers on the inside realities of a political campaign.

Honors Book Club
Multiple Meetings
See your email for more information. To sign up, contact Dr. West.

Made for Success: Life After Mizzou
October 25, 29
Multiple Times: See Description
Honors Conference Room
This honors-exclusive series focuses on “Life after Mizzou.” It is important for students to plan ahead for the future. Honors students will be better prepared for a successful future after attending one or all of the events in this series. This first workshop in the series will be led by Tim Parshall, Director of the Office of Fellowships, on applying for competitive scholarships, fellowships, and grants. Oct. 25, 4-5pm and Oct. 29, 12-1pm.

DECEMBER 2012

SENIORS: HONORS GRADUATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 4

Students who complete 20 or more honors credit hours and have a 3.3 MU GPA may graduate with general honors. The General Honors Certificate is noted on a student’s final transcript. Up to six hours of departmental honors courses, six hours of transfer honors courses, and six hours of Learning by Contract courses may be used toward the 20 hours. In order to receive honors credit for an honors designated course, you must earn a “C” or better.

Upon completion of the 20 hours of honors course work, students must apply for their honors certificate. Graduating students must apply for their honors certificate by mid-semester to graduate with general honors and to have the notation on their transcript. Graduating students who do not apply for their honors certificates will not graduate with general honors.

You may fill out the application in 210 Lowry Hall.
The Honors College is sponsoring its first photography contest, and all honors students, from freshmen to seniors, are encouraged to participate!

Photographs of MU's campus may be taken in either black-and-white or color. Please submit ONE entry, as an 8x10 print, to the Honors College (210 Lowry Hall) along with your name, major, year, student number, caption for the photograph and a brief description of why—and how—you came to take the picture on the back. The deadline is October 20th. A reception/exhibition for the ten finalists will take place in mid November. The photographer who submits the winning entry will receive a cash award of $100 at the reception.
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**MU School of Medicine Annual Premed Day**
We are accepting registrations for our annual Premed Day. This year it will be on Friday October 19. We receive many requests from Mizzou students to attend part of the day. Due to our space constraints and the efforts we put into making the entire day an informative event we are asking for a full day commitment as this is what we require for students from other schools. If we find that we have space available after registration closes we may open it up for everyone. If you could help us communicate this to your advisees we would appreciate it!

The registration form is on the SOM website and can be found here http://medicine.missouri.edu/admissions/premed.html

There is a $10 non-refundable registration charge and the event is only open to Juniors and Seniors.

**Lace up your running shoes For The Kids. FTK!**
Mizzou Dance Marathon will host its inaugural 5k on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Research Park Drive. All proceeds benefit the MU Children’s Hospital! A DJ will provide entertainment at the start and finish area, there will be an epic dance party at the halfway point, and Miracle Families will award medals to the top five finishers in the men’s and women’s divisions. Register now at shopftk.org/ft5k-registration.

**How MU Students Arrange Physician Shadowing and Hospital Volunteer Experience**
Friday, October 5th at 11am or 2pm in Memorial Union Room S016

Hosted by the Honors College Pre-Health Professions Advisors, this presentation is designed for freshmen and sophomores and will cover:
- How to arrange Physician Shadowing
- How to document your shadowing experiences
- Who should you shadow?

**UMKC Pharmacy Advising**
Steve McDonald, Academic Advisor in the UMKC School of Pharmacy, will be on the MU campus on these days:
October 5
November 2
December 7
To schedule an appointment with Steve, students should call: 573-882-1598 or email Cathy Rinta-Evans: RintaEvansC@umkc.edu
Jessie Lueck, BJ ’14 and Evan Townsend, BJ ’14 work in Colorado’s Uncompahgre National Forest as part of their 2012 Alternative Spring Break. This year, Townsend will be one of the site leaders for the Honors College’s exclusive service trip.

Photography by Clayton Hotze
ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK
APPLICATIONS OPEN

Join the movement with an exclusive service trip for honors students!

ASB.MISSOURI.EDU

WHAT IS ASB?
Alternative Spring Break is a student group on the campus of the University of Missouri that sends groups of 10-15 students across the country over spring break to work on various service issues. The group is completely student led from an executive board making decisions to the site leaders who actually lead the students to their sites. Every participant is also a Mizzou student.

HOW IS IT FUNDED?
Students pay an up-front fee which covers a portion of the trips. The majority of the funding comes from fundraising efforts of each student.

THE MISSION
Educate a diverse group of students about specific social and environmental issues by immersing them in communities across the nation to engage in meaningful, direct service.

For the first time, the University of Missouri Honors College will be running its own ASB trip limited to honors students. Applications are available at ASB.missouri.edu.

Build future leaders that are active, conscientious citizens with knowledge and concern for solving our nation’s most pressing social and environmental problems.

In the past, ASB has gone to Jacksonville, FL; New York, NY; Slick Rock, CO; South Padre, TX; Philadelphia, PA; Boston, MA; and more! ASB has addressed issues like HIV/AIDS, the degradation of the environment, urban poverty, education, cancer, as well as physical and mental disabilities.

News Bureau
University of Missouri

The MU News Bureau will prepare a news release about your accomplishment and send it to your hometown newspaper!

Achievements they promote include: winning scholarships, receiving awards or internships and becoming a leader in an organization.

Submit your achievement at: munews.missouri.edu/student-honors
**German Studies Undergraduate Conference**

Indiana University, Bloomington, Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2012

An opportunity for promising undergraduates to present a 15- to 20-minute paper on any aspect of German Studies

Papers are competitively selected
Most expenses covered
Submission deadline: Oct. 15, 2012
Details at bit.ly/GeSUC

**“Putting Kids First” Seeking Volunteers**

Putting Kids First is seeking volunteers for a community wide, grassroots effort to help youth and families in crisis across Boone County. If you can dedicate even just a couple hours of your time, you can help make a big impact in the Columbia community.

Volunteers are greatly needed to raise awareness and perform outreach before the November 6th election. We are looking for students that would like to be involved in policy change and in making our community a better place for our children through the electoral process. We need help with outreach, media, and door to door awareness efforts. Students would be involved in activities such as canvassing neighborhoods, attending major community events to talk with voters, distributing flyers, and being present at the polls on 11/6. Canvassing is mostly done in the evenings and on the weekends. Help us prevent child abuse and neglect, fight drug and alcohol abuse, and reduce the risk of violence and suicide among Columbia’s youth.

Students can volunteer anytime between October 1st through November 6th.

For more information or to get involved, email Andrea Pauley at andreap@lfcs.org. To learn more, visit the website: boonecountykids.org

**Global Internship Experience**

The GIE has a 32-year track record of successfully expanding student horizons and offers qualified applicants 8-week, full-time internship placements in Austria, China, Germany, Japan, Mexico, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Placements are available for students studying business, communications/public relations, computer science, engineering, marketing, and a wide variety of fields in the humanities and social sciences.

The GIE challenges aspiring young professionals to apply their academic training to the workplace through customized internship placements. These transformative experiences develop participants professionally and personally, shaping goals and career paths.

The GIE is open to undergraduate students, graduate students, and graduating seniors studying at any Missouri university or college. Eligibility and costs are outlined online at www.webster.edu/gie. Please note that there is an intermediate-level language requirement where applicable. The deadline to apply for the summer 2013 program is November 15, 2012.

For more information visit www.webster.edu/gie, email lpapineau98@webster.edu or call 314-246-5979.
What if you could change the lives of women and girls worldwide?

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide is a special presentation of Independent Lens and is part of wider movement to end women’s oppression across the globe. The film will be shown simultaneously with other campuses and we will include a live twitter feed for everybody to be participants in this movement. Following the film, there will be a discussion led by faculty who research and teach in the areas of women’s empowerment.

Film Screening
Monday, October 1
210 Strickland
8:00 pm
(doors at 7:30)

Refreshments will be provided.

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Organized By: The Department of Women and Gender Studies, The Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center, The International Center, The Women’s Center, and Circle of Sisterhood Foundation

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Did I get it? – your attention that is. Now is the time to look ahead and plan a trip abroad.

What country, what language interests you? Is it because of your ethnic roots, a good friend, a special movie, a song or your field of study at the university that connects you to the world beyond our borders? Or perhaps you do not have a focus on one culture and region and are not sure where to go or even if you want to go.

Are you aware of all the summer, intersession, spring and semester programs MU offers? Most study abroad, service learning, experiential learning and internships offered by MU are eligible for honors credit through Learning-by-Contract. You can take up to 6 LBC credits toward your required 20 credits in the Honors College. Check out the International Center and the Study Abroad Offices from various Schools as well as the Service Learning office.

Honors Students Alyson Germinder and Graham Wiese are hard at work to help identify your needs and preferences. You can really help them by returning the survey they will be sending to you soon. This is your chance to tell us what you want!

Before you do that, peruse the web and look at the various opportunities MU provides for studying abroad, engaging in service learning and working in internship programs.

A new interdisciplinary undergraduate certificate, MU Global Connect, that targets all MU students in any discipline. Even so, it is not explicitly for honors students only; it does carry the promise to add a global emphasis to your education and to use your experience abroad in a creative and rewarding way.

Here are just two of many future opportunities: look for details soon on a trip to China in Summer 2013 (July-Aug.) that offers Honors credits. It will be the first collaboration between the Honors College, the International Center, and the School of Engineering.

There are spaces open on the trip to India “Fabric of India Life,” led by Professor Jana Hawley, Chair of Textile & Apparel Management. The details are not on their website but I can send you the itinerary if you like. The dates are December 28 to January 12 or 14. There are two options, with those staying longer means flying to Varanasi, the holiest city for Hindus and visiting temples and taking a boat ride on the Ganges. During the first two weeks you will visit New and Old Delhi, Agra, Jaipur and Kolkata and the trip is a mix of seeing famous sites like the Taj Mahal, learning about Indian culture, visiting Amar Kuti - a women’s Rural Development organization - and the National Institute of Fashion Technology, but you will also see famous sties such as the Taj Mahal. Contact Professor Jana Hawley or ask me.

Any questions about going abroad or the certificate, contact me.

-Monika Fischer
Honors College
Associate Director
Who can be advised by the Honors College?

For "Undecided" Honors Students
Honors students who have not officially declared a major are assigned to the Honors College for academic advising. Undecided students may meet with an advisor in the Honors College to discuss possible majors and career goals, compare degree programs, select courses, and get assistance with registration. In addition, advisors can assist and/or make referrals for students on any number of academic or non-academic issues.

For Premed/Dental/Optometry Students
Students who are pursuing pre-professional tracks in medicine, dentistry, or optometry are encouraged to meet with a Pre-Health Professions Advisor in the Honors College. Pre-Health Professions Advisors will be able to provide advice on course selection, information on professional school admissions tests, guidance in making application to professional schools, guidance about letters of recommendation, and information about research, healthcare and shadowing opportunities. Pre-Health Professions advisors are available by appointment to assist students on an individual basis. Call the Honors College at 573-882-3893 to schedule an appointment or talk with an advisor.

For All Honors Students
Any honors student may see an honors advisor to discuss such things as career goals, changing a major, honors courses, etc. However, honors advisors do not serve as the primary advisor for students with declared majors and cannot substitute for a student’s assigned academic advisor. A student’s assigned academic advisor will be able to provide the most comprehensive information on requirements in the student's degree program.

Honors College Students may schedule an advising appointment by calling (573) 882-3893.

When you call to schedule an appointment, please have your registration date and time available. You can find your registration date and time in your MyZou student center. We will try to meet with you one or two days before your registration time so that we have a clear indication of what classes will still be open for enrollment at the time of your registration date.

Walk-in advising is available for non-premed specific questions Monday—Friday from 8:30-11:30am.
In Green Corps’ year-long paid program, you’ll get intensive training in the skills you’ll need to make a difference in the world. You’ll get hands-on experience fighting to solve urgent environmental problems - global warming, deforestation, water pollution, factory farming and many others - with groups such as Sierra Club and Food and Water Watch. And, when you graduate from Green Corps, we’ll help you find a career with one of the nation’s leading environmental and social change groups. For more information, read below or visit our web site: www.greencorps.org.

In your year with Green Corps: You’ll get great training with some of the most experienced organizers in the field: Green Corps organizers take part in trainings with leading figures in the environmental and social change movements: people such as Adam Ruben, political director of MoveOn.org, and Bill McKibben, author and founder of "350.org". You’ll get amazing experience working on environmental issues across the country: Green Corps sends organizers to jumpstart campaigns for groups such as Rainforest Action Network and Environment America in San Francisco, Chicago, Boston and dozens of other places in between. You’ll have a real impact on some of the biggest environmental problems we’re facing today: Green Corps organizers have built the campaigns that helped keep the Arctic safe from drilling, that led to new laws that support clean, renewable energy, that convinced major corporations to stop dumping in our oceans and much, much more. You’ll even get paid: Green Corps Organizers earn a salary of $23,750. Organizers also have a chance to opt into our health care program with a pre-tax monthly salary deferral. We offer paid sick days and holidays, two weeks paid vacation and a student loan repayment program for those who qualify. And when you graduate from the program, you’ll be ready for what comes next: Green Corps will help connect you to environmental and progressive groups that are looking for full-time staff to build their organizations and help them create social change and protect our environment. In the next few months, we’ll invite 35 college graduates to join Green Corps in 2013 -2014. We’re looking for people who are serious about saving the planet, people who have taken initiative on their campus or community, and people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and work for change over the long haul. If you think you’re one of those people, visit www.greencorps.org to apply to join the 2013-2014 class of Green Corps¹ Field School for Environmental Organizing. Green Corps¹ year-long program begins in August 2013 with Introductory Classroom Training in Boston, and continues with field placements in multiple locations across the U.S. Candidates must be willing to relocate. For more information, visit http://www.greencorps.org or contact Aaron Myran, Recruitment Director, at jobs@greencorps.org.
MU’s Fellowships Office
on behalf of
The Gates Cambridge Scholarship Program
will host

**Dr. Caitlin Casey**

Monday, October 1, 4pm
Room 12 of the Student Success Center.

A Hubble Fellow at the University of Hawaii’s Institute for Astronomy, Dr. Casey grew up in Columbia and is an "alum" of the Gates Cambridge program.

Gates Cambridge Scholarships are highly competitive, full-cost awards for exceptional applicants from outside the UK to pursue a full-time post baccalaureate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge. The program aims to build a global network of future leaders committed to improving the lives of others.

Specific information on the Gates Cambridge awards may be found at the organization’s website: http://www.gatescambridge.org.

The basic selection criteria are outstanding intellectual ability, leadership potential, a commitment to improving the lives of others, and a good fit between the applicant's qualifications and aspirations and the postgraduate program at Cambridge for which he or she is applying. Only the most outstanding applicants are selected—just 40 are offered to students from the United States each year. There is neither an age limit for applicants (so a recent graduate could be eligible) nor a floor-level GPA; however, as with Rhodes, Marshall, and Churchill awards, a very high GPA makes for a more competitive applicant.

If you might be interested, please contact the Fellowships Office for details on the application process. The application is relatively brief and straightforward, so even current seniors could make the October 16 deadline.

Those who might consider a Marshall, Mitchell, or Rhodes scholarship should also consider the Gates Scholarship.
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Have you checked out our website recently? It has a ton of exciting changes! Don’t forget to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, as well!

Online
Like us! Follow us! Watch us!