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UHP's Success a Reflection of Its Devoted Students by John Erickson

The students in the University Honors Program (UHP) are the reason Dr. Roberta S. Maguire is confident that the program is accomplishing its overall mission of providing academic challenges to its highly qualified and motivated membership. Maguire, Associate Professor of English Director of the UHP, continues: "It is the students who make the Honors program work. These students renew my enthusiasm for research in my field. Their dedication in and out of classes is always impressive."

In her four years as Director, Maguire has seen an increasing number of students enter and graduate from the Honors program. Whether she is teaching a first-year requirement such as the Honors Seminar

or advising seniors on Honors thesis projects, Maguire describes UHP students as "dedicated," "talented," and "bright."

Because Honors students are offered a range of courses and can take full advantage of smaller classes, they often are able to achieve great results. As Maguire and other Honors faculty have witnessed, "In Honors courses, students are more involved. Not only are they involved in class discussion but, also, students come more prepared. This allows us to spend more time probing complicated issues." By way of providing a different learning environment, "Honors classes are able to bring more challenges and opportunities to students. Many of the classes that we offer are unlike others that you would find anywhere else on campus," Maguire adds.

The dedication required to complete the program prepares many students to pursue avenues that they may not have perceived would be available to them otherwise. "While completing the Honors program looks good on transcripts," Maguire observes, "it also gives students the confidence for ventures they will pursue in years to come."

Developed as an extracurricular program in the late 1970s, the UHP today has a core curriculum, numerous Honors elective

courses, and a vibrant student association. The UHP already offers much to students, but Maguire hopes to develop it further. For example, she would like to form an alumni board of past Honors students who could serve as mentors for current students. In addition, Maguire continues, "The program is looking to offer more upper-level Honors courses in a range of majors. As our enrollment grows, this becomes a real possibility and is something we know Honors students would like to see."

While Maguire is working on the blueprints for an even better Honors program, it is the current students on whom the program depends for its positive image.

"I am pleased to see that UHP students are increasingly taking active roles on campus," says Maguire. "They are representing both the program and the university so well." She notes that they are winning coveted internships and scholarships, assuming leadership roles, earning Residence Life appointments, and are committed to a range of community service projects.

"Currently, we have 366 students in the program," Maguire confirms. "I would like to see 500 students because then we can expand the program and Honors students can expand their impact on campus."

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What's Going On: Campus and Community Events in and around Oshkosh by Julie Russo

Tuesday, March 27, 10AM to 7PM: Used Book Sale, Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh (enter the north side of the building and follow the signs to the basement). Several times a year, the Oshkosh Public Library (OPL) transforms its basement into a second-hand store where you can “permanently borrow” a surprisingly wide range of good-quality, well-priced books and CDs. The Library, which has served Oshkosh citizens since 1900, was designed by William Waters and is a beautiful example of neoclassical architecture. Proceeds from the book sale will go to Library improvements as specified by Friends of OPL. For more information regarding the sale, please call 236-5202.

Tuesday, March 27, 8PM: Faculty Recital with David Cowley (Cello), Music Hall, Arts and Communication Center, 926 Woodland Avenue, Oshkosh. Admission for UW Oshkosh students is FREE with campus ID; \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-UW Oshkosh students, and \$1 for children 12 and under. Please call (920) 424-4224 for more information.

Thursday, March 29, 7PM: *A Hard Day's Night* (1964) at The Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. All tickets are \$4. Meet The Beatles all over again at The Grand Opera House, which is just one mile from campus at 100 High Avenue. For more information or to learn more about this historic theater, visit www.grandoperahouse.org or call 424-2350.

Friday, March 30, 7:30PM: Mary Louise Knutson, Minneapolis-based jazz pianist and composer, The Grand Opera House, Oshkosh. Students with ID are eligible for half-price tickets one hour prior; all other tickets start at \$15. Visit www.grandoperahouse.org or call 424-2350.

Saturday, March 31, 9:30AM to 12PM and Sunday, April 15, 1:30PM to 4PM: Free Tax Services Through VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh. Volunteers will be available to answer questions and provide assistance with tax forms. Enter the building on the north side and follow signs to the lower level meeting room.

Every First/Third Saturday (April 7 and April 21) from 10AM to 12PM: Oshkosh Area Writers Group, Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh. Local

writers meet bimonthly in the library's lower level to read their own works and to critique others' projects. For further information, call 231-6182 or visit www.oshkoshwriters@blogspot.com.

Saturday, April 7, 6PM to 9PM: Art Walk, Main Street, Oshkosh. On the first Saturday of each month, galleries and businesses extend their hours, provide refreshments, and display local artists' creations. A relaxing way to start off your evening, tour our downtown, and appreciate the efforts of artists in the community, the Art Walk has become an Oshkosh tradition. Check out the Art Walk's new Web site and see which shops and galleries will be participating this month, print maps to plan your evening, and more: <http://www.oshkoshgallerywalk.com/>.

Wednesday, April 11, 7 PM: *All About My Mother* (Spain, 1999), International Film Series, Reeve Memorial Union Theatre. Admission is FREE. A UHP staff favorite, this film, set in director Pedro Almodóvar's beloved Madrid, follows a mesmerizingly troubled and complex set of characters and the intriguing circumstances that unite and fortify them. *All About My Mother* won, among many prestigious prizes, the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 2000. In Spanish with English subtitles. For more information, call (920) 424-3131.

Through Sunday, April 15 (Tuesdays through Sundays 11AM to 4PM): Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend Quilts, and Beyond, The Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh. Tickets for students are \$5 with ID. This exhibit includes twelve vibrant and beautifully crafted quilts from Gee's Bend, Alabama, as well as documentary films about the quilt designers. To learn more about these artists and their community, which was settled by former slaves after the Civil War and is home to many generations of fine artists, visit www.quiltsofgeesbend.com/. For information regarding this and other events at The Paine, visit www.thepaine.org.

Tuesday, April 17, 11:10AM: Theodore S. Chapin, Broadway Theatre Producer, Memorial Chapel, Lawrence University, Appleton. FREE and open to the public. Chapin's storybook theatrical career continues as president

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and executive director of the Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization, where he has worked in his native New York City for more than twenty-five years. He has contributed to many productions including Stephen Sondheim's *Follies*, a number of successful revivals, and, most recently, the Tony Award-winning musical *The Light in the Piazza*. For more information, call Lawrence University at (920) 832-7000 or visit <http://www.lawrence.edu/visitors/index.shtml>.

Tuesday, April 17, 8PM: David Sedaris, The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, 400 West College Avenue, Appleton. Tickets are \$28.50 and up. You may know David Sedaris's distinctive voice and sidesplitting recollections from his regular appearances on National Public Radio (one of the best-known being "The Santaland Diaries," in which he recounts his holiday employment at Macy's). A best-selling author, Sedaris will read for more than an hour and will then be available for a question-and-answer session. There will also be a book signing afterwards. For more information about this event and this venue, visit <http://www.foxcitiespac.com/Events/events.htm> or call (920) 730-3760.

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30PM: *Who Killed the Electric Car?* Reeve Union Theater (Reeve 307). Admission is FREE. In this age of oil dependency and erratic gas prices, it is as maddening as it is promising to discover that a quiet, emissions free, battery-operated car was once produced in the United States for a growing base of devoted customers. Its success, however, was short lived. This informative documentary is being presented as part of UW Oshkosh's Earth Week. For more information, please contact Jessi Dresen: dresej78@uwosh.edu.

Wednesday, April 25, through Saturday, April 28, at 7:30PM; Sunday, April 29, at 2PM: *The School for Scandal* by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Fredric March Theatre (corner of Algoma Boulevard and Woodland Avenue), Oshkosh. Tickets are \$3 for UW Oshkosh students with ID, \$8 for seniors, and \$10 for general admission. The box office will be open April 23 through April 27 from 12PM to 2PM, from 5PM to 7:30PM on performance days, and one hour before showtime on April 29. Eighteenth-century British playwright Sheridan's signature farce features the drawing-room chatter of such idle and aptly named characters as Sneerwell, Candour, Surface, and Backbite.

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Spring 2007 Honors Thesis Symposium

Please be our guests for the the kick-off event of UW Oshkosh's Fourteenth Annual Celebration of Scholarship as seven Honors students present their thesis projects in Reeve 216 at the

Spring 2007 Honors Thesis Symposium on Wednesday, April 25, 2007

There will be two sessions—one from 4PM to 6PM and the second from 6:30PM to 8PM. In the first session, our presenters will be Jen Hammerly (Social Science and Spanish and History Secondary Education minors), Jenni Kuklinski (Elementary and Special Education), Margaret LaBorde (Environmental Studies, Spanish, and International Studies), and Laura Roemaat (Social Work and Spanish). In the second session, our presenters will be Katrina Bell (Psychology), Cassie Kautzer (Elementary Education), and Alex Zinoviev (Business/Marketing).

As you can see from the majors represented, each session promises an interesting mix of subjects. The presenters have spent two semesters planning and completing this Honors requirement. We sincerely welcome you to join us for refreshments and to help us celebrate these students' achievements.

Fall 2007 Honors Courses

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:10-10:10	ENGLISH 110 (Henson)		ENGLISH 110 (Henson)		ENGLISH 110 (Henson)
9:40-11:10		ENGLISH 110 (Dingledine)		ENGLISH 110 (Dingledine)	
10:20-11:20	BIO 108 (Michalski) <i>Lecture</i> GEOGRAPHY 112 (Bowen)		BIO 108 (Michalski) <i>Lecture</i> GEOGRAPHY 112 (Bowen)		BIO 108 (Michalski) <i>Lecture</i> GEOGRAPHY 112 (Bowen)
12:00-1:00				BIO 108 (Michalski) <i>Discussion</i>	
1:20-2:50		COMM 112 (Heider) ENGLISH 228 (Feldman)		COMM 112 (Heider) ENGLISH 228 (Feldman)	
1:20-4:20				BIO 108 (Michalski) <i>Lab</i>	
1:50-2:50	PHILOSOPHY 106 (Kyburg) INTRDSCP 175- 004/005		PHILOSOPHY 106 (Kyburg) INTRDSCP 175-004/005		PHILOSOPHY 106 (Kyburg) INTRDSCP 175- 004/005
1:50-3:20	PSYCH 104 (Perlman)		PSYCH 104 (Perlman)		
2:00-5:00			INTRNTL 309 (Grieb)		
3:00-6:00		INTRNTL 228 (Grieb)	RELIGIOUS STUDIES 110 (Kaplan)	INTRNTL 228 (Grieb)	
6:00-9:00	INTRDSCP 175- 001/002/003		MUSIC 221 (Chaudoir)		

February 22 Blood Drive Report by Adam BellCorelli

I wanted to let everyone know how awesome the blood drive volunteers and donors are! With eighty-five people coming in to give, we collected nearly seven gallons of blood. According to the Red Cross, each pint can save four lives, which means that the UHP and UW Oshkosh communities potentially saved 212 lives in the Fox Valley.

We would like to extend special thanks to our volunteers—Lyssa Bergstrom, Kelly Besasie, Leslie Cormack, Amanda Froelich, Kayla Hembel, Theresa Ignaczak, Brian Jaworski, Amanda Krohn, Joe Platt, Liz Roethle, Eric Stetler, and Nikki Stoll—and to the Red Cross staff, especially Denise, Judi (“the really funny nurse”), and Rob for seeing that everything ran smoothly.

Are You Graduating in May?



Graduates of the UHP will receive their Honors Medallions at the Graduation Awards for Excellence ceremony on Wednesday, May 2, at 5:30PM in Reeve 227.

Please let us know if you're graduating this spring by completing a Grad Info Form (stop by Polk 8 or print a copy by accessing <http://www.uwosh.edu/honors/gradseniors/Gradinfo>) and return it to us by Monday, April 2, with the names and addresses of those you would like to invite to the ceremony. We will use this information to send invitations on your behalf. Thank you.

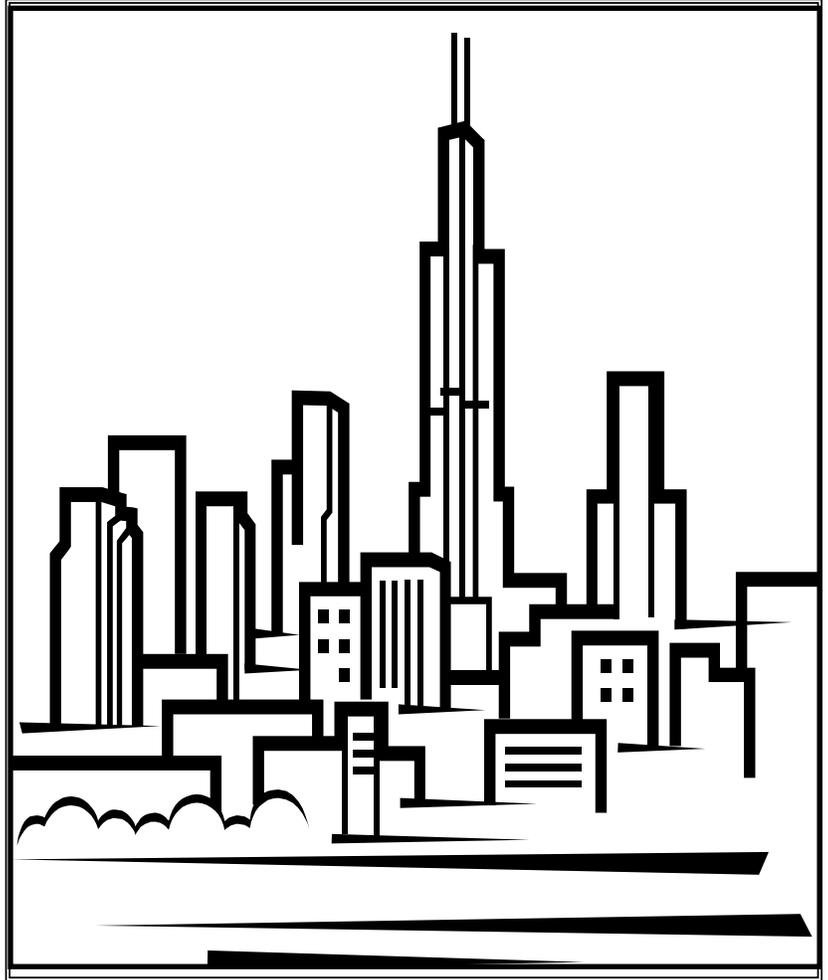
UHP SPRING 2007 TRIP TO CHICAGO

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2007

WHAT: FOR A FEE OF JUST \$15, YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY (FEATURING BODY WORLDS 2), SIGHTSEE (INCLUDING STOPS AT THE DALEY CIVIC CENTER AND GRANT PARK), ENJOY AN ITALIAN DINNER AT ROSEBUD, AND ATTEND THE OPENING-NIGHT PRODUCTION OF *Oedipus Complex* AT THE GOODMAN THEATRE.

TRANSPORTATION: THE BUS WILL DEPART AT 7:20AM FROM ALGOMA BOULEVARD IN FRONT OF ALBEE HALL. WE WILL RETURN ON SUNDAY MORNING BY APPROXIMATELY 1:30AM.

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, PLEASE CONTACT ADAM BELLCORELLI AT 424-1362 OR BELLCOR@UWOSH.EDU.



UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM SPRING TRIP TO CHICAGO SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2007

NAME: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ \$15 CASH CHECK

E-MAIL: _____

NON-UHP GUEST, IF APPLICABLE: _____

THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM (UHP) AND THE UNIVERSITY HONORS STUDENT ASSOCIATION (UHSA) ARE SPONSORING THIS CULTURAL EXPERIENCE IN CHICAGO. SEATING IS LIMITED SO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ASAP BY RETURNING THIS FORM (WITH \$15 IN CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO UW OSHKOSH) TO THE UHP OFFICE (POLK 8). THE \$15 FEE INCLUDES BUS TRANSPORTATION, ALL TICKETS, AND DINNER; LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN (THE MUSEUM HAS TWO FOOD COURTS AND AN ICE CREAM PARLOR). WE WILL MEET THE BUS IN FRONT OF ALBEE HALL AND WILL DEPART FROM UW OSHKOSH AT 7:20AM AND WILL RETURN BY APPROXIMATELY 1:30AM ON SUNDAY MORNING.

In the News

The UHP is proud to congratulate the following students who are recipients of these recently announced awards, internships, and scholarships:

Leslie Cormack

- Nevin James Scholarship, Department of English
- Sister Irene Kohne Scholarship
- Suzanne Harriet Pearson Landes & James Hazelton Pearson Scholarship
- Evelyn H. Uehling Scholarship

Leslie read about the Nevin James Scholarship on a poster in Radford Hall and was encouraged to apply by one of her English professors, Dr. Jordan Landry. Leslie is working towards a BSE in English (Secondary Education), with minors in both ESL and Spanish, and has been a UHP participant since 2004.

Shane Dvorjac

- The George R. Soika Scholarship

Shane learned about this scholarship in Dr. Dawn Vreven's Cognitive Psychology class last spring but had to wait a year to apply because students must be at the junior or senior level to qualify. Shane is "so thrilled to receive it" and is certain that the "committee members have no idea how much this means to me." A UHP participant since 2005, Shane is pursuing a BS in Psychology and a minor in Religious Studies.

Emory Elbe

- Nevin James Writing Contest (TBIS), First Place

Ty's winning paper, which was written last fall for his English 110: Honors Composition (The American Civil War) class, is an analysis of morality in *Rebel* by Bernard Cornwell. He entered the contest at the suggestion of his professor, Dr. Don Dingleline. Ty is working towards a BA in Radio-TV-Film and has been a UHP participant since 2006.

Julie Leibold

- National Science Foundation Internship

Julie will be in New York City from May 29 through August 3 at The American Museum of Natural History, where she will be studying the museum's vast mineral collection with Dr. George Harlow. Her ten-week internship is possible through the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Research Experience for Undergraduates program and includes a stipend, room and board at Columbia University, and paid travel expenses. When her advisor recommended that she explore available internships off campus, Julie searched the NSF Web site for ones in her areas of interest and found that "the application process wasn't actually that difficult." Julie is majoring in Chemistry, has a minor in Mathematics, and has been a UHP participant since 2004.