Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Honors Showcase Spring 2015

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A&M-Texarkana Honors Program students participated in the first Honors Program Showcase held on April 30, 2015.

Honors students presenting their honors projects were Matthew Neese (The German Mind), Janette Urenda (ABC Costing, Fraud Auditing, and Enron’s Special-Purpose Entities), Chris Kinney (Heavy Metal Contamination of Fresh Water Resources), Garrett Griffin (Autocad-Designed 3-D Printed Gopro Bow Mount), Esther Pippins (Translating Experience Learning), and Allison Colleen Johnson (A Visual Depiction of the Gender Roles in “The Court Jester”).

What is Honors?

Honors education is characterized by in-class and extracurricular activities that are measurably broader, deeper, or more complex than comparable learning experiences typically found at institutions of higher education. Honors experiences include a distinctive learner-directed environment and philosophy, provide opportunities that are appropriately tailored to fit the institution's culture and mission, and frequently occur within a close community of students and faculty (National Collegiate Honors Council, http://nchhonors.org/faculty-directors/definition-of-honors-education/)

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Building a Community of Scholars

Connect with other Honors program students and join the Honors community. Follow Texas A&M University-Texarkana Honors Program on Facebook for important dates and events.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Honor Program students took time out from their busy schedules on Thursday, September 3rd to welcome new Honors students to the program and connect with old friends. Dr. Craig Nakashian, Honors Program Director, gave an overview of the program, including an explanation of the Honors Ad On project process, perks for Honors students, the Colloquia series and Honors Student Showcase. Student members of the newly formed Honors Program Advisory Group were selected.

The Honors Program welcomed new students and returning students at its first meeting of the 2015-2016 year.
Welcome to the Texas A&M University-Texarkana Academic Honors Program!

Entry into the Honors program recognizes your academic achievements and ambitions, but also gives you opportunities to enhance your education in meaningful and interesting ways. These will take the form of dedicated Honors courses with your fellow Honors students, individual projects done hand-in-hand with faculty members, and co-curricular activities planned and executed by the members of the Honors program. Honors courses are built around a dedication to interdisciplinary learning, a focus on student engagement, and student-centered teaching. Students will be expected and encouraged to be active learners, engaging in undergraduate research, and working closely with faculty in developing new and exciting educational projects in a small class environment.

The Honors program also gives students the opportunity to develop leadership skills both professionally and personally. All new Honors students are also automatically part of the Honors Program Student Union, which will play an important role in governance of the program, as well as planning for future activities and courses. Students take the lead on developing topics and speakers for the monthly colloquia, in building our Honors Program Annual Conference, and I envision student input into the creation of new Honors courses.

Being a member of the Honors program is a mark of distinction, and it shows potential employers and others that you are the kind of student who goes above and beyond what is expected. You will demonstrate that you are a motivated, ambitious, and creative person willing to accept challenges to overcome.

This is a very exciting time at Texas A&M-Texarkana, and our Honors program is no exception. We have an excellent foundation from our founding Director (Dr. Doug Julien), and I am pleased to be able to build off of what he created. Please look through our website, and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Vale,

Craig M Nakashian
Director of the Academic Honors Program

21st Century Students for Successful Careers!
"I am a junior pursuing a major in biology, with a minor in business. I transferred from a college in Colorado, and have loved the welcoming staff and students here at TAMUT. As a career I want to become a physical therapist, and possibly open my own facility. The Honors Program has provided opportunities for me to further learn about the field I am interested in, and meet faculty who have given priceless advice about my goals. I have learned a great amount both academically, and for my career."

Corbin Deaton  Spring 2015

I graduated with a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Texas A&M University—Texarkana in May of 2015. While the wonderful experiences and opportunities I had at A&M are innumerable, participating in the Honors Program is one of my proudest moments. The research I performed for ad hoc projects in accounting courses broadened my understanding in the discipline, and I am certain my activities will prove very valuable as I pursue my MBA, begin my career in the accounting profession, and sit for the CPA Exam. I also met brilliant students, whom were as motivated and enthusiastic about learning as I was. Indeed, at every Honors Colloquium, I joined numerous amiable, motivated, and dedicated intellectuals with whom I have formed meaningful friendships. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to be a member of the Honors Program,...I highly recommend all eligible students seize the opportunity to join the Texas A&M University—Texarkana Honors Program.."

Janette Urenda spring 5
Congratulations to our Honors program students Daiyonna Smith and Alana Briley for being among the students chosen to represent Bowie County at the Texas State Legislature in Austin (March 2015).

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