Students are invited to join the Honors Program through academic accomplishments in high school (an ACT score of 27 or higher or by graduating in the top 15% of their class); in addition, students who earn at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA after 12 degrees of credit at UW-Waukesha also will be invited to join. Once in the program, students must maintain at least a 3.25.

If a student takes 12 credits of Honors courses with at least 6 credits across the breadth requirements, “completion of the Honors Program” will appear on his or her transcript. All students who have joined the Program will have “member of the Honors Program” noted on their transcripts.

Besides the additional faculty attention and intellectual stimulation from the Honors component of courses, there are many extra opportunities available to our Honors students. This newsletter hopes to give you a taste of what UW-Waukesha has to offer our highly motivated students beyond challenging course work!

Don’t forget:
UW-Waukesha Honors Program has a Facebook Site

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Come by any time!
Honors and Achievement Banquet

In recent years, we have arranged an Honors and Achievement Banquet for our Honors students and their guests, along with scholarship recipients and members of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honors society. We use this ceremony to recognize some of our outstanding students at a sit-down dinner on campus. This is a great opportunity for Honors students to meet each other and to interact with faculty and staff who regularly attend as well.

Faculty Student Research Symposium

UW-Waukesha has a unique tradition begun in 2002 of showcasing student research projects from various disciplines at a one-day conference on campus open to the public. Most of these projects involved months of research and close interaction between faculty members and students. The topics vary greatly from year to year. Some of the recent ones included: the effect of bibliotherapy on cancer patients, the role of adult mentors on young adults and ethical consumerism. The Symposium always features a distinguished speaker and this past year, we were lucky to have UW System President Ray Cross deliver the keynote address. Anyone interested in learning more should e-mail: wakhonors@uwc.edu.

Biology professor Lori Brock worked with a student on a project for the Symposium who also presented the research at a UW system undergraduate research event in Madison, Posters on the Rotunda, at which students discuss their work with legislators at the Capitol.
Honors Open House

A great way to bring new and continuing Honors students together is a get-together that happens at the Honors Program Coordinator’s Home in Waukesha at the start of the school year. A variety of professors from different disciplines come to mingle with students over refreshments and conversation. We usually have our campus deans in attendance and a good showing of our Honors students and their guests. Hope many of you can make this year’s event! Contact Ellyn Lem for any questions: Ellyn.lem@uwc.edu 262-521-5478

The Honors Program Brings Faculty and Students Together to Share a Passion for Learning.
Articulation Agreements

When our Campus Dean Harry Muir began his position as dean, he had a vision for our Honors Program that would involve collaborating with the four-year institutions by setting up articulation agreements. We currently have articulation agreements with Carroll University; they will accept all of our students’ Honors credits and only require students to take one more course there and write a thesis in order to graduate with Honors. For more information, contact Professor Chris May, Interim Director of Carroll Scholars at cmay@carrollu.edu. Other agreements may be in the works.

Exploring Future Paths

Everyone has questions about where to go after UW-Waukesha, so the Honors students have gone on various trips to explore the Honors Programs at several four-year institutions. Above, are pictures from one trip to UW-Madison where we sat in on a classics course by Professor William Aylward and ate lunch at the Union with some former UW-Waukesha students who now attend Madison. Another trip crossed town to Carroll University that also involved lunch, a tour, and meeting with students and faculty. UW-Milwaukee Honors Program Director Charles Schuster came to our campus this spring to lead a lunch seminar and talk about opportunities there. Several students also attended a Medical College Open House on how to prepare for entrance into medical school. Each semester brings new ideas for social and educational plans, like these. You will receive email notifications about the events and requests for feedback on what you would like for us to do: listen and learn sessions with faculty, pizza lunches, museum visits, future course development—hoping to hear from you.