



Centennial Honors College

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Note from the Director

In just a matter of days, Spring Honors Convocation and Commencement will be here. Right now the University is active with all the characteristic business of the last days of the academic year—final class meetings, student organization elections, awards ceremonies, as well as cleaning out graduate offices and preliminary moving out of residence hall rooms and apartments. By May 11 all of this will be, well, over for a while. Graduation weekend, though, not only marks the end of the academic year punctuated by ceremony. Apart from the formal spectacle and the impromptu glad sounds of completion—of a year or a degree—it is also a time of reflection on what has been accomplished and on what we want to lie ahead. Apart from any other recommendations from parents and ceremonial speakers—all who have your best interests at heart—each of us might want to take stock as individuals. Nobody can live the life of the advancing student or new graduate except that man or woman. Recently I watched a scene from The Graduate where Dustin Hoffman's character Benjamin, recently graduated from college, is floating on an air mattress in his parents' swimming pool. His father suddenly appears, coming between him and the sun, and demands that Benjamin start to do something, like go to graduate school. Although Benjamin has begun another sort of life adventure, the message is clear that he—as any college graduate—makes his own choices. Some college students and graduates will follow that advice from family, society, and sage advisors, but all will live the choices they make. I celebrate with you the successful end of a year of study or your degree. I applaud the academic honors you have achieved. Most of all, I welcome your courage—as Benjamin seems to have at the end of the film—to realize that the next stage of life is more your own than ever. Make your summer great!



Bill Knox, Director

Undergraduate Research Day



John Lurquin, Psychology, and Provost Jack Thomas
"Effects of Modafinil and Amphetamine on Prepulse
Inhibition of CBA Mice"



Adam Carton, Psychology; Raymond Serra, Psychology;
Provost Jack Thomas; Laura Sprow, Psychology:
"Five Dollar Decision: A Moral Perspective on Ego
Depletion and Decision Making"

Participation in Undergraduate Research Day on April 16th increased seventeen (17) percent this year with 189 students participating. Twenty-six disciplines were represented and the total number of faculty members participating along with the number of participants from each college increased.

Centennial Honors College Convocation Speaker

In recognition of his many talents in and out of the classroom, Centennial Honors College student Joe Balogh was recently awarded the prestigious William E. Brattain Award which gives "recognition to an outstanding senior who has demonstrated excellence in academic growth and achievement as well as excellence in contributions to the campus community." Just prior to this honor, he was selected to serve as Honors Convocation speaker on May 9th. Having served as a member and leader in six student organizations, being selected a member of Lambda Alpha Epsilon Law Enforcement Professional Fraternity, Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, and Blue Key Honor Societies, and earning a 4.0 WIU GPA, Joe Balogh has won recognition for many achievements. We wish him the best on his graduation!



Joseph Balogh, cum laude,
University Honors Scholar in
LEJA major and CS minor

Joseph Balogh will give a speech entitled: "**The Power of One**" at the Convocation ceremony on May 9, 2008 at 2 p.m. in Western Hall.

Congratulations!

Centennial Honors College Scholar



Courtney Clippert, summa cum laude, Psychology major and Sociology minor

Honors Scholar in Psychology (also)

Congratulations!

SHA Activities

Blood Drive. SHA students participated in the set-up and dismantling of the Blood Drive on April 15th . Forty-nine usable donations were collected.

Better World Books. The Student Honors Association will be conducting a Better World Books campus book drive to benefit the National Center for Family Literacy (www.famlit.org) from Wednesday, April 30-Wednesday, May 7 at 1 p.m.. Our goal is to collect 150 books during this book drive. Please help by donating any college-level books that you no longer need! Beginning Wednesday, April 30, there will be big green and white collection boxes

* in Morgan Hall by the 1st floor elevators,

* outside the Thompson Hall cafeteria, and

* in the Corbin Hall lobby,

which will remain up until Wednesday, May 7, at 1 PM.

If you are unable to take your books to one of these locations, please contact Dr. Marti Barclay at 298-2228. We're collecting any text book that could be used in a college classroom.

The proceeds from this textbook drive will go to the National Center of Family Literacy in the United States.

Centennial Honors College Scholar Graduates, Spring and Summer 2008

Alicia M. Atkins	Charles Edward Davis, Jr.	Jennifer Lynn Madgiak	Heath A. Roush
Sara Joy Aupperle	Megan Lynn Diedrick	Johnathan Clay Martin	Ami Lyn Serena
Miranda Nicole Baker	Danielle L. Foley	Tiffany Dawn McKibben	Joshua Paul Simmons
Joseph Thomas Balogh	Natalia Isabel Galvan	Kateah Mari McMasters	Benjamin N. Snowden
Jeremy Robert Bauer	Annette Rose Glotfelty	Kelly Celine McMinn	Kegan Storms
Brooke Jannine Bauma	Lauren Gale Gogolew	Anne M. Millen	Julia Elizabeth Thurlow
Matthew Earl Boester	Sara Kathleen Gregory	Sadiya Jahaan Moten	Snezana Todorovic
Katherine Anne Bogner	Matthew A. Hahn	Timothy Edward Ocasek	Cassie Lynn VanHyfte
Jennifer C. Bresnahan	Jose Luis Hernandez, Jr.	Gerald Jeffrey O'Malley	Mary Catherine Vojta
Ryan Brownell	Breanne Lin Hoffman	Jeffrey S. Padgett	Jacob Charles Webb-White
Varqa Buehrer	Melissa Sue Jay	Thomas J. Palmisano	James M. Werry
Wendy J. Bulthuis	Brian P. Keller	Jamie L. Peeters	Melissa Williams
Mary Nicole Sylvester Butts	Corinne Kennebeck	Laura A. Pfeiffer	Walter Charles Willis
Allison Marie Campbell	Luke Anthony Kessler	Brady John Popkin	Krista L. Winters
Sarah Nicole Cane	Marie Ellen Kubala	David Lee Rappenecker	Amy N. Wolford
Sarah Marie Cash	Ryan V. Lambert	Julia Catherine Remes	Bethany Jean Worrell
Laura E. Clark	Allisha Marian Langdon	Dorian Denise Riley	Melissa Antoinette Yeast
Courtney Ann Clippert	Emily Lounsberry	Ashley Rodgers	Nicholas David Youngblut

CONGRATULATIONS!



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1 University Circle
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Centennial Honors College Upcoming Events, Spring, 2008:

May 9, 2008	Honors Convocation	2:00 pm	Western Hall
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Centennial Honors College Upcoming Events, Fall, 2008:

September 2, 2008	Student Honors Association	5:00 pm	Centennial Honors College
September 17, 2008	Honors Council Meeting	3:30 pm	Centennial Honors College

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