Honors graduate Brittany Avin received the prestigious Norris Medal at the May 8 commencement ceremony. This award is given each year to the best all-around graduating senior as deemed by the Scholarships and Awards Committee. Avin is the 13th consecutive Honors student to receive the Norris Medal.

In addition to receiving the Norris Medal, Avin has received the Goldwater Scholarship, the Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit, and the Award for Outstanding Senior in Genetics.

While at Clemson, Avin worked towards a dual degree in genetics and biochemistry under the direction of Dr. Kerry Smith. This close mentorship allowed her to continue research she began in high school in clinical cytogenetics. Avin presented Smith with the 2015 National Scholars Program Award of Distinction.

Avin plans to pursue a Ph.D. in the Biochemistry Cellular and Molecular Biology Program in Cancer Biology at Johns Hopkins Medical University.

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Honors students also participated in individual travel experiences—studying, interning, and serving others on six continents. The Honors College funded many of these students through our Educational Enrichment Travel Grant program, which covers expenses up to $3000 per student. This year, travel grants were awarded to more than 75 Honors students, for projects that included studying conservation efforts in Madagascar; working as a medical outreach volunteer in Tanzania; and interning with a wildlife veterinarian in Belize.

Why study away from campus? Travel gives students new perspectives on other cultures, and on their own. It provides a more critical way of thinking about world and local problems. And it gives students a keener sense of purpose about their lives and careers. It’s no wonder that many of our students consider their travel opportunities to be truly life-changing experiences.

We’re proud to see our students become global citizens, and to see them making a difference in the world! To help us continue this important effort, please consider making a contribution to the Calhoun Honors College. Your gift can help our students go away—and come back as more educated, involved, and engaged members of the Clemson community.

Bill Lasser, Ph.D.
Director
Calhoun Honors College
The spring semester afforded several programs to Honors students. Judge William Traxler, who currently serves as Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, led a Q&A Discussion during lunch in the Honors Academic Activities Center. The Honors Mentors hosted a game night in the Underground Recreation Center. Students took a well-deserved study break during the Honors Coffee Break, hosted by Honors staff. The Honors Community Service Group visited at an animal shelter in Anderson, SC. Psychology professor, James McCubbin, presented his NIH-funded research on the role of stress in disease across the lifespan during a Thoughts Worth Thinking lecture.
Amber Hackler received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, one of two presented at the 2015 Spring Commencement. This award is given annually to recognize students' leadership and service contributions to the community. She also received the Faculty Scholarship Award, which is presented to a student with the highest scholastic achievement. Hackler will begin work on her Ph.D. in the Chemical and Biological Sciences at The Scripps Research Institute in Jupiter, Florida.

Congratulations to Honors Living Learning Community Faculty-in-Residence Dr. Sarah Winslow on winning the Outstanding Woman Award for faculty from the Clemson President’s Commission on Women.

Honors students received dozens of year-end departmental awards for leadership and academic accomplishments. The students listed below received the top recognitions from their academic colleges.

**College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences**
- **Nate Diehl** | Blue Key Academic and Leadership Award, Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit
- **Brittany Avin** | Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit

**College of Architecture, Art and Humanities**
- **Rebecca Beaird** | Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit
- **Shawn E. Blackston** | Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit
- **Parker Essick** | Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit
- **Melissa Moore** | Doris R. Helms Women’s Leadership Award
- **Margaret A. O’Sell** | Blue Key Academic and Leadership Award
- **Zachary E. Whiteman** | Rudolph E. Lee Award

**College of Business and Behavioral Science**
- **Santiago Barbosa-Garcia** | Delta Sigma Pi Scholastic Key Award
- **Kristin Buhrow** | Award for Outstanding Senior in the Social Sciences
- **William Ensor** | ScanSource Leader of Tomorrow Award
- **Jesse Lassogna** | Target’s “Leaders on Target” Award
- **Melissa Moore** | Wallace Dabney Trevillian Merit Award
- **Allison Toth** | Blue Key Academic and Leadership Award
- **Emily Wager** | Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research

**College of Engineering and Science**
- **Andrew Carlin** | J. Wesley Davis Leadership Award
- **Shannon Kay** | Robert W. Moorman Award for Most Outstanding Junior in the Sciences
- **Nadiya Klep** | Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit
- **Kelly Moran** | Outstanding Senior Award in the Sciences
- **Emily Thompson** | Outstanding Junior Award in the Sciences

**College of Health, Education and Human Development**
- **Callie Hayne** | Phi Kappa Phi Certificate of Merit
- **Abigail Seelig** | Learn, Serve, Care Award
- **Miranda Warnock** | Certificate of Recognition for Excellence
- **Rebecca Zobel** | Blue Key Academic and Leadership Award, Undergraduate Emerging Leader Award
Meredith McCarroll
Winner of 2015
Douglas W. Bradbury Award

English Professor and Director of the Writing Center Meredith McCarroll received the 2015 Bradbury Award. This award is presented each year to a faculty member who has made outstanding contributions to the Honors College.

During her four years at Clemson, McCarroll immersed herself in opportunities outside the traditional teaching role. Her involvement with the Office of Major Fellowships allowed her to mentor students throughout the application process and challenge them to think critically about their futures as she assisted them with their personal statements. McCarroll is also the Director of the Clemson Writing Fellows program, which was developed in collaboration with the Honors College and English Department. As a result of her contributions and leadership to this project, the Writing Center has flourished to become a valuable academic resource for Clemson students.

From a faculty nomination “The calm confidence and dedicated professionalism, along with the generosity and care, with which Meredith approaches her work as Writing Center Director is a testament to her intellectual and professional maturity. In two short years, our Writing Center is now a hub of activity and excitement.”

From a student nomination “She is passionate; her love for Clemson University and its students along with her job is clearly evident when talking with her. Dr. McCarroll is one of the first professors who I truly felt had a vested interest in my education and future success while I have been a student at Clemson University.”

President James Clements hosted a reception on April 17 to honor major fellowship winners and finalists. Four Honors students received the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering. Goldwater Scholars are selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,206 mathematics, science and engineering students who were nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

The 2015 Clemson Goldwater Scholars students are Austin Herbst, Kaylee Kotwis, Jennifer Wilson and Emily Thompson. These students are pursuing degrees through the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences, and the College of Engineering and Science.

Clemson has been especially successful in the Goldwater competition for a decade, and this year Clemson students received more Goldwater awards than Yale, Harvard, and Cal Tech, and matched the number awarded to students at MIT and Stanford.

Will Rice, a junior Environmental Economics and Policy major, received the Udall Scholarship. Rice was one of 50 students chosen from more than 460 nominees this year and is the first Clemson student to receive the scholarship.

The Udall Foundation awards scholarships of to college sophomores and juniors for service and commitment in fields related to American Indian nations or to the environment.
2014-2015 MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP WINNERS, HONORABLE MENTIONS AND NOMINEES

Astronaut Scholarship
William Becker, Mechanical Engineering, Nominee
Emily Thompson, Physics, Winner

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship
Austin Herbst, Genetics, Winner
Kaylee Kotwis, Biochemistry, Winner
Emily Thompson, Physics, Winner
Jennifer Wilson, Plant and Environmental Sciences, Winner

Boren Scholarship
Marie Joy Amurao, Language & International Health, Nominee

Fulbright Scholarship
Parker Essick, Political Science, Nominee
Katie Jane Fairclough, History, Nominee
Kelly Moran, Biology, Finalist
Medha Vyavahare, Bioengineering, Finalist
James Welsh, Materials Science and Engineering, Nominee
Becca Ziehm, Financial Management, Nominee

Gilman Scholarship
Benjamin Bagwell, Biochemistry, Winner
Sohyun Kim, Management, Winner
Justin Williams, Political Science and Philosophy, Winner

Killam Fellowship
Savannah Mozingo, Language and International Trade, Winner

National Science Foundation
Graduate Research Fellowship
Winners
Matthew Byrd, Electrical Engineering
Michael Carlo, Biological Sciences
Aubrey Lawson, Computer Science
Kate Showers, Bioengineering
Michael Stoner, Civil Engineering
Honorable Mentions
Jason Anderson, Computer Science
Aubrey Lawson, Computer Science

Rhodes Scholarship
Parker Essick, Political Science, Nominee

Udall Scholarship
William Rice, Environmental and Natural Resources, Winner

Two Honors alumni are paving the way for a clinician shadowing program for Clemson University students. Matthew Bickford, a 2015 graduate, and Elliot Mappus, a 2014 Honors alumnus, created a new program called Clemson Medical Experience Development (CMED).

Through CMED, a student can see when physicians are available and sign up for shadowing times. Mappus saw the need to limit the program’s intrusion into clinicians’ daily lives, leading to the transformation of CMED into an automated scheduling system. An automated program takes care of all the necessary emailing and scheduling.

As part of CMED’s launch, a new course was offered to students interested in healthcare careers under the direction of biochemistry professor Dr. Michael Sehorn. Through this course, students went through the approval process, agreed to comply with confidentiality laws, provided proof of vaccinations, passed a tuberculosis test and accepted the CMED code of conduct.

“We had to limit program enrollment to 40 students in the inaugural semester; however, we hope to remove this cap for the fall of 2015,” said Sehorn. “The program is off to a great start with CMED having already clocked over 400 hours.”

CMED currently offers over 10 shadowing opportunities ranging from physical therapy to orthopedic surgery.

Both Bickford and Mappus will begin medical school in fall 2015.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We are grateful to these donors for gifts to the Calhoun Honors College Foundation account over the past year. Donations support a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including **Educational Enrichment Travel Grants** for research, service and internships around the world; **Departmental Honors Research and Conference Travel Funds**, which provide equipment, supplies, and professional travel opportunities for advanced students; and **Honors Center** programs, workshops and mentoring hosted in Holmes Hall.

Luke Rhym received Departmental Honors in Chemistry. He will pursue a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at MIT.

Bethan Fanning crosses the stage at May Commencement. She received Departmental Honors in Microbiology.

Scott Haas sports his “Clemson Mohawk” at the Departmental Honors Ceremony.

President James Clements addresses Honors graduates and their families at the Honors Awards Ceremony.

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Congratulations to the December 2014 Honors graduates below

ACCOUNTANCY & FINANCE  Ellison Taylor  •  William Bloder

AGRICULTURE, FOREST, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  Kayla Broeker  •  Dalton Rhodes

BIOENGINEERING  Jessica Canavan

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  Walker Blanding  •  Edward Duffy  •  Kristen Herring

CIVIL ENGINEERING  Melanie Payne

ECONOMICS  Ryunki Song  •  John Tabb

GENETICS, BIOCHEMISTRY AND LIFE SCIENCE STUDIES  Benjamin Arnson  •  William Boswell  •  Katerina Lay  •  Michael Ortman

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS  Laura Jegers-Hayes

MARKETING  Summers Binnicker

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES  William McMullan

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  Brandon Bowman  •  Tyler Henson  •  Colin Horgan  •  Andrew Johnston  •  Shelton Smith

MICROBIOLOGY  Carly Damerson  •  Lauren O’donnell  •  Rebecca Phifer  Emily Griffin

NURSING  Aubrey Crawford  •  Emily Griffin  •  Cayla Hahn  •  Katlyn Howell  •  Taylor Hunnicutt  •  Weslyn Jones  •  Ivey Sumner

PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT  Amethyst Kipling Rayton Garrett  •  Margaret Pautler
Honors Fall Reception

Friday, September 11, 4 to 5:30 pm

Honors parents and alumni are invited to a drop-in reception during Clemson Family Weekend in the Holmes Hall Honors Center.

Register online by September 4 at www.ClemsonHonorsFamilyWeekendReception.com

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