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Calhoun Honors College News

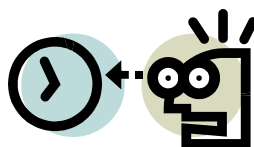
A Message from the Director, Dr. Lasser

Tomorrow, **September 4**, is our first-ever Honors Freshman Day, an opportunity for our newest students to meet with upperclassmen and the Honors College staff to learn about all the amazing opportunities available to Honors students. Don't miss it!

Although we would like to take credit for Honors Freshman Day, the idea was proposed to us by Ashley Lawhon, a junior Honors student majoring in Genetics. Ashley brought together a team of students and, together with the support of Dana Irvin and the rest of the Honors staff, has made this idea a reality.

If you have an idea for the Honors College, don't hesitate to suggest it! We can't guarantee anything, but chances are your idea could be featured in this space some day soon.

Today, Tomorrow and Next Week's Deadlines!



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP WORKSHOPS

First workshop is **tonight**—see info below.

Departmental Honors Research Grants
Grants for the Fall 2009 semester are **due in 105 Tillman Hall by 4:30pm on Friday, September 4.**

Honors Freshman Day
Friday, September 4, a free lunch and honors information fair for new freshmen will be held at the Hendrix Center. **Lunch is in the Ballrooms from noon–2:00pm and the information fair is from noon–4:00pm in Meeting Rooms A & B.** Honors College Staff and students will be on hand to talk with you about the many opportunities available in Honors.

Graduating Seniors Fall 2009
Students graduating fall 2009 must complete the Honors Candidacy Form. **The Deadline for submission is Tuesday, September 8.**

ARE YOU PLANNING TO APPLY FOR A FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP?

If you are planning to apply for a Fulbright this fall? The deadline to submit an application for endorsement will be **September 21**. Contact Dr. Stephen Wainscott if you have any questions or concerns.

ADVISING TIP OF THE WEEK

Use your planner to list important dates and deadlines for projects, papers and exams for all of your courses. This will help you become more effective with your time management.

Attention Students Graduating Next Year

If you are graduating in May 2010, August 2010, or December 2010, and would like your transcript checked for General Honors, Departmental Honors, or both, email CUHONORS-L@CLEMSON.EDU with your name and CU ID number. Every semester we have at least one student applying for graduation that thinks they have met their honors requirements, but have not. Please don't be one of these students! If you would like to meet with an advisor contact the Honors office at 656-4762 or email Wini Del to schedule an appointment.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP WORKSHOPS

If you are planning to apply for the NSFGRF this fall, you should plan to attend a series of workshops that will help you draft a competitive application. **The workshops will be held on September 3, September 17, October 8, and October 22. All workshops will be from 7-8:30 pm in B03 Holtzendorff.** For more information about the NSFGRF please visit the website.

**Kickoff
Countdown!**
Two days, two
hours, and
counting!
**Clemson vs.
Middle Tennessee**
**September 5
6:00pm**
Death Valley
GO TIGERS !!

Honors College

Conference Travel Funds

The Honors College is happy to announce the creation of the Conference Travel Funds (CTF). The CTF is intended to provide financial support to students in the Calhoun Honors College planning to attend conferences related to their academic interests. Visit the website for eligibility requirements, approved expenses, and the application form. Please be aware the Honors College has limited funds and may not be able to fund all requests.



Other News

The Robert J. Rutland Institute for Ethics announces
The 9th Annual J.T. Barton Jr. Ethics Essay Scholarship Competition
The competition is open to all Clemson University undergraduates.

Essay Topic: Should people have to have a license to be parents?
Some questions to consider:

- Is there a fundamental human right to reproduce?
 - Are some people unfit to be parents?

See attached flyer for more thought provoking questions and more details about the Competition. Instructions and resource materials are available here:

<http://www.clemson.edu/ethics/barton/Index.php>. The Rutland Institute for Ethics is committed to Clemson University's academic integrity policy: Academic Integrity Policy Undergraduate Studies
<http://www.clemson.edu/ugs/academic_integrity/index.html>



Opportunity to Work with Clemson Ethics Bowl Team

Do you like public policy debate? Or enjoy discussing philosophical issues?

The Clemson University Ethics Bowl team is looking for a couple of students to work as team assistants with our team members this semester and enroll in a 1-credit Creative Inquiry course along with it. Here are some details:

- The work will all take place between late September and mid-November.
- The assistants will pair up with a team member and develop arguments (in outline form) for several ethics "cases" (one page ethically problematic narratives) that take the opposite position that the team member does. They will then meet with the team member and ask tough critical questions, and debate with them a bit. They will also post their objections to the team member's position to a web site.
- The team as a whole will meet on five Friday afternoons (beginning this Friday) from about 3:00 to 4:30pm. Assistants who are unavailable at that time can probably meet late Monday afternoon instead. Assistants will also meet independently for about an hour (at a time of their choosing) with one team member 5-6 other times.
- Familiarity with basic philosophical theories (utilitarianism, etc.) is a plus, but not necessary.

The work will not be taxing, but it is very important that the assistants enjoy philosophical discussion and debate, and are conscientious and committed to helping team members improve their arguments.

If interested please contact me right away .

[Charlie Starkey](#)

Coach, 2009-2010 Clemson University Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team.

Feel free to ask me any questions even if you aren't sure you are interested.

Spring Break 2010 in EGYPT, Anyone?

Dr. Cohen, from Philosophy and Religion, will be leading his Third Annual Spring Break Trip to Egypt this coming March 2010.

For those interested, check out the attached poster and/or contact [Dr. Cohen](#) directly.