

NSP SCHOLAR STORIES

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HOT TIMES

In the near 100-degree days of mid-August, the eleven new National Scholars were welcomed to Clemson and the Program during a three-day retreat. A team of upperclass Scholars planned and carried out the retreat, which included a full day of rafting, several group decision-making exercises, a book discussion and a high ropes course.

Special thanks to team leaders **Damon Andrews** and **Colby Mistovich**, and team members **Allison Foreman**, **Ben Garrison**, **Rahul Loungani**, **Bethany Moore**, and **Suzanne Sawicki**.



Clockwise from above: Judith Crews conquers high ropes. > Rafting the Chatooga. > **Ben Boone** and **Josh Von Fange** help **Susie Irizarry** over a 10-foot climbing wall. > **Andrews** and **Mistovich** continue an NSP tradition with **Boone**: tying a strip of a Tiger Rag to his ankle (many upperclassmen Scholars still wear theirs).



ALUMNI UPDATES

- Jeff Clinkscales, '07**
MUSC: Medical school
- Rob Dixon, '07**
Carnegie Mellon: Master's in robotics
- Stephen Gosnell, '07**
UC-Santa Barbara: PhD in biology
- Laura Hart, '07**
Cincinnati: Medical school
- Kate Hicks, '07**
Clemson: Master's in biosystems engineering
- Michelle Malecha, '05**
Duke: Master's in business administration
- Christen Smith, '07**
Peace Corps in Ethiopia
- Lauren Smith, '07**
General Electric: leadership training program
- Jeremy Stovall, '05**
Virginia Tech: PhD in forestry
- Suzanne Weaver, '07**
UNC-Chapel Hill: Medical school
- Yousef Yasin, '07**
Wake Forest: Medical school
- Amanda Youell, '07**
Maryland: PhD in mathematics



Scholars ABROAD

Following study at the University of Sussex, the first-year Scholars explored France, including the D-Day landing beaches and the American military cemetery in Normandy.

Clockwise from left: Lucas Hurd and **Rahul Loungani** read the marker of **John H. Osborne**, one of three Clemson graduates buried at the American military cemetery in Normandy. > Viewing Pointe du Hoc at Omaha Beach, one of the American landing sites on June 6, 1944. > At the Eiffel Tower.

2007 MAYMESTER

- *Alternative Energy in Iceland*
- *Modernization in Holland, Sweden and Russia*

National Scholars participated in unique learning trips in May. One group completed a Spring course with Dr. Jerry Waldvogel focusing on alternative energy. Travelling to Iceland, they visited several power plants, met with a minister of the Iceland Parliament, and explored the natural wonders of the tiny island nation. A second group learned about the modernization of northern Europe with Dr. Steve Marks, and met with government officials in Amsterdam, explored maritime installations in Stockholm, and explored the imperial city of St. Petersburg.



Top: A visit to the Batavia Boat Yard. **Above:** Shannon Edd and Laura Kulikowski modeling the latest in Viking fashion.



Clockwise from left: After hiking the Þórsmörk Valley. ➤ At Eyjafjallajökull glacier. ➤ Nate Kwan in Sólheimajökull glacier. ➤ Ben Ward at Gullfoss waterfall.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ahmed Mohiuddin, '06
Pursuing an M.D. at
the Medical University of South Carolina

A biochemistry undergraduate at Clemson, Ahmed served as president of the Student Senate and founded a chapter of Amnesty International. His devotion to others continues in medical school; this summer he volunteered for several weeks at a medical center in Akot, South Sudan, one of the most desolate and war-torn regions in Africa. Ahmed worked with a group to vaccinate more than 8,000 Sudanese against meningitis. The experience greatly affected Ahmed. "I'm changing my focus in medicine to infectious diseases," he said. **"The problems that were most prevalent there -- malaria, tuberculosis, infant mortality -- are unheard of in the Western world. It was horrifying and inspiring all at once."**



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NSP WEDDINGS

Several National Scholars married in 2007 (Scholar names in bold):

- **Colleen Gleeson ('08)** and Daniel Eils
March 16
- **Rachel Rhyne ('06)** and Josh Kimrey
May 19
- **Stephen Gosnell ('07)** and Courtney Smith
June 2
- **Jeff Clinkscales ('07)** and Joanna Boland
July 27

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