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Scholars win national recognition, campus awards

March was a very good month for several National Scholars who received major national recognition and prestigious campus awards.

Third-year Scholar **Stephen Gosnell** was elected **Student Body President** on March 9. Two weeks later, Gosnell was named a 2006 **Goldwater Scholar**. The Goldwater is the top award for undergraduates majoring in the sciences.

Another third-year Scholar, **Christen Smith**, was named a national finalist for the **Truman Scholarship**, awarded to college juniors planning careers in public

service.

Senior Scholar **Jamie Kearns** received the Samuel B. Earle Award from Clemson, presented to the "most outstanding senior in engineering on the basis of scholarship and character."

The Clemson division of student affairs recognized four scholars with top leadership and service awards. **Lesli Kiedrowski** was named the Nick Lomax Rising Star. **Smith** won the Phil Prince Student Personal Development Award. Senior **Ahmed Mohiuddin** received the Susan Delony Student

Academic Achievement Award. Finally, **Casey Hancock** was inducted into the highly selective Order of the Blue Ridge.



Student Affairs award winners Kiedrowski, Smith, Mohiuddin and Hancock.

ing Star. **Smith** won the Phil Prince Student Personal Development Award. Senior **Ahmed Mohiuddin** received the Susan Delony Student

Seniors honor mentors at awards dinner



The 2006 National Scholars Program graduating class honored five Clemson professors at an April 4 awards dinner with the 2006 Award of Distinction, presented "for their tireless commitment to the National Scholars' intellectual, professional and personal development."

Recipients were:

- **Caye Drapcho**, Biosystems Engineering
- **Jeff Love**, Languages
- **Todd May**, Philosophy
- **Robert McCormick**, Economics
- **Mark Thies**, Chemical Engineering

NSP unveils new web site

http://www.clemson.edu/national_scholars

The Program launched an updated web site in January that includes:

- An animated front page with an interactive calendar and news updates
- A listing of current alumni pursuits
- A link to a blog with photos from NSP programs, classes and trips
- More detailed information on the selection process and the program's offerings



16 Scholars selected for 2006

10 women, 6 men come from 5 states, represent majors in all 5 CU colleges



Alexandra Barkett
Lawrenceville, GA



Brent Berkompas
Franklin, TN



Elizabeth Billheimer
Summerfield, NC



Paul Blichmann
Monroe, NC



Christine Chong
Charleston, SC



Allison Foreman
Columbia, SC



Benjamin Hamner
Mt. Pleasant, SC



Lucas Hurd
Surgoinville, TN



Donovan Jones
Sumter, SC



Rahul Loungani
Columbia, SC



Bethany Moore
Columbia, SC



Erica Morrison
Jacksonville, FL



Meredith Myers
Concord, NC



Jennifer Rahn
Ehrhardt, SC



Emily Robertson
Columbia, SC



Lillie Stewart
Marietta, GA

NS alumni UPDATE

Darcy Austin, '04

Darcy and her husband Josh welcomed Cordelia "Corrie" Laine Austin (the first Scholar baby) into the world on January 28, 2006.

Katherine Chisholm, '05

Pursuing MPH in Global Public Health at Emory.

Working with the Rwanda Zambia HIV Research Group, studying HIV transmission.

Joseph Godsey, '04

Working for General Electric after completing a GE executive leadership training program.

Project Leader for Wind Energy, implementing a wing-to-wing ERP system.

Mark Gramling, '05

Pursuing PhD in Immunopathology at UNC-Chapel Hill as a Royster Fellow.

Studying thrombin generation as it relates to blood coagulation, looking to understand thrombin generation in the absence of vascular injury.

Jacob Hicks, '05

Pursuing PhD in Computer Science at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Conducting fluid simulation research and robotic motion planning.

Ashley Neal, '04

Pursuing MD at Yale

Collaborated with a pediatric endocrinologist examining endothelial dysfunction using peripheral tonometry in a cohort of obese adolescents with impaired glucose tolerance participating in a randomized controlled trial of metformin (glucophage).

Mike Stadnisky, '05

Pursuing PhD in Infectious Diseases at Virginia.

Researching viral immunity, investigating specifically how the immune system's "first responders" interact with infected cells.

Internships take Scholars around the globe

DAMON ANDREWS Co-op at an intellectual property law firm, researching patents and helping write opinions.

JOHN DIXON REU in materials science at Washington State U.

STEPHEN GOSNELL Research on the evolution of sexual dimorphism in turtles with Biological Sciences at Clemson.

LAURA HART Internship with the Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) department at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

NATHAN KWAN Electrical engineering research with Duke Energy.

College grant-funded internship with the Progress and Freedom Foundation in Washington, D.C., conducting public policy research.

CHELSEA REIGHARD Honors College grant-funded internship in Tanzania with Global

Service Corps, where she will train as an HIV/AIDS community health educator, and learn Swahili.

LAUREN SMITH Internship with GE Transportation in a financial management program.

RYAN SPURRIER REU in

math and statistics at Valparaiso U. and attending National Leadershape Conference.

SUZANNE WEAVER Internship with the Pediatric Oncology Education Program at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

NS seniors anticipate law, med school

The NS seniors are spending their days deciding among top law and medical schools, or planning to begin their careers.

Brian Eyink is currently weighing law school offers from Duke, Virginia, UNC, Cornell, and Vanderbilt.

Three graduates will soon be in doctor's scrubs -- **Ahmed Mohiuddin** will attend MUSC; **Amanda Cheung** has been accepted to USC and MUSC; and **Jamie Kearns** is considering, among others, Columbia and Washington U. of St. Louis.

Matt Clemmens has accepted a position as a technology consultant for Charleston-based software company Blackbaud.

No doubt, the graduates will continue their extraordinary records of success.

STEPHEN LAREAU Honors

During Spring 2006, Scholars met with leaders in ecology, diplomacy and international economic development



Above: Former State department chief of mission to Belgrade Richard Miles talks with senior Scholar Brian Eyink. Miles met with a group of Scholars in preparation for the National Scholars Maymester Educational Enrichment Expedition to Brussels and Belgrade.

Right: Hank Fischer, the wildlife ecologist who led the effort to repopulate wolves in Yellowstone National Park, discusses his book *Wolf Wars* with another group of Scholars who are travelling to the Park in May.



Left: Several Scholars and Dixon Fellows met with Dan Flinter, former director of Enterprise Ireland, to learn about changes in the Irish economy in the last decade. The Global Leadership Forum dinner was sponsored by the Clemson Center for International Trade and Bank of America.



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