A PLACE FOR ENRICHMENT

Home to undergraduate excellence at UWM, the Honors College provides the personalized education of a small liberal arts college with access to all the benefits of an urban research university. Unique within the UW System, the Honors College offers individualized seminars taught by some of the most respected faculty on campus. High-achieving students find a sense of community within the Honors College, and the Honors House serves as the gathering place for students and faculty who meet to inquire, discuss, and expand their minds.

Because students of all majors have the opportunity to enhance their education through the Honors College, these students raise the bar across campus and enrich our entire university community. Employers, too, benefit from students who have grown their skills in scholarly inquiry, critical thinking, and effective reading, writing, and speaking.

Investing in the Honors College is a top priority at UWM. Through this campaign, we aim to increase the number of outstanding students and premier faculty UWM attracts and retains. Scholarships for Honors students and professorships for our instructors are both crucial to the success of the Honors College and its impact on the overall health of the university. Please take a moment to learn more about our exceptional students and the exceptional donors who support them.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: $3.5 MILLION
THE HONORS EFFECT

Many of the brightest and most dedicated applicants to UWM are first attracted to the university because of the outstanding opportunities the Honors College provides. Once these students arrive on campus, their impact can be felt in classrooms and labs, by peers and professors, across all disciplines of the university. Support for Honors students and their experience is critical for attracting these exceptional students to UWM and retaining them through graduation. Your gift can help us capitalize on the many academic and educational opportunities that make the Honors experience unique.

GOAL FOR STUDENT SUPPORT: $1.75 MILLION

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are critical to the recruitment and retention of high-achieving students into the Honors College and UWM. Funds can be established in honor of the donor, a loved one, or an esteemed faculty member. Endowed scholarships provide support in perpetuity while current-use scholarships can be established for a specified period of time.

HONORS EXPERIENCE

The Honors experience is not limited to the classroom. By offering activities such as attendance at national honors college conferences, speaker series, and living-learning community activities, the Honors College can enrich the Honors experience for our students and better prepare them for life beyond UWM.

HONORS HOUSE

The Honors House enhances the visibility of the Honors College and reinforces its value to UWM. This distinctive, historic building is the true home of Honors students during their time at UWM. Over the years, this building has been adapted to fit the needs of the Honors College and its students, but it needs additional investment in order to provide the best educational opportunities for today’s students.

SCHOLARSHIPS INSTILL CONFIDENCE

Molly Kiefer’s scholarships helped her before she ever got to UWM. “Transitioning from high school to college is a scary and complicated time,” she explains. “By receiving scholarships, I already felt supported coming to campus because I knew people believed in my success.”

This support not only helped alleviate Molly’s worries about finances, it also allotted her more time to focus on academics and become engaged on campus. Majoring in dance and psychology, Molly joined the Student Association as the Peck School of the Arts senator. “This experience cultivated my voice and allowed me to create programming to address a number of issues on campus. “Being involved has given me an incredible set of skills I can use to foster change, making me a more effective leader. My scholarships altered the course of my college and post-college experience for the better and inspired me to give back to students in the future.”

“THE HONORS COLLEGE has given me a chance to meet students from different areas across campus, engage in interdisciplinary investigations, and expand my intellectual boundaries.”

MOLLY KIEFER ’18
Ziegler Family Scholarship Recipient

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My 13 years as the Honors College director were the most rewarding of my career at UWM. The students’ work ethic, dedication, and achievements were remarkable, yet they were unfailingly modest. These students, who are most likely to make significant contributions to society in the future, deserve our support.”

LAWRENCE BALDASSARO
UNDERSCORING UWM’S RESEARCH MISSION

Each day, Honors students participate in the lab and in the classroom, asking questions of themselves, their peers, and their professors as they continue their search for knowledge. The Honors experience is greatly enhanced by the opportunity to interact with the university’s most distinguished professors. Investment is critical to helping us retain this elite group of faculty members, who lead our students in groundbreaking research across all disciplines.

GOAL FOR RESEARCH SUPPORT: $1.25 MILLION

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

A growing number of Honors students participate in undergraduate research opportunities that enhance their academic experience and help prepare them for their future careers. While this exposure to research can be priceless, it can also take time away from maintaining a job outside of school. Your support allows Honors students to participate in research with graduate students and faculty, giving them a head start on their career path.

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSORSHIPS

The strength of the Honors experience is dependent on exceptional teachers. Visiting assistant professors help invigorate our curriculum by adding their expertise to our talented group of Honors educators. Donor-funded professorships help attract outstanding scholars, who in turn attract outstanding students.

FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS

Our distinguished faculty not only teach our Honors students, they also work with them to conduct research on how exceptional students make UWM a better place to live and work. Support for our Faculty Fellows Program helps us discover what makes students high achievers and how those students affect the classroom and our campus.

SEARCHING FOR ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Growing up in Nepal, Nisrit Pandey and his family experienced frequent power outages, but when they explored purchasing solar panels as an alternative energy source, they discovered it would cost nearly 60 percent of his family’s annual income. This personal experience inspired Pandey to pursue a degree in materials engineering so he could work to identify affordable alternative energy solutions for people in developing countries.

Since his first semester at UWM, Pandey has participated in research with Associate Professor Benjamin Church and has presented his research on energy storage technologies across the U.S. He was awarded Outstanding Presentation at the University of Wisconsin System Research Symposium, edging out 750 other presenters.

“My scholarships have allowed me to worry less about my finances and focus more on my extracurricular activities, research, and academics.”

NISRIT PANDEY ’18
KleinOsowski Scholarship Recipient

I would not have made it through college without the help of scholarships, so as soon as I paid off my student loans, I put that money toward scholarships for future students. As my income grew, I elevated my giving and used matching funds from my employer to increase my impact.

A.J. KLEINDOSOWSKI ’99
Pictured with Kevin KleinOsowski ’97
HONORS COLLEGE

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR WHAT’S NEXT

Honors College students don’t wait until graduation to get out into the world and make a difference. They begin applying their exceptional communication and critical thinking skills as students through internships and study abroad experiences. These key opportunities allow Honors students to learn, grow, and be even more prepared for life after graduation. While these transformative experiences are increasingly important when it comes to career preparation, financial constraints often deter students from pursuing such opportunities. Your support will allow our Honors students to enrich their lives, jump-start their careers, and increase their impact on the world.

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS
Real-world experience gives students an edge in developing their careers. Honors students benefit from internships, professional mentoring, and other career development opportunities with local and national businesses and organizations.

STUDY ABROAD
More than a third of Honors students study abroad, which opens them up to new experiences, cultures, and ways of thinking. Study abroad scholarships help send UWM’s outstanding students to areas all over the world.

DIRECTOR’S FUND
This fund helps the Honors College address its more pressing needs and respond to opportunities as they emerge. Support for the Director’s Fund strengthens UWM’s ability to provide the most exceptional education to its most exceptional students.

GOAL FOR ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT: $500,000

INVESTING IN WISCONSIN’S FUTURE

Cody Ampomah’s decision to come to UWM hinged on his acceptance into the Honors College. “The course subjects and the opportunity to learn in a unique environment were major factors in my wanting to come here,” he says. A finance major in the Lubar School of Business, Ampomah was accepted into the Investment Management Certification Program (IMCP) and received an internship at Wells Capital Management—two things he considers his greatest accomplishments at UWM.

Ampomah says his scholarships have opened doors he never imagined. “I don’t know if I would be in college right now if it weren’t for scholarships. I am incredibly grateful, and I hope to give back in a similar fashion in the near future. Donations to the Honors College are an investment in Wisconsin because so many students stay in the state and do amazing things.”

Students who complete the Honors College’s rigorous program are prized by hiring managers assessing candidates for internships and jobs. Recruiters value conceptual thinking, communication skills, self-confidence, and the ability to relate well to others—often more than specific job-related knowledge.

JUDITH SCOTT ’81
OUR STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

The UWM Honors College is home to about 600 high-achieving students who engage with general education, study abroad, undergraduate research, and other opportunities in Milwaukee. Honors alumni have applied this experience to graduate school, law and medical school, and careers in high-tech firms, business, entrepreneurial ventures, and government agencies. Your support will help us give Honors students the formative experience they will use to shape the world.

Peter Sands, Honors College Director

“Recently, I was involved in the peace process in Colombia, negotiating with guerrillas who’ve been fighting for 51 years, when memories of an Honors class about war stories came back to me. The Honors College gave me an academically diverse experience that I am using in my career.”

RAMON ESCOBAR ’03
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

“I stayed at UWM because I was enamored with the seminar-style classes and personal attention I received in the Honors College. I learned how to synthesize information and present it in a coherent way, and those skills have directly translated to my career in documentary filmmaking.”

SPENCER CHUMBLEY ’09
DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER AND FOUNDER OF DISCOURSE INC.

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59% GRADUATED IN THE TOP 10% OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

HONORS ALUMNI HOLD DEGREES FROM EVERY UWM UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL

59% OF STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

105 STUDENTS ARE FROM OTHER STATES OR COUNTRIES

37% OF HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS PURSUE AN ADVANCED DEGREE

3.8 AVERAGE GPA

MORE THAN 35% STUDY ABROAD COMPARED TO 2% CAMPUS-WIDE
In my job at Google, I always have to be problem solving and forward thinking because the technology industry changes so rapidly. The thought leadership skills I gained in the Honors College helped get me where I am today.

– LOUELLA AQUINO ’12
PROGRAMMATIC MEDIA OPERATIONS LEAD AT GOOGLE

In the Honors College, I learned to engage in respectful discourse even when I disagreed with someone, and I use this skill every day in business. Through scholarships, I am giving other students opportunities that shaped me.

– ANDY SCHIESL ’92
VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL, & CORPORATE SECRETARY OF GARDNER DENVER

The experience I had in the Honors College was the first domino—the first success—in what became a long chain of happy successes that led me to where I am now. I was lucky to have had that first chance to succeed.

– DENNIS KOIS ’95
PRESIDENT & CEO OF MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

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