



Weekly Update

August 22, 2022

Welcome Back!

A letter from Dr. Shannon Kobs Nawotniak, UHP Director



Dear Honors Family,

I can't tell you how excited I am to be back! This is a year of big changes for us in Honors, particularly with Dawn's retirement and Miriam's transfer at the end of last year, coupled with welcoming our newest Honors faculty, Jacob Andrysiak and Conner Suddick. We found Jacob and Conner through a nationwide candidate search, and I am thrilled that they have joined our Honors Family. Please watch this space in future Weekly Updates for features on each of them. In the meantime, swing by their offices to introduce yourself and welcome them to our program!

These big changes in our program have inspired our twin themes for the year: Connection and Transformation. As we go through changes, we gain so much from reaching out to one another and building systems of mutual support rather than trying to do everything on our own. Transformation, from the individual to institutional levels, can be uncomfortable and scary while simultaneously exciting, inspiring, and fulfilling. We're going to be trying some new things and stretching our wings as a program, and I'm excited for us to innovate and explore together.

I spent last year on a personal transformation during my sabbatical, a program that enables faculty to take a semester of a year away from their regular duties to explore new directions of research. Like everything else in the Time Of Covid, some plans fell apart and others appeared in their place. I had to learn to be flexible at times when I didn't want to be and to push myself further outside of my comfort zone. Some highlights included being selected for a small, international leadership team conducting a volcanic hazard analysis for Idaho National Lab, being selected for two different teams supporting NASA lunar missions, spending a month with extended family in the Dominican Republic, jumping from a waterfall (I may have gotten some epic bruises from that one!), and snorkeling (you probably don't know, but fish make me *very* uncomfortable). I was able to reconnect with family and friends around the country whom I hadn't been able to visit for years.

I hope that all of you have had your own share of connections and transformations over this past year, and I hope that you're excited to be starting off the new school year! Let's dig in together to continue to grow and transform UHP into a connected community that will support you in the best way possible.

Welcome back, and Go Bengals!

Shannon



During NASA training, they let us use real spacesuit gloves in a vacuum box to better understand what it's like for the astronauts. Unsurprisingly, everything is much harder to do in these gloves!



Fieldwork is even better when there is a guard goat who demands daily cuddles.



Morning walks and runs by the shore made it easier to focus on research in the afternoons in the Dominican Republic.

The House Competition is Underway!

Thank you to all the faculty and students who helped to prepare and execute this year's Honors Induction Ceremony! It was a huge success thanks to all your effort, and we were so excited to meet all of our incoming Freshman!

Now that we are getting back into the swing of things, come to Honors events and plan meetings with your mentors to gain points for your Honor's House – the competition is underway!



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2022 House Competition

Welcome to your Honors House! Each Fall semester, the Honors Peer Mentors coordinate a House Point Competition that lasts from August 17th to October 21st, 2022. The Honors House with the most points by the end of the competition will win. The competition depends on collaboration and integrity among mentors and mentees!

How to Earn Points

- Attend the Honors Induction and Meet & Greet (10 points each)
- Schedule and Attend Meetings with Honors Advisor and/or Mentor (10 points)
- Attend a School or Honors Event with Mentor (10 points)
- Communicating with your Mentor about questions, growth, or achievements! (5 points)
- Follow an Honors Social Media Account (1 point per platform)

FAQs

How do I earn points for my house?

- Notify your mentor! Honors mentors are responsible for updating their weekly point totals by Sunday night at 11:00pm. You will see point totals reflected in Monday's weekly update sent by Honors Leadership.

Can I contribute to categories more than one time?

- Absolutely! All of your events, communications, and meetings can count event if you've reported one before.

Upcoming Events to Find UHPC At!

**Welcome Back Orange and Black:
Downtown, 4-7pm, August 22**

**Student Organization and Involvement
Fair:
Quad, 11:30am-1pm, August 24**

**ISU Comedy Night:
Bengal Cafe, 7-8pm, August 26**

**ISU Paint Party:
Quad, 7pm start, August 27**

Graduation Deadline

As we begin a new school year, we want to let you know that Undergraduate and Graduate graduation applications for Fall 2022 are currently open. The application deadline for a Fall 2022 graduation is on Tuesday September 6, 2022.

All students apply for graduation in BengalWeb on the Academic Tools icon. Students are strongly encouraged to submit their application for graduation as soon as possible. Applications received early give advisors and support staff time to communicate with a student if there are outstanding requirements.

Students transferring in coursework in their last semester need to notify a graduation specialist at the time of application for graduation. All transfer coursework must be completed by the last day of the ISU semester in which they wish to graduate.

Job Opportunities

Social Media Marketing - Journal of Management Education. This is a great opportunity for anyone who knows how to use social media platforms and would be interested in helping an academic journal launch its social media presence. (In other words, this does not have to be a Marketing major.)

The other great thing about this position is that it is (very!) part-time - no more than 5-10 hours a week for just the Fall semester and quite flexible - and it will pay a \$1,000 stipend. Interested students can email Alex Bolinger at boliale2@isu.edu for more details!

Marketing and Fundraising Coordinator - Pocatello Free Medical Clinic. This is a paid CPI internship (also posted on ISU's Handshake job listings board) for the Fall semester with the primary task of helping to coordinate the Rake-a-Difference fundraiser in November. (And enormous thanks to the Honors Program - without Honors students, that fundraiser simply would not be feasible.)

Students, please know that, contrary to the posting title, this position is not just for Marketing or Business majors. In fact, this would be an awesome opportunity for students hoping to go into healthcare-related fields. Interested students can email Alex Bolinger at boliale2@isu.edu for more details!

CPI Position (Open this Fall) Stormwater GIS Intern - City of Pocatello. The Environmental GIS Intern assists City of Pocatello Science and Environment staff with data collection, research, outreach, GIS and other projects. The Environmental GIS Intern is provided with an opportunity to gain valuable training, experience and insight to stormwater and watershed management as well as other environmental programs. Interested students, please consult the Handshake app for more information!

The job requires the ability to maintain a collaborative and cooperative working relationship with elected and appointed officials, other City employees, other organizations, and the general public.

The work environment will include inside conditions and outdoor weather conditions, including on a variety of terrain. This position performs both office and field work.

Duties include researching environmental issues, gathering data online or in the field, GIS mapping and analysis, and writing reports.

Nationally Competitive Scholarship & Fellowship Opportunities

Are you a sophomore or junior Interested in pursuing graduate studies? Want to learn more about scholarship and fellowship programs you could consider to fund your graduate studies in a wide variety of fields? Interested in fully-funded master's degree programs abroad? Do you have a strong academic record (3.6 + GPA) and ample research/service experience?

Schedule an appointment with Instructor/Coordinator Conner Suddick [here](#) to learn more about [Rhodes](#), [Marshall](#), [Mitchell](#), [Goldwater](#), [Truman](#), [Udall](#), [Fulbright](#), [Schwartzman](#), [Boren](#), [Critical Languages](#), and more!

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Peer Advising With Exko

Hello fellow Honors students!

If you don't know me, my name is Exko Ramey and I am a fourth year student studying History and Art. I am the University Honors Program Club (UHPC) President this year and I am so excited to be working with all of you this year!

I have been an Intern with the Honors Program for two years. As part of my job responsibilities, I hold Peer Advising Hours to help students with academic advising. In case you are not sure what exactly that means, I can help with a variety of things. If you want help changing your major, want to explore majors, or even want to discuss your four-year plan, that is what I am here for! I am able to help with even more and if I cannot help directly, I can find someone who can help.

My hours are from 10am-3pm on Fridays, or you can email me at rameexko@isu.edu for an appointment. I am more than happy to help and I hope to connect with you all this semester!