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Jacob's Farewell Message

Honors Students,

It is with bittersweet emotions that I write this final note to you. As your Instructor/Coordinator over the past two years, I have had the pleasure to teach, advise, and plan events with so many of you! I consider my time at ISU some of the best and most rewarding of my professional career. As I move on to new opportunities in Boise, I want to leave you all with some wisdom I have learned throughout my 16 years in Pocatello as a Bengal and professional in the community.

Remember to zoom out. So many times in our lives we can become too narrowly focused. As a first-year student, I wanted to be a clinical psychologist and that shifted in such an amazing way that led me to be a teacher because I took time to reflect and think about the bigger picture. I drive the long way to ISU from my house each day so I can come over the hill to remind myself how important it is to look at the big picture. I encourage you all to do the same!

Take the risks and let someone else tell you no. Being at the university is all about opening doors and seeing opportunities. Don't prematurely close yourself off to opportunities because of doubt. Allow those in charge of the opportunities to close the door for you. I was 18 and put in charge of an entire non-profit organization for this area. I had so many doubts that hindered me early on.
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I took risks, dreamed big, and did amazing work for that non-profit that gave me a passion for the community. It was a big reason why the Civic Scholars Program is part of Honors today. Always Dream Big!

I want to say how proud I am of all of you. You are the passion that makes the Bengal community so phenomenal. You are involved in service, research, social activities, and everything in between. You are squeezing the most out of this university experience! As an alumnus of ISU, I am honored to share the Bengal title with you all! Keep earning your stripes!

Finally, please join us at the Welcome Celebration this Wednesday, August 14th to welcome the new cohort of Honors students to ISU. This will also be my final day at ISU, and I would love to see you at the event. Please come to Caldwell Park at 6:30pm to join us for the festivities. It counts toward Civic Engagement as well! If you would like to help serve or set up, please contact me directly at jacobandrysiak@isu.edu!

Go Bengals!



Jacob Andrysiak

Honors Event | Welcome Celebration!

Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30pm
Caldwell Park (corner of 7th Ave and Bonneville)

Join the UHP in welcoming our new, incoming Honors students at the UHP Welcome Celebration. There will be lots of fun games, pizza, and Creamies! We hope to see you there!

Contact Jacob if you would like to help set up at the park and serve pizza. (jacobandrysiak@isu.edu)

Ready for Fall 2024?

Yes, the Fall 2024 semester starts on Monday, August 19 - one week from today! Here are a few reminders and suggestions for making sure you're ready for a smooth start to the semester. Reach out to your honors advisor if you have any questions or need assistance.

Check the Progress of Your Honors Distinction/Degree

Log into DegreeWorks and scroll down to the "Honors Program Core" to see your progress. To earn an Honors Distinction, you must complete at least 19 Honors credits, one of which **MUST** be a section of HONS 3391. If you are low on Honors credits, we're happy to help you come up with a plan to earn those remaining Honors credits, especially if you are close to graduating.

Do You Need to Earn Some Honors Credits?

Earn Honors credits by taking Honors sections of courses (H sections of courses, e.g., PSYC 1101-H1) or by contracting a course for Honors credits.

- You can easily search for Honors sections in the [ISU course schedule](#). Pro Tip: Click on "Advanced Search" and then select "Honors Course" in the "Attribute" drop-down menu.

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- If you plan to [contract a course for Honors credits](#) this semester, review all the information and documentation for contracting on the UHP website. The deadline to submit Fall 2024 Honors contracts is Friday, August 30.

Book Bundle Options

The ISU bookstore is offering a Book Bundle option that may save you some money, or not. As you consider the book bundle, keep in mind that you are charged \$24.75 per credit. Please take some time to look up your books on third-party websites to determine if it is advantageous for you to opt-in or opt-out. Either way, go to isu.edu/bookbundle to learn more about the program. If you do not want to participate in the program you must opt-out of it by September 6, 2024.

Stay Involved In Honors

Have you completed the requirements for the Honors Distinction? If you have, Congratulations! It is not a trivial accomplishment and you should feel a well deserved sense of pride. Know that even though you have completed the Distinction requirements, you are still an active member of the UHP and eligible for all of the Honors benefits:

Honors Advising

It's not just about Honors and degree advising. We can assist you with graduate school preparation, applying for scholarships and internships, or networking.

Honors Degree

If you're not graduating in December 2024, you still have the opportunity to pursue an Honors Degree. (No pressure!)

BAHM

We continue to expand session content and choices to be more relevant to you. And, we're open to suggestions. If there is a topic that interests you, let us know!

Honors Events

We've got some fun and informative events planned for this year. We hope to see you there!

Honors Scholarships

If you are graduating this academic year you may not be eligible for some scholarships, but there are others that you can still apply for!

Leadership Roles

You're eligible to apply for Envoy, UHP Club, and Peer Mentor positions. Always a nice addition to a resume.

Priority Registration

Not so important if you're already a senior, but it's still a good perk!

We hope that you will find a way to stay connected to the Honors Program and continue to enjoy the assets and resources available to you. Do not hesitate to contact your Honors advisor with questions or to request an appointment.

In Next Week's Edition.....

Welcome Letter from Dr. Sarah Robey

Dr. Robey officially begins her role as our new Honors Director this week! She'll kick off the semester with some words of wisdom and inspiration.

Meet the 2024/2025 UHP Club Officers

We'll introduce the UHP Club Leaders and learn about their leadership positions. There might even be a preview of the fun events they have planned for the Fall 2024 semester.

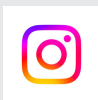


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