

**Annual Report 2008-2009 At a Glance**

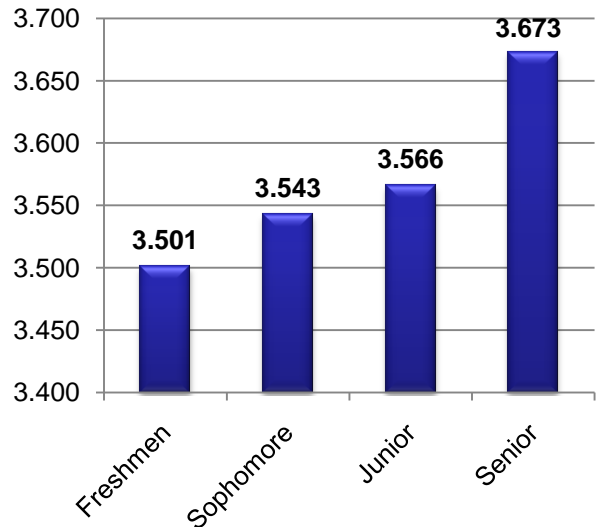
**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Honors Program is to challenge students to expand their intellectual horizons and expectations by offering a rigorous and creative curriculum as well as opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom. The program seeks to provide honors students with an enriched microcosm of the stimulating, challenging, rewarding world of ideas that will be the foundation of both their careers and lives.

**Facts and Figures**

Undergraduate honors students as of May 2009:...797  
 73% women  
 27% men  
 Graduates during 2008-2009:.....104  
 Honors General Education Courses:.....34  
 Honors Seminars:.....17  
 Honors Liaisons representing 51 majors:.....44  
 Full-time and Part-time Staff:.....5  
 Average GPA of all honors students:.....3.56  
 Average GPA of 104 graduating seniors:.....3.67  
 Incoming Freshmen for Fall 2008:.....184  
 Average SAT Score: .....1251

**Average GPA of Honors Students by Class**



**Honors and Awards**

- Jeffrey Scott Turner '09 (ISAT) won the Phi Kappa Phi Award for best senior research project.
- Lorraine White '09 (Individualized Studies/History) won the Phi Beta Kappa Award for best senior research project.
- Jamay Szalay '10 (Physics) won a Goldwater Scholarship for 2009-10.
- Traci Cox '08 (English) won a Fulbright teaching assistantship in Slovakia.
- Ryan Powanda '09 (ISAT) won a grant from the National Science Foundation to study at Stanford University's masters program.

**Major Accomplishments**

- The Honors Program now offers its students the opportunity to live in dedicated Honors housing. Two hundred first and second year honors students, along with a faculty-in-residence, live together in one of the two wings of Shenandoah Hall, a residence hall that opened on the East Campus in Fall 2009.
- Dr. Karen Evans (English) won The Honors Program's **Distinguished Teaching Award** and the **Faculty Service Award**. She teaches honors seminars and served in honors curriculum development.
- The Honors Program acquired 13 brand new computers, installed new carpet, and added additional seating for the dedicated student computer lab and lounge.

## Graduating Seniors

### 2009 Senior Honors Projects by College



- College of Arts and Letters
- College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Integrated Science and Technologies
- College of Science and Mathematics
- College of Visual and Performing Arts

The seniors in the Class of 2009 have been accepted for graduate or professional study at the following institutions:

- Auburn University
- Boston University
- Clemson University
- Colorado School of Mines
- DeSales University
- George Mason University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Marymount University
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Stanford University
- Towson University
- University of California
- University of St. Andrews
- University of Virginia
- Vanderbilt University
- Villanova
- Yale University

Others will be going into service work, including:

- American Red Cross
- Americorps
- Global Vision International
- Operation Smile
- Teach for America

Top 10 Majors of Honors Program students:

- Biology
- Psychology
- International Affairs
- English
- Health Science
- History
- Media Arts & Design
- Finance
- Political Science
- Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies