



honorable mention

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Honors Recognition Ceremony

The 2006 University Honors Program Recognition Ceremony was held in the Richey Ballroom of the IMU on April 23. Outstanding honors students were presented with a variety of scholarships and awards. UHP Director John Nelson welcomed the recipients and their friends and family to the ceremony, followed by opening remarks from Christopher Merrill, the Director of the International Writing Program.

Awards were presented by platform officials from various University colleges. A musical interlude of Debussy's *Romance* was provided by honors students Allison Page and Anna McQuere.

After the presentation of awards, Lauren McCarthy spoke on behalf of the students. A brief reception followed.



And the winners are...
Saida Jaffar Shaikh receives a Rhodes Dunlap First-Year Award from UHP Director John Nelson.

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Rhodes Dunlap Scholarships

Established through a bequest of Samuel Rhodes Dunlap, founder of the Honors Program, Rhodes Dunlap Scholarships recognize the outstanding academic achievement of undergraduates in the University Honors Program.

First Year Recipients

Erin Cavanagh, a freshman from Bettendorf, Iowa, is majoring in Finance and Political Science, and minoring in Spanish. She is a Presidential Scholar and is currently participating in research with Professor Murray Barrick and Professor Greg Stewart from the Management and Organizations Department. She also serves as the Academics Chair of Delta Zeta

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sorority and Vice President of Publicity of her dorm's associated residents organization.

Natalie Ehalt, a Presidential Scholar from Orono, Minnesota, is double majoring in Spanish and English, and plans to study abroad either in Mexico or Chile during her junior year. Natalie began taking cello lessons this semester and hopes to join a string chamber music group next fall. Natalie plans to apply to the College of Education in order to earn her teaching license for English and Spanish secondary education.

Robert Null, from Dunlap, Illinois, is a Presidential Scholar who is majoring in applied physics. He is participating in research in the lab of physics professor John Prineas and has an Iowa Research Experience for Undergraduates grant to continue work this summer. He also volunteers at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Amy Rohlfing, from River Forest, IL, is a biochemistry major and Presidential Scholar who also plans to minor in German. Amy is a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, the Iowa Hapkido Club, the University of Iowa Sailing Club and Undergraduate Racing Team, as well as a founding member of the German Society.

Saida Jaffar Shaikh is from Mason City, Iowa. She is a pre-pharmacy major who has participated in the Indian Cultural Association, the Muslim Students Association, and the Association of Muslims in America; in addition, she volunteers at Mercy Hospital.

Sophomore Recipients

Stuart Breczinski is a sophomore Presidential Scholar from Golden Valley, Minnesota, majoring in music and mechanical engineering. In addition to participating in several University of Iowa music ensembles, Stuart has also recently finished his first season playing English Horn with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra. In the summer of 2005, he held an internship with AbelConn, LLC, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a position that he will assume again this summer.

Andrew Ketterer, a sophomore from Iowa City, Iowa, is majoring in pre-medicine, philosophy, and German. He is a Presidential Scholar and plans to complete an honors thesis in philosophy when he returns from studying in Freiburg, Germany for the 2006-2007 academic year. He is a regular volunteer in the IPCU at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and has for the past two years helped to coach improvisation for the City High School large group speech team.

Bryan Leppert, a sophomore from Grimes, IA, is pursuing a degree in biology, focusing on genetics/biotechnology, and is also pre-medicine. He is a Dean's Scholar and an active member of the University Academic Quiz Club. Bryan also volunteers weekly at the UIHC and currently works as a lab assistant for Dr. John Colgan and the Department of Internal Medicine.

Kaitlin Pals, a sophomore from Belmond, Iowa, is majoring in English and plans to graduate with honors. She is a Presidential Scholar, has served as a Presidential Scholar mentor, and is a staff member for *earthwords*, the undergraduate literary magazine. She studied abroad through the Cambridge summer program in 2004 and plans to study abroad next spring in New

Zealand.

Sarah Porter, a Presidential Scholar from Omaha, Nebraska, is majoring in political science. She is currently involved in research with Jennifer Glass of the sociology department. Sarah is also participating in the legislative policy research honors seminar.

Dewey B. Stuit Scholarships

Established through a bequest of Dewey B. Stuit, former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the scholarships are awarded annually to a first-year student and sophomore student enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in recognition of outstanding academic performance.

Kelly Johnson, from Coralville, is an international studies major with a pre-medicine interest who is a volunteer researcher in urology at the UI Hospitals and Clinics for Charles Hawtrey. She is a member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, an assistant Girl Scout leader, and served as vice president for her floor government, part of the Honors Learning Community. Kelly serves as a patient guide at the Iowa City Free Medical Clinic, and as a speech coach for West High School.

Jacqueline Leonard, a sophomore from St. Louis, MO, is majoring in political science and minoring in Spanish and geography, as well as receiving a certificate in international business. She is a member of the University of Iowa Mock Trial team and a lector and eucharistic minister at the Newman Center who plans to graduate with honors in political science. In summer 2005, Jacqueline worked as conservation volunteer in the Kigali Rainforest in Queensland, Australia.

Rhodes Dunlap Collegiate Scholar Awards

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Manish Aggarwal is a sophomore from Marion, Iowa and is pre-medicine while majoring in exercise science and is minoring in chemistry and psychology. He is a Presidential Scholar and the vice president of the Indian Cultural Association and currently is involved with research with Professor Glenn Williams in the Sports Medicine and Biomechanics Research Lab.

Anastasia Bassis is majoring in microbiology with a pre-medicine interest, minoring in Spanish, and plans to graduate with honors. She studied abroad in Valladolid, Spain during the summer of 2005 and was involved in virology research in the Microbiology Department. Anastasia also performed in the Hawkeye Marching Band and Concert Band for two years. She is a Presidential Scholar from Newton, IA.

Amy Domeyer, a Presidential Scholar, is from Dubuque, IA. She is majoring in English with a pre-medicine focus and plans to minor in Spanish. This past winter, she traveled to Nicaragua where she helped set up medical clinics and worked with both doctors and patients. She is involved in Dance Marathon as a member of the hospital committee and a volunteer at UIHC.



Jennifer Heacock comes to the University of Iowa from Dyersville, IA. She is majoring in biochemistry, Spanish, and music and minoring in chemistry, with a pre dentistry interest. Jennifer is involved in the University Symphony Bands and Orchestras and the Dean's Student Advisory Committee, is a research assistant to Dr. Carlos Eduardo Piñeros in

the Spanish Department, and is a Spanish tutor at the University Hospitals and Clinics. She plans to pursue an honors thesis in Spanish after a semester of direct-enrollment in the Universidad Católica in Montevideo, Uruguay in the Spring of 2007.

John Heineman, a junior from Grinnell, Iowa, is majoring in political science and biology. He is working on his biology honors thesis in the lab of neuroscience professor Jack Lilien. He is a member of the UI water polo team, and also played in England when studying abroad at Oxford University (Magdalen College) in the fall of 2005.

David Hennessy, a sophomore from Marion, Iowa, is majoring in exercise science, with minors in French language and chemistry. He is participating in research with Daniel Berg in the Department of Internal Medicine at UIHC.

Evan Herrstadt, of Ames, IA, is a junior majoring in political science and economics and is involved in political activities on campus. This year he also presented research at a meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, the Honors Program's Spring Undergraduate Research Forum and Research in the Capitol events.

Leslie Koppenhaver is a junior from Ames, IA, majoring in English and theatre. The Dean's Scholar is currently studying abroad in Cork, Ireland, where she was selected to participate in the Irish Student Drama Awards Festival. Leslie has been involved with research in Victorian literature with Teresa Magnum, and the Undergrad Ten-minute Play Festival.

A Presidential and Goldwater scholar from Dubuque, IA, **Craig Kilburg** is a triple major in microbiology, biochemistry, and psychology. He is the primary author of a paper that was recently published in the *Journal of Neurosurgery: Spine*, is involved in molecular neurosurgery research, and is in the process of obtaining another clinical publication.

A Presidential scholar from Seoul, South Korea, **Seo-Young Lee** is majoring in history and classical languages with a minor in women's studies and a certificate in medieval studies. She and is co-founder of the Society of Undergraduate Mediaeval-

ists. In the history department she is a research assistant for Professor Katherine H. Tachau.

Douglas Long, from Cedar Rapids, is pursuing a BS in Psychology and a BA in Philosophy. In his time here, he has worked with the administration to create an ethical investment policy for the University's endowment funds. In the coming year, he will continue to assist Prof. Kochanska in her developmental psychology research which explores the emergence of conscience.

Kristin Musser is a speech and hearing science major, pursuing a certificate in American Sign Language and deaf studies. The Riverside, IA native received financial support from the Dewey Stuit Fund to research the social skills of students with cochlear implants with Dr. Sandie Bass-Ringdahl. The Presidential Scholar will also serve as the Hospital Director on the Executive Council for Dance Marathon 2007.

Thomas Niblock, a junior from Nevada, Iowa, is a Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow with the U.S. Department of State who is majoring in economics and religious studies and plans to graduate with honors in both. He has also done award-winning research with economics Professor Beth Ingram on the effect of AIDS in Africa on labor productivity and income levels.

Christa Palmer is from Des Moines, Iowa, majoring in psychology and minoring in statistics and German. She has been a psychology research assistant for Irwin Levin since spring 2005. Christa is currently studying abroad in Freiburg, Germany.

Lydia Pfaff, from Dubuque, IA, is majoring in political science and history and minoring in music and math. She is a columnist for the *Daily Iowan*, an undergrad teaching assistant for the Iowa/Link program, has done research with Kelly Kadera of political science, and plans to participate in the Democracy and World Politics summer research program at Indiana State this summer.

Lisa Raffensperger, a junior from St Joseph, Missouri, is a Presidential Scholar majoring in English and biology, and she plans to graduate with honors in both. She is currently a Resident Assistant, and is performing Honors research in the genetics lab of Dr. Jeff Murray.

Brett Roberts, a junior from Carroll, Iowa, plans to graduate with honors in both political science and journalism. He is currently a Writing Fellow, President of the S.T.A.T. Ambassadors, and a member of the Honors Advisory Committee.

Lisa Roberts is a junior from Ainsworth, Iowa majoring in exercise science and history with a minor in chemistry and an interest in pre-medicine. She participates in research in both Dr. Stanley Perlman's pediatrics lab and Dr. Debashish Bhat-tacharya's biology lab.

Evan Sengbusch, from Ames, Iowa, is majoring in physics and mathematics. A recipient of the Goldwater, Shoemaker-Strickler Memorial, and Dean's scholarships, Evan participates in research on campus and around the world. Previously involved in theoretical nuclear physics research under Professor Wayne Polyzoou, Evan is currently researching Positron Emission Tomography Imaging Center at UIHC under Dr. Richard Hichwa.

Rhodes Dunlap/Phi Eta Sigma Award

Barrett Anderson, a sophomore from Clive, IA, is a Presidential Scholar who is majoring in economics and political science with a minor in history. He is the president of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and a varsity member of the mock trial team that placed fourth at nationals this year.

Business

Chuck Mersch, from Cedar Rapids, is majoring in management information systems and minoring in computer science. This summer, he will be doing an internship with Ernst & Young.

Aruna Mittal, a junior and Dean's Scholar from Coralville, IA, is majoring in accounting and finance and is minoring in psychology. Aruna's main interest is in volunteering abroad; she is inspired by a well-known saint, Mata Amritanandayi, in doing charitable work. After college, Aruna hopes to volunteer full-time with charitable organizations to help poor individuals.

Education

Michelle Colton, from Marion, Iowa, is majoring in music education, in which she plans to graduate with honors after completing a research project conducted with Daniel Moore on percussion teaching styles in various parts of the world.

Nicole Guarino, a junior and Presidential Scholar from Mount Prospect, IL, is planning to graduate next spring with degrees in English and math and a secondary teaching certificate in mathematics. Nicole works as the Academic Event Coordinator for the Honors Learning Community and as a Family Representative committee member for Dance Marathon.

Engineering

James Ankrum is a junior from Eldora, Iowa, and is majoring in biomedical engineering with an interdisciplinary emphasis on ergonomics. In the future, James hopes to pursue a career



as a professor and researcher of ergonomics and public health. He also plans to give some of his time to work in the developing world on workplace safety issues, an interest that was reinforced by a recent trip to China. James is a Goldwater scholar, an RA, and is president elect of Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society. This summer, James will present his research at the American Conference on Human Vibration and intern at Caterpillar.

Andrej Lenert, is a sophomore from Ottawa, Canada. He is majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in mathematics and is an All Big Ten swimmer for the University of Iowa Hawkeyes. Currently, he is doing research in the field of avionics in the Operator Performance Laboratory with Professor Tom Schnell.

Nursing

Ashley Carlson, a sophomore from Clive, Iowa, is majoring in nursing and is pursuing her Pediatric Nurse Practitioner degree and plans to graduate with Honors in May 2008. This summer Ashley will be interning with an OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner in West Des Moines, IA.

Danica Roach, from Davenport, Iowa, transferred to the UI from Eastern Iowa Community College. She is interested in geriatrics and has also taken several classes in music.

James D. Robertson Scholarship

Established through a bequest of James D. Robertson, a University of Iowa graduate (BA in Economics, 1942) and a lifetime Honorary Director of the University of Iowa Foundation, this scholarship is awarded annually to a junior in the social sciences who graduated from an Iowa high school and has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and promise.

Ryan Gourley, a senior from Johnston, Iowa, is majoring in psychology and communication studies, and minoring in theatre arts. He is a Presidential Scholar and has also received this year's Coleman Scholarship. He currently is participating in clinical and personality psychology research with Professor David Watson.

Collegiate Scholar Awards

The Collegiate Scholar awards are granted to a select group of graduating seniors and are based on outstanding academic accomplishment.

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Kelly Ruth Anderson, from Buffalo Center, Iowa, is majoring in English and journalism and mass communication. At UI, she worked as a publications assistant for the Iowa High School Press Association, producing dozens of newsletters and other promotional materials. Also a campus tour guide and Writing Fellow, she has completed honors projects in both of her majors.

Sarah Benson, from Ames, Iowa, is earning her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. She has been involved in many different activities during her undergraduate career, including study abroad in Costa Rica, volunteering at the Johnson County Crisis Center, being an honors undergraduate teaching assistant, and serving current chapter president of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. She has worked in sev-

eral psychology research studies, and is currently employed in a research lab studying the development of morality and conscience in young children.

Laura Britigan, a Presidential Scholar from Iowa City, is a double major in biology and international studies, with a minor in Spanish. Laura's biology thesis explores bryophyte diversity on algific talus slopes in Bluebell Hollow Preserve, Clayton County, Iowa. Her international studies senior project focuses on health issues of migrant farm workers in southeastern Iowa. This fall Laura will begin a Master of Arts in Teaching in secondary science education at the University of Iowa.

Stephen Gliske, a graduate of Juab High school in Nephi, Utah, is majoring in physics and applied mathematics, with a music minor. He has participated in quantum and mathematical physics research for two and half years, dealing with the application of Group theory to various problems in quantum physics. This summer, he will be working at the DESY particle accelerator in Hamburg, Germany, and will pursue a PhD in particle physics at the University of Michigan this fall.

Diana Grisanti, of Louisville, KY, is a theatre arts major and Spanish minor. Whether she is acting, writing plays or doing student outreach projects, the Presidential Scholar spends her time "basically living at the theatre building." For her honors project, she will be doing a staged reading of her full-length play about the U.S., Mexico, and the border, entitled HUNGER.

Ethan Grundberg, from West Des Moines, graduated in December 2005 with honors in history, with another major in international studies, and a minor in political science. His honors thesis is entitled "Confronting the Perils of Globalization: Nicaraguan Banana Workers' Struggle for Justice." While at Iowa, Ethan did research with Michel Gobat.

Michael Iverson, a Presidential Scholar from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is earning a BSE in Biomedical Engineering and a BA in Spanish. He is currently conducting research on the acquisition of Portuguese as a second language in adult English and Spanish speakers. He was recently awarded a Presidential Graduate Fellowship at the University of Iowa and will begin his studies in Hispanic Linguistics this fall, focusing on syntax and language acquisition.

Andrew Laczniak, from Ames, IA will be graduating with a BS in Biochemistry. He is a Dean's Scholar. He works in the laboratory of Marc Wold, and also volunteers in the ER at Mercy Hospital here in Iowa City. The title of his honors thesis is: "Examining the functional domains of Replication Protein A using monoclonal antibodies."

Lauren McCarthy is a political science and international studies double-major, with an emphasis on Latin American studies and development and a Spanish minor. The Presidential and Provost's scholar from Urbandale, IA has also received the Susan B. Hancher Award and the Hancher-Finkbine Medalion. While at Iowa, Lauren has served as the Vice President of UISG, the Executive Director of the Bijou theatre, and Orientation Advisor, and a member of the UHP staff. She will be attending Cambridge in the fall to pursue a Masters in Philosophy in Latin American studies.

Risa Ohkawa, from Tokyo, Japan, is a double major in psychology and economics, minoring in theatre. Her psychology

honors thesis examined individuals' behavior toward someone who belonged to a different social group in monetary allocation. Her economics honors thesis investigated economic consequences of cultural diversity and integration in the U.S. metropolitan cities.

Quentin Oliver is a former software engineer and rock musician who is pursuing a BM in viola performance. His Honors in Music coursework includes a research project on the structural elements of heavy metal as well as additional study in 20th century viola performance practice and music theory software design. His compositions have been premiered by the Composers' Workshop of Iowa and by University of Iowa faculty.

Allison Page, an Iowa City native, is double majoring in music with a piano emphasis and French with a minor in women's studies. She is involved in many activist organizations on campus, is a member of the UHP student staff, and performs with her band, The Lucky International. Her honors project in music included an honors recital and a paper examining the literary connections to Liszt's "Dante" Sonata.

Steve Purtle, a Dean's Scholar and Shoemaker-Strickler Scholar from Des Moines, IA, majored in chemistry. He has served as an undergraduate teaching assistant for organic chemistry laboratory and a research assistant in the Department of Neurology. He has held leadership positions in Dance Marathon and Alpha Chi Sigma and has been a member of the Dean's Student Advisory Committee.

Emma Rainey, from Fairfield, Iowa, is graduating with honors in English. Emma had a long career as a dancer, choreographer and ballet teacher before coming to Iowa City. Next year, she will be beginning an MFA in nonfiction writing at the University of Iowa.

Megan Roy, a native of Iowa City, is graduating with honors in history and a minor in art history. Her thesis examines the social and political impact of a modern public housing complex on Belfast, Northern Ireland's Nationalist Falls Road community. She will be applying to graduate programs in architecture this fall, with an interest in sustainable design.

Karla Saur, from Oelwein, Iowa, is a double major in computer science and mathematics. Her computer science honors project involves enabling Bluetooth communications between sensor motes and cell phones. Karla played the trumpet for four years in the Hawkeye Marching Band, is the Vice President of Women in Computer Science, and was a computer recycling volunteer for Widernet. Karla will attend Johns Hopkins University in the Security Informatics master's program.

Lindsey Schneider, from Dubuque, Iowa, is earning a B.S. in economics and a B.A. in English, with a minor in psychology. She is completing an honors thesis in economics entitled "An Experimental Approach to the Independence Axiom." She has spent much of her time at Iowa sailing and intercollegiate racing, serving as commodore and executive advisor of the Iowa Sailing Club.

Carrie Schuettpelz is an anthropology and political science double-major from Cedar Rapids, IA. The Dean's Scholar completed a thesis entitled "Balancing Dreams and Realities: Romanian Gymnastics and National Identity," which she researched while in Romania on a Stanley Grant for Undergradu-

ate Research Abroad. Carrie also serves as the Treasurer of the American Indian Student Association, and is a member of Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, and Mortar Board. Next year she will study in Denmark as a Fulbright Scholar.

Evonne Smith, originally from Miles, Iowa, is Presidential Scholar earning a BS degree in psychology. Her honors thesis examines the role of individual differences in attachment styles in directing attention to emotional stimuli, such as faces expressing emotion, through the use of neuropsychological measures. Evonne served as president of Psi Chi and Iowa Student Psychology Associate, participated in Dance Marathon as a family representative, was involved with Campus Bible Fellowship and 24-7, and volunteered at Mercy Hospital.

Andrew Thomas is a Presidential Scholar from Des Moines, graduating with honors in political science and economics and third major in history. Andrew has pursued research with John Solow, Tom Rice, Brian Lai, and William Albrecht. His thesis explores the possibility of constructing a futures market in university tuition. In his time at the University of Iowa, Andrew served as the UISG Chief of Staff, President of the UI Mock Trial team, a founding member of the improv group, Paperback Rhino, President of the Dean's Student Advisory Committee, 10K Volunteer, and member of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Children's Museum.

Business

Michael Denklau, from Blue Grass, Iowa, is completing a BBA in Finance and a BS in Political Science. Michael is the President of Alpha Kappa Psi, Professional Business Fraternity and has been Treasurer of Golden Key International Honors Society. At Iowa he has conducted research for Professors Brian Lai and Kelly Kadera in addition to spending a semester as an undergraduate TA for Introduction to Financial Management. He spent last spring studying at Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey, and is planning to backpack Europe after graduation.

Jonathan Landon, from Pella, Iowa, is majoring in economics, and philosophy, and is also pursuing a PEOPLE certificate. He is a four-time varsity letter winner of the University of Iowa men's swimming team and a member of the All-Big Ten Academic Team. His economics honors thesis studies the economic impact of education as it relates to human capital. In May, Jonathan will begin working at AEGON as an actuarial tech.

Lindsey Reighard, from Marion, IA, is a marketing major. Lindsey has spent the past three years as an undergraduate research assistant and has held leadership roles in extracurricular activities such as Homecoming Executive Council, Business Undergraduate Leadership Council, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, and Dance Marathon. She has also spent time volunteering in various campus and area organizations.

Jason Van Zant is from Burlington, Iowa. A Hawkinson student in the College of Business, he is majoring in finance.

Education

Jessica Rae Heffernen, a Presidential Scholar from Altoona,

IA, is earning a BA in secondary education and psychology with minors in American history and religious studies as well as an endorsement in Talented and Gifted Education. She has been actively spending time with children as a camp counselor for Camp Adventure in Germany and as a resident assistant for Upward Bound. She will be graduating with high distinction and honors after completing her thesis on the factors administrators look for when hiring new teachers.

John Krickl is majoring in Mathematics and Secondary Education. He is from Des Plaines, Illinois. After graduation, he plans to teach high school mathematics.

Engineering

Originally from Iowa City, IA, **Matt Brown** will be graduating this May with a degree in industrial engineering and a minor in business. For the past three years, Matt has been involved with human factors research involving driver distraction under the guidance of John D. Lee. His senior honors thesis is on the subject of a driver's glance behavior for interacting with an in-vehicle task. During his undergraduate studies, Matt also worked as the Honors Program webmaster and a student ambassador for the College of Engineering.

Tyler Huebner, from Grinnell, Iowa, earned a BS in electrical engineering and a minor in business administration, graduating with highest distinction. His honors thesis looked at the current state of solar cars, planes, and recreational vehicles, and their future based on technological advances and pressing environmental issues. Tyler was involved with Engineers for a Sustainable World, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, and research in the physics department and the Iowa Institute of Hydraulics Research. In the fall, Tyler will enroll in the Atmosphere/Energy Program in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Stanford University.

Alexandra Olson, from Waterloo, IA, is majoring in chemical and biochemical engineering. The Presidential and Goldwater Scholar has been involved in research since her freshman year with Allan Guyman. She has also worked as a teaching assistant, and been active with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers UI Chapter, Omega Chi Epsilon ChemE Honor Fraternity, and STAT Ambassadors. Next year she will be attending law school.

Adam Weiderholt, from Ankeny, is graduating with honors in electrical engineering and did research with John Prineas of physics analyzing reflection high energy electron diffraction patterns during molecular beam epitaxy growth. Adam will attend law school at University of Iowa to study patent law.

Nursing

Brianne Bildstein from Dubuque, IA, is interested in the areas of pediatrics and public health with a research interest in Type I diabetes. For her honors independent study in the College of Nursing, Brianne researched gluten intolerance. Brianne is graduating with highest distinction.

Amber Dehoff from Worthington, Iowa participated in marching band and symphony concert for several years. Amber in-

tends to work in the mother/baby area of nursing practice after graduation. Amber is graduating with highest distinction.

Susan B. Hancher Award

The Susan B. Hancher Award is given to the senior woman who best exemplifies Mrs. Hancher's qualities of leadership, motivation, concern and dedication in her contributions to University and community life.

Lauren McCarthy, from Des Moines, majored in political science and in international studies and minored in Spanish. This year she served The University of Iowa as the vice president of the student government; she has also served as the executive director of the Bijou Theater, as a member of the Dean's Student Advisory Committee, and as an Orientation advisor; in addition, she studied abroad for a semester in Valparaiso, Chile. Lauren's honors thesis in political science is on the effect of regime type on the use of economic sanctions. Her honors thesis in international studies is on Doris Tijerino, a guerrilla leader of the Sandinista Revolution and later Chief of Police in the Sandinista government. Next year she will study Latin American Studies at Cambridge University in England.

Joseph E. and Ursil Callen Prize

The Callen Prize is awarded to outstanding University of Iowa Liberal Arts and Sciences seniors who will attend graduate school in the next academic year.

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Sanxay Prize

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Some parting words

Senior honors student Lauren McCarthy speaks to students and their friends and family at the UHP Recognition Ceremony on April 23 in the Richey Ballroom of the IMU.

coordinator of Phi Eta Sigma, and as an Iowa Student Psychology Associate. She has also been involved with Dance Marathon, Campus Bible Fellowship, and 24-7. This fall she will begin graduate studies in the Clinical Psychology PhD program in Biola University's Rosemead School of Psychology.

Goldwater Scholarship

The Goldwater Scholarship is a national award of up to \$7,500 given to 320 students each year. Winners must be sophomores or juniors pursuing degrees in mathematics, science, or engineering.

James Ankrum is a junior originally from Eldora, Iowa, and is majoring in biomedical engineering with an interdisciplinary emphasis on ergonomics. In the future, James would like to pursue a career as a professor and researcher of ergonomics and public health. He also plans to give some of his time to work in the developing world on workplace safety issues, an interest that was reinforced by a recent trip to China. This summer, in addition to presenting his research at the American Conference on Human Vibration, he will intern at Caterpillar.

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ultrafast laser pulse shaper. In the future, Adam plans to research new clean energy technologies to help our country to phase out fossil fuels and adopt renewable energy sources.

Craig Kilburg, a junior from Dubuque, is majoring in microbiology, biochemistry, and psychology. He is a Presidential Scholar. In the future, Craig plans to obtain an MD/PhD, to enter a career in neurosurgery and to do research in molecular neurosurgery. Craig volunteers in the emergency room at Mercy Hospital, and he is in the process of publishing another paper on clinical research.

Student Award for Outstanding Honors Teaching

The Student Award for Outstanding Honors Teaching was created this year to recognize a faculty member making great contributions to honors education at The University of Iowa. Honors students were asked to make nominations; the winner was voted on by members of the Honors Advisory Committee.

Carol Severino is a professor of rhetoric and the co-director of the Writing Fellows program.



Rewarding educators

Carol Severino is presented with the first annual Student Award for Outstanding Honors teaching by Honors Advisory Committee member **Brett Roberts**.

Staff Award for Outstanding Campus Support

The Staff Award for Outstanding Campus Support was created this year to give public thanks to a University official who has been especially helpful to the staff of the University Honors Program.

Lola Lopes is the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and the Dean of the University College.

The Honors Program thanks the following faculty members who served on committees to select scholarship winners:

Matthew Brown
English
Nicholas Colangelo
Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talented Development
Jeffrey Cox
History
Virginia Dominquez
Anthropology
Evan Fales
Philosophy
Kenneth Gayley
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Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Julie Jessop
Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Ralph Keen
Religious Studies
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Christopher Turner
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Andrew Willard
University Honors Program

scholarship committee

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