Weekly Updates – February 20, 2013

1. Look into an AIHS Event Tonight!

   Looking for an opportunity to be more social?? Join us at Associated Iowa Honors Students (AIHS) to be an active part of the Honors community through socials, events, volunteering, and networking! If you are interested in helping with our spring “Paint War” charity event, feel free to join us at the planning meeting on **Wednesday, February 13** at **8:30pm** in 240 BHC. For more information, please contact uiowaaihs@gmail.com.

2. Choose an ICFRC Luncheon.

   Join other Honors students and community members on **Tuesday, February 19** from **Noon to 1:00pm** to hear Jerry Schnoor (College of Engineering) share his experience with innovation to improve the global environment. RSVP: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Hn1ZbOLshkaj3ZL6GhjKGsmppOYFIYNz_P0nxAgQ9E/viewform. The first 10 Honors students to RSVP can attend for free—assume you’re one of the 10 unless you hear otherwise! If you RSVP, attendance is expected unless you email and let us know you can no longer attend. Questions, concerns, or cancellations? Email Onalee Yousey at onalee-yousey@uiowa.edu.

   Chaden Djalali, the current UI Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, he will be sharing his personal perspectives on the Human Rights situation in Iran—concerning freedom of speech, women’s rights, and movements toward democracy on **Tuesday, February 26, Noon** to **1:00 pm**. Here’s a great chance for CLAS majors to meet their dean. RSVP: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pVEWKN5bkYlJhSlk2VvOtUmh0iBiqZ7RloUQB1w/viewform. The first 10 Honors students to RSVP can attend for free—assume you’re one of the 10 unless you hear otherwise! If you RSVP, attendance is expected unless you email and let us know you can no longer attend. Questions, concerns, or cancellations? Email Onalee Yousey at onalee-yousey@uiowa.edu.

3. Investigate the Honors Writing Fellows Program.

   Undergraduates in all majors with strong writing and interpersonal skills and a desire to test a teaching interest are urged to apply. Brochures are available on the third floor of the Blank Honors Center. Join us for a Writing Fellows Information Session at **7:00pm** on **Tuesday, February 19** in the South Commons of the BHC. Interactive application materials, available at http://honors.uiowa.edu/academicsexperience-based-learning/writing-fellows, are due by **Monday, March 25** to Carol Severino in 167 or 168 EPB.

4. Have Fun with Our Interactive Poetry Display.

   Do you remember reading Shel Silverstein’s *Where the Sidewalk Ends* or Dr. Seuss’s *Green Eggs and Ham* as a child? Or did you relate more to darker Emily Dickinson and Sylvia Plath poems in high school? Poetry is everywhere, and here’s your chance to try your hand at writing some of your own. Come to the third floor of the BHC now through **Saturday, February 23** to create a poem on our poetry felt boards. Learn a little bit about poetry, de-stress, and have some fun!

5. Designate a Class as Honors.

   Turn a course into an honors class with Honors Designation. Here’s what you do:
• Negotiate a project or projects with the instructor.
• Complete an Honors Designation form in ISIS (follow the path ISIS > Student Records > Documentation and Reports > Honors Designation for Course Work).
• Print out the designation form, obtain your instructor’s signature, and submit a copy of the designation form to Honors by **5:00pm on Wednesday, February 27**.
• Secure a second instructor signature and submit the original form to Honors by **5:00pm on May 17**.

6. **Claim Honors Commendations. Graduating Seniors:** If you have earned honors commendation(s) for curricular or co-curricular accomplishments, be in touch with Andy Willard. For a list of commendable honors experiences check out: [http://honors.uiowa.edu/academicscommendations/commendation-abcs](http://honors.uiowa.edu/academicscommendations/commendation-abcs). The deadline for submitting an email to Andy at andrew-willard@uiowa.edu is **Sunday, March 3**.

7. **Apply to Graduate with Departmental Honors This Semester.** If you’re a CLAS or College of Education major graduating in May 2013, it’s time to apply to graduate with honors in your major. The application is available at [http://honors.uiowa.edu/academicsdepartmental-honors/departmental-honors-application](http://honors.uiowa.edu/academicsdepartmental-honors/departmental-honors-application) and it is due by **Friday, March 8**.

8. **Check Out Research Opportunities.** If you’re into research or would like to learn more about it, you’ll want to explore opportunities and familiarize yourself with the Iowa Center for Research for Undergraduates (ICRU). Explore opportunities on the following topics:

   **Getting Involved in Research Information Session**

   • **Who** – Any undergraduate interested in learning more about getting involved in research
   • **What** – Information session hosted by the ICRU Research Ambassadors
   • **When** – **Wednesday, February 20th from 5:30-6:00/6:30pm**
   • **Where** – Third Floor South Commons – Room 350 in the Blank Honors Center

   **ICRU Spring Research Events**

   1) **Research in the Capitol 2013**

   • **Who** -- Twenty outstanding undergraduates from each of the three Regents Institutions (University of Iowa, Iowa State University, Northern Iowa University)
   • **What** -- This annual event brings undergraduate to the Iowa Capitol to share their work and posters with Iowa legislators and visitors -- a wonderful way to share your research!
   • **When** -- Tuesday, March 26, 2013
   • **Where** -- Iowa Statehouse in Des Moines, Iowa
   • **How** -- Apply by due **Monday, February 18, 2013**

   2) **Spring Undergraduate Research Festival (SURF) 2013**

   • **Who** -- ANY undergraduate student conducting research at the University of Iowa
   • **What** -- SURF allows students to highlight what they have accomplished, share their work with others, and gain presentation experience. Students present their work in a poster format.
   • **When** -- **Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 4:00-6:00pm**
   • **Where** -- 2nd floor of the University Capitol Centre (Old Capitol Mall)
   • **How** -- Register by Monday, **March 25, 2013**.

**ICRU Fellows Program**
The ICRU Fellows program encourages the development of Iowa undergraduates by providing funding for students involved in research. The program supports students as research fellows for one academic year and/or summer under the mentorship of a University of Iowa faculty or P&S Staff member.

- Applications open Monday, February 18th
- Summer Applications DUE: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 - $2,500 stipend/ 20 hours per week
- Academic Year Applications DUE: Friday, April 12, 2013 - $2,000 stipend/10 hours per week

**ICRU Awards**

1) The Office of the Vice President for Research Excellence in Undergraduate Research Awards recognize outstanding accomplishments by an undergraduate student in each of the following fields:

- Arts and Humanities
- Mathematics and Engineering
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences

To be eligible for an award, a student must be a junior in standing and be returning as an undergraduate for the next academic year. Recipients are recognized at the Spring Undergraduate Research Festival, and receive a $1,000 travel allowance to attend a conference for the next academic year.

2) The Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates is pleased to sponsor the ICRU Distinguished Mentor Awards. These awards recognize outstanding mentoring of undergraduate students in research and creative projects at the University of Iowa. Please nominate your special mentor!

Nominations for both awards are DUE: Friday, March 8, 2013

**ICRU Listserv** – Want more information about and from ICRU? Send an email to icru@uiowa.edu with your name and we’ll add you!

**Questions?** Check out our website at http://www.uiowa.edu/icru/- 319.335.8336 - icru@uiowa.edu

9. **Special Info for New Honors Students . . .**

**Honors Peer Advisors.** Questions about Honors Designations, classes or commendations? Ask an experienced Honors student at honors-peeradvisors@uiowa.edu.

Use the **Honors Calendar** to keep up on all the upcoming events and deadlines. Check it out at the home page of the Honors website, http://honors.uiowa.edu/. You can also sign up to get much of the same information via Facebook and Twitter.

**The BHC—Your Resource.** The Blank Honors Center offers students spaces to snack, study and socialize, an ITC, gallery space, wireless internet access and houses the Program staff
offices. Regular BHC hours for floors one through 3, including the Student Center and Daum Skywalk (available only to Daum residents), are:

- **Monday-Thursday**: 8:00am–Midnight
- **Friday**: 8:00am–5:00pm
- **Saturday**: 11:00 am–6:00 pm
- **Sunday**: 11:00 am–Midnight

The fourth floor (administrative suite) is open 8:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday.

**Honors Gallery.** The Honors Gallery, located on the 3rd and 4th floors of the BHC, is looking for students to show their art work. The subject can be anything from drawings, paintings, and graphic designs to research posters, study-abroad photos, etc. Contact the Honors Gallery at honors-gallery@uiowa.edu for more information.

**Satellite Writing Center.** Papers starting to take over your study space? Need a little help getting them organized? Then register for an appointment with a writing tutor! Tutors will be available every **Monday** from **6:00** to **8:00pm** in 321 BHC.

Sign up at [http://www.uiowa.edu/~writingc/aboutus/hours.shtml](http://www.uiowa.edu/~writingc/aboutus/hours.shtml).


Questions? Contact writing-center@uiowa.edu.