



UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE HONORS PROGRAM

CHALLENGE • ENRICHMENT • COMMUNITY

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- Honors exemplars in the US
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- Honors program or honors college?

Role of honors in higher education

National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC)

*“Honors education is characterized by **in-class and extracurricular activities** that are measurably **broader, deeper, or more complex** than comparable learning experiences typically found at institutions of higher education. Honors experiences include a **distinctive learner-directed environment** and philosophy, provide opportunities that are appropriately tailored to **fit the institution's culture and mission**, and frequently occur within a **close community of students and faculty**.”*

Role of honors in higher education

“Shaping people who will shape the world”

- Challenge academically curious students
- Provide an enrichment opportunities for scholars to chase their academic dreams
- Create a stimulating and supportive living learning community
- Provide mentorship and support
- Develop new educational models
- Enrich the entire campus



Honors exemplars in the US

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Institution	URL	College	Program
Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ)	https://barretthonors.asu.edu/	C	
Boston University (Boston, MA)	https://www.clemson.edu/cuhonors/	C	
Pennsylvania State University (State College, PA)	https://www.shc.psu.edu/	C	
Rutgers (New Brunswick, NJ)	https://honorscollege.rutgers.edu/	C	
Stony Brook University (Stony Brook, NY)	https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/honors-college/	C	
Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, VA)	https://honorscollege.vt.edu/	C	
University of Massachusetts (Amherst, MA)	https://www.honors.umass.edu/	C	
University of Maryland (College Park, MD)	https://www.honors.umass.edu/	C	
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)	https://www.honors.olemiss.edu/		P
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)	https://honors.uoregon.edu/	C	
University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, PA)	https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/	C	
University of South Carolina (Columbia, SC)	https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/honors_college/	C	
University of Texas at Austin (Austin, TX)	https://admissions.utexas.edu/explore/honors-programs	C	
University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)	https://honors.uw.edu/		P



History of UD's honors program

Full History at: <https://sites.udel.edu/honors/a-history-of-udhp/>

1976

- First Year Honors Program (FHP)
 - High school seniors taking UD courses to finish high school and start college (Wesley College Campus)
- Founded by Burnaby Munson and Donald Harward
- 130-150 students each year
- Lived together, but not on main campus



History of UD's honors program

1980s

- 4 Year Honors Program established (1979)
- 250 students in first class
- Honors Degree created (required thesis and tutorial)
- First-year Honors housing in Dickinson Hall
- “Dickinson Fellows” residential peer mentors established



History of UD's honors program

1990s

- 300-350 first-year students
- First-year Honors housing moved to Russell Hall (peer mentors became “Russell Fellows”)
- Upper-Division Honors housing option created along with “Senior Fellows”



History of UD's honors program

2000s

- Non-thesis Honors Degree option & General Honors Award created (2000)
- 450-475 first-year students
- First-year Honors housing in Russell, Lane, & Thompson Halls



History of UD's honors program

2010s

- First-year Honors housing moved to Louis L. Redding Hall (2013)
- Peer mentors permanently renamed “Munson Fellows”
- 500-600 first-year students

2019

- Largest first-year year class ever: 638

Burnaby Munson celebration of life event, Oct. 4, 2019



CELEBRATING *the rich and impactful life of* **BURNABY MUNSON**

PLEASE JOIN THE UD COMMUNITY IN
REMEMBERING DR. MUNSON AND
SHARING BEST MEMORIES AND
MOMENTS FROM HIS LEGACY.

*Friday, October 4, 2019
4:00 PM | Mitchell Hall
University of Delaware*

Reception to follow at the Honors Program 186
S. College Avenue | Newark, DE

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/BurnabyMunson>

Live Streaming / UD Capture available:
<https://sites.udel.edu/udlive>



March 20, 1933-June 23, 2019

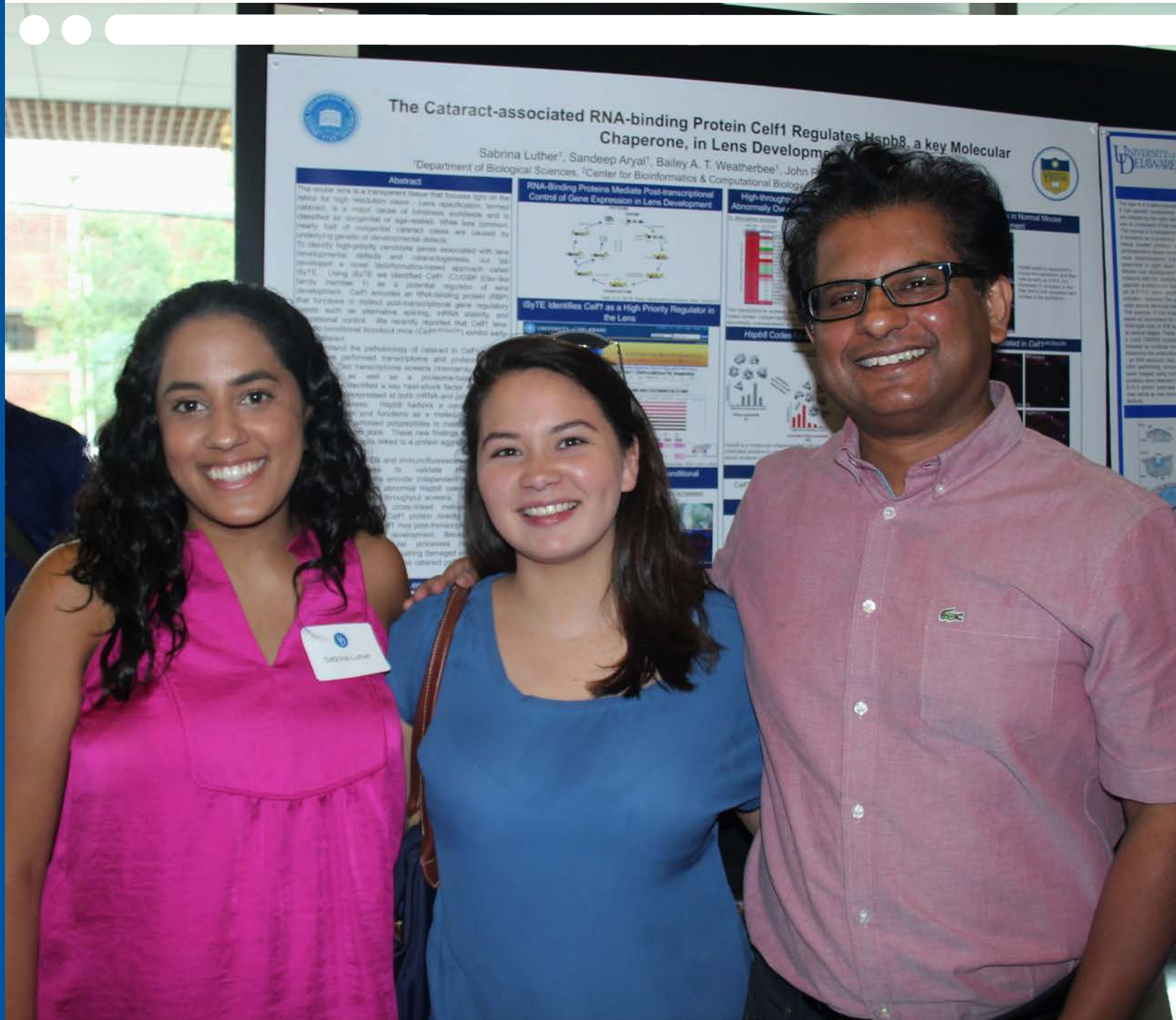


UD's honors program at-a-glance

UD HONORS AT-A- GLANCE

- 4,500-5,000 APPLICATIONS
- 600 ENROLLED HONORS FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
- HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE (MIDDLE 50% ADMITTED)

3.99 – 4.25 GPA
1,370 – 1,470 SAT
30 – 33 ACT



CHALLENGE

THE UD HONORS
PROGRAM
VALUES STUDENTS WHO
ARE MOTIVATED
ACADEMICALLY AND
INTERESTED IN
IMMERSING THEMSELVES
IN A STRONG
SCHOLARLY
COMMUNITY.



CHALLENGE

- SMALL CLASSES
- GENERAL HONORS AWARD
- HONORS DEGREE
(CAPSTONE AND DEGREE
OPTIONS)
- COMBINATION MAJORS
AND DEGREES
- PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP
PREPARATION



2019 UDHP GRADUATES AND OUTSTANDING SENIOR
AWARD WINNERS
BAILEY WEATHERBEE AND NICHOLAS KONZELMAN

ENRICHMENT

THE HONORS PROGRAM ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO EXPAND THEIR STUDIES BY PURSUING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES BOTH **INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM.** ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE RESEARCH, FIELD TRIPS, GUEST SPEAKERS, AND TRAVEL.

TRUMAN SCHOLAR & PROFESSOR AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, DR. MARCIA CHATELAIN SPOKE ABOUT HOW THE HUMANITIES INFLUENCE PROTEST MOVEMENTS OF TODAY.



ENRICHMENT

EXAMPLES OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH & HONORS ENRICHMENT AWARDS

- WORK AT A SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITAL IN COSTA RICA
- VISIT WWII CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN POLAND AND GERMANY FOR RESEARCH PROJECT
- FILM DOCUMENTARY FOOTAGE AT ANGEL ISLAND IN CALIFORNIA
- PARTICIPATE IN A RUSSIAN OPERA WORKSHOP IN PHILADELPHIA
- INTERN WITH THE FOUNDATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN KENYA



HONORS STUDENT RYAN DOYLE USING AN HONORS ENRICHMENT AWARD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VARNA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC ACADEMY IN BULGARIA AND FRANCE

COMMUNITY

ALL FIRST YEAR HONORS STUDENTS LIVE TOGETHER IN REDDING HALL, WHERE THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY THE MUNSON FELLOWS, RESIDENTIAL PEER MENTORS WHO OFFER ACADEMIC SUPPORT AS WELL AS FUN AND ENGAGING PROGRAMS FOR ALL RESIDENTS.

AN OUTSIDE VIEW OF LOUIS L. REDDING HALL
FROM THE COURTYARD



COMMUNITY

- ICE CREAM ON THE PORCH
- HENS (HONORS SERVICE CLUB)
- STUDY BREAKS
- FACULTY EVENTS
- FIRST-YEAR FELLOWS
- HONORS MOSAIC
- PIZZA WITH A PROF
- HONORS OUT & ABOUT



2019-20 MUNSON FELLOWS

Bianca Mers

Class of 2020

About Me

- **Basic Info:**

- From Marietta, GA
- International Relations with minors in Spanish, Public Policy and Leadership

- **Interests:**

- Reading, Cooking, Running, Napping

- **Highlights:**

- Studied abroad twice (New Zealand and Budapest), former president of Strong #likeagirl, SUSI peer mentor, summer research experience



Academic Opportunities

- **Close relationships with faculty from my Honors section**
 - Help develop my interests in my field, provide letters of recommendation
- **Senior Thesis and Honors Enrichment Award**
 - Thesis on Sustainable Urban Development in Latin American Cities and the opportunity to conduct field research
- **Graduate School**
 - Help applying to scholarships and writing personal statements, introducing to faculty who can help me with school selection



Sense of Community

- **Redding Residence Hall**
 - Great way to meet people in your major/area of interest and other Honors students
- **Writing Fellows/HPB**
 - Currently the Senior Writing Fellow
 - Help students and stay connected
- **Honors Planning Board**
 - Former Student Coordinator
 - Explore off-campus and meet people with similar interests

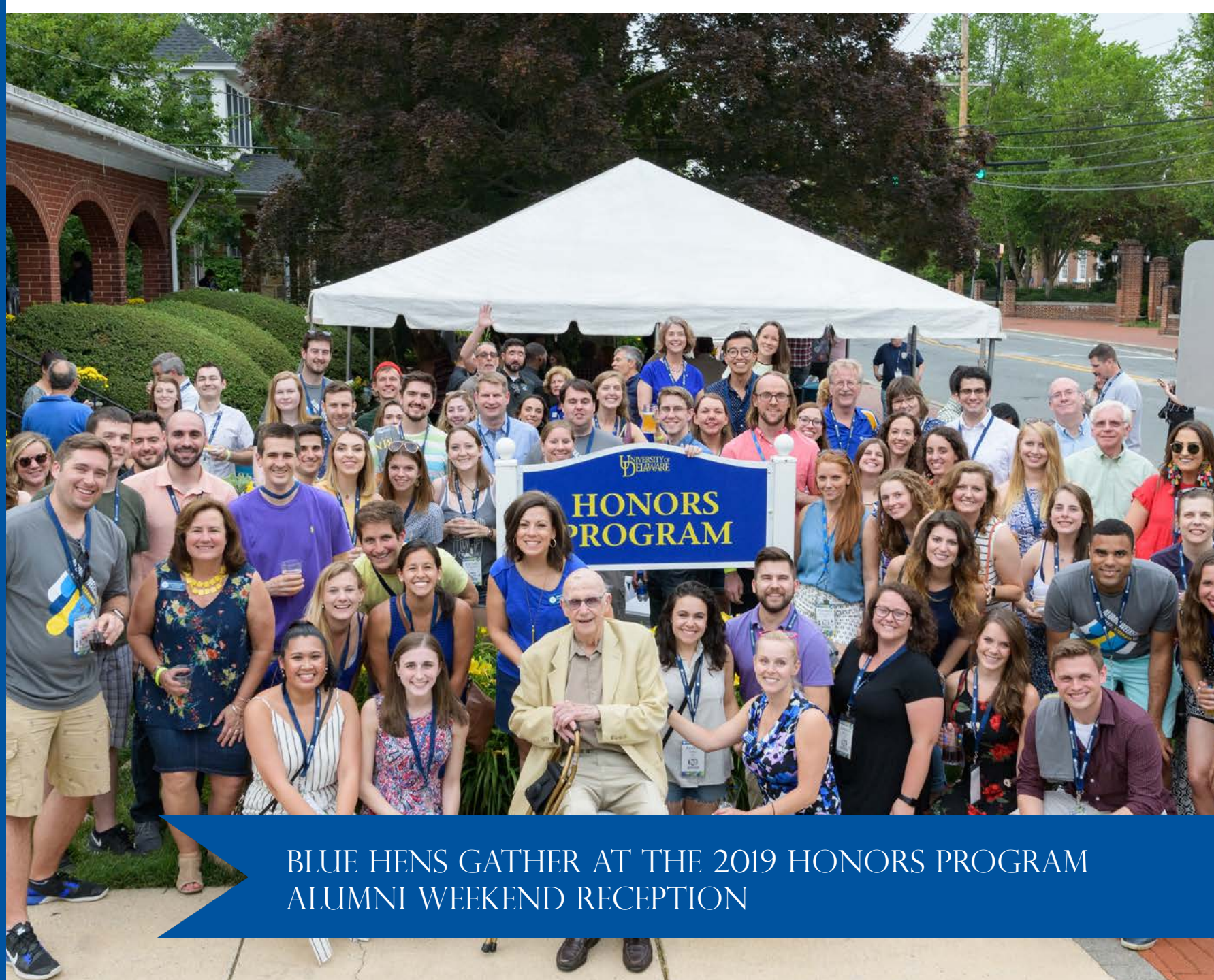


BEYOND UD

97% OF HONORS
BACHELOR'S DEGREE
GRADUATES ARE
EMPLOYED OR PURSUING
FURTHER EDUCATION
WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF
GRADUATION.

35-40% OF HONORS
GRADUATES PURSUE
ADVANCED DEGREES.

* SOURCE: UD CAREER PLANS SURVEY OF
2018 BACHELOR'S GRADUATES. DATA
COLLECTED ON 90.4% OF HONORS
PROGRAM GRADUATES.



BLUE HENS GATHER AT THE 2019 HONORS PROGRAM
ALUMNI WEEKEND RECEPTION



Highlights from 2018-2019

- Outgoing class of 2019
- Prestigious scholarships
- Incoming class of 2023

Class of 2019: Degrees/ degrees with distinction

Academic Year	Total # Honors Program Students After Completion of 2nd Year	Total # HD and HDwD Awarded	HD	HDwD	Total HD and HDwD Percentage by Class
2006-2007	454	190	156	34	42%
2007-2008	430	197	143	54	46%
2008-2009	465	252	187	65	54%
2009-2010	359	199	144	55	55%
2010-2011	450	217	173	44	48%
2011-2012	449	259	215	44	58%
2012-2013	443	242	192	50	55%
2013-2014	458	311	246	65	68%
2014-2015	426	259	210	49	61%
2015-2016	387	306	230	76	79%
2016-2017	360	274	219	56	76%
2017-2018	450	322	264	58	72%
2018-2019	480	384	339	45	80%
2019-2020*	363	306	253	53	84%

* Projection based on students who declared HD candidacy as of 9/16/19

Prestigious scholarship winners

Gates Cambridge
Bailey Weatherbee



Truman
Natalie Walton



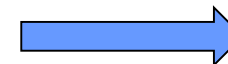
Goldwater
Yasmin Mann



Fulbright
Mackenzie Campbell '17
Julianna Ly '15
Meghan Juszczak '17

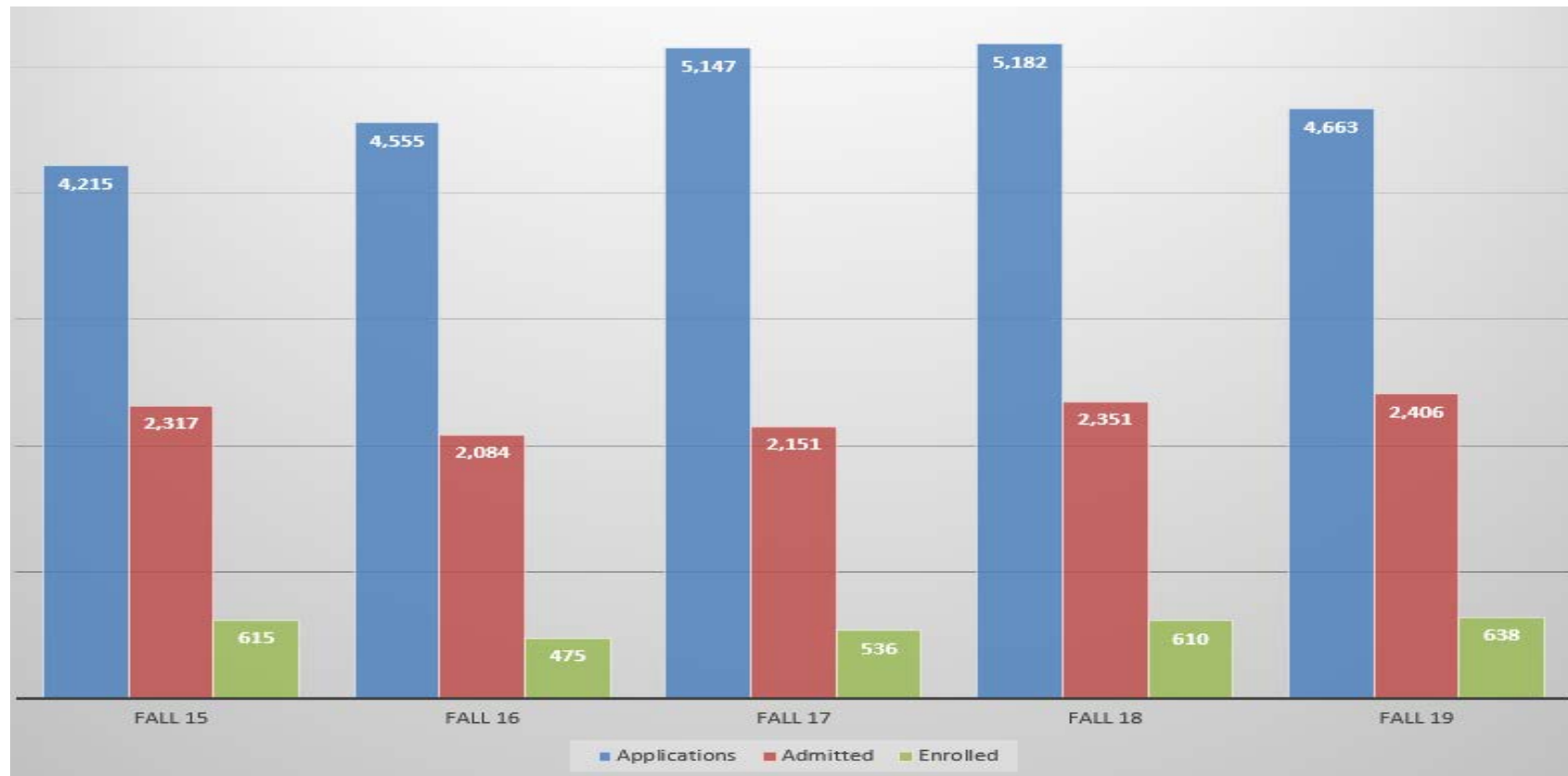


UD Warner/Taylor
Bailey Weatherbee
Nick Konzelman



Class of 2023: honors applications and enrollment F15-F19

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	Fall-2015			Fall-2016			Fall-2017			Fall-2018			Fall-2019		
	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled	Applied	Admitted	Enrolled
Resident	641	333	167	740	324	162	852	351	149	883	410	174	859	441	219
NonRes	3,574	1,984	448	3,815	1,760	313	4,295	1,800	387	4,299	1,941	436	3,804	1,965	419
Total	4,215	2,317	615	4,555	2,084	475	5,147	2,151	536	5,182	2,351	610	4,663	2,406	638

Class of 2023: distinguished scholars

	Offered	Enrolled	% Yield
du Pont	26	21	81%
Telkes	25	14	56%
Alison	5	2	40%
Alumni	4	2	50%
1743	27	12	44%
Total	87	51	59%

College	# Enrolling
AG	6
AS	14
EG	20
EH	1
HN	2
MS	5
US	3
Total	51



Honors program or honors college?

- Reasons for creating an Honors College
 - To be able to better compete for the best HS students
 - To increase UD and honors national visibility and prestige
 - To increase engagement of the campus community
 - To enable honors to generate needed resources
 - To be able to better serve all of UD's intellectually curious students
- Challenges in creating an Honors College
 - Will require needed approvals to establish a new college
 - Will require resources at a level similar to the competition
 - Will likely require reorganization/optimization of some current functions
 - As honors grows, new space, or reallocation of existing space, will be needed