Point of Pride:
Merging Science and Art in Response to Climate Change – an Endowed Fellow’s Journey in Photographs

Daniel Robinson (Environmental Science, 2018) ran a photo exhibition that featured a selection of nature photographs. The photos were taken by Daniel beginning in his freshman year at Duquesne up through an expedition to Alaska sponsored by the Honors College in the summer of 2017. The objective of the exhibition was to demonstrate the intersection of nature art, and science through photography and to instill in the viewer the same sense of awe for nature that originally compelled Daniel to choose his major of Environmental Science.

Exceptional Leaders and Athletes

Michael Oladosu (Biology) founded the Multicultural STEM Group at Duquesne University. In addition to his research and courses, Michael is developing learning labs for Precocity Academy, a STEM-focused education program which works to inspire children about science by using the visualization of sound in innovative ways. Duquesne’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion named him the “Most Involved Freshman” in his class in 2017.

Once again the President of the Duquesne Student Government Association (SGA) is a member of the Honors College. Olivia Erickson (Pharmacy, 2019) was elected to the highest student office at the university. Olivia and her executive committee represent the student body to all levels of university administration.

Honors Fellows

Honors Fellows make an extraordinary commitment to rigorous academic growth. With the help of faculty mentors, Honors Fellows complete four additional honors courses, individualized projects, and presentations of their findings at professional symposia.

Endowed Fellows

A substantial endowment to the Honors College allows a few students per year to travel to the most challenging places or set aside their summer employment in order to pursue creative projects. The endowed fellowships are available in areas at the heart of Duquesne University’s mission: African Studies, the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Creative Arts, Community Engagement, Liberal Arts, Phenomenology, and Women’s and Gender Studies.

Andrea Sajewski (Biomedical Engineering) was one of only 60 students nationwide invited to Washington, DC to present her research to government funders at “Posters on the Hill.” Her paper Photoacoustic Flow Cytometry Using Bacteriophage for Rapid Identification of Bacterial Infection describes the process wherein Sajewski used lasers to identify bacteria in a blood sample within three hours—a process that currently takes up to 72 hours to achieve results.

The Honors College graduated 9 new Honors Fellows in 2017: top row, L-R: Brady Sheehan (Mathematics and Computer Science), Cat Hull (Business), Emily Greco (Secondary Education and History), Ayan Ahmed (Biochemistry); bottom row, L-R: Sarah Schoch (Psychology and Philosophy), Sarah Sheffield (Chemistry), Megan Wasson (Chemistry). Not pictured: Margo DeGenova (Business), Mariangela Gominho (Music Performance).

Julie Chiem (Music Performance, 2018) was awarded the Honors College Endowed Fellowship in Creative Arts. She spent much of summer 2017 in Senegal, learning to play the kora.

Kailley Lvere (Media and International Relations, 2018) is the 2018 Endowed Fellow in Liberal Arts. Her project takes her to Italy to produce a multiphase feature story on refugees.

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Making the Most of the Honors Experience

Special Programs

Going Beyond
Most of the 130-odd students who enter the Honors College each fall will complete 6 honors courses and graduate from the basic honors program. Others, though, make their mark with additional honors coursework, research projects, creative works, leadership roles, or service opportunities. The Honors College offers fellowships in several areas to give monetary support to student efforts.