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I have lived in Pullman for over 26 years and very much think of these rolling hills as my home. I am also proud of my British roots and my home town of Godalming, Godalming, the first town or city in the world to have a public electricity supply, has been the home of several notable people, including General James Oglethorpe, the founder of the colony of Georgia, and John “Jack” Phillips, the brave radio operator on the Titanic whose selfless actions saved over 700 lives.

Growing up, I dreamed of visiting America. I was captivated by the iconic American structures such as the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge. These could never have been built anywhere else than in the United States. The way they boldly challenge the imagination and suggest the possible is uniquely American. Even though the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge are both over 80 years old, they still possess an enduring sense of modernity.

The other iconic structure – for me – is the cyclotron in the Berkeley Hills above the University of California Berkeley. As a high school student, I marveled at the beauty of the periodic table of elements and looked at the blocks filled with the exotic-sounding Lawrencium, Californium, and Berkelium. I wanted to see where these elements were discovered.

After my freshman year in college, a friend and I decided we would come to America during summer vacation. The year was 1979 – the year of SALT II, gas at 80¢, the launch of ESPN, and the film Superman was at the top of the box office. After landing in San Francisco, our first stop was to the Golden Gate Bridge then to Berkeley and the cyclotron. From San Francisco we rode the bus down the California coast to Los Angeles and then zigzagged across the country, until we reached New York City and our flight back to London. That experience convinced me of two things – I wanted to live in the United States and be a college professor. Despite some twists and turns along the way, I was fortunate that both those dreams came true. My experience traveling abroad as a college student convinced me of the value of international travel, and how it can change your perspective on the world and yourself in profound ways.

In any graduating class of Honors College students, many have had the opportunity to study abroad. Whether that is through faculty-led programs, academic exchanges, or summer research, Honors College students proudly fly the Cougar flag around the world. Nam Nguyen, an Honors College student, is an incredible and inspiring example of how to have the ultimate global experience. Nam, a double major in international business and marketing, is the first student in the history of Washington State University to study abroad on every one of the seven continents. Scholarships are critical in enabling students like Nam to have that transformative international experience.

I deeply appreciate the generosity of our alumni and friends that help support our students and programs. I know that I would not be here at Washington State University as Dean of the Honors College if I had not, as an impressionable 19 year old, taken that trip ‘across the pond.’ I am committed to helping every one of our students have similar opportunities.

With sincere thanks and warmest wishes,
M. Grant Norton, Dean
Mindfulness-Based Certificate Supported by Alumni

Alumni Jon (’93) and Gretchen (’94) Jones established a fund in the Honors College at Washington State University to create the Mindfulness-Based Emotional and Social Intelligence (MESI) Certificate in Honors. The purpose of the MESI certificate is to teach happiness as a life skill and provides Honors students with tools to improve their performance, relationships, health, and happiness. Through innovative coursework, workshops, local and global service projects, and guest speakers, the MESI certificate trains students in mindfulness, self-awareness, self-management, empathy, and compassion.

As loyal alumni and volunteers of Washington State, Jon and Gretchen understand the impact that their investment makes across the various areas they support. “We can’t think of a better way to align our values and resources with the cause that we are most passionate about. Partnering with WSU and the Honors College to launch this program couldn’t have been a better fit,” says Gretchen. Through their gift to establish the Brighton Jones MESI Fund in Honors, the Joneses hope that other alumni, friends, and leaders in the public and private sectors will see the benefit the certificate program will bring, not only to the students completing the MESI certificate but to the communities in which these MESI graduates will eventually live and work. The MESI certificate helps students from any major—pre-med to business to criminal justice—improve their marketability and job performance while becoming more compassionate human beings and leaders in their respective fields. “Everyone will benefit from this program, but especially the businesses that hire students who have earned a certificate in MESI from WSU,” says Jon, founder and CEO of Brighton Jones.

To learn more about the Mindfulness-Based Emotional and Social Intelligence certificate, visit honors.wsu.edu.

Thank you to our Commencement Banquet Speakers!

Ethan Payton (’15)
December 2017
Student,
WSU Elson S. Floyd
College of Medicine

Jon Jones (‘93)
May 2018
Founder and CEO,
Brighton Jones

Medical Education Endowed Scholarship Fund Now Offered in Honors

The Medical Education Endowed Scholarship Fund in Honors was created thanks to the vision of WSU Honors alumnus Colin White to support Honors students who are enrolled or planning to enroll in the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. “The inspiration for me to create and endow this fund was sparked by the pioneering vision of the WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. Its community-based guiding principles and innovative approach to solving challenging healthcare problems energized myself and other Cougs to take action. We aspire that this fund will establish ways to promote and execute the college’s vision and support it for years to come,” says White.

Scholarship funding is awarded to eligible WSU Honors College alumni enrolled in the medical school, with secondary preference given to current Honors College undergraduates engaged in medical research and intending to study at the Floyd College of Medicine.

The Medical Education Endowed Scholarship Fund in Honors demonstrates the commitment of alumni and friends who support students in their pursuit of medicine. To learn more, visit honors.wsu.edu.
What does Honors mean to you?

**Yousef Saleh**  
Mechanical Engineering (’19)

*What I like the most about the Honors College is its continuous support, from providing opportunities for growth to advising. I also like the small class size that allows for more discussion in the class.*

**Alyssa “Zili” Chang**  
History (’20)

*I appreciate the interdisciplinary approach of the Honors College. It has been very helpful to gain exposure to diverse fields and expand my interests.*

**Savannah Rogers**  
Communication (’19)

*The Honors College provides support to students that is unparalleled anywhere else on campus. Honors faculty and staff are here for us academically, and support our future endeavors.*

**Shi Min Tan**  
Neuroscience (’19)

*Being part of the WSU Honors College has been a special experience. I enjoy the variety of intriguing classes that I would not have been able to take if I wasn’t an Honors student.*

**Linda Infranco**  
Director of Development  
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*Thank You!* As momentum in the Honors College builds and engagement with our donors, volunteers, and corporate partners increases, it is important for us to acknowledge how your generous support truly impacts the student experience. I hope that this annual report accomplishes that goal. Each time you open the door to your home or office, commit to speaking in an Honors class, guide our faculty through innovative academic advances, invest in our annual or endowed funds, or establish a scholarship so that a young person has access to a college education, you are making a transformational change.

Your engagement in the Honors College at Washington State University is significant. It allows us to envision and then unleash groundbreaking programs that influence how we teach each other to become compassionate leaders in a fast-paced world. Your involvement allows us to work closely with our students who aspire to become Distinguished Scholars – a competitive opportunity at the very highest national and international levels. Most importantly, your commitment to the WSU Honors College demonstrates to our students that their Coug family stands beside them as they pursue their interests and create their futures.

Through your engagement with the WSU Honors College, our students can embark on their exciting journeys while you establish a meaningful legacy. Contact me to learn how to get involved! I look forward to meeting you. Until then – take care, be well, and as always – *Go Cougs!* We appreciate your support.

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“**My favorite memory of the Honors College was the opportunity to be in small classes and a paper in every class – including chemistry and math!**”

**Marie (Harris) Sullivan (’84)**  
Owner, Marie Sullivan Public Affairs Corporation

“**My favorite class was taught by Dr. [Richard] Law and focused on the history of ideas. I was taking classes in art history, philosophy, and political science at the time, but it was Dr. Law’s class that really provided an overarching narrative and helped me see critical developments in these separate fields as connected.**”

**Kyle Lemargie (’98)**  
Senior Research and Program Manager, International Foundation for Electoral Systems

“**My favorite memory related to the Honors College would be around a career panel that I had attended in 2014, my sophomore year. I was just beginning my journey to finding an internship and had no idea what I was doing. After listening to a panel of Honors Coug alums share their professional experiences and advice, I felt inspired. That learning experience through the career panel served as a catalyst to propel me to where I am today.**”

**Victor Charoonsophonsak (’17)**  
Consulting Analyst, Accenture
Success at a Glance

Paige Danielson
Mechanical Engineering ('19)
Paige is a member of the WSU Women's Varsity Rowing team and a two-time Pac-12 All-Academic First Team honoree majoring in electrical engineering. She was one of just five Pac-12 student-athletes to be named to one of the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-America Teams. Paige also received the NCAA Elite 90 Award in 2017 and 2018 for Division 1 rowing - the first ever WSU athlete to earn this award. Paige serves as president of the Honors Student Advisory Council (HSAC) and has been a great representative of the Honors College through her hard work in academics and athletics.

Zach Howard
Genetics and Cell Biology ('19)
Since arriving at WSU, Zach Howard has worked in three different research labs in the School of Molecular Biosciences. His long list of accomplishments includes many awards and conference presentations, and his research with Assistant Professor Alan Goodman on host and bacterial factors involved in Coxiella bumetii infection was published as the cover story in the journal Infection and Immunity. Zach is part of the Students Targeted towards Advanced Research Studies program (STARS), which provides top science students with a fast-track to doctoral studies. He also contributes his time to outreach and education, serving as an SMB mentor to other students and speaking at children’s outreach events. In 2018, Zach was awarded the nationally competitive Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship in the sciences.

Amit Dhingra
Dr. Amit Dhingra is an associate professor of genomics and biotechnology. He was recently honored by the Council on Undergraduate Research for his long-term commitment to mentoring undergraduate researchers, where he was selected from nominees from 750 participating universities. Dr. Dhingra has mentored nearly 100 undergraduate researchers including students from the Honors College working on their Honors theses. The Honors College recognized Dr. Dhingra’s contributions with an Outstanding Thesis Advisor award. He is able to engage with students and encourage them to enhance their abilities and career options.

Annie Lampman
Annie Lampman teaches honors creative writing courses in fiction and creative nonfiction. With a competitive National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Portz Grant – the first such award in the history of WSU – Annie developed and taught the first online honors creative writing courses in the nation. She also led the Poetry Master Class at the 2018 NCHC conference in Boston. Her poetry chapbook “Burning Time” will be published in 2019, and her essays, poetry, and fiction have been published in journals such as The Normal School, The Massachusetts Review, and Orion Magazine among numerous others. She has been awarded a Best American Essays “Notable,” a Pushcart Prize Special Mention, an Idaho Commission on the Arts grant, and a national wilderness artist’s residency through the Bureau of Land Management.

Distinguished Scholarships

German Academic Exchange (DAAD) – Research Internships in Science and Engineering (RISE) – Hannah Zmuda, Sterling Smith, and Alida Melse were selected as interns for the RISE program in summer 2017.

Gilman Scholarship – Camille Culbertson and Shi Min Tan received the Gilman Scholarship in 2018 to study in Costa Rica, Erik Reyes to study in Germany, Samantha Reyes to study in Austria, and Abigail Poelstra to study in Australia.

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