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What an exciting time summer is for all of us! Although we are all due for some rest after the days of finals and graduation, for many of you, current Honors students, summer means new jobs, internships, and travel. These are fantastic opportunities to broaden your horizons and come back to school with so many exciting topics to talk about.

For you, incoming Honors freshmen, there will never be a summer like this one. The prom is barely over and now you are getting ready for one of the greatest transitions in your lives, the transition from high school to college! What would college life be like? Would I get along with the others? How about the faculty? Are classes difficult? Which major should I choose? These and many more questions are constantly on your mind. We, at the Honors Program at VSU, want to make this important for you transition as smooth as possible. We want to show you the opportunities for academic enrichment and intellectual exploration our Program has to offer. We are proud to stress also the great spirit of friendship, open-mindedness, and respect for each other that is our trademark. Come join us for the **Honors Freshman Colloquium on Friday, August 10 at 12 noon in the Cypress room of the University Center** for a luncheon, book discussion and a great warm welcome on behalf of the Honors faculty and the Honors Student Association.

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Fall 2007 Freshmen Colloquium

Rebecca Thorn



The third annual Honors Freshmen Fall Colloquium will be held on Friday, August 10. This summer we are reading Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*. It is a heart-rending story of the coming of age of Amir, a young Afghani, during the tumultuous times of the fall of the monarchy and the rule of the Taliban regime, and his grappling with the issues of friendship and justice. The Colloquium, sponsored by the Honors Program and the Honors Student Association and supported by the Office of Student Affairs, is our way of welcoming new freshmen to the Honors community.

After reading the *Kite Runner*, new freshmen should write a brief response to one of the discussion questions listed on our website. Then, no later than August 1, 2007, you will send (mail or e-mail as a MicrosoftWord attachment) a copy of your response. This response will serve as your RSVP for the Honors Colloquium. Note, there will be a prize for the student who will turn his / her response first!

At noon on Friday August 10, Honors freshmen and faculty mentors will meet in the University Center's Cypress Room to enjoy a luncheon hosted by the Honors Student Association. At the end of our meal, Dr. Michael Stoltzfus, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, will offer some remarks to help begin our discussion. About 1:00 we'll break out into small groups, co-led by Honors faculty members and mentors, to get better acquainted and to share our responses to Khaled Hosseini's book. Dress is informal (no T-shirts or cut-offs, please!).

About 2:00 that afternoon, we will go together to the Honors House for cookies, snacks, and games sponsored by the Honors Student Association. You'll learn more about upcoming events as well as meet the officers and some other members of the Honors Student Association.

Bartram and Bailey Winners



Baqara Ngoyi
Bartram Award Winner
Junior Chemistry Major



Dr. Hugh C. Bailey



Samantha Lee
Bailey Scholarship Winner
Junior Dance Major



Jake Newsome
Bailey Scholarship Winner
Junior History Major

Check out the Honors Program website for more information on how to apply for the Bartram Award and the Hugh C.

Bailey Family Scholarship!

Links to Award and Scholarship pages are located under Services on sidebar.



Rebecca Thorn
Bailey Scholarship Winner
Junior English Major



Scott Thurston II
Bailey Scholarship Winner
Senior Astrology Major

Meet the Staff

Honors Program Staff

Hello, my name is Jane Robinson and I have worked as Honors Program Secretary since 1997. I guess that makes me the “old lady” of the Honors Program. I enjoy my job very much but the best part of the work is meeting each Honors Program Student and hopefully getting to know them a little better as their time as Honors Program Students continues. I love to bake so from time to time don't be surprised to find something to snack on in the office/house kitchen. We love to eat here and chocolate seems to be the most popular treat among the students.



Mrs. Jane Robinson, Honors Program Secretary

Anyway, I look forward to seeing you as returning students this fall or as new freshmen! Please feel free to stop by my desk any time to ask questions or just to chat.



Jorri Sanders, Honors Program Graduate Assistant

Hello, my name is Jorri Renae Sanders. I am the current Graduate assistant here at the Honors house. I graduated in May of 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Communication disorders/ Speech-Language Pathology. I am currently working on my master in that same field.

Many of you might have already received an email from me, but for those of you that have not I will be corresponding with all of the honors students keeping you up to date with your progress thus far. I look forward to meeting all of you in the upcoming semester.

Hey guys, I'm Rebecca Thorn, the Honors Program Student Assistant. When I'm not stuck to my computer putting out the latest issue of the *Honora* or tweaking the Honors Program website, I'm either reading a book in the atrium or helping Mrs. Jane with some of the office business.

I'll be starting my junior year at VSU this fall, majoring in English. I've been working at Honors Program Student Assistant for the past two years, since my freshmen year, and will continue until I graduate, so if you don't already know who I am, I'm sure our paths will cross soon.



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Announcements

Don't miss the 2007 Honors Freshman Colloquium on Friday, August 10 at 12 noon in the Cypress room of the University Center

Incoming Freshmen, the HSA will be accepting applications and selling their shirt at the Colloquium. Dues for the year are 25 dollars and cost for the shirt is 10 dollars.

There are still seats available in the Honors classes for Fall 2007. Make sure you don't forget to sign up!