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HONORS STUDENT & FACULTY RECEIVE AWARDS

2004-2005 BARTRAM AWARD

Every year, the Honors Program presents the Bartram Award for Intellectual Exploration to a student who demonstrates the spirit of intellectual adventure exemplified by the noted American naturalist and artist.

Congratulations to **Michelle Ashman**, recipient of this year's award. Like the award's namesake, Michelle combined physical and intellectual exploration as she kept an illustrated journal and portfolio of watercolors during her studies abroad in Montepulciano, Italy. ♠



HONORS EXEMPLARY PROFESSOR AWARD

Congratulations to **Dr. James F. Hill**, Professor of Philosophy, who was named Honors Exemplary Professor for 2004—2005. Professor Hill's contributions to the Program this year have been legion. His commitment to students is legendary, and in the words of one of his nominators, "He is the best teacher I ever had!" In addition, this year he piloted Valdosta State University's first Honors Perspective Course, entitled "Human Nature/Human Futures," which used the great questions of philosophy to explore cutting edge developments in technology and the sciences. ♣



Bartram Award winner, Michelle Ashman, received this year's 2005-2006 scholarship distinction.



Congrats to Professor Jim Hill, Resident and Philosophy Professor.

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HONORS ART EXHIBITS SHOWCASE STUDENT WORK

This spring the Honors House hosted 2 exhibits presenting artistic work by



Honors Program students. The Honors Art Exhibit (March 7-18) featured photographs, paintings, & ceramic pieces by Eric Clausen, Trisha Klyber, & Michelle Ashman. In the second exhibit, Form (May 2-13), Trisha Klyber presented a study of light,

shadow, & the human form through a series of black & white photographs. Honors art shows & receptions are one of the program's highlights. If you have work you'd like to exhibit in a fall 2005 or spring 2006, contact the Honors Office for more information. ♥

MEET THE 2005-2006 HSA OFFICERS!



Left to Right: Erica Rutland, Rachel Wayne, Jessica Thomas, Anthony Swygert, Monica Chana, Monica Villa, Christina Huntley, Shelly Chatelain.
Not pictured: Keri Toggerson, Lauren Hunter

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HONORS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

“TELL ME AND I FORGET. SHOW ME AND I REMEMBER. INVOLVE ME AND I UNDERSTAND.”

- A CHINESE PROVERB

From entering a float in the Homecoming Parade, fielding an intramural softball team, and sponsoring a Thanksgiving food drive to enjoying pizza night, a lasagna supper, a Chocolate Day and



Honors students enjoying Homemade ice-cream at our Ice Cream Social.

other activities, Honors Program students found many ways to serve the community and enjoy each other's company in 2004-2005.

Next year is rich with opportunities. How would you like to be involved? From representing the Honors Program at The Happening or serving as an Honors Ambassador during Campus Visitation Days to joining HSA's Quiz Bowl team, playing on an intramural team, attending

and presenting research at meetings of the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council or the Southern Regional Honors Council, helping plan a variety of social activities, or taking pictures at HSA functions, the decision is yours. Plan now to join Omega Sigma Alpha, the Honors Student Association, and help make 2005-2006 the Honors Program's most active year ever. Get involved!

For more information about how you can be a member and volunteer, please feel free to drop us a line or visit our website and click on HSA to let us know what you'd like to do! <http://www.valdosta.edu/honors/hsa>



Your Honors Program...



Needs YOU!

HONORS STUDENTS PRESENT AT GCHC MEETING



Six students represented VSU at this year's Georgia Collegiate Honors Council meeting in February. Held on the campus of Clayton State, it focused on the theme Civic Engagement & Global Values. After spending an evening enjoying an excellent production of Stephen Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*, this group enjoyed an exhilarating day of discussion stimulated by research presented by students from Honors Pro-

grams around the state. Thanks to Brandi Gardner, whose presentation on VSU's LeaderQuest Program attracted lots of interest from program directors; to Rachel Wayne, whose PowerPoint, "Wiccans in Western Culture" stimulated lots of discussion; & to Michelle Ashman & Eric Clausen, whose workshop, "What is Art," gave participants a chance to experiment with watercolor while examining a series of

paintings & discussing such issues as funding for the arts, censorship, & the role of art in education. Keri Toggerson & Jessica Wray rounded out our team & gathered lots of good ideas for the Honors Student Association. Start planning now for next year's meeting! ☺



VSU representatives @ the GCHC Meeting, February 25-26, 2005.

WE'RE GETTING A NEW LOOK!

You'll notice some changes when you arrive this fall! The Honors House is now wireless enabled, so bring your laptop and prepare to get on-line. We've replaced the long table in the seminar room, replaced the Blackboard with a dry-erase one, and added a projector to make PowerPoint presentations easy. You'll also discover freshly painted walls and newly-varnished floors. Mrs. Robinson has done a great job of rearranging the furniture and decorating. Stop by soon and admire her work!

HONORS SUMMER STUDY COURSE OFFERED IN... SAVANNAH!

From July 5 to August 3, 2005, VSU Honors Program students can participate in a truly unique Summer Honors Program through the Visiting Honors Institute at Armstrong Atlantic State University. This program was introduced to our students at the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council and is open to all undergraduates from any university. This summer, the

Institute will offer a course entitled: "*Women, the New Deal and World War II*" which will be taught in this convenient one-month interdisciplinary format by a nationally-recognized scholar, Dr. June Hopkins. This course will also include field trips to Washington DC, tours to various archives and historic sites, free room and board through host-family

stays in the lovely and beautiful Savannah, Georgia, as well as a unique opportunity to meet and study with other American Honors Program students. "Study history of the '30s & '40s, Learn more about women leaders.. In one of America's loveliest cities, savannah - an open history book in itself." Visit <http://www.honors.armstrong.edu/> for more information. ♠

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE! [HTTP://WWW.VALDOSTA.EDU/HONORS](http://www.valdosta.edu/honors)

Thanks to Emily Gung, our Graduate Assistant, who revised the Honors Program's website this year. If you haven't visited our website recently, now is the time to take a look! In addition to an attractive new format, you'll see that many forms are now available online, including an Honors Program Application Form for prospective stu-

dents, and Priority Registration and Honors Option forms for currently enrolled ones. You'll also discover three new forms designed to improve our record-keeping and to insure that no one is overlooked! If you need to update your local address, telephone number, or preferred e-mail address, you can now do that through our

Change of Information form. If you are close to completing our certificate requirements, be sure to submit an Honors Certificate Application. Be sure to complete an Honors Graduation Form at the beginning of your last semester so we can ensure that you'll be recognized for your accomplishments during commencement. ☀





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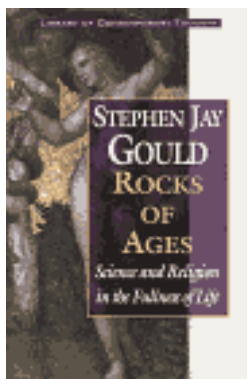
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HONORS PROGRAM – DEDICATION
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FALL HONORS COLLOQUIUM & COOKOUT:

WELCOMING HONORS FRESHMEN THROUGH *A NEW SUMMER READING PROGRAM*

This fall the Honors Program will welcome its freshman class with an opportunity to gather in a friendly, relaxed setting before classes begin. The experience will begin as new freshmen read Stephen Jay Gould's *Rock of Ages: Science and Religion in the Fullness of Life*. After reflecting upon the noted paleontologist's effort to reconcile two very different ways of seeing the world, they will gather on Sunday afternoon, August 14, to share their ideas in our first Fall Colloquium. There Professor Jim Hill will offer a short introduction to the issues Gould raises and then students and members of the fall Honors faculty will break up into small groups to discuss their responses. The goal is not to get the "right" answer but to better understand and appreciate the diversity of viewpoints they students bring to academic life.



Following the Colloquium, volunteers from the Honors Student Association will host a cookout at the Honors House, where our freshmen will have a chance to get better acquainted and to learn more about upcoming Honors activities. Because funds are limited, attendance is restricted to freshmen students and their HSA hosts. If you would like to help, contact the Honors House no later than the end of June. ♣

HONORS CERTIFICATE RECIPEENTS RECOGNIZED

The Honors Program Spring Recognition Ceremony was held on Monday evening, April 18, 2005. This event marked one of the most important gatherings of the semester for Honors, where several Honors Program students received recognition for their successful completion & achievements in the VSU Honors Program. Honors Certificates were awarded to Margaret Adams, Lauren Azzalina, Lauren Guadagnino, Kelly Land, Leslie Pfeifer, Juakitha Richardson, Glorimar Rivera, Rodney Tarleton, Catherine Banks, Amy Brosemer, Kimberly Colon,

Breah Johnson, Tanettra Redmond, Tessa Runge, Leah Sproul, Lashonda Teemer, & Staci Wyland.



Gold Seals were awarded to the following graduating Honors Program students: Derrick Connell, Christopher McCuller, Margaret Adams, Michelle Ashman, Jacqueline Caldwell, Krystal Carver, Megan Clubine, Eric DiChiara, Lauren Guadagnino, Julia Hass, Kelly Land, Tanettra Redmond, Juakitha Richardson, Tessa Runge, & Christina Sesto.

After Dr. Brown, Acting Director, welcomed students and their guests, Dr. Linda Calendrillo, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, extended her greetings and Dr. Louis Levy, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, offered remarks on the value of Honors education. Other highlights included the presentation of a gift book to Dr. Brian Adler in appreciation for his advice and support during the year, recognition of the Honors Program's graduates and certificate recipients, and a report from Monica Villa on HSA activities during the year. ♥



Honors Program Spring Recognition Ceremony: April 18, 2005