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Greetings from Dr. Nikolova



It is a great pleasure and privilege for me to join the Valdosta State University Honors Program, a Program with 33 years of tradition of excellence. I am looking forward to building upon this tradition and creating opportunities for expanding and further developing the Program.

The Honors Program is this special place, this home of the mind, where the best and the brightest of our students are given the opportunity to grow and develop their gifts and talents. We want to challenge you, but we also want you to challenge us, to think outside the box, and prepare for the growing competition in an ever more global and demanding world. The Honors Program invites you to become active in our university and our community, to build your character, make a difference, and have fun. Help us create for you the special environment which will make you feel at home and will stimulate you to become better students and citizens of our community. Stop by the Honors House at any time, we will be glad to help you or just chat with you!

Fall 2006 Freshman Colloquium

The second annual Honors Program Freshman Fall Colloquium will be held on Friday, August 11! This year it will feature John C. Ryan and Alan Thein Durning's *Stuff: The Secret Lives of Everyday Things*. Sponsored by the Honors Program and the Honors Student Association and supported by the Office of Student Affairs, the Colloquium is our way of welcoming new freshman to the Honors community.

Required of new freshmen, this event begins with reading Ryan and Durning's short (86-page) book, writing a 1-2 page response to one of the questions listed on our website, and sending it to the Honors Program by Tuesday, August 1.

On the Friday before classes begin, all new Freshmen, some members of the Honors Student Association, and several members of the Honors Program staff and faculty will meet at noon to enjoy a delicious buffet. Next, we'll hear Professor Richard Carter briefly discuss the challenges facing environment. Then we'll break out into small groups to relax, get better acquainted, and have fun as we compare our reactions to *Stuff*.

At 2:00, everyone is invited to the Honors House to enjoy music, games, snacks, or just to hang out.

Check out the Honors Program home page, <http://www.valdosta.edu/honors>, for instructions on how to get the book, to see the questions you're asked to consider, and to link to a fascinating website filled with interesting information about the environment.



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Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarship

The Honors Program's first scholarships were awarded at the annual Honors Program Recognition Ceremony on April 26, 2005. Established by Dr. Hugh C. Bailey, President of Valdosta State University from 1978 to 2001, Bailey Scholarships are designed to reward students who have exemplified the spirit of inquiry and service that characterizes the Honors Program and to help support their work as leaders and mentors of incoming students.

A long-time supporter of Honors education as President of VSU, Dr. Bailey made the Honors Program a permanent feature of campus life. As it grew, he secured the Honors House to provide a space for the Program's events, activities, and classes as well as a full-time director and secretary to support the growing number of Honors students.

Continuing this tradition of enthusiastic support, President Zaccari has met with a group of Honors students to develop plans for a much anticipated Honors Living and Learning Center. This Center will offer attractive housing for Honors students as well as study areas, a computerized classroom, meeting areas, and other amenities. Construction is slated to begin with the next round of dormitory renovation.

Applications for Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarships are accepted every spring semester. To apply, students must have completed a total of at least 45 credit hours by the end of the preceding fall term, including 10 hours of Honors work; they must be active in the Honors Program and must have at least a 3.6 grade average. Application forms and additional information are available in the Honors House as well as on the Honors Program website.



Hugh C. Bailey Scholarship Recipients, 2006-2007 (left to right) Monica Chana, Lauren Hunter, Christina Huntley, Jessica Thomas, Keri Toggerson, [Dr. Bailey], Stephanie Zavlanos

Meet The Staff

Honors Program Staff

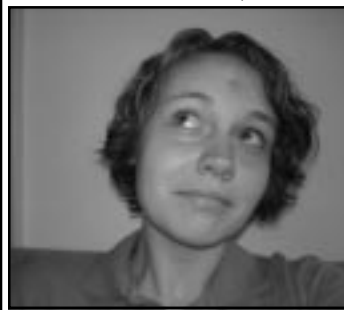
Hi,

My name is Jane Robinson and I am the Honors Program secretary. I have worked with the program for about 10 years and really enjoy the job. Of course there is the routine paperwork and telephone calls but the best part of the job is getting to know the students and learning of their interests. I love to bake so don't be surprised if you are offered treats from time to time. Please feel free to ask any questions or just stop for a visit any time you are at the Honors House.

Jane Robinson, Secretary
University Honors Program



Hey kids, I'm Rebecca, the Honors House student assistant. You'll probably see me at the house often; I'll be the one with her face stuck to that left computer,



either updating the VSU Honors Program website or producing the next issue of the *Honora*, like the one you are reading now. I'm in my second year at Valdosta State University, majoring in English and pursuing a minor in art aspiring to be a magazine editor. So that's my mini-bio; I just want to welcome you all to the Honors Program. I'm sure I'll see you around.



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