

# THE HONORA

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## STUDENTS HONORED AT RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Women wore dresses, men work khakis. Students received chords, others received certificates. Some enjoyed cookies, some enjoyed punch, some enjoyed both. Some were faculty, some were students, and some were alumni. All were Honors.

One of the only events to pull all these things together was the annual Honors College Recognition Ceremony held on Tuesday, April 9th at the University Center's Cypress Room.

Mike Savoie, Dean of the Honors College, welcomed the guests in attendance. The welcome was followed by Dr. Karla Hull, interim vice president for academic affairs, who gave inspirational remarks to the students.

"You are important! You are the face of the University!" Dr. Hull said.

Dr. James LaPlant, interim dean of the Graduate School and assistant vice president for research, bequeathed Jennifer Dandron and Chase Kelly their certificates for being this years Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarship recipients.

Dean Savoie then awarded students for achievements in Honors.

Chelsie Norton, president of the Honors Student Association, enlightened everyone

on HSA's success this year. During Norton's remarks the Exemplary Honors Professors was awarded to Dr. Marty Williams of English. The other nominees were Dr. Napoleon Bamfo, Dr. Lai Orenduff, Dr. Dixie Haggard and Dr. Clare Orenduff-Bartos.

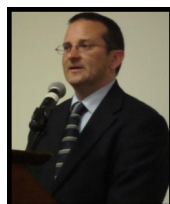
HSA also recognized Jasmin Allen as the Outstanding Freshman of the Year!

HSA presented Mrs. Jane Robinson, Honors College Senior Secretary and Dean Savoie with gifts. Mrs. Robinson received a lovely blue scarf and a gift card to Hobby Lobby. Dean Savoie was given a picture frame with a collage of memories from his first year as Dean. He also received a gift card to Buffalo Wild Wings.

Dean Savoie gave closing remarks where he recognized the hard working Honors College staff. The dean's final remarks were that he was moved by the Honors College and how special of a place it is.

A short reception followed the ceremony. Cookies and punch were provided by VSU catering.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event and made it special!



Dean Savoie



Students who completed the certificate this spring

### Recognized Students:

Students who completed the certificate in the spring and fall were recognized at the ceremony. Congratulations!

(Spring 2013)

Nigil Atchinson, Shakeria Bonaparte, Sasha Booth, Cassandra Brantley, Christian Carter, Felina Duncan, Kimberly Edwards, Camille Gonzalez-Acevedo, Whitney Hilliard, Terrance Jenkins, Danielle Jordan, Olivia La Selva, Colin Law, Jamie McClanahan, Lindsay McMullen, Hazel Moon, Christal Oliver, Angela Radney, Mary Rounds, Nicholas Rouse, Brandon Rush, Keith Simmons, Marcel Smith, Dayshea Wooden

(Fall 2012)

Jessica Bartek, Brittany Bell, Amber Blocker, Quintella Bohannon, Cortney Cooper, Rachel Crew, Alexander Gottlieb, Lamone Graham, Gabriella Granda, Lindsey Hagen, Laura Hanna, Jerkendra Holloway, Danielle Jenkins, Kiana Lively, Max Loudermilch, Jorden McNabb, Brayton Meyer, Arin Pattereson, Brandy Pierce, Katelyn Reed, Matthew Rivera, Andrew Tatler-Burgess, Katie Tucker, Starr Wade, Jason Singletary

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### VSU HONORS COLLEGE

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Honors College Interim Dean

Mrs. Jane Robinson  
Honors College Secretary

Jason Brown & Michael Holman  
Graduate Assistants

Dorrian Baber  
Student Office Assistant

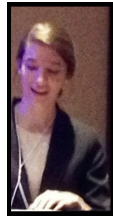
Jennifer Dandron  
Student Assistant

Chelsie Norton  
Student Assistant

## STUDENTS PRESENT AT ANNUAL SRHC CONFERENCE

The Honors College endeavors to make undergraduate research a priority. Two students, Adrienne Fry and Jennifer Dandron, traveled to Louisville, Kentucky April 4-April 6 to present research at the 41st annual Southern Regional Honors Conference (SRHC).

Adrienne Fry, a sophomore English major, presented her research on the "Deconstruction of Cartesian Paradigms: Samuel Beckett Molloy." Her research stemmed from a paper she wrote in Honors World English for the fall semester. Her faculty supervisor was Dr. Marty Williams of English. Grouped with two



Adrienne Fry

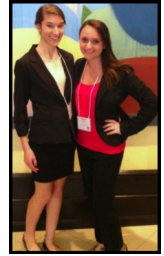
other presenters whose research focused on literature, Fry was the third and final speaker of her session. She received multiple questions and answered them all very intellectually.

Jennifer Dandron, a junior mass media and political science major, presented her preliminary research on Saturday, April 6. She did her research on "The Relationship between the Media and School Shootings in the past Fifteen Years, with Regards to the Columbine, Virginia Tech and Newtown Massacres" under the direction of Dr. Christine James for the Honors Research Methods class. Dandron had to condense her twenty page paper into roughly a twelve minute presentation. Dandron was the second person in her ses-

sion, which was grouped based off different effects of the media.

The students enjoyed listening to other students from across the southeast. When they were not in a session, they traveled around the city.

They had a long weekend but enjoyed every minute of it.



The girls pose for a picture after Adrienne's presentation

## HONORS STUDENTS GRADUATE IN SPRING AND SUMMER



The graduates receive their chords for graduation!

### Spring 2013:

Shakeria Bonaparte

Sasha Booth

Stephanie Byington

Mallory Clark

Kimberly Edwards

Camille Gonzalez-Acevedo

Alexander Gotlieb

Gina-Marie Guyette

Lindsey Hagen

Laura Hanna

Whitney Antrelle Hilliard

JerKendra Holloway

Terrance Jenkins

Olivia La Selva

Ashlee Lynn

Jamie McClanahan

Lindsay McMullen

Hazel Moon

Jarrett Northcutt

Gabrielle O'Berry

Mary Kate Rounds

Nicholas Rouse

Jason Cole Singletary

Amber Michelle Smith

Marcel Smith

Jenny Smith

Ariel Stearnes

Dayshea Wooden

### Summer 2013:

Kassandra Brantley

Jacob Jones

Colin Law

Angela Radney



## Honors Celebrates the End of the Semester with a Cookout

As the semester draws to a close, the Honors College thought there was no better way to celebrate than to eat. On Friday, April 12 Honors students and international students alike gathered at the Honors House for a cookout.

The students enjoyed hamburgers, veggie burgers, cookies and a variety of chips. When they were not eating, students spent time get-



Tex prepares the food

ting to know each other and developing cross-cultural relationships. Tex, from the English Language Institute, prepared the food.

Starting around two pm students started



Students play volleyball

drifting into the house. Name tags were available for everyone to wear, which helped break the ice between the

guests. For about two hours guests mingled. ELI provided several outdoor games for everyone to play as another way to encourage relations. Through games of badminton, soccer, horseshoes, corn hole



Guests make new friends

and others, students were able to make new friends.

We even had a surprise guest—Dr. McKinney, the President of VSU, stopped by for a quick hello.

Thank you to everyone who came out and had a great time, as well as everyone who helped make the event possible!

## Honors College Takes First at Film Festival

The Honors College is proud to announce that it took home first place at the first annual “48 Hour Film Festival.”

The VSU mass media department hosted the festival. Six mass media professors carefully selected students to be on their teams. From 7 pm Friday, March 1 to 7 pm Sunday, March 3 the teams had to plan, write, and execute their movies.

Each movie had to use a pair of rubber

gloves as a prop, Conspiracy Kevin as a character, and “As the great Colonel Sanders once said...” as a line of dialogue or it would be disqualified.

Dean Savoie headed the team. Student assistants Dorrian Baber, Jennifer Dandron and Chelsie Norton made up the team. Plus, Chris Jones, a mass media student.

Honors professors Dr. Marty Williams of English and Dr. Claire Orenduff-

Bartos of Art were utilized as the lead actor and actress.

The team shot the mini-film at Dean Savoie’s house on Saturday morning.

The movie, *Rosebud*, pays homage to the great film *Citizen Kane* and plays on editing techniques to bring the film together. Altogether, it has two lines of dialogue.

The film’s obscurity leaves the audience to fill in the plot for themselves.

## 50s vs. 90s: Battle of the Decades for a Cancer Cure

Honors students are known for going above and beyond in all situations and trying to find a cure for cancer is no exception. On April 26 at 8 pm members of the Honors Student Association Relay for Life team raised funds in an effort to curb cancer.

“I am sooo incredibly proud of HSA Relay for Life. These guys and all of their hard work raised a grand total of \$1,210.42 to help in the fight against cancer and the quest to celebrate more birthdays!” Co-Captain Amber Blocker said.

This year, Relay’s them was decades in

honor of the 100 years the American Cancer Society has been around. HSA divided the team into sub-teams “50s vs. 90s.” Some people wore poodle skirts and bowties, while others wore denim and Nirvana t-shirts. For the 50s side, people could pay to play music from the jukebox that the team made. Patrons could pay to play the iconic 90s game Twister or take the “Coke vs. Pepsi



Jasmin Allen and Cassy Stowe

challenge.”

Cancer is a dirty word, with which we are all familiar. According to the American Cancer Society’s website, “The National Cancer Institute estimates that approximately 13.7 million Americans with a history of cancer were alive on January 1, 2012.”

With so many people affected each student relayed with someone in mind. HSA President, Chelsie Norton, said “I Relay for the 12-year-old survivor I tutor. Thanks to medicine and incredible support, he will get to go to college too.”

## **HSA CORNER**

Benefits of joining HSA include numerous opportunities to be involved in community service and social events. For more information look for VSU's Honors Student Association on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Wordpress.

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## **2012-2013 HSA Officers:**

President: Chelsie Norton  
Vice President: Jennifer Dandron  
Secretary: Shakeria Bonaparte  
Treasurer: Chase Kelly  
Community Service Coordinator:  
Terrance Jenkins  
Freshman Board Advisor: Amber  
Blocker  
Undergraduate Research Coordinator:  
Erica Garcia  
Public Relations Officer:  
Jessica Bartek



# **HSA Officers Elected**

With the end of one semester comes the beginning of a new one. With the beginning of a new semester, comes elections for the Honors Student Association. On Thursday, April 11 HSA elected officers for the upcoming school year 2013-2014. The officers are as follows:



Vice President, Chase Kelly, and  
President Chelsie Norton

### President:

Chelsie Norton

### Vice President:

Chase Kelly

### Secretary:

Jessica Bartek

### Treasurer:

Erica Garcia

### Freshman Board Advisor:

Amber Blocker

### Community Service

### Coordinator:

Jasmin Allen

### Undergraduate Research

### Coordinator:

Jennifer Dandron

### Public Relations Chair:

Kiana Lively

### Class Representatives:

#### *Senior Class:*

Desiray Ward

#### *Junior Class:*

Cortney Cooper

Adrienne Fry

#### *Sophomore Class:*

Mara Charles

Cassy Stowe

Tony Pina

Ben Watson



(Front to back): Jessica Bartek, Kiana  
Lively, Ben Watson and Tony Pina