Welcome, readers, to the Winter edition of Volamus, a quarterly newsletter of the Richard A. Henson Honors Program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore!

Keeping the Win in Winter

Janus, or why being a two-faced fellow is fortunate

Sometimes, being two-faced is a good thing. Just ask Janus, the Roman God for whom our first month—and recent “polar vortex” — were named. There is, perhaps, no better time of year, especially for those of us in academia, to be gifted with the ability to look back and ahead at once, to reflect with pride on the Fall’s satisfying successes and to anticipate with enthusiasm and plan, our energy restored from a festive hiatus with friends and family, the Spring’s promising new ventures.

This issue brings you the best of both views, celebrating the Honors Program’s student-scholars, citizens, and athletes who keep the “WIN” in Winter at UMES through their original research, creative endeavors, and studious habits, commitment to community service, trust in teamwork, and perseverance.

Honors staff, faculty, advisory bodies and alumni are also on the ready and on the move, partnering to develop and implement new features for future cohorts of honors students and to raise the profile of Honors at UMES and beyond.

So… curl up with your Kindle and a cup of cocoa and read away!

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Happy 2014! Trigg Hall. January 03.

Welcome Back, Everyone!

Dr. Michael E. Lane, Editor of Volamus, is Director of the Honors Program and Associate Professor of French.

This issue features the dozens of Honors students in the “word cloud” below. Read about them all!
A Look Back

October

Honors “Hawkspitality”

On October 16th, these Honors students slipped on maroon blazers and became able ambassadors at the President’s Donor Reception, an annual dinner program that showcases some of our school’s best and brightest academic talent and recognizes friends of UMES whose generosity guarantees our greatness. Among the Hawk hosts to address the audience were Senior Exercise Science major, Jeffery Locklear (bottom, left) and Junior Graphic Illustration major, Gabrielle Lang (bottom, right), both of whom are featured elsewhere in this newsletter. Also on hand that night to wow the crowd were Samuel Adedeji, Mariah Dennis, Brea Fagan, Asia Gibbs, Deedra Mills, Leondra Morse, Aderonke Ogin, Jessica Parker, Natalie Parks, Jenny Porch, Courtney Rhoades, Tyler Thornes, and Emily Tull.

Ten Honors Students Inducted into NSCS

Ten honors program students were among the 21 initiates at this year’s National Society of Collegiate Scholars induction ceremony, held October 23, 2013 in Henson Ballroom. Honors Program Director, Dr. Michael Lane, delivered the keynote address and was joined by Vice-President of Student Affairs, Dr. Anthony Jenkins, in celebrating the students’ history of outstanding leadership and academic accomplishment.

For more information about NSCS, visit:

www.nscs.org

2013 Inductees from the Honors Program

Abena Acheampong
Alexandra Alford
Aleaya Bowie
Ruth Chilengi
Tochukwu Dike
Motunrayo Fadipe
Ujala Noman
Esther Nwogu
Joshua Nwogu
Elizabeth Ranger

Congratulations!
**2013 Alumnus, Michael Tadesse, is Program Acquisition Analyst**

Michael Tadesse, a Spring 2013 Business Administration and Honors Program graduate, shared with us the great news of his new career as a Business Analyst for Horizon Industries, an SDB* with headquarters in Vienna, VA.

In his new role at Horizon, which provides support to corporate clients and government agencies like the US Food and Drug Administration, Library of Congress, and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Tadesse gathers and analyzes data to develop user manuals, training materials, installation guides, and more. He is also responsible for contract solicitation documentation.

While at UMES, Michael also served our campus as the Thurgood Marshall College Fund ambassador. We’re Hawk-proud of you, Mr. Tadesse, and know a bright future lies ahead for you!

* SDB: a small, disadvantaged business.

**Students Present Research, Perform Service at National Conference**

On Hallowe’en, Honors Program administrators Michael Lane (Director) and Aundra’ Roberts (Assistant Director), accompanied by SAP Dean, Ray Davis, traveled with ten honors student-scholars to sunny Daytona, FL, to participate in the National Association of African-American Honors Programs (NAAAHP) conference, hosted by Bethune-Cookman University and facilitated by no stranger — Dr. Alexis Brooks-Walter, Dean of BCU’s Honors College and daughter of UMES’s own Carolyn and Henry Brooks.

While at the annual meeting, students presented original research in poster and stand-alone sessions on a wide range of (primarily) scientific topics, including the “Behavior of centropristic strata” (King) and “Effect of Brown Tide on Copepods” (Acheampong), through “Campylobacter-specific bacteriophage in Pasture-Raised Poultry” (Mudoh) to “Magnetic Resonance Properties of superparamagnetic Iron Oxide Nanoparticles” (Park). Not all contributions were by STEAM disciplines, however, as Taylor communicated his studies on “Peer Pressure’s Effect on Young Black Males’ Academic Success” and, later, was invited to perform his creative piece, Closure, during the “Honors Got Talent” feature program.

The three-day event also afforded the group an opportunity to engage in a community service project. They partnered with a local food pantry to label a donated palette of canned goods. Their smiles (picture to left) are of satisfaction of a meaningful job well done. **BRAVO, EVERYONE!**

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Honors in “The Big Easy”

Just two days following their return from Daytona, the indefatigable Honors duo, Mrs. Roberts and Dr. Lane, again accompanied by Dr. Davis, boarded new flights, this time bound for New Orleans, to participate in the National Collegiate Honors Council’s 48th annual conference. Honors Advisory Board student representatives Aderonke Ogin and Maryanne Odinakachukwu (President of the Honors Student Association) went along to network with honors officers from across the USA, attending sessions on honors student government, service and fundraising. Lane delivered his presentation, “Choking on Cake: Hard-to-Swallow Realities of Honors Assessment” and contributed to meetings of the two national committees of which he is a member (Assessment & International Education), while Roberts and our students explored NOLA as team members of the NCHC tradition, “City as Text”. The 2014 conference will be held in Denver, CO, 05-09 November.

Honors Students Attend TMCF Leadership Institute in Washington, DC

Honors students Laurel Huffman (Thurgood Marshall College Fund Ambassador for UMES), Adel Kamara, and Barbara Romero sojourned in the US Capital with Dr. Stephanie Krah (CAAS) and seven other UMES students to participate in the annual TMCF Leadership Institute, 08-12 November. Students were selected by TMCF officials who evaluated their academic history, résumé, writing sample, and performance during an interview. The institute offers students advanced leadership training, on-site interviews with prospective employers, internship providers, and graduate schools, and networking venues.

Students interested in opportunities sponsored by Thurgood Marshall College Fund should visit: www.thurgoodmarshallfund.net/ or contact Mrs. Aundra’ Roberts, TMCF campus Coordinator for UMES and Assistant Director of the Honors Program.

Quenches Curiosity, Whets Appetite for Altruism

Imagine a grueling, daily, round-trip walk of six miles or more, carrying a five gallon Jerry can that weighs forty pounds… just to retrieve fresh water for your family. “That’s the stark reality for nearly one billion of the Earth’s inhabitants, especially in impoverished or developing countries where wells are scarce or contaminated,” said Thirst Project volunteer Evan Wesley, who presented, with colleague, Harraz Mohd Reza, to over 100 Honors Program students on 12 November.

The Thirst Project is an international non-profit agency engaged in fundraising, health education and - most critically - facilitating life for those suffering misfortune by drilling sustainable fresh-water wells in communities worldwide and providing water filtration and purification services.

The guests’ visit was so compelling, UMES Honors students were galvanized into action. A special interest group has been formed and will collaborate with The Thirst Project to make an enduring gift on behalf of UMES. Stay tuned! More info on The Thirst Project: www.thirstproject.org

Rick Sanabria Shares Words of Wisdom

On November 12, Mr. Rick Sanabria, owner-operator of area gyms that work to keep troubled teens off the streets and of Salisbury-based business, Expressive Threads, shared an inspiring story of lessons learned from his early life of crime and imprisonment and his great strides to triumph over adversity, to live well, and to give back to the community. Thank you, Rick, for your wise words!
An Honors Council comprised of faculty representatives from all undergraduate departments was created at UMES in November. These advocates generously volunteer their expertise to develop, expand and enhance the honors curriculum, from unique freshmen seminars through senior thesis / capstone courses.

We are grateful to the following members of Honors Council:

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Lang’s Work Featured in Gallery

Honors Junior, Graphic Illustration major and new Mom, Gabrielle Lang exhibited these two ink-on-paper prints during the November show at UMES’s Mosely Gallery: The Stuff of Nightmares (left) and Nympha Mania #1: Dryad (right).

In Other News...

In case you missed their good news, here’s a reprisal of Honors Student activity reported elsewhere...

**November**
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**December**
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**THE DAILY TIMES**

Michael Veverka, feature article on his successes in golf and academics (11/19/13; p. B01)

Jeffery Locklear, Exercise Science Club & Fun Fitness Challenge, 11/21/13

Reminder:

Students interested and able to assist the Mosely Gallery as guest receptionists during Black History Month’s exhibition of the David Driskell collection, contact Gallery Director, Susan Holt: smholt1@umes.edu
To everything... there is a season...

Graduating Applied Design major Megan Powell poses with several of her works displayed during the Senior exhibit at Mosely Gallery. Lucky for us, Megan won’t be far away — she’s already accepted a position as photographer for a studio in Ocean City! Congrats!

Summit: “Honors of the Eastern Shore”

On 12/06, UMES Honors Director, Michael Lane, partnered with Directors James Buss (Salisbury U.) and Melissa Reddish (Wor-Wic CC) in the first-ever “Honors of the Eastern Shore” Summit to plan for future collaborations between the three regional Honors Programs, to include shared co-curricular opportunities such as service projects, excursions, and social mixers to strengthen the honors community and heighten the visibility of local efforts in honors education. Stay tuned—we have great things in store to come!

Students took a break from finals to meet and mingle at Mosely Gallery: Tiffany McMahon, Ryan Coyne, Olivia Skeen, JoEllen Holland, and Emily Tull.

Congradulations!

December 2013 Graduates

Ian Bottone
Joshua Johnson
Siddig Mohamed
Ebony Odinde
Megan Powell
Brooke Stacey
Jasmine Watson
Katelin Whitelock

Agriculture
Criminal Justice
Aviation Science
Rehabilitation Services
Applied Design
Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice
Physician Assistant

It was a bittersweet ceremony steeped in nostalgia and pride on 12 December in Bailey A. Thomas Room when we said not “goodbye,” but “see you soon” to honors students graduating to embark on the next paths of their inspiring lives.

UMES President, Dr. Juliette B. Bell, joined the students, their families, honors staff and others in the campus community to celebrate these students, extend warm wishes as they transitioned to alumni, and witness as they were the first class to receive the brand-new signature keepsake medallions of the Honors Program (above).
**Student Snapshots**

**Deedra’s Dreams are Planely Inspiring**

Meet Ms. Deedra Mills, Senior Honors Vanguard and Dwight D. Eisenhower Fellow:

My name is Deedra Mills, a 20 year-old graduating senior majoring in Aviation Science with a concentration in Airway Management and Operations. I am from the beautiful Island of Jamaica. In the future, God's will, I have high hopes and aspirations of becoming an Airport Manager of a large international airport. Then eventually go on to own and operate my own Aviation Management Company and Consulting Services.

Moreover, through the Dwight David Eisenhower Fellowship Program, I was granted an opportunity to attend the Transportation Research Board's 93rd Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C, January 12-16. During my attendance, I was exposed to a lot of economical, political and environmental issues as they relate to the future of the Aviation industry and I was also given the opportunity to meet with airport professionals one on one to gain insight on the industry on a whole. Thanks to the Eisenhower Fellowship Program I am even more motivated to pursue a career path in aviation!

**Ezechielle Performs Cancer Research**

Hello, my name is Ezechielle Kiessu and I am a second semester Junior. I am a member of the Marc U Star program that provides support for undergraduates who are underrepresented in the biomedical and behavioral sciences to improve their preparation for high-caliber graduate training at the PhD level. The program also works to strengthen the science curricula, pedagogical skills of faculty and biomedical research training at institutions with significant enrollment of students from underrepresented groups.

Upon entering the program, I was paired with Dr. Miguel Martin, an associate professor in the Pharmacy School. We are currently studying the mechanism of prostate cancer and particularly what causes its onset at the cellular and molecular level. A lot of people do not know, but prostate cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in the USA and throughout the world. It's an interesting topic to research and I am grateful to have this opportunity. After my internship last summer with Pfizer Pharmaceutical, I was absolutely taken aback at how much knowledge we have left to learn about our bodies.

My future goals are to attend Pharmacy School and afterwards go on to receive my PhD, possibly in immunology.
Members of the Honors administrative staff, Dr. Lane, Mrs. Roberts, Ms. Turner, and Dr. Wade, all found some time to relax and recharge over the Winter holidays… as evidenced in the photo, right, of Lane enjoying some evening sledding down steep slopes in upstate NY with sister Holly and her family.

Brief was the break, however, and upon return to duties after New Year’s, the staff collaborated in an all-day planning retreat on 09 January to gauge our progress toward attainment of the year’s objectives and to prioritize the next steps to be taken in the Honors Program’s projected rise to Collegiate status (for Fall 2015).

Welcome to Honors!

2014 is off to a fresh and fabulous start for these students, recent recruits to the Honors Program:

- Jonelle Allen
- Anthony Bagley
- Trinice Duffy
- Kadijah Felder-Patterson
- Brittany McAdams
- Megan Miles
- Ijeoma Faith Ngoka
- Victoria Smith
- Imani Stanard
- Atiya Stewart
- Olamilekan Sule
- Dré Tingle

Interested in Joining Honors?

The Honors Program actively seeks dynamic, talented, engaged & engaging student-scholars from all undergraduate major programs.

Eligibility:

1st through 3rd semester students who maintain a 3.5+ GPA

See “Why Join Honors?” & schedule a meeting with Dr. Lane to discuss how honors can help you attain your personal and professional goals.

Campus Cleanliness is our Community’s Responsibility

Help Mr. Neil

Contributed by: Heather Goldsborough

Every morning on my way to class, in a special bush to my left always sits a gummies wrapper. Each day I pick it up and place it in the trash and by the next morning someone has placed a new one there. Sometimes it seems like it has been put there specifically to taunt me, but then I look around and see all the other trash blowing around campus.

I also see dear Mr. Neil. He is one of our groundskeepers who work tirelessly pruning roses and mowing grass to keep our university beautiful. The first thing he does in the mornings is go around and pick up all of our trash. That’s our job! Now, I am sure that honors students are not the main cause of this disgusting state of affairs, but we need to ask ourselves a question: Can we do more to fix it?

The short answer is a resounding YES! I implore all of you to help. We are the role models of this campus and what we do and say matters! Next time someone drops their sweet tea cup onto the sidewalk and tries to walk away, remind them whose home this is. Let them know that they are defacing not only your safe haven, but their own as well. And next time you see other people’s trash laying around, pick it up. All too often, I hear students complaining that staff treat them like children. If we cannot even pick up our own trash, what makes us think that we should be treated like adults?
Students selected to participate include:

Derrick Cheruiyot
Bre’Asia Deal
Kenneth Kuemeta
Joy Mudoh
Tina Ndam

So Jin Park
Jessica Parker
Barbara Romero
Emily Tull
Susana Yeboah

With an eye to expanding and enhancing our Honors Program, UMES welcomes Dr. Greg Lanier, veteran honors educator, administrator, and National Collegiate Honors Council-approved consultant, who will perform a comprehensive evaluation of the program during his visit, 05-07 March.

Prior to his arrival, Lanier will acquaint himself with the current features and offerings of honors at UMES by reading the program’s annual reports, strategic plan, narrative history, website, mission and vision statements, newsletters, course descriptions, and financial reports.

While on campus, his two-day schedule is jam-packed with meetings with President Bell, Provost Nykiel, Deans, Department Chairs, faculty, staff, the Honors Advisory Board, Honors Council, and—of course!-- lots of time spent with honors and non-honors students alike to really get to know our community’s strengths and to identify those areas that would benefit most from new approaches and resources.

Following his visit, Lanier will draft and submit a full report of his findings and recommendations to UMES administration - invaluable insights as the Honors Program grows greater in the months and years to come.
28—29 March 2014
Mark your calendars!

This two-day series of leadership training and professional development is spearheaded by Honors Program Consultant, Dr. Brenda Wade. Foreseen to be an annual event, the initiative will feature current Seniors and recent Alumni of the Honors Program, joined by regional experts from a variety of professional fields, as guest speakers who will address managerial styles and ethics, time management, team building, profile-enhancing internships, application to graduate schools, and more.

**Required** of all Honors Program Freshmen and Sophomores. Juniors and Seniors are strongly encouraged to participate.

Save the date! **UMES Honors Convocation:**
**Thursday, 03 April.** All students are expected to participate!

**Hakuna Matata! Honors Goes to Broadway**

We’re planning an excursion to New York City on Saturday, April 12 to see the Broadway production of *The Lion King*. Space is limited, so reserve your ticket now! This is an unbeatable price at just $50/person (*the Honors Title III Program foots the rest of the bill*). Remit your deposit to Ms. Turner in the Honors Program office. First come, first served!

**Honors to Operate UMES Mini Golf**

Honors scores a hole in one this spring with a new service project to the UMES campus—renovating and promoting use of the university’s miniature golf course! This initiative, a stroke of genius by Honor’s Program’s Ms. Turner, gives our community a fun restoration—and future fundraising—venue. An inter-club tournament is planned for late Spring!

**Henson Luncheon**
24 April, 11:30 a.m.

Henson Scholars, Leaders & Entrepreneurs are expected to attend!

**Graduating?** Email Dr. Lane to be sure you receive your invitation to the May Honors Graduation Medaling Ceremony (May 15):

melane@umes.edu
The Freshmen Living And Giving Summer Honors Immersion Program—FLAGSHIP— is a pilot residential learning community with a service focus, housed in centrally-located Murphy Hall.

The program will provide incoming Honors Freshmen curricular, co-curricular, service, and social opportunities that acquaint them with their new collegiate lives, peers, UMES resources, and regional partners for purposes of professional development and philanthropic voluntarism. Upper-class Honors students will contribute to the program as Mentors / Resident Assistants.

An Honors Title III Initiative in partnership with Summer Enrichment Academy (SEA), participants will earn six hours of coursework to jumpstart their collegiate careers. A series of Orientation Sessions will introduce students to campus facilities and resources—the Center for Access & Academic Success, Library Services, Career Services, International Programs, and more! Students will travel to sites throughout the Eastern Shore to tour facilities and interview with our partners in education, health care, government, social services, the arts, and other disciplines.

All this… AND excursions to the beach, to Washington, DC, and to New York City!

**DON’T MISS THE BOAT!**
FEBRUARY
07  Spring Vanguard Knighting Ceremony
25  Abstract deadline: National Collegiate Honors Council conference
     (November 2014; Denver, CO)
28  Maryland Collegiate Honors Council conference (McDaniel C.)

MARCH
05-07  Honors Program External Review
28-29  Emerging Leaders Workshop

APRIL
03  Honors Convocation
05  Spring newsletter submission deadline
12  Honors Goes to Broadway! The Lion King
22  Honors General Meeting
24  Henson Luncheon

MAY
15  Honors Graduation Medaling Ceremony
16  Commencement
25  Rome and Paris program begins

Involved in a great honors experience?
Be the star you are!

Contribute an article to our Spring edition!
Students, alumni, faculty, all are welcome to submit an article & photo highlighting activity and accomplishments in honors education at UMES.

Send to melane@umes.edu by April 05, 2014