Letter from the Director

Greetings Students, Faculty, and Friends—

This Autumn has marked the beginning of our second year, and we are excited about the ways in which we've been evolving. New application and renewal processes for membership in the Collegium have been initiated (page 5) and we are experimenting with a variety of programming to facilitate the growth and development of our students (pages 2 & 3). We are also revising our Mission Statement and goals to better reflect who we are and what we do (pages 3 & 4).

Rebecca, Emily, and I have been fortunate to work with 42 exceptional students from a wide variety of majors, interests, and backgrounds (for a full roster, see page 4). In addition to the twenty-three returning members, we've added nineteen equally enthusiastic new members. Taking a look at ranks, we currently have 18 second year students, 23 third year students, and one fourth year student. For more statistics, please see the "By the Numbers" section. Clearly, we are a growing and diverse group.

One of our goals this year is to cultivate and promote the Collegium identity. To this end, we are meeting with a variety of groups (student, faculty, staff) across campus. We are also excited to announce the completion of our first print brochure and we are making headway on creating a more accessible and functional web site. The Collegium Quarterly is also another way we are establishing ourselves in the community: a newsletter designed to share who we are and what we are doing with a diverse group of faculty, students, staff and friends of The Ohio State University.

Included in this newsletter is a calendar of events for Winter Quarter. Students, please note the date of our first meeting, January 18th, with special guest Provost Barbara Snyder. We hope to see all of you at our Winter Quarter Open House on January 7th where we will unveil the new brochure and kick off another great quarter.

Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and New Year,

Dennis
Dennis B. McKay, Ph.D.
Director, Honors Collegium
Highlights of Autumn 2004

- Amy Thaci, Director of Arts and Sciences Career Services, spoke with our students and potential Rhodes and Marshall candidates about the tips and techniques of interviewing.

- The 1st Annual Collegium Kick-Off Cookout where returning members, new members, faculty, friends, and staff gathered to meet, greet, and eat. Definitely the start of a new tradition.

- Professor Emeritus K. Austin Kerr taught a thought-provoking Autumn Collegium course, entitled "Interdisciplinary Discussions of the 2004 Presidential Election.”

- Frederick Buell, Professor of English, Director of American Studies at CUNY/Queens College of New York, lectured on After Apocalypse: Environmental Crisis and American Culture Today and held a special post-lecture discussion with our Collegium students.

- Fellowship Writing Preparation led by Professor Kay Halasek of the Department of English and the Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing.

- Undergraduate and Post-baccalaureate Opportunities Informational. Our Collegium students learned the basic ins, outs, and secrets behind some of the national prestigious scholarships and fellowships with which our office assists.

- Study Abroad Informational led by Grace Johnson, Assistant Director of Study Abroad in the Office of International Education. Students were amazed at the multitude of possibilities offered through the OIE office and at the flexibility they could have in designing their own research abroad.

- Yoga and Middle Eastern Cuisine as an End of the Quarter De-Stress Fest and Celebration. Nothing like Tree, Goddess and Aladdin’s Falafel to cure all! Quite a popular program, and most likely will be offered again.

"With the Collegium’s help, my goal is to become the best person I can be, to be satisfied with nothing less, regardless of where that may take me.”

- Stephen Knoepfer
  Political Science & Philosophy
  Sophomore

Update on Scholarships and Fellowships

As many of you know, Autumn quarter is one of our most busy times due to the sheer number of scholarship and fellowships deadlines. Out of 23 Rhodes and Marshall eligible candidates, seven were chosen to be interviewed by our panel, and ultimately, 2 students were endorsed for both scholarships: Ryan Spearfoorse, a mathematics and economics double major, and Noah Litton, a Political Science major. Noah was named a state finalist for the Rhodes competition, and Ryan recently was awarded the Board of Trustees Student Recognition Award. Both students are remarkable young men and are sure to make an impact on the future. This fall, we also worked with students applying for the Churchill and Gates-Cambridge Scholarships, as far as we know, a first for Ohio State. We are currently underway with several more prestigious awards that include the Truman, Carnegie, Goldwater and Udall. We also have been heavily involved with preparing over twenty students to apply to become National Science Fellows. The Ohio State University will be well represented in the national academic arena.
Winter Schedule of Events

Friday, January 7, 3-4:30pm.........................................................Collegium Open House
301 Enarson

Tuesday, January 18, 5:30pm..............................................First Meeting with special guest
Executive Vice President and Provost, Barbara Snyder
Main Lounge, Ohio Union

Tuesday, January 25, 5:30pm..............................................Dr. Brian McHale, Professor of English
Director of Graduate Admissions
102 Kuhn

Sunday, January 30, 5:30pm..............................Dinner for 2007 Graduates
102 Kuhn

Thursday, February 10, 5:30pm.................................Writing Practicum
Collegium students and by application ONLY
First floor, Kuhn

Wednesday, February 16, 4:30pm..............................Dr. Linda Harlow
Associate Provost, University Honors and Scholars
Associate Professor of French & Italian
102 Kuhn

Sunday, February 20, 5:00pm..............................Dinner for 2006 Graduates, pt II
102 Kuhn

Thursday, February 24, 5:30pm..............................Dr. John Bruno, Professor of Psychology,
Neuroscience, and Psychiatry
“Animal Models in Biomedical Research”
102 Kuhn

Don’t forget to schedule for Clash of Cultures, (see page 5)

Goals of the Collegium

Our goal is that Collegium students will be extremely competitive in their respective disciplines upon graduation and be prepared to face the challenges of an ever-changing world. This will be accomplished through:

- Advising aimed to connect students with life-long mentors
- Individualized assistance with applications to the most challenging graduate and professional programs
- Workshops and personalized preparations for fellowships and post baccalaureate positions
- Networking opportunities to connect Collegium students with distinguished faculty and leaders in industry, as well as connections to high-profile internships and research positions
- Uniquely created interdisciplinary courses and special topic seminars only open to Collegium students

Our web site will be getting a makeover during break and into winter quarter...
Please excuse the construction....
http://honors.osu.edu/collegium
Mission Statement

Inspire confidence, motivate the mind, and encourage greatness

The Honors Collegium at The Ohio State University serves our very best Honors students. Collegium Students have a vision of academic excellence, possess extraordinary promise, and demonstrate a desire to achieve and succeed. The Collegium provides these highly accomplished and motivated students with opportunities and tools to broaden and diversify their educational experiences at The Ohio State University. As members of the Collegium, students will continue to develop and cultivate their leadership abilities, social consciousness, academic excellence and global competence. The expectations of our students are participation in high-profile internships, research activities, and studies abroad; earn prominent post baccalaureate fellowships; and enter the most challenging graduate and professional programs.

Collegium Students 2004-2005

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Application Process

The Honors Collegium is for exceptional students who think and act big (see “By the numbers”). We accept the names of talented individuals throughout the year, and ask that faculty and staff keep us in mind when working with such students. This spring, we hope to gain better insight into applicants’ motivations, hopes, goals, and dreams as they are proving to be increasingly crucial building blocks for the future of the Collegium. Therefore, an extra dimension could be added to the Honors Collegium application process which will begin in March — an interview. More details will follow as the application season approaches, and the application can be found on our web site: http://honors.osu.edu/collegium.

Writing Practicum

Announcing: A unique, hands-on writing workshop for all kinds of scholarship essays and select personal statements February 10, 5:30pm at Kuhn Honors and Scholars Center Open to Collegium students and limited space made available to scholarship candidates by application only
Professor Kay Halasek and Writing Consultants from the University Writing Center will meet with students one-on-one to revise their drafts

Special Thanks
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Friday, January 7
3 – 4:30pm
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A Collegium & Honors Seminar
Spring 2005

Clash of Cultures
Who shall prevail?

Wednesdays, 7–9pm: Kuhn Honors & Scholars House
Instructor: Dr. Alexander Stephan, Professor of German, Ohio Eminent Scholar
and Senior Fellow of the Mershon Center for the Study of International Security
Contact Info: sephan.30@osu.edu, 247-6068, http://people.columbus.ohio-state.edu/sephan.30

Featured Student Research: Chris Bohlen

“Asking a research professor whose work you hardly understand whether he will take you into his lab as an apprentice is a daunting task.” But for Collegium student Chris Bohlen, undergraduate research has become second nature. After taking a Collegium-associated course in “Research Methods in Modern Neuroscience” his first year, Chris started working in the lab of Dr. Martin Sarter to gain experience. In his sophomore year, Chris participated in another Collegium-associated course entitled, “Seminars in Biochemical Research” that introduced him to the work of Dr. Mark Foster. “I was charmed by the physics-element as well as the general complexity of NMR (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance),” says Chris, even though NMR “is the same technology as MRI, but with a more intimidating name.” Having spent the summer in Dr. Foster’s lab through OSBP (Ohio State Biochem Program) and SURE (Summer Undergraduate Research Experience), Chris is now working on the archaenal RNase P project and preparing to enter the Goldwater Scholarship competition. It’s a long way from his childhood dream of becoming a baker, but Chris has found his niche and enjoys exploring his opportunities. “Working in the lab gave me insight into the feel of research labs and the methods of biochemistry,” Chris notes. “I am most interested in the biochemical aspects of neuroscience, [particularly] the biochemical underpinnings of the brain. I plan to go to grad school and study the neurosciences from a biophysical/biochemical angle, especially the field of ‘computational neuroscience.’” Chris gives credit to the Collegium for challenging him to become involved: “without the impetus provided by the Collegium, I would not have found the inspiration to get into a lab or thought of undergraduate research as such a tangible option.” Also important to Chris’ success has been Buckeye Tang Soo Do, which helped to inspire confidence and meet new people while learning the art of combat. Chris Bohlen is an example of an Ohio State undergraduate research success story, and we are proud to have played, and will continue to play, a role in his journey.

Chris Bohlen, a junior
majoring in biochemistry
and minorin in mathematics

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