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The Williams Honors College is proud of its **tradition of community.**

Since 1975, the college has brought together **high-achieving and motivated students,** professors, staff, alumni and friends to promote excellence on campus, in the Akron community and throughout the country and world.



As a Williams Honors Scholar, you will work **one-on-one with distinguished faculty members to design your own capstone Honors Research Project**, which serves as an excellent portfolio piece for employers or graduate schools.



*The Honors Research Project is like a **practice dissertation.** The idea of the project forced me to think about getting involved in research and **joining a lab as soon as possible.**"*

**- DEANNA BOWMAN, B.S. '19;
DOCTORAL STUDENT AT
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY**



Read Deanna's story: uakron.edu/honors/deanna

As a Williams Honors Scholar, you are eligible to receive **funding to conduct research and attend academic conferences throughout the country.** Many Honors students have received graduate fellowships and prestigious awards such as the Fulbright scholarship.

LEARN WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

The Honors Distribution course structure exposes you to a range of academic disciplines – challenging you to make **cross-curricular connections** and **break the mold of a conventional, single-subject academic experience**.

You will also venture outside your major and broaden your perspective by exploring special interdisciplinary topics in small, discussion-based **Honors Colloquia**. Many Honors students study abroad and some students in the Colloquia have traveled to **Japan and Guatemala**.

Examples of previous Honors Colloquia include:

- The Hero
- The Global Lawyer – Study Abroad to Japan
- American Folk Music and Social Justice
- Global Leadership
- The Nature of Human Nature
- Walls and Welcome Mats: Perspectives on Migration, Refugees and Asylum
- Digital Storytelling
- Truth, Lies and Alternative Facts: Are You Perplexed?
- Developing a Worldview
- Data Analytics in Sport
- The Rhetoric of Self
- Science & Technology in the World
- Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning



Students in the Williams Honors College joined others from the School of Law on a trip to Japan to learn about international law.

Beginning the spring semester of your freshman year, priority registration ensures that you will have the **earliest selection of**

courses and instructors – giving you **maximum freedom** to set your schedule and chart your own course to graduation.



Being a part of the Honors College gave me the confidence, support and skills to succeed academically. I first became interested in leadership by serving as president for the Honors Commuter Association, and have since gone on to embrace many more meaningful leadership roles. The Honors Colloquia allowed me to learn more about real-world issues, plus learn more about myself.

**- ABBY PERKINS '19;
NUTRITION/DIETETICS MAJOR**

LEAD THE WAY FORWARD



Honors Emerging Leaders are some of the most accomplished and well-rounded students in the University. Beginning the week before the start of fall semester, Emerging Leaders receive **ongoing leadership training and personal and professional development.**

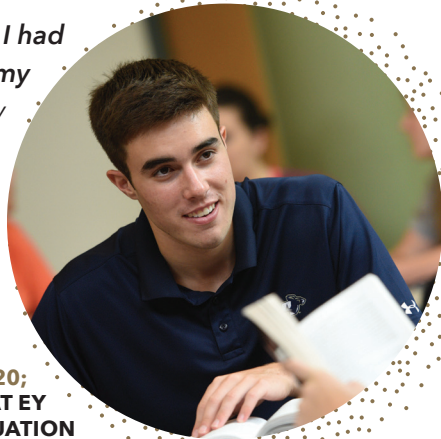
Actively engaged on campus, the Emerging Leaders take leadership roles in the Residence Hall Program Board, Major Events Committee, and student clubs and organizations – preparing them to become **leaders in their careers and communities.**

A group of Honors students joins the dean to attend the **Akron Roundtable**, a community forum that brings **leaders from around the country** to share thoughts on subjects of global, national and regional importance.



“*Every accounting firm interview I had saw the Emerging Leaders on my resume and asked about it. I really cannot speak enough about how amazing that organization is. ... I was pretty shy in high school, and the Emerging Leaders was what spring boarded my involvement on campus.*

**- MATTHEW DEIBEL, B.S.A. '20;
HIRED TO FULL-TIME POSITION AT EY
(ERNST & YOUNG) AFTER GRADUATION**



Read Matthew's story: uakron.edu/honors/matthew



“*Emerging Leaders was a huge aspect for me coming here. Having that ability to arrive on campus early, and quickly make friends my freshman year, **to find students whose goals and personalities lined up with mine** – it was a huge relief.*

**- TAYLOR VERBA, B.S. '19;
QUALITY ENGINEER, ZIMMER BIOMET**

Read Taylor's story: uakron.edu/honors/taylor

BE PART OF A PROUD COMMUNITY

As a Williams Honors Scholar, you will join others in Honors sections of introductory courses and live together in the **beautiful Honors Complex**, a residence hall located in the heart of campus. The center of activity for Honors students, the Honors Complex includes an academic wing with seminar rooms, study lounges, a computer lab and a two-story common room for socializing and studying.

As a Williams Honors Scholar, you can participate in a number of **Honors clubs and organizations**, including groups for students interested in engineering, education, nursing, business, community service and more.

Examples include:

- Honors Delegates
- Eureka - Association of Honors Engineers
- Honors Nursing
- Honors Club
- Honors Educators
- Honors Business Group



Upon graduation, you are invited to an exclusive recognition ceremony to celebrate your achievements. As a Williams Honors Scholar, you will earn a special designation on your diploma and transcript, **setting you apart from competitors in applications for jobs and graduate schools.**



As a graduate of the Williams Honors College, you will join a **proud family of more than 3,500 honors alumni**, connected to one another and their alma mater through social events and reunions, the Akron E-Magazine alumni newsletter and social media.

Lifelong members of the UA community, Honors alumni enjoy access to Career Services, professional development and continuing education, discounted access to the Student Recreation and Wellness Center and other benefits.



I am forever grateful for the support I received while at Akron – for those who mentored me, who pushed me out of my comfort zone while providing me a safe place to grow, and who offered me their friendship and respect. I can honestly say that I would not be the person I am today had it not been for my life experiences at The University of Akron and the Honors Program.

**- CRISTINA PASTORE, B.S. '03;
TRAFFIC ENGINEER/TRANSPORTATION
PLANNER, KIMLEY-HORN AND
ASSOCIATES INC.**

APPLY

The Williams Honors College welcomes applications from **intellectually curious, self-motivated students** like you who have demonstrated an ability to excel and are seeking opportunities to distinguish themselves.



Consideration for admission is on the basis of a holistic review of academic performance, awards, activities, achievements and the required essay, with first consideration given to students with the following academic credentials:

- GPA of 3.50 on a 4.00 scale
- ACT composite score of 27; or SAT total score of 1280

Letters of recommendation may be submitted but are not required. You are encouraged to apply **well before** the following deadlines:

- Jan. 4 – **priority deadline** for admission and **prestigious scholarship** consideration
- April 1 – **regular deadline** for admission and scholarship consideration

Once admitted to the Williams Honors College, you must accept your seat in the college by **June 1**.

For more information about the application process, including information for transfer and continuing students, please visit uakron.edu/honors/admission or call **330-972-6261**.



Every student admitted to the Williams Honors College is awarded an **Honors Scholarship**, on top of any other academic scholarships awarded at UA.

Every admitted Honors student is considered for each of the following scholarships:

- Ronald G. & Kathleen A. Assaf Scholarship
- Lisle M. Buckingham/Owen O. and Della M. Orr Honors Scholarship
- Cramblette/Cunningham Scholarship
- Dora Sapp Gordon Scholarship
- Jacobson Women in Engineering
- Muehlstein Housing Award I & II (\$2,000 or \$4,000 for on-campus housing for the first two years)
- John G. and Helen M. Rowley Scholarship
- Henrietta S. West Scholarship
- Patricia B. and Willis S. Zeigler Jr. Scholarship



For more details and the most current scholarship information, visit uakron.edu/honors/scholarship

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