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The First Honors Collegium Open House on Friday, January 5th was quite the success. It was a great opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and other friends of the Honors Collegium to meet and chat before getting caught up in Winter Quarter. We were surprised how many people could fit into Dr. McKay's office, but as always, the more the merrier!

## NEW ADDITION TO THE FAMILY: FULBRIGHT FOREIGN GRANTS

The Honors Collegium office will now be working with undergraduate students who are interested in becoming Fulbright scholars. We are very excited to be handling this grant alongside the numerous other prestigious scholarships and fellowships our office supervises. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers approximately 1,000 study and research abroad opportunities for students, while promoting cross-cultural interaction and mutual understanding. Most grantees plan their own programs, and projects may include university coursework, independent library or field research, classes in a music conservatory or art school, special projects in the social or life sciences, or a combination. We look forward to working with Kevin Harty and the Office of International Education in ensuring the success of Ohio State students. The internal deadline will be early in the Autumn quarter, so be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

## SAVE THE DATE:

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*The Annual Student Achievement Reception will be held on Wednesday, May 11th from 4:00-6:00 PM in the Grand Lounge of the Faculty Club.*

*Students will be recognized for their achievements in several prestigious national scholarships and fellowship competitions. President Holbrook will be in attendance to personally congratulate Ohio State's best.*

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## Update on Scholarships and Fellowships

Winter Quarter has been a flurry of activity for students competing in prestigious scholarships and fellowships. With only the Jack Kent Cooke left to go at the time of this writing, the Honors Collegium office has worked with numerous students in preparation for seven different competitions.

Beginning in early January, **Ama Baidu-Forson**, a graduating senior in Economics, was nominated for the Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellows Program. Although she was not selected as one of the eight fellows, we are confident that Ama is destined for success on a global level.

Close to twenty exceptionally qualified sophomore and junior student researchers competed for nomination to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. The following four were selected for nomination: **Imogen Pryce**, a junior in Chemical Engineering; **Christopher Bohlen**, a junior in Biochemistry; **Michael Chmutov**, a sophomore in Mathematics, Physics and Computer Information Sciences, and **Dominick Olivito**, a junior in Physics and Mathematics. Both **Imogen** and **Dominick** have been named 2005 Goldwater scholars.

The Truman Scholarships is aimed at finding "change agents" while in their junior year. **Kyle Fogt**, a junior in English and **Eric Samuels**, a junior in Political Science, International Studies, and Sociology were selected as this year's nominees. **Eric** was one of ten Truman Finalists invited to interview from the state of Ohio.

**Bethany Larue**, a sophomore in Wildlife Science, was named a 2005 Morris K. Udall Scholar, which recognizes students for their outstanding potential and demonstrated commitment to pursuing careers related to the environment. Three additional admirable women received the University's nomination for the scholarship: **Elizabeth Miller**, a junior in Geological Sciences; **Cullen Naumoff**, a junior in Industrial Engineering; and **LeAnn Benkart**, a sophomore in Landscape Architecture.

Our office is fortunate to work with the College of Humanities in preparing graduating students for the Mellon Fellowships in Humanistic Studies. Two students, **Arthur Ryel-Lindsey**, Film Studies, and **Stacy Lewis**, Linguistics, were selected by the foundation as semi-finalists and were interviewed in Ann Arbor late-February. **Art** was named a finalist, and **Stacy** as a 2005 Mellon Fellow.

The following scholarships and fellowships are in various stages of completion, and we eagerly look forward to our successes. The Ohio Board of Regents Graduate and Professional Fellowships recognizes accomplishments of seniors who will be continuing their education in Ohio. The quality of applications we received for nomination was astounding. These three students were nominated: **Noah Litton**, a Political Science major who will be pursuing a degree in Public Policy; **Neil Lall**, a Philosophy major, and **Stephanie Wright**, a Biology major, both plan to attend medical school. **Patrick Johnson**, a graduating senior in a Personalized Study Program in Social Studies, was our first known applicant to the James Madison Fellowship, which awards full-tuition for students who plan to teach the Constitution in grades 7-12. Of course we have the highest of hopes for all our students as they await final notification.



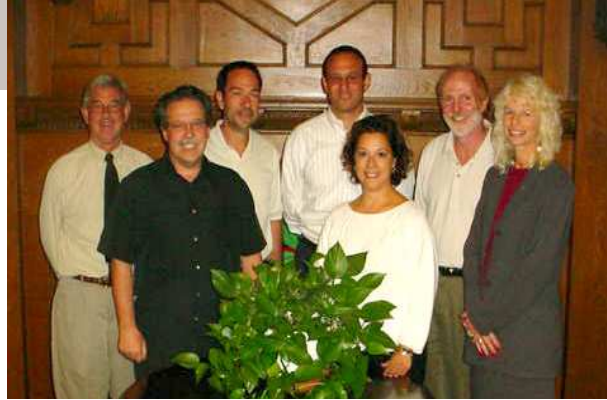
## Save the Date

The second 2005-2006 Rhodes/Marshall Informational Meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, April 26th at 5:30 in Mendenhall 100

## Spotlight: Dr. John Bruno

by Greg Kestin, first year Honors Collegium student, sophomore in Physics, and stand-up comedian

The Honors Collegium was pleased to listen to the wisdom and knowledge of Dr. John Bruno. The title of the talk was "Animal Models in Biomedical Research"; however, some of the topics we discussed included Magnetic Resonance Imaging, biological symptoms of schizophrenia, and new methods of measuring the release of chemicals in the brains of animal models. He spoke of the frustration many scientists have as a result of the difficult and lengthy formal procedures in procuring animal specimens for scientific testing. His words went beyond the technical; it was a privilege to hear the advice of a successful and passionate scientist. We learned of the great advantage, or even the necessity, of interdisciplinary study for scientists in recent years; his words were, "Gone are the days when a scientist needs to know only one subject." Dr. Bruno has something that many yearn for: a love for his job, often one of the greatest tools of a scientist. He is also an undergraduate advisor, with an eagerness to help, fueled by his hope that the students he advises will eventually wake each morning excited to go to work, as he does.



### Collegium Advisory Committee

From left: David Frantz, Dennis McKay, John Bruno, Mike Lanese, Rebecca Ward, Bruce Bursten, Linda Harlow. Brian McHale is not pictured.

## Highlights of Winter 2005

The first official meeting of the quarter included a special guest, Executive Vice President and Provost, Barbara Snyder. Provost Snyder talked with our students about her background in law and rise through the ranks of Ohio State, before opening up the floor for questions. Many students took the opportunity to speak with her individually after the presentation, and Provost Snyder was gracious enough to give an extra hour of her time to our group.

Three members of the Honors Collegium Advisory Committee spoke with our students to give them a better insight into their passions and areas of research. Dr. Brian McHale gave a fascinating class on the sestina form in poetry, and how it can be used to solve literary problems. Dr. Linda Harlow shared with our students a side most students don't get to see: that of an accomplished French professor and published textbook author. Dr. John Bruno gave a passionate presentation on the beauty of the brain and its many functions, in both human and animal models. (see above)

The Writing Practicum was a hands on opportunity for Honors Collegium students and select scholarship and fellowship applicants to collaborate with representatives from the Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing. The students submitted drafts for their respective competition, and the tutors, led by Professor Kay Halasek, worked diligently with our students to not only improve their individual essay, but to assist them in becoming stronger writers. Be on the lookout for another practicum this spring.

A dinner was held for students graduating in 2007 to discuss their concerns and plans. With only a little over two years left before their graduation, it is important to recognize the unique needs of this group, and what better way than over a plate of lasagna!

A student committee is in the process of re-forming, with smaller committees working in the areas of development, community service, social and communications. Students will be meeting throughout spring quarter to develop events, programming, and new initiatives that will be implemented before the start of the 2005 – 2006 school year. "We're looking forward to working with the students to develop a well-rounded Honors Collegium experience that fulfills our goals for them, and the goals they have for themselves," says Director Dennis McKay.

