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ANNUAL REPORT 2008–09

Year-at-a-Glance



FALL 2008

Stephanie M. Hulina '92 Lib, founder and president of GDA Corp., and **John Woerner '91** Bus, president of insurance and chief strategy officer for Ameriprise Financial, were recognized as the **2008 Outstanding Scholar Alumni** during the college's Awards Ceremony.

The Scholar Advancement Team—dubbed the SAT—debuts. Modeled after the Penn State's Lion Ambassadors, the team, made up of 18 Scholars, will represent the college at special events and will serve as tour guides for returning alumni and guests.

The first of 25 Scholars participated in the inaugural offering of the **Leadership Assessment Center**, an intensive one-day program designed to evaluate individual leadership competencies. Modeled after corporate assessment programs, the LAC places Scholars in a business simulation and, throughout the day, has representatives from various corporations and organizations assess the students' performance. Additional LAC sessions were held in spring 2009.

WINTER 2009

Nineteen Schreyer Scholars traveled to New York City to witness an energy policy debate sponsored by **Intelligence Squared U.S.** The Oxford-style debate featured a six-member panel of experts who, after stating their positions on the environmental and economic impacts of carbon emissions reductions, took questions from the audience.

Moderated by news correspondent John Donovan of ABC News' "Nightline," the debate was taped for broadcast on the BBC and National Public Radio.

Former CNN correspondent Charles Bierbauer meets with Scholars during a visit to Penn State where he's delivering a speech at a **Model UN conference** sponsored by Penn State's International Affairs and Debate Association.

Scholar **Greg Tallman '10** Bus serves as the overall communications chairman for **THON**, Penn State's 46-hour dance marathon benefiting pediatric cancer research and family support. In his leadership role, Greg has lots of good news to communicate—THON 2009 raises a record-breaking **\$7.4 million**, which includes contributions from four SHC-related independent teams.

SPRING 2009

During Spring Break, a group of Scholars spend a day touring the **Pentagon** and visiting the **Center for Strategic and International Studies** in Washington, D.C., to get a closer look at how policy is shaped in the nation's capital.

Former Wall Street Journal reporter **Asra Nomani** speaks on the investigation into the abduction and murder of her friend and colleague Daniel Pearl in Pakistan in 2002. Nomani appeared on campus to deliver the college's Signature Lecture.

A Message from the Dean

Over the past several years, public radio listeners have heard essays written and read by people from all walks of life for a series called “This I Believe.”

Earlier this year, I wrote an essay for Penn State’s public radio affiliate in which I talked about my belief in living a life with honor. I concluded my essay with these words:

As I tell prospective honors students, we are not just looking for the “smartest guys in the room.” Instead, we are looking for the smartest people who want to use their intelligence to help other people in the room and especially those outside. This I believe.

During my tenure as dean of the Schreyer Honors College, my belief in life with honor has been reinforced day after day through the actions and aspirations of our Scholars, the generosity of the College’s donors, and the unfailing support of its friends.

Looking back over the 2008-09 year, I believe you will find that the careful stewardship of our resources positions the College to provide our Scholars with the opportunities to positively impact our world ... with honor.

For the Glory and the honor,



Christian M. M. Brady, Dean, Schreyer Honors College

Scholar alumnus **Dr. David C. Han '88 Sci**, a vascular surgeon at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center addresses the opportunities and challenges in health care facing patients and practitioners during the topic of the **14th Annual Mark Luchinsky Memorial Lecture**.

The inaugural **Outstanding Scholar Alumni Mentor Award** is presented to **Ryan Newman '01 Bus**, a vice president of private wealth management with Goldman Sachs. Newman is recognized for his dedication and willingness to provide career guidance to Scholars in recent years. The award ceremony is held at the start of Penn State’s Blue-White Weekend festivities, which included the Scholar Alumni Reunion. The 2009 reunion features a Donuts with the Dean continental breakfast, campus tours, a tailgate party, and a reception open to all Scholar alumni with special recognition for graduates from the classes of 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004.

Two Schreyer Scholars started their summer off on the right foot with internships at **Starfinder**, an inner-city youth program that uses soccer programs to encourage success and personal development on and off the field. In addition to the summer internships, the SHC hosted a campus visit of Starfinder participants before the end of the spring semester to introduce them to Penn State.



2008–09 Annual Report Facts & Figures

DESCRIPTIVE NUMBERS:

As of 5/11/09, the end of the spring semester

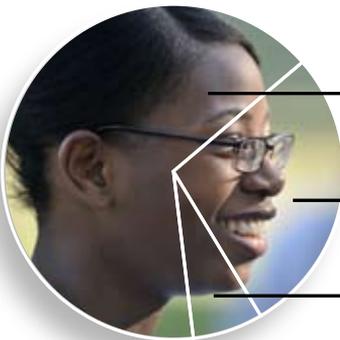
340 Honors courses	1,343 Pennsylvania residents (79%)
180 Honors teaching faculty	363 Out-of-state residents (21%)
381 Honors advisers and coordinators	238 First-year students from PA (80%)
22 Schreyer Honors College staff	61 First-year students out-of-state (20%)
1,706 Schreyer Honors College students (845 women, 861 men)	Schreyer Scholars represent 30 states & 20 countries

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:

	Fall 2008	Fall 2007	Fall 2006
SHC mid-50% range High School GPA	3.92–4.33	3.97–4.33	3.96–4.33
PSU mid-50% range High School GPA	3.57–3.97	3.60–4.00	3.53–3.95
SHC mid-50% range SAT	1340–1480	1360–1470	1370–1480
PSU mid-50% range SAT	1110–1290	1110–1280	1100–1260

POINTS OF ENTRANCE:

CAMPUS LOCATION:	First Year	Gateway Sophomore	Gateway Junior
Abington	3	8	5
Behrend	12	12	23
University Park	1,086	50	371
Other locations	20	42	74
TOTAL	1,121	112	473



First Year
1,121

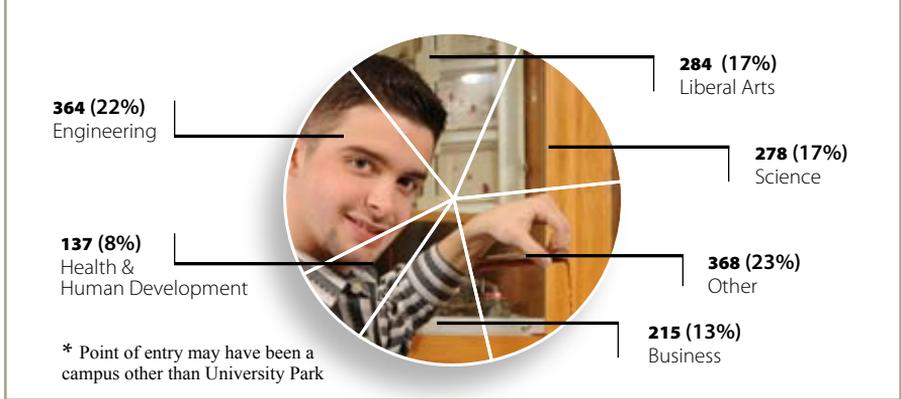
Junior Year
473

Sophomore Year
112

Gateway Scholars are offered admission to the Schreyer Honors College upon the conclusion of at least one semester at Penn State having demonstrated a record of academic achievement and having merited a recommendation in support of their application from their academic department.

SCHOLARS AT UNIVERSITY PARK BY COLLEGE*:

Arts & Architecture:	76	Health & Human Development:	137
Agricultural Sciences:	58	Information Sciences & Technology:	34
Business:	215	Liberal Arts:	284
Communications:	56	School of Nursing:	7
Division of Undergraduate Studies:	24	Science:	278
Education:	49	Misc. (B.A., Philosophy):	2
Earth & Mineral Sciences:	62	TOTAL:	1,646
Engineering:	364		



ACHIEVING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

HONORS COURSES OFFERED IN 2008-09 INCLUDED:

PL SC 083T — The 2008 Elections examines the history of elections in the United States and what the 2008 presidential campaigns reveal about the health and vitality of America's political system in the 21st century

GEOG 497U — Living on the Margins explores regions in Africa affected by climate change where the margins defined by environment, social systems, and knowledge intersect

BA 301H — Finance provides students with a product development simulation as class members are grouped into teams to develop and present a business plan addressing marketing, operations, law, supply chain, finance, and management by the end of the semester

FALL '08	150 total honors courses
	45 general education honors courses
SPRING '09	190 total honors courses
	41 general education honors courses

BUILDING A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE: Scholars Studying Abroad

	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
Studying Abroad: (service, research, internships)	279	265	266
Number of Countries Represented:	51	44	47

Among the destinations: Argentina, Bangladesh, China, Ecuador, Japan, Czech Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore, Tanzania, Togo, Venezuela, and Zambia

HOW WE PERFORM: Academic Excellence of Graduating Scholars

	Summer	Fall	Spring	Total	Avg. College GPA
2008-09	29	52	348	429	3.82
2007-08	54	53	339	446	3.79
2006-07	56	57	359	472	3.71

SHAPING THE FUTURE:

Achievement

2008–09 Scholarships and Fellowships:

1 Fulbright Scholarship, which supports teaching or research abroad

2 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships, which recognize undergraduate scholarship in the disciplines of mathematics, science, and engineering

1 Gates Cambridge Scholarship, a scholarship for graduate study at the University of Cambridge recognizing academic excellence, leadership potential, and a commitment to improving the lives of others

2 Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst DAAD RISE Scholarships, a summer exchange program which sends undergraduates to Germany to assist German doctoral students on research projects

3 National Security Education Program Scholarships for study abroad in underrepresented world regions

1 Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress Presidential Fellowship, a one-year program highlighted by two policy workshops held in Washington D.C., in which participants are briefed by senior government officials and public policy experts

1 NIST 2008 SURF, the National Institute of Standards and Technology Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship for students majoring in science, mathematics, and engineering

Sample of Employers and Positions Accepted by 2008–09 Graduates:

Aramark, assistant food service director

Barclays, investment banking analyst

Central Intelligence Agency, weapons analyst

Cephalon, chemical process engineer

Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, actuarial trainee

Citigroup, financial analyst

Dell, emerging countries logistics

Deloitte Consulting, human capital analyst

Exxon Mobil, lubricants planning and technology chemist

Grant Thornton, audit associate

The Hershey Company, associate engineer

IBM, supply chain consultant

Kimberly-Clark, financial analyst

KPMG, IT advisory associate

Microsoft Corporation, software development engineer

NASA Johnson Space Center, engineer, space suit systems

National Institutes of Health,

National Institute on Drug Abuse, research assistant

Naval Air Systems Command, aerospace engineer

Northrop Grumman, software engineer

PricewaterhouseCoopers, financial management and analysis associate

Royal Dutch Shell, process engineer

School District of Philadelphia, bilingual education teacher

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., associate, engineering-aerodynamics/thermodynamics

Unisys, technology solutions consultant

United Space Alliance, International Space Station power system flight operator

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services, field technician

U.S. Navy, ensign, student naval aviator

Wells Fargo Financial, credit manager

SERVICE:

AmeriCorps, Leads in Literacy program volunteer

Peace Corps, English teacher

Teach for America, middle school science teacher

Sample of Graduate and Professional Programs Enrolling 2008–09 Graduates:

American University, M.A., public communications

Brown University, M.S., biostatistics

Columbia University, Ph.D., biomedical engineering

Cornell University, College of Veterinary Medicine, D.V.M.

Cornell University, Ph.D., physics

Duke University, Ph.D., economics; Ph.D., sociology

Harvard University, J.D., law; Ph.D., biological and biomedical sciences

Indiana University, Ph.D., inorganic chemistry

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D., neuroscience

Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D., biomedical engineering

Northwestern University, Ph.D., theoretical astrophysics

Pennsylvania State University, Ph.D., meteorology

Princeton University, Ph.D., structural engineering and mechanics

Purdue University, M.A., mechanical engineering-robotics

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, M.S., information systems management

Stanford University, Ph.D., chemistry

University College London, M.S., public health

University of California, Berkeley, M.S., astronomy; Ph.D., biomolecular science and engineering

University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D., civil engineering

University of Chicago, Ph.D., statistics

University of Florida, Ph.D., biological anthropology

University of Illinois, Ph.D., physics

University of Minnesota, M.A., second languages and culture education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, D.D.S., dentistry

University of Pennsylvania, J.D., law; M.A., urban education

University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, M.D./D.O.

University of Texas at Austin, M.M., music; Ph.D., government

University of Wisconsin-Madison, M.A., southeast Asian studies; Ph.D., microbiology

ENHANCING HONORS EDUCATION:

Investment

ENDOWMENT AND GIFT SPENDING:

2008–09 FISCAL YEAR	Number of Awards	Amount Awarded
Academic Excellence Scholarships: (includes charitable & institutional funds)	1,143	\$3,590,187
Need-based and Merit Scholarships:	157	\$527,131
Student Awards: (travel grants, internships, and research awards)	426	\$311,255
Program Support:	—	\$88,213
TOTAL:	1,726	\$4,516,786

The very best and brightest students are at the heart of any academic community. They encourage both faculty and other students to push themselves to new levels of understanding and achievement, and they represent an institution's potential for excellence to the larger world.

Philanthropy has been essential in bringing this kind of undergraduate to Penn State and preparing them for lives that will make a difference close at home and around the globe. By investing in Schreyer Scholars, you, too, can impact the future of Penn State, the greater community, and the world.

Gift Support

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, 1,009 donors contributed \$1,622,516 to the college. Most of these funds were contributed to new or existing endowments that directly support Schreyer Scholars as illustrated by the endowment and gift spending chart above.

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ENDOWMENT MARKET VALUE
\$43,964,961

Endowment

The college's endowment is made up of 137 named funds that are designated to support specific areas of work in the college. The University distributes 4.5 percent of the market value of the endowed funds each year to support activities of greatest interest to our donors.

Our sincere thanks go out to the alumni, family, and friends of the Schreyer Honors College who created the following new endowments or who made significant contributions to existing endowments and funds during the past fiscal year:

Dean's Discretionary Fund
William and Kathryn Donato Trustee Scholarship
Robert V. and Merriam K. Edwards Honors Scholarship
Edward and Nancy Flaherty Trustee Scholarship
Joseph Goldstein Honors Scholarship
International Immersion Internship Fund
Eve Williard Jordan Trustee Scholarship
Lighthouse Trustee Scholarship
Penn State Alumni Association Trustee Scholarship
Jerry Polis Family Honors Scholarship
Allan and Joan Rayfield Honors Scholarship

Supporting the SHC

In addition to providing financial support, alumni, family, and friends give to the SHC in many ways—mentoring students, hosting events, sponsoring internships, and facilitating research. If you would like make an investment in the SHC, please contact the Advancement Office at **814-865-4258**.



ENHANCING HONORS EDUCATION:

Acknowledgement

KATHERINE FELT '10

Hometown: Drexel Hill, Pa.

Majors: International Politics
and Russian

Thesis: "The Modern Memory of
Stalin's Terror Among Russia's Youth"
(working title)

It took more than a transatlantic flight to get Schreyer Scholar Katherine Felt from Pennsylvania to Russia in the spring of 2009.

It took a travel grant, several scholarships, the support of her family, and the backing of the Schreyer Honors College for Katherine to spend the entire semester in St. Petersburg as part of an education exchange program.

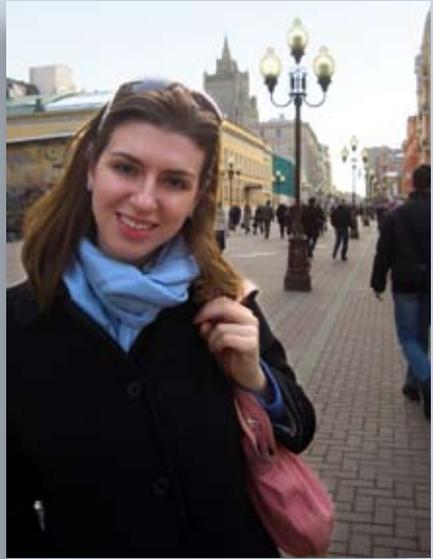


"All of my classes were in Russian," Katherine said. "It was very intense but very beneficial."

In addition to receiving a **Schreyer Ambassador**

Travel Grant to offset her transportation costs, Katherine received the **Carey Lynne DeMoss, Esq. Memorial Award for Excellence in Building a Global Perspective.**

"It was amazing because there's no way I could have done it on my own but going into it I knew I had this base of support," said Katherine, a senior preparing to graduate in May 2010. "It was definitely an impetus to work hard. When someone gives you that vote of confidence, especially when it's monetary, you want to prove them right. Now, one of my goals in life is to contribute back because I've been given so much."



In addition to taking classes, Katherine conducted research for her thesis, which looks at Russian youth's perception of the terror inflicted upon Stalin's foes during his regime.

"The absolute, most rewarding part of my time there was when I was out interacting with the Russian youth," Katherine said.

Katherine's exposure to Russian culture and to the rigors of such research have also cemented her post-graduation plans. She's currently applying for fellowships in Washington, D.C., to polish her résumé before heading to graduate school to pursue a Ph.D. in Russian and Eastern European history.

"Once you've learned to take yourself out of your own shoes and step into something completely different, it changes everything."

"It completely changed my world view. It shook me out of my little Penn State bubble," Katherine said. "You can abstractly know other people and other cultures but, until you're immersed in it, you can't really understand. Once you've learned to take yourself out of your own shoes and step into something completely different, it changes everything."

ALUMNI & PARENTS:

Engagement

Alumni

Active regional Scholar Alumni Society regional chapters: 6

Locations: Washington, D.C.; Pittsburgh; Philadelphia; New York City; Chicago; and State College

Events: service opportunities, social hours, intern receptions, business leader symposiums, cultural events

AT A GLANCE:

Scholar Alumni Society— Metro D.C. Chapter

Founded: February 2007

2008–09 events included:
four volunteer shifts at a soup kitchen, three book discussions, a tour of the Saudi Arabian embassy, and an apple picking outing

For information on this and other Scholar Alumni regional chapters, contact scholaralumni@psu.edu or the Advancement office at **814-865-4258**.



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Parents

Parents of Scholars have opportunities to introduce prospective students and their families to the college and to be involved with academic pursuits of current Scholars.

Opportunities include:

- hosting a **Summer Send-off**, typically in late July/early August, for incoming first-year Scholars and their family members to connect with other Schreyer Scholars, parents, and alumni in their geographic area
- holding an **off-campus offer session**, usually held in March or April, to introduce prospective students who have been offered admission for the upcoming fall to representatives of the college administrative team and Scholar alumni
- identifying **internship or employment opportunities** for Schreyer Scholars within companies and organizations
- investing in the SHC through **philanthropy** to provide additional resources in support of international travel for study, service learning, and research; scholarships; and programming

For information on parent opportunities, contact scholarparents@psu.edu or contact the Advancement office at **814-865-4258**.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our three-part mission drives in-class and out-of-class programs, commitments, and activities.

The mission of the Schreyer Honors College:

Achieving academic excellence with integrity,

Building a global perspective, and

Creating opportunities for leadership and civic engagement.

VISION STATEMENT

To educate men and women who will have an important and ethical influence in the world, affecting academic, professional, civic, social, and business outcomes.

To improve educational practice and to be recognized as a leading force in honors education nationwide.

Shaping people who shape the world.™

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