

GRAND CANYON
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HONORS COLLEGE

2020-21

WELCOME TO THE
GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY
**HONORS
COLLEGE**

Get comfortable with being uncomfortable!

Dear Students,

On behalf of the Honors College administration team, welcome back to Grand Canyon University's Honors College! We are excited to welcome you back into our vibrant honors community. Our mission is to ensure our exemplary honors students continue to grow and thrive as servant leaders and influential agents of change in both their local and global communities.

Our advice to you this year is to get comfortable with being uncomfortable! The Honors College administration team and student leaders have worked tirelessly to prepare ample professional and leadership development opportunities, expert speaker seminars, clubs, societies, social gatherings, project management experiences and beyond just for you. You will get out what you put in to your Honors College experience. Therefore, it's time to step outside your comfort zone and get involved! Not sure where to start? Just ask!

Between the P.A.C. Professional Development Program, the Pre-Health Graduate and Medical School Preparation Program, our local and global short-term global education programs, the local and international internship opportunities and more, there is something for everyone! We look forward to engaging you in our program and hope to see you taking advantage of these exceptional resources in the 2020-21 academic year!

Lopes up!

Dr. Breanna Naegeli, Associate Dean

Meet Your Honors Team



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ABOUT OUR HONORS STUDENT BODY

THE GCU HONORS COLLEGE HAS OVER

2,500

HONORS STUDENTS FOR 2020-21

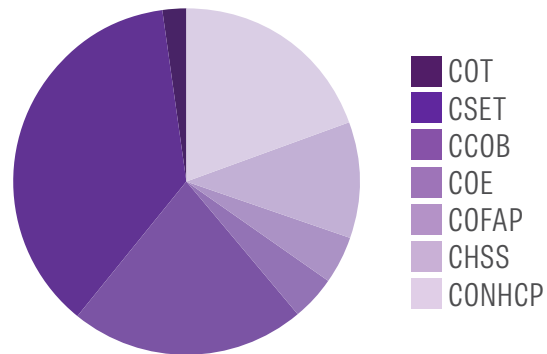
1,000+

New Students

1,450+

Continuing Students

Breakdown by College*



Top Five Majors for Students in the GCU Honors College**



Most GCU Honors Students Are From...



GCU Honors Students are involved in...

CANYON VENTURES **STUDENT LEADERSHIP** **RESEARCH AND DESIGN PROGRAM**
STUDENT WORKERS **RESIDENT ASSISTANT** **PERFORMING ARTS**
COMMUNITY OUTREACH **NCAA DIVISION I ATHLETES** **LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS**
INTRAMURALS **CLUB SPORT ATHLETES** **INTERNS AND EMPLOYEES**
CANYON WORSHIP

*Fall 2020
**New/continuing students as of July 2020. New students are expected to start in fall 2020.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS:

HONORS COLLEGE SIGNATURE PROGRAMS



P.A.C. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOOT CAMP

APPLY AT [GCU.EDU/PACBOOTCAMP](https://gcu.edu/pacbootcamp)

The Honors College, Academic and Career Excellence (ACE) Centers & Strategic Employer Initiatives and Internships (SEII) joined forces to develop an exclusive opportunity for honors students at GCU. Apply to participate in this 10-week, action-packed virtual program to work on professional and career development, academic planning, networking and more!

Meet with field experts and mentors to learn how to maximize your college experience, build a plan for strategic engagement and prepare for your future!

Note: This program will be held virtually via Zoom and will require your webcam to be on to participate in this interactive format.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, SEPT. 15.

- Two sessions are available, running Sept. 30 – Dec. 9
 - Zoom Session 1: Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 pm
 - Zoom Session 2: Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- Email questions to PAC@gcu.edu.
- Space is limited! Only 40 seats available per session

PRE-HEALTH GRADUATE AND MEDICAL SCHOOL PREPARATION PROGRAM | ZOOM

This virtual pre-health prep program will be hosted via Zoom and is designed to prepare honors pre-health majors for the intensive graduate and medical school application process.

This eight-week program provides an overview of the application process, setting appropriate expectations and timelines, reviews and gives guidance on all required application materials, offers additional mentorship and guidance from CSET and ACE administration, medical school admissions administration, current graduate and medical school students, alumni and various health care professionals.

Kicks off Sept. 17 at 3:30 pm. For questions and to sign up, email PAC@gcu.edu.

FLIGHT – MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Honors College provides honors ambassadors who serve you! These upperclassmen provide peer mentoring, small group luncheons, study groups and tutoring services to our honors students. You will also see our honors ambassadors throughout our honors housing residence halls to support you as you transition into college life. Don't pass up this opportunity to connect and learn from the best.

To sign up as a mentor or a mentee, visit gcu.edu/flight by Sept. 4.

SPOTLIGHT: RESEARCH DESIGN PROGRAM THROUGH THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

The GCU Research and Design Program (RDP) offers hands-on mentored training and learning experiences for students studying science, engineering or technology. Although it's not required to major in one of these fields, honors students are strongly encouraged to apply for these various research opportunities as early as freshman year. In this program, students are expected to contribute directly to current research and design projects led by faculty while learning various research techniques and methodologies. Students have the opportunity to present both locally and on larger platforms across the country.

Email GCUHonors@gcu.edu for more information.

HONORS AFTER DARK SESSIONS | ZOOM | [GCU.ZOOM.US/J/91392427437](https://gcu.zoom.us/j/91392427437)

Master your first- and second-year general education courses with academic support provided from honors upperclassman. Courses include WV-106HN Christianity: Story, Theology and Mission, UNV-109HN: Introduction to Honors Education and Academic Literacies, HUM-201HN: Intersections Between the Humanities and Sciences and ENG-206HN: The Power of the Media: Social and Critical Approaches.

Date: Every Monday Starting Sept. 14

Time: 6 – 8 pm



GET CONNECTED: **HONORS CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

HONORS STEMISTS

Honors STEMists seek to build community among the honors students studying within the health care, technology, engineering and computer science fields. Students receive resources, unique learning experiences, networking opportunities and more for growing their personal and professional development. Students can also meet experts in their chosen field, take educational field trips, meet for course-specific study groups, prepare for graduate and medical school exams together, attend graduate or medical school prep workshops and more!

To learn more, join us for a virtual information session:
Sept. 2 at 11 am: gcu.zoom.us/j/99993701185

COLANGELO SCHOLARS

Honors students can enhance their honors experiences as a member of Colangelo Scholars, a dynamic and business driven organization welcoming all honors students to join. Members of Colangelo Scholars engage in topics over current events, effective leadership, keys to success and more! Students will feed their intellectual curiosities by networking, interning and meeting with top entrepreneurs and business professionals in the country. Throughout the year, attendees will also have the opportunity to meet sports legend Jerry Colangelo and Dr. Randy Gibb, dean of the Colangelo College of Business.

To learn more, join us for a virtual information session:
Sept. 3 at 11 am: gcu.zoom.us/j/96507202724

FUTURE THEOLOGIANs

Future Theologians offers a small-group mentorship program between our honors theology majors and honors theology faculty. Mentors and mentees meet to discuss current events, topics within the classroom and personal and professional goals. Stay tuned for an email from your faculty mentor.



HONORS V.O.I.C.E.S.

Honors V.O.I.C.E.S. is a humanitarian-based, action-oriented initiative that focuses on educating students about a multitude of local and global issues. It provides a platform for innovative solutions and inspires and empowers communities. Honors V.O.I.C.E.S. also aims to cultivate a global perspective to develop our students into compassionate citizens, change makers and resilient leaders.

To learn more, join us for a virtual information session:
Sept. 3 at 1 pm: gcu.zoom.us/j/97948065245

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) serves as an honors organization that recognizes and elevates high achievers. The mission of this organization is to celebrate high achievement, promote high standards throughout the collegiate experience and provide opportunities for personal growth and leadership development among members. NSCS also offers outside scholarship opportunities for members, encourages learning through community service and fosters an overall appreciation for the value of higher education. Visit nscs.org for more information.

To learn more, join us for a virtual membership meeting
Sept. 2 at 3 pm: gcu.zoom.us/j/98035376005

ALPHA CHI NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

Alpha Chi serves as a coeducational national college honor society that admits students from all academic disciplines. Since 1922, Alpha Chi strives to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students. Members are honored for achieving this distinction. Students ranked in the top 10% of their institution receive membership invitations once they've earned 60+ college credits. Visit AlphaChi.org for more information.

To learn more, join us for a virtual membership meeting:
Sept. 2 at 1 pm: gcu.zoom.us/j/95961175854



EXCLUSIVE HONORS TRAVEL & EXCURSION OPPORTUNITIES

Domestic Excursions

- Washington, D.C. | March 13 - 17, 2021 | \$1,650* | Max: 20

Annual International Excursions

The Honors College offers students unique international travel opportunities to enhance learning and exploration. Students can embark on adventures around the globe throughout the year to discover new countries, experience different cultures, see incredible sights and learn about famous landmarks.

Upcoming Excursions:

- Singapore | 14 Day Trip | April 25 – May 10, 2021 | Max: 20
Approximately \$3,800*
- Israel and Jordan | Spring Break | Max: 20 | Approximately \$3,500*
- Spain and Italy | April 26 – May 8, 2021 | Max: 25
Approximately \$3,200*

Honors Mission Trips

Honors students can travel overseas to make a difference as part of a team on a mission trip. GCU global outreach trips provide students with the life-changing opportunity to make an impact through service, social work and more, from teaching English through ministry partnerships to building relationships with locals in remote villages. Our honors mission trips are also an amazing opportunity to experience service within the health care and digital marketing industries.

Upcoming Trips:

- Vocational Mission Trip with Students International to Nicaragua
May 10 – 22, 2021 | Max: 25 | Approximately \$2,500**
- Medical Mission Trip with Well Child International
March 13 – 19, 2021 | Max: 12 | Approximately \$985**

Study Abroad Opportunities

GCU partners with five prominent study abroad providers and one international internship provider to offer students exciting study abroad program opportunities that count as earned credit within their program of study. These semester-long, full-year and summer experiences are located at approved foreign universities and companies around the world.

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Coventry University Global Leadership Summer Program (6 U.S. Credits)
July 11 – 31, 2021 | Max: Five | Price: £1,995.00*
Email GCUHonors@gcu.edu for more information.

***Learn about more opportunities by emailing
StudyAbroad@gcu.edu or attending an info session.
Info sessions are held every Tuesday at 3 pm and
Friday at 11 am. | <https://gcu.zoom.us/j/94026369103>***

*Not including international flights
**Price may vary according to airfare rates.



MEET YOUR HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Honors College is a vibrant, tight-knit community that offers numerous events and opportunities each year for students to support one another's academic challenges and achievements while creating lifelong friendships. The Honors College Student Advisory Board works directly with our honors administration, faculty and student body to plan and launch these exciting new events and opportunities.



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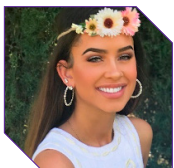
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

HONORS COLLEGE SIGNATURE EVENTS

SEPT. 4

Deadline to sign up as a mentor or mentee for F.L.I.G.H.T. peer mentorship program. Visit gcu.edu/flight

SEPT. 14

Deadline to apply for the fall P.A.C. Professional Development Program. Visit gcu.edu/pacbootcamp

SEPT. 15

Deadline to apply for the fall Pre-Health Medical & Graduate School Preparation Program.
Email pac@gcu.edu to express interest.

OCT. 15

Deadline to apply for 2021 international travel programs. Email gcuhonors@gcu.edu

Attention First-Year Honors Students HON:110 Honors Symposium (Mandatory)

First-year honors students are grouped together with fellow honors peers in the same area of study. You will have the unique opportunity to work collaboratively with an honors faculty mentor from that discipline. Learn more about your future profession, gain insight on how to best prepare for your future career path and explore what your industry looks like today on a local and global level.

To learn more, join us for a virtual information session:

Oct. 14 at 11:15 am: gcu.zoom.us/j/93023604963

Nov. 5 at 5 pm: gcu.zoom.us/j/96927582022

Dec. 2 at 2 pm: gcu.zoom.us/j/94237311725

There will also be mandatory face-to-face sessions held on Jan. 30, 2021 and Feb. 27, 2021.

Next Generation Leadership Conference | March 5 - 8, 2021

Join the Honors College for a jam-packed, interactive weekend centered on elevating YOUR leadership skills. Hear from inspiring leaders in the valley as they teach cutting-edge leadership and team development techniques through interactive workshops. Create deeper connections with your peers and community while growing your network and meeting influential mentors.

Honors Showcase | March 27, 2021

Join us as we recognize and celebrate the exemplary student-faculty collaboration from the 2020-21 academic year! This interdisciplinary event will feature student-faculty research, business proposals and work-inspired projects through oral presentations and poster displays.

Honors Banquet | April 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Join us for a celebratory dinner, desserts and a fabulous award ceremony hosted by your fellow honors students. This will be a night to remember!





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