

Dean's 2007-8 College Report:

The 2007-8 academic year is the 25th anniversary of Honors on the Tampa Campus. President Judy Genshaft spoke on "Gifted Education for College Students" at the College Anniversary Celebration

We enrolled 470 new FTIC students fall 2007 with the highest average SAT scores ever and graduated close to 400 Honors students summer, fall and spring. Our "old timers" provided leadership beyond anyone's expectations and helped new students integrate into the College rapidly

This was the year that we raised admissions criteria for students joining Honors in the fall of 2008. It appears as if student qualifications will increase but numbers will remain about the same; clearly, The Honors College is attracting more and better students as a result of high quality programs and recruiting efforts

We continue to add new and exciting teaching faculty to the College

The fall 2007 and spring 2008 Outstanding Seniors are Honors College students

We served 15 Early Admission students and 50-60 Dual Enrollment students per semester

College retention data has been gathered.

Honors College 6 year graduation rate (2000-7) = 63%; USF rate = 45%
Mean 1 year retention rate for Honors (2001-2 through 2005-6) = 90%;
USF rate = 80%

We developed a service learning course which took two faculty and 17 students to Costa Rica to help bring water to a small town

Office of Undergraduate Research:

120 students participated in the Undergraduate Research Symposium

More than 600 students are engaged in research with faculty mentors

We publish an undergraduate research journal, "Conjure"

More than 100 students have been supported to present papers at professional conferences

26 students participated in Health Science Research Day

Dr. Yavneh now serves on national board for CUR, has given an address at their conference, is writing an invited article for their journal and

consults for 2 university undergraduate research programs

She serves on the NCUR Board of Governors and is serving on the group which is designing a new division within NCUR

The Hurricane summer REU is NSF funded

8 summer interdisciplinary REUs will be offered this summer

Florida DOE funded a summer research program for high school students

Accelerated programs:

- 7 year BA/MD program – 170 active students
- 6 year BA/DPT (Physical therapy)
- 5 year BA/MPH (Public Health)
- 5 year BA/Masters in Engineering

More than 40 students applied for “prestigious” scholarships.

- 1 Fulbright winner
- 5 Golden Bull award recipients were Honors College Students
- 3 Glamour magazine Top College Women applicants
- 1 Elie Wiesel Ethics Award submission
- 1 Nominated for Cooke Scholarship
- 1 Truman nominee
- 2 NOAA-Hollings Scholarship applicants
- Several applicants to Everett Public Service Internships
- 1 SURF (Summer Undergrad Research) at Boston University
- 3 Florida Collegiate Honors Council writing contestants
- 1 Presidential Volunteer Service Award applicant (I made USF-Honors College a certifying site)

Our “evening with...” speaker series included, among others, Mayor Pam Iorio, FBI Special Agent Ed Richardson, Les Muma, Jordan Zimmerman, Provost Wilcox, an astronaut

Our formal Colloquium series has developed around the College summer book. This year, seven sessions were held on the topic of “water”

We developed a relationship with the Patel Center – several students went to Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic as a part of their summer 2007 project. We are the main support for the USF Forensics team which competed nationally and successfully against schools like Duke, Chicago and Princeton.

Honors College Student Council planned more events than ever and attendance at all events was significantly higher than in years past. Our Student Council raised more than \$3000.00 for Relay for Life.

We are a significant supporter of SIFE which just finished in the top 60 of 950 colleges.

Terrell Sessums agreed to serve as Chair of College Campaign Committee

Annual mailing to alumni and parents yield more income than any college on campus

Total fund raising exceeded goals

100% Faculty/Staff campaign participation – the entire staff believes in the mission of The Honors College

We have worked with the Holcombe family to establish a program which will provide 8 full scholarships per year to first generation students. We are now the home of scholarships funded by the Helios Foundation and by the Gimelstob family