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Join HSA!



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News for Honors Cardinals

Spring 2026 Registration -
Opens Nov. 3

**Spring 2026 Registration –
Opens 7:00 am on Monday, Nov 3**

View LU's [registration details](#) and [class schedules](#). Please remember that searching "Honors" in the list of class schedules pulls up only our seminars and topics. Visit our [Honors Core Curriculum](#) and [Petition for Honors Credit](#) pages to view your options for Spring honors courses.

Course Descriptions for Spring 2026 Honors Topics:

HNRS 4364-01: Perspectives on Women Who Kill

This course explores the rare phenomenon of women committing murder, often against those closest to them—husbands, lovers, or children. We'll examine the psychological factors and societal dynamics behind these acts, compare how women and men commit murder, and investigate their sentencing and punishment.

HNRS 4364-02: The Fate of Art in WWII

This course explores the fate of art during World War II, beginning with Adolf Hitler's background as a failed artist and his obsessive vision to establish a world-class art museum in Linz through plundering Europe's art treasures. As Hitler and Nazis invaded and conquered Europe, they also systematically looted Europe's greatest artworks. Students will learn about the extraordinary efforts of museums and societal institutions to protect history from the destruction of war and Nazi plundering, as well as the heroic work of the Monuments Men who risked their lives to recover and retribute looted art in Europe and Asia. Finally, the course will address the postwar restitution process, an ongoing endeavor to return Nazi-looted art to their rightful owners and address losses that continue to resonate to this day.

HNRS 4364-47F: Medicinal Botany and Pharmacology

Explore the history of medicinal use of plants and how this has transitioned to widespread use in the pharmacology industry.

Honors Cardinals,

**ARE YOU
REGISTERED
FOR CLASS?**

Opens Monday,
November 3, 2025
7:00 am

Fall Graduating Seniors

REMINDER:

Honors Graduate Award Apps & Pics

Due: Sunday, November 16

Apply: [Honors Graduate Awards](#)

Email Pics: mrapp@lamar.edu

Thank you for sharing your honors journey with us! Friendly reminder that if you have not already submitted your photos to please do so by Nov 16.

Also, we highly encourage you to apply for Honors Graduate Awards for: (1) Research and Scholarship; (2) Leadership; and (3) Community.

We are looking forward to celebrating all of our Fall 2025 RHC Graduates!



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RHC's Cover Story: Milestone Year of Student Success and Leadership

The Reaud Honors College landed on the cover of *The Examiner* last month!

While sharing how our college builds a strong culture of civic service and leadership on campus and in the community, the featured article focused on Mohamed Irhabi's journey to becoming the TSUS Regents' Student Scholar—an honor bestowed on just one student out of more than 100,000 across the system.

Lamar University republished the newspaper article, "Reaud Honors College celebrates milestone year of student success and leadership."



FREE TICKETS Fall & Recovery

Fall & Recovery- Dance

Thurs, Nov 20 - Fri, Nov 21: 7:30 pm

Sat, November 22: 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Studio Theatre

Request By: 5:00 pm Wed, Nov 12

[Request Tickets Form](#)

Go with a friend to watch dancers in the LUTD student company at this year's Fall & Recovery, a vibrant showcase of a variety of dance styles.

[Read RHC's cover story](#)

Honors Scholars Day a Success!

We are proud of our students who showcased how they fulfill our college mission to imagine, innovate, impact, and inspire each other and our LU community.

Presenters: COAS - Mohamed Irhabi, Sneha Jobby, Drake Rothenberger; COB - Michael Vu; COEHD - Jenny Tu; COFAC - Mary Wernig.

Booth Hosts: COAS - Claudia Cooper, Antonio Lopez Maldonado, Madison McConnell, Saad Mohammed, Savanna Peveto-Kreatschman; COB - Nataly Magana, Michael Vu; COE - Spencer Cheng, Jud Ripper; COEHD - Elizabeth Diaz Arreola, Mackenzie Howell, Madison McGuire, Alyvia Ott; COFAC - Rayna Christy; Nursing - Daisy Calero Estrella, Faith Cheng.

Watch our social feeds, as we will share pics soon!





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Events for Honors Cardinals

Nov 12 –
Top Scholars Banquet

Top Scholars Banquet
Wednesday, November 12
Reauid Event Center
By Invite Only

This special dinner recognizes the excellence of our Presidential Scholars, Premier Scholars, SETX Legends Scholars, Reauid Fellows, and Fall Graduates at Lamar University. Only invited guests may attend. We are delighted to feature Presidential Scholar Grace Roy and Fall RHC Graduate Dylan Pardo as our guest speakers



Sign up TBA -
Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays Workshop
TBA - Watch Your Email!!!
Welcome Center

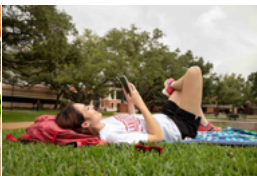
Our students love this program! Return to your former high school during Winter Break while it is still in session and talk to students about Lamar University and the Reauid Honors College. LU's Admissions Office will assist you with preparation.

The RSVP you'll receive is for the informational session that will share more about how the program works.

Former H4H Ambassadors who want to participate should still sign up, yet you will not have to repeat the training session.

Read more about Home for the Holidays: lamar.edu/h4h

Each visit to your former high school counts as **HIEP: Honors Experience**



NOV 24-28 - NO CLASSES –
THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Holiday Break
November 24-28

Grateful for all of you who make our honors community so special, kind, and supportive. We hope you have a relaxing holiday break!

Learn from Student Research

McNair Scholars Research Symposium
Thursday, November 13
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Setzer Ballroom & Neches 120

Learn from your honors peers Natalie Dickens, Sergio Mendez, and Jenny Tu and their fellow McNair Scholars as they present their research. Their presentations will be in Neches 120, starting at 3:00 pm.

Natalie will share her comparative survey of the parasites of two freshwater turtle species. Sergio will discuss his research in DNA barcoding and mosquito-borne pathogens in Jefferson County. And Jenny will present her research on landing mechanics and muscle activation in modern dancers.

O.U.R. Fall Conference
Friday, November 14
8:00 am – 7:30 pm
Setzer Student Center

Congratulations to all researchers accepted to present at this year's O.U.R. Fall Conference. Join us if you are interested in participating in research next year and to cheer on your honors peers.

This is a great platform to present theses, capstone, or projects for honors courses, independent studies, or other discipline-specific research.

Looking forward to learning about everyone's research!



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Growth Opportunities

Imagine • Innovate • Impact • Inspire

DUE Nov 1 - HIEP
McNair Research Internships

McNair Research Internships
DUE Saturday, November 1
[Apply here](#)

Research opportunities for first-generation and low-income students! Students must complete at least 45 credit hours by Summer 2026. View application site for eligibility requirements.

Honors students who successfully complete their research projects can earn **HIEP** or, if eligible, **Non-Course Credit**

Unplug and connect

Topic:

"From Plagues to Policy: The History of Public Health and its Relevance Today"



Honors Conversations

Earn non-course credit*

*Check with Honors Advisor

Nov 11

12:45 pm

RHC Lounge

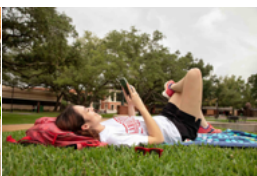
Nov 11 -
Honors Conversation

Honors Conversation - Health
Tuesday, November 11
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm
RHC Lounge

We will explore "From Plagues to Policy: The History of Public Health and its Relevance Today." From ancient sanitation to campaigns against epidemics, societies have long recognized how individual health depends on the health of the community. Today's challenges—climate change, pandemics, mental health, and health disparities—underscore that public health involves medicine, social justice, and collective action. Learning from history can guide our response to present and future health crises.

– MENTOR: Dr. Tina Kibbe

Earn **HIEP: Honors Experience** or, if eligible, **Non-Course Credit**



Nov 20 -
Graduate Open House

Graduate Open House
Thursday, November 20
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Setzer Student Center
[Register here](#)

Interested in pursuing a graduate degree? Discover how you can continue your future at Lamar University!

This open house is a come-and-go experience. Connect with academic departments, explore available programs, and learn more about life as a Graduate Cardinal. Beyond gaining insights into the application process, you will also receive a graduate application fee waiver.

DUE Dec 1 - HIEP
McMaster Grant Study Abroad

McMaster Grant Study Abroad
DUE Monday, December 1
[Apply here](#)

Do you want to see the world? Discover new cultures? Earn academic credit while having a once-in-a-lifetime experience? Do all this and more when you participate in one of Lamar University's faculty-led study abroad programs that span from exploring international perspectives on justice in Croatia to the wonders of speech and hearing science in India.

Honors students who successfully complete their Study Abroad can earn **HIEP** or, if eligible, **Non-Course Credit**.

Summer 2026 Trip Details

studyabroad@lamar.edu for questions or to schedule advising appointment





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Student Recognition

Leaders

The Flock Founder Carsen Barrett Inspires School Spirit

You've likely seen Phys Ed Teacher Ed senior **Carsen Barrett** on campus, calling out: "We wear Red on Fridays!" Or on the volleyball court and soccer field, repping Honors Cardinals as one of HSA's intramural sports officers.

Carsen's student org The Flock aims to boost student support for LU's athletic programs, much like The Peckers did, for those of you who remember that org formed by Honors Cardinal Cade Pellerin.

"I founded The Flock because I wanted to get students back into the stands," Carsen told *University Press*, adding, "Everyone's doing their part on the field and court, so it's our job as students to show up and support them."

[Read UP article on The Flock](#)



Homecoming Royalty Recognition for Honors Cardinals

At this year's homecoming, Honors Cardinals **Lea Walker** and **Blake Wilson** became Homecoming Royalty.

Sophomore Homecoming Royalty went to Lea, sponsored by her student org Sophisticated Visionaries, and Senior Homecoming Royalty went to Blake Wilson, sponsored by the Association for Information Systems.

The Homecoming Royal Court is a long-time LU tradition recognizing exceptional members of each class and is decided by the votes of the LU student body. Thank you to all of you who voted. Congratulations, Lea and Blake, for being recognized as exceptional members of your class!



DID YOU KNOW?

Two Reauid Honors alums work at NASA today, while others work in the aerospace industry, including at Blue Origin, Lockheed Martin, and Northrop Grumman.



Chemical Engineering Senior Shapes Success as an Intern

Chemical Engineering senior **Abraham Asabi** spent this summer bridging the technical world of engineering with its equally important business counterpart at Cheniere Energy!

As a Process Engineering intern in the Engineering & Construction department, he: gained proficiency in simulation programs (specifically, Aspen HYSYS as it related to his project Boil Off Gas Recovery System) and learned how to analyze and utilize flow diagrams in ways that would hold significant value to plant engineers. He has also interned at Valero and at Packaging Corporation of America.

Be sure to turn in your Summer and Fall **HIEPs**, Honors Cardinals!

Senior Wants to Advance Human Civilization to the Stars

Electrical Engineering senior **Landon Paulino** aims to work at NASA.

He's a member of AIAA, and he'll be working with the LUNAR team on his senior design project.

In hopes of achieving his aerospace dream, Landon also interned at Northrop Grumman, which manufactures circuit cards for missiles. He assisted with electrical board testing, examining why circuit boards failed and how to make them successful.

READ: How Landon fell in love with electrical engineering, other student orgs he's involved in, and his desire to help humans live in outer space.





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RHC's Texas Leadership Scholars Host First Meeting of 2025

Had a great first meeting with our Texas Leadership Scholars!

Our inaugural cohort showed up ready to mentor, as our newest scholars learned how to search for faculty mentors in their majors—this guided support helps create a culture of success during our scholars' undergrad careers.

We're excited to see how they all grow from their leadership development experiences this year!



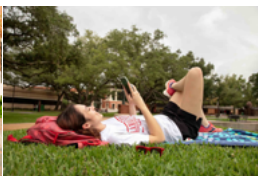
Honors SWEeties at SWE's Taco Bar

Glad to see Honors SWEeties at SWE's Taco Bar: **Shamauria**

Singleton, **Wendy Arroyo**, **Gwen Henning**, and **Alyssa Harper**, Society of Women Engineers (SWE) historian.

"SWE is wonderful way to get involved with the College of Engineering," Alyssa says. "Our organization works to empower women in STEM while building an uplifting community and growing our knowledge of the field."

Want to become a SWEetie? Reach out to honors peers and SWE President **Madison Bundick** and Historian **Alyssa Harper**.



Gaming with Honors COEHD Ambassadors-Gen Z Loteria

Los Crocs, El Simp, La Middle Part were among the new tablas at COEHD Ambassadors' Gen Z Loteria event.

Cantor **Mackenzie Howell** served up hints and rhymes tied to the latest memes, trends, and slangs. The best players had the skills to connect the clues to the cards.

COEHD Ambassadors **Madison McGuire** and **Alyvia Ott** joined Mackenzie in hosting the Loteria event.

Loved seeing Honors Cardinals relax, embrace the cringe, and having fun. No cap, they slayed at Loteria!



GOT NEWS TO SHARE?

Help us showcase ***YOU!***

If your contributions—academic, leadership, research, publication, service, etc.—have not been featured by us, please let us know!

Sharing your story inspires others!!!

Email Honors Marketing Coordinator:
Meghan Rapp



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Honors Student Association Member Shout-Out

HOCO Tailgate Party

So glad you stopped by to hang out with us at our Homecoming Tailgate party. Thank you to all our volunteers who handed out the elote and cheered us all with their game-day spirit:

HSA exec Alyvia Ott, Kinsey Tran, and Michael Vu; HSA Peer Mentor Kayla McKinley; Reaud Fellows Kelly Dougharty, Madison Maguire, Madison McConnell, Will Naas, Judson Ripper, and Karim Shaaban.



MAKING UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

See if you were spotted at
HSA's Yard Games:

[FB / Insta](#)

HSA's Intramural Volleyball:

[FB / Insta](#)

Get your HSA
member t-shirt!



1. Pay Dues



2. Join HSA

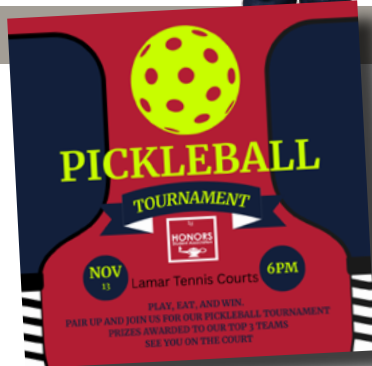


Events

Nov 4 - HSA General Meeting

HSA General Meeting
Tuesday, November 4
12:35 pm lunch;
meeting 12:50 pm – 1:30 pm
Reaud Honors College Lounge

Join us at our final member meeting of Fall semester! Lunch will be served at 12:35 pm, so come early, grab some food, and stay for updates, announcements, and great company. We can't wait to see you all there!



Nov 13 - HSA Pickleball Tournament

HSA Pickleball Tournament
Thursday, November 13
6:00 pm
LU Tennis Courts

Get ready for some friendly competition at our Pickleball Tournament! Bring your A-game, grab a friend, and join us for an exciting evening of matches, laughs, and great energy. Don't miss out on the fun!

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