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Uniting Our Honors Cardinal Community





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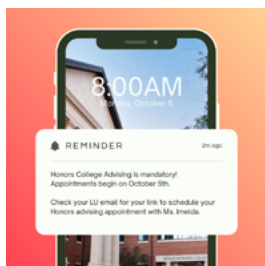
News for Honors Cardinals

Honors Advising Appointments

Honors Advising appointments will begin Monday, October 5! You should have received an email from [Ms. Imelda](#).

Everyone's pathway is different, and we want you all to succeed. Please make sure you schedule and attend your appointment.

Reminder: Honors is a separate appointment from your UAC advising. At appointment time, please wait in RHC Lounge to be called.



Fall Graduating Seniors

REMINDER:
Fall Graduate Questionnaire
Due: Sunday, October 18

Fall Graduates, thank you for sharing your graduation date with us! You do not need to make an advising appointment. Instead, please complete these steps:

1. Email [Ms. Imelda](#) to ensure all your requirements are complete.
2. Complete the graduate questionnaire emailed to you by **Sunday, October 18**.
3. Send in photos of you for our graduate celebration by **Sunday, November 15**. (You also have the option of arranging an appointment for us to take your photo.)

All steps must be fulfilled in a timely manner so we can inform the commencement office of your Reauid Honors Graduate status.

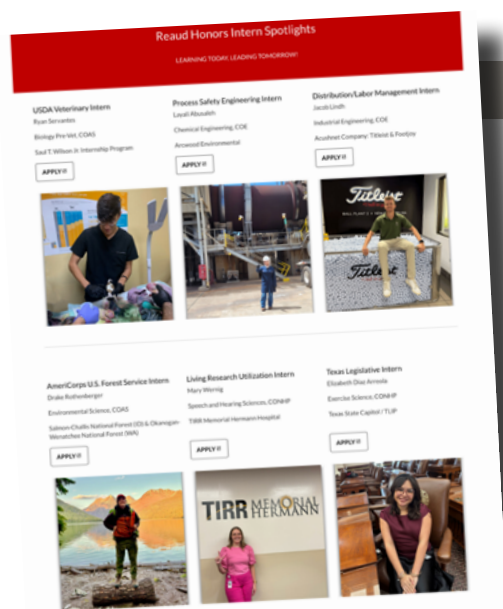
If you are graduating this Fall and DID not receive an email from us, please contact [Ms. Imelda](#) immediately.



FREE TICKETS The Wonder in Alice - Theatre

The Wonder in Alice - Theatre
Thurs-Sat: Oct. 22-24 & 29-31 - 7:30 pm
Sunday: Oct. 25 & Nov. 1 - 2:00 pm
University Theatre
Request By: 5:00 pm Wednesday, Oct 14
[Request Tickets Form](#)

In the topsy-turvy world of Alice's ever-wandering, ever-curious head, anything and everything is possible and nothing is what it seems. This staged version of Lewis Carroll's classic novel *Alice in Wonderland* offers a Young Adult perspective.



Internship Website for YOU!

Reauid Honors College students share an unbreakable team spirit, where peer support comes naturally.

To help YOU explore internship opportunities, some of your peers have shared their internships, along with a link to where you may apply.

For those of you in an internship today or in the future, please share your stories with us too! Email [Meghan Rapp](#) with internship details and a picture of you at your work site.

Built on friendship. Driven by community!

[Reauid Honors Intern Spotlights](#)



Help us showcase ***YOU!***

Your accomplishments are important to us! 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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Events for Honors Cardinals

Oct 14 - Honors Scholars Day

Honors Scholars Day
Wednesday October 14
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Setzer Ballroom

Check out the biggest Honors event of the semester!!! Explore, learn, and cheer on your fellow Honors Cardinals as they share their passions. Booths and presentations will showcase everything Honors—from HSA highlights to exciting student travels and research projects to student organizations that encourage collaboration and camaraderie.

Don't miss this celebration of scholarship and community!



Oct 24 - Homecoming Tailgate

Homecoming Tailgate
Saturday, October 24
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Plummer Lawn (Virginia St. & MLK)



Show your Cardinal pride! Join us at our Homecoming Tailgate—a perfect mix of food, friends, and football spirit. We'll have homemade elote, games, and a hype atmosphere to get you ready for kickoff. Grab your red and white, bring your energy, and let's make this homecoming unforgettable.

DM us your tailgate and game pics:
[@lamarhonors](#)



TOO GOOD
to MISS!
Showcase of
everything
Honors!



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Student Recognition

Leaders

ChemE Junior Named Southwest Regional Chair for AIChE

Layali Abusaleh has been selected as Southwest Regional Chair for the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)!

"I certainly didn't join AIChE as a first-year student expecting to one day serve as a regional chair," Layali says, "and I think that shows just how far saying yes to one opportunity can take you."

As regional chair, the Chemical Engineering junior will support 11 university chapters across Texas and parts of Louisiana. She first became involved with AIChE during a first-year engineering bootcamp. Now she will be leading and supporting chemical engineering students in the Southwest Region.



JAMP Medical Scholar Builds Clinical Skills

Another great summer internship for Biology Pre-Med senior Mohamed Irhabi!

He was in San Antonio, at UT Health Long School of Medicine, building his clinical skills and learning from physicians through the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP).



A Dozen Honors Cardinals Join LU Ambassador Family

Looking forward to a great year of leadership under our newest Honors LU Ambassadors!

Honors Cardinals joining the LU Ambassador family:

Veronika Castanon; Jasmine Flores; Afifa Islam; Sneha Jobby; Karis Karner; Mikel Mbajiofor; Kyleigh Montgomery; Will Naas; Jud Ripper; Karim Shaaban; Szachary Tarver; and Abigayle Welch.

Moot Court Advocates Will Compete Under Honors Alum Coach

Political Science Legal Studies junior Kyleigh Montgomery and Psychology senior Bianka Pacione are competing on this year's Moot Court team, led by Coach Katey McCall (Class of 2021). Bianka will also be serving as Vice President for Speakers.

Enjoy your year as student advocates!





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Exploring Anthropology in the Yucatan Peninsula

As a student with the Ethnographic Field School of Isla Mujeres, Forensic Chemistry senior **Jayda Racca** jumped into island culture in Quintana Roo.

During her six weeks on the island, eight miles off the coast of Cancun, she balanced cultural sensitivity around women's health while learning how breast cancer survivors navigate returning to work in a tourism-driven economy.

She also observed sea turtles laying their eggs; watched the World Cup's Mexico vs England game on the beach; swam with manta rays and whale sharks in the Caribbean; hiked Mayan ruins built in honor of the goddess Ixchel; and savored freshly caught cuisine at open air cantinas in La Gloria and downtown.

Exploring anthropology in the Yucatan Peninsula is an experience I will never forget, Jayda says.



Falling in Harmony...in South Korea and Japan

LU's A Capella Choir was a big hit!

Reauid Fellow Math & Music senior **Macy Ostten** sang with choir peers at about 10 churches in Seoul, South Korea, and Tokyo, Japan, this summer as a McMaster Study Abroad Scholar.

Her trip highlights included: singing at DMZ where the 1953 Korean Armistice Agreement was signed; socializing while tabletop grilling Korean beef bulgogi hot pot; snacking street food on sticks: Korean corn dogs to Tanhulu candied fruit skewers; touring Gyeongbokgung Palace while wearing traditional hanbok; feeding fluffy sheep at the world's first sheep cafe; and enjoying a Cinderella moment at Tokyo Disneyland.

Hitting all the right notes, wherever you are in the world!



Electrical Eng Senior Shapes Success at TxLa Systems

Reauid Fellow Electrical Engineering senior **William Naas** specialized in designing electrical schematics for power distribution for some of the largest data centers in the country during his half-year internship completed last month.

He also learned how engineering teams are adapting current infrastructure to meet the growing AI demand.

William interned as an Electrical Designer and Engineering Support Specialist for TxLa Systems, which is now a part of Mission Critical Group, one of our nation's largest power distribution manufacturers.



Honors Cardinals Shine at LU's Red Day

Appreciate all our Honors Cardinals who volunteered across campus to promote LU's Red Day!

Shout-out to Marketing senior **Lea Walker**, Early Childhood to 6th Education senior **Mackenzie Howell**, and Biology Pre-Med senior **Lorena Tomov** who lent their voices to support LU's programs and students!





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Growth Opportunities

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APPLY NOW -
Walmart Intern & Early Career

Walmart Internship & Early Career

Apply Now

APPLY: Walmart Internship

APPLY: Walmart Early Career

Intern at Walmart next Summer 2027!
Or get a head start on an Early Career for our upcoming graduates! Interviews have already started. A handout with QR application codes was emailed to you on September 25, which was kindly provided to you by our alum and Walmart-AFDP Senior Financial Analyst Lexus Wilkerson (Class of 2024).



Honors Experience:
History Lecture

Black Salt-Grass Cowboys

Thursday, October 1

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Reaud Event Center (Rm 101)

Learn about the history of black cowboys and cattle raisers of the Southeast Texas and Gulf regions. Dr. Demetrius W. Pearson will share his research, explored in his book, *Black Rodeo in the Texas Gulf Coast Region*.



Due Oct 2
Legislative Leadership App

Be a MALC Moreno/Rangel
Legislative Leadership Fellow

Due: Friday, Oct. 2

APPLY: MALC Legislative Leadership

Gain first-hand governmental experience working in the Texas House of Representatives during a legislative session as a Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Fellow.

The Mexican American Legislative Caucus, a bipartisan group of Texas House members, created this program for the purpose of strengthening its numbers and better representing a Latino constituency across Texas.

Unplug and connect

Topic:

"Does Unchecked Population Growth Lead to Resource Scarcity?"

Honors
Conversations

Earn non-course credit*

*Check with Honors Advisor

Oct 6
12:45 pm
SSC; Room 218



Oct 6 -
Honors Conversation

Honors Conversation - Economics

Tuesday, October 6

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm

Setzer Student Center, Rm 218

Our conversation will explore the population growth from the Roman Times to the Industrial Revolution to Present Day, with a focus on the Malthus Growth Theory. Malthus argued that population growth grows geometrically (exponentially), while food supply grows arithmetically (linearly), inevitably leading to crisis if population growth is left unchecked. We'll discuss why, and whether the theory is possible today.

- MENTOR: Dr. John McCollough

Earn Honors Experience or,
if eligible, Non-Course Credit



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DUE Oct 7 - Honor Society -
Join Omicron Delta Kappa

Join Omicron Delta Kappa
Apply by: Wednesday, October 7
APPLY: ODK

Ready to take the next step in your leadership journey? Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK)? Eligible students must demonstrate leadership in at least two of ODK's five areas. Create an account at my.odk.org to apply.



DUE Oct 23 -
Cardinal Ideas Pitch

Cardinal Ideas Pitch
DUE Friday, Oct 23 by 5:00 pm
APPLY: Cardinal Ideas Pitch

Calling all budding entrepreneurs: pitch your ideas for new business startups to a panel of judges and compete for cash prizes. You can also give a 90-second pitch to win the Audience Choice prize.

The pitch competition will be held on Thursday, November 12, at the Dade Phelan Bldg, Room 113.



DUE Nov 1 & Dec 15 - HIEP
McMaster Grant Study Abroad

McMaster Grant Study Abroad
Spring DUE Sunday, Nov 1
Summer DUE Tuesday, Dec 15
APPLY: Study Abroad McMaster

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 world history in Ireland to nursing research in Thailand.

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

[Spring & Summer 2027 Trip Details](#)

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



DUE Dec 1 - Lafayette Fellowship
for Master's in France

Lafayette Fellowship - Master's in France
DUE Tuesday, Dec 1
APPLY: Lafayette Fellowship

Launched on the 250th anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence, the Lafayette Fellowship is designed to support the next generation of leaders with a strong interest in our transatlantic relationship.

Open to both Francophone and non-Francophone candidates, the program partners with leading French academic institutions across STEM, humanities, social sciences, and the arts, with courses taught in French or entirely in English.



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DUE Dec 1 -

McMaster Grant Partners in the Parks



*McMaster Grant Partners
in the Parks*

DUE Tuesday, Dec 1

APPLY: PITP McMaster

Partners in the Parks is hosting its first-ever Winter Break adventure! Explore arches, canyons and hoodoos in Arizona and Utah at Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Dead Horse State Park, and three national monuments. The trip will take place January 3-9, 2027.



DUE Jan 15 -

Chancellor's US Capitol Internship

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DUE Friday, Jan 15

APPLY: US Capitol Internship

Be a Congressional and public policy intern in Washington, DC, through the TSUS Chancellor's US Capitol Internship Program. This opportunity is available each Fall and Spring semester.

To ensure student success in applying academic theory in a professional work environment, program participants will enroll in a public policy research course, in addition to a six-credit-hour internship course during your internship semester.

Fall 2027 applications are open now through January 15.



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Growth Opportunities Special Research Section

Reminder: DUE Oct 1 -
Honors Helping Honors Research

Participate in SURF Fellow Research
Contact by: Thursday, October 1
Email: Natalie Bean

Help SURF Fellow and Nursing senior Natalie Bean spread the word about her research project, "Could AI Be Your Next Therapist?" She is seeking research participants! Please reach out if you or anyone you know can assist; she is collecting responses through October 1. If that date has passed, feel free to contact her to see if you can still assist. Thank you from Natalie!



Be a Researcher!

Reminder: DUE Oct 1- HIEP -
URG Grant Proposals

URG Grant Proposals
DUE Thursday, October 1
APPLY: URG Grant

Interested in conducting undergraduate research in your discipline? Submit your proposal for your STEM or non-STEM research or creative activities. Grant recipients will be announced October 25.

Chat with your honors community for guidance! Last year's Reaud Honors research recipients were: URG—Bilal Alani, Kelly Dougharty, Campbell Fuller, Sneha Jobby, Nirbhik Neupane, Blake Pena, Michael Vu, Abigayle Welch, and Mary Wernig; McNair—Elizabeth Diaz Arreola and Lea Walker.

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

DUE Nov 1 - HIEP -
McNair Research Internships

McNair Research Internships
DUE Sunday, November 1
APPLY: McNair

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.



Prep Sessions

To help you prepare successful submissions for the research paper competition and/or abstract for the Fall 2026 OUR Conference, attend October workshops hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Research:

Location: Galloway, Rm 108

Student Winner-Hosted Workshops

Wed, Oct 14

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Host: Sarah Short, HASBSEB

Thurs, Oct 15

4:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Host: Mary O'Malley, STEM

Writing a Narrative Workshop

Thurs, Oct 15

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Host: CITL Leader Casey Ford



Honors Cardinal
Mary O'Malley

DUE Oct 25 - HIEP
OUR Paper Competition Submissions

OUR Paper Competition Submissions
DUE Sunday, Oct. 25
SUBMIT: Research Paper

Open to all academic disciplines, OUR's paper competition is your opportunity to share papers reflecting a completed research project you conducted. The work can be in various phases—from early to advanced—but should indicate that a conclusion from the initial research objectives was satisfactorily met.

DUE Oct 30 - HIEP
OUR Fall Conference Abstract

OUR Fall Conference Abstract
DUE Friday, Oct. 30 by 6 pm
SUBMIT: Conference Abstract

Did you conduct research or creative activities this past summer? Submit your abstract for consideration to present at the OUR Fall Conference. Both STEM and HASBSEB participation will be supported. The conference will take place Friday, November 13.



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Honors Student Association

Join HSA



Join HSA!

New and returning honors students: HSA is the #1 student organization all

Honors Cardinals should join!

We'd love to get to know you better and have fun with you this year. To help support our activities, please pay annual \$20 dues for the 2026-27 year [via credit card online](#) or pay cash by visiting Ms.

Kim Vizena at RHC Office 113 during office hours, M-F 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. New members also get our HSA t-shirt!

The Reaud Honors College does not charge tuition to students. These \$20 dues are collected by HSA to help us pay for friendship-building gatherings and campus experiences.

Learn more about our student org:
[HSA website](#)

Get your HSA member t-shirt!



HSA is #1 student org all Honors Cardinals should join!

Join our socials!
HSA Chat is where it's at!



JOIN HSA!



Member Shout-Out

YeeHaw! to our Newest Cardinals

Had so much fun laughing and connecting with all of you at our Wild West-themed mixer! We super appreciate our peer mentors and are excited for their mentee friendships.

Shout-outs to everyone who joined us at our first social. We appreciate you signing in at each of our events, as that helps us plan accordingly for all our events.

Joshua Albert; Gunner Amos; Matt Ard; Jonathan Arnold; Allie Ashworth; Joseph Badlissi; Sophia Balderas; Auriel Boatman; Lyric Bourgeois; Brianna Brottem; Dominic Broussard; Aaden Bush; Veronika Castanon; Rowan Catarino; Deegan Collins; Katelyn Contreras; Baylee Curbow; Frank Domino; Brianna Edwards; Jasmine Flores; Haven Fontanille Martinez; Ulises Fraire; Kaidyn Freeman; Mackenzie Grumley; Alexandra Guillen;



MAKING UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

See if you were spotted at HSA's Peer Mentor Mixer:
[FB / Insta](#)

Keaton Hamm; Kaedyn Harris; Camille Hernandez; Alexis Hooks; Afifa Islam; Sneha Jobby; Emily Jones; Alyssa Jordan; Elena Korson; Ashton Legaspi; Gavin Lopez; Nathan Lowrey; Mikel Mbajiofor; Madison McConnell; Madison McGuire; Kayla McKinley; Saad Mohammed; Kyleigh Montgomery; Reese Moree; Rylee Moree; Jaden Nguyen; Danielle Okutubo; Addyson Oliver; Alyvia Ott; Gybsen Rizzo; Leimy Rocha; Ryan Servantes; Shakarral Singleton; Alex Soukhodolets; Kinsey Tran; Claire Tucker; Jeremiah Tucker; Charley Turner; Johnny Vargas; Taylor Vo; and Delilah Young.





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Honors Student Association Events

Oct 13 -
HSA General Meeting

HSA General Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 13
Lunch: 12:30 pm
Meeting: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Reaud Honors College Lounge

Join us for our second general meeting of the year! Food will be provided. At this meeting, we plan to discuss topics such as our Homecoming Tailgate, our October social, Intramurals, and Honors Scholars Day.

Come get caught up on everything happening with HSA and the Honors College. We hope to see you there!



Oct 21 -
HSA Game Night Social

HSA Game Night Social
Wednesday, Oct 21
6:00 pm
Reaud Honors College Lounge

Come hang out, play some games, and spend the evening with your HSA family! Dinner & Ice Cream provided. Games + Good Times included. Bring your friends, bring your competitive spirit, and come ready to have some fun!

We'll see you at Game Night!



*Stay Connected to
Reaud Honors College*

