

Student Achievements 2009-2010

Honors students have received prestigious awards and have been accepted to top-notch programs and graduate schools. Read about their accomplishments.

- **Ann Frappier**, a Mechanical Engineering major has been selected as a 2010 Phi Kappa Phi Emerging Scholar. The Emerging Scholar Award recognizes outstanding rising sophomores studying at Phi Kappa Phi member institutions. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi grants 60 awards nationwide.
- **Cynthia Hernandez**, a Political Science major has been accepted on scholarship to the Live. Learn Intern Program. The summer 2010 program will be held at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. This highly selective program offers three distinct programs for undergraduate students. Cynthia will be joining the Institute on Business and Government Affairs.
- **Maria Roncal**, a Journalism and Media Studies major recently had her social media marketing plan for the Janalent company selected as best in the Western region by the Microsoft Corporation. The award earned Maria a \$1,000 award and the company lots of valuable recognition.
- **Mathew Ruggles**, an Accounting major was recently accepted to the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry at the University Of Pacific and the UNLV School of Dental Medicine. Mathew will be attending the University of Pacific on partial scholarship beginning fall 2010.
- **Maria Parra-Sandoval**, a University Honors and Department Honors graduate, will be attending the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University on a full scholarship beginning in fall 2009.
- **Jesse Dabney**, a University Honors and Department Honors graduate was awarded a Fulbright Study Scholarship for postgraduate study at the Max-Planck-Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany in 2009-2010.
- **Tyler Parry**, a 2008 Department Honors graduate, has been accepted full graduate support to pursue his PhD in history at the University of South Carolina.
- **Kenneth Hynes**, a University Honors graduate, and his partner, Devon Taylor, recently won the grand prize for their senior design project "The Home Power Meter" at the semi-annual College of Engineering Senior Design Competition.
- **Mary Catania**, a University Honors graduate, has been awarded The Rogers Fellowship to pursue a PhD in English literature at UNLV. The Rogers Fellowship is a five-year award that provides funding and teaching opportunities over the course of the graduate program to students doing advanced work in English literature, creative writing or poetry.
- Two Honors College students, **Breanne Davies** and **Jessica Wilde** were involved with the project: Social Media Strategies Used in the Las Vegas Hospitality Industry: Co-Creating New Relationships with Customers that won

first place at the 2009 International Tourism Student Conference in Breda, The Netherlands.

- Honors Students **Felix Rodriguez, Sarah Harrison** and **Jacob Zoderu** were recently selected to present their business plan in the 2009 Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup Collegiate Business Competition.
- Honors Student **Charles Mao** was a part of UNLV's American Marketing Association chapter that recently took second place in the International Case Competition at the 31st annual International American Marketing Association Collegiate Conference.
- **Juan Plata**, a fall 2008 graduate in Mechanical Engineering as well as a University Honors Scholar and a Department Honors Scholar will be enrolling in Stanford University's Ph.D program in bioengineering. Juan was also accepted to graduate programs at Rice University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Washington.
- Honors Student **Mason Trafford** was part of the Vancouver Whitecaps Soccer Team that recently became the 2008 United Soccer League First Division Champions. Congratulations Mason!
- **Morgan Bird, Shipra De, Chelsea Garvin, Chelsea Milko, Emily Powers, and Sagar Raich:**
These students were selected as 2008-2009 UNLV Student Life Leadership Scholarship Recipients. Out of the 10 recipients selected from an applicant pool of 76, six are members of the Honors College. Selection criteria was grounded in each applicant's exemplary dedication to academic achievement, impact on campus, community involvement and exhibited leadership.
- **Emily Powers**, an Honors College student and dual major in Political Science and English Literature, is a 2008 recipient of a prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation award! As a Truman Scholar, Emily will continue her education, as well as her already-impressive career, by attending a combined program in Law and Social Work.
- **Karen Levy**, an Honors College student and dual major in Biological Sciences and Biochemistry, has been awarded an undergraduate scholarship from the Barry M. Goldwater Foundation! Karen will use this exceptional award to continue research and classroom work on her way to an M.D./Ph.D. focusing on Biotechnology.