Honors... the next level
I’m delighted that you’re interested in finding out more about the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College. It has a rich curriculum based in the liberal arts and sciences. As a proud member of the Florida Atlantic University family, the Honors College also ensures that students have access to the intellectual capital and diversity of a major public research university. Honors College students benefit from sharing the same campus as Scripps Florida, the Max Planck Florida Institute and FAU’s expanding programs in life sciences. As a student in the Wilkes Honors College, you’ll be working with the finest faculty I have ever known anywhere. We select our instructors because of their strong commitment in teaching and their ability to challenge and engage students who are looking for something more than a typical college education.

I hope I’ll meet you soon, and be able to share with you more about the experience that students have here in Jupiter. In the meantime, feel free to explore our website www.honorscollege.edu and imagine yourself in a college like no other.
Location

The Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College is located on the John D. MacArthur Campus of Florida Atlantic University in Jupiter. Our notable neighbors are Scripps Florida, the Max Planck Florida Institute, the Hibel Museum of Art and, just 3 miles east, the Atlantic Ocean.
Rigorous Curriculum

“The small class sizes at the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College enable stimulating classroom discussion and a high level of interaction between its motivated students and accessible faculty members inside and outside of the classroom. This faculty and student interaction is a vital element of the Honors College experience from supervised senior honors theses to the student/faculty softball game held every semester.”

— John Hess, Assistant Professor of American Literature

ACADEMICS

The four-year curriculum leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. The curriculum includes a required core of distribution courses that emphasize critical thinking and writing skills. As part of their graduation requirement, all students complete an honors thesis or a senior research project. Visit www.honorscollege.edu to learn more about the many available concentrations.

“Effective advising involves more than helping students with course selection; it also includes mentoring them as they develop their goals for college and beyond.”

— William O’Brien, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Chair
THE WILKES MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This is an early admission program into the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine for qualified high school seniors. Students will be able to receive their bachelor’s degree and the M.D. degree in seven to eight years. The Medical Scholars Program is housed in the Honors College. Visit www.fau.edu/admissions and click on Honors Programs.

“When I came to the Honors College I wanted to take Philosophy and Environmental Studies and there happened to be an interdisciplinary philosophy concentration that allowed me to combine the two. What amazed me was how much the professors were really behind me in making my own major. After the Honors College I hope to go into one of the Peace Corps environmental programs and then on to graduate or law school.”

— Alexa Robinson, Class of 2014
Student Life and Housing

STUDENT LIFE AND ACTIVITIES

Honors College students are part of a vibrant living-learning community, where they can become active leaders and build lasting friendships. The campus culture encourages a balance between academic success and rich involvement opportunities. Campus life offers something for everyone from sports and cultural events to dances and trips.

“The Burrow” is the student center of campus; it is where you will go to find out about what is happening on campus. You will find billiards, air hockey, Ping-Pong and foosball tables, and a big screen TV with a videogame console. It is home to the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, Student Government and many student organizations including the Program Board, Students Advocating Volunteer Involvement (SAVI) and Campus Recreation.

Club Sports and Campus Recreation offers a variety of activities that will meet the need of students regardless of their athletic background. Membership to a private gym in close proximity to campus is available to students. We are home to a Quidditch team and sailing club, and a crew team is on the horizon. The campus also offers a swimming pool, tennis court, basketball court and recreational fields. Other popular activities include ultimate Frisbee, disc golf and fencing.

Student Government (SG) allocates their budget to fund student groups, operate student buildings and run programs. SG is open to all FAU students and offers leadership opportunities, the ability to have a say in how money is allocated and, ultimately, the chance to have an impact on the future of FAU.
Many signature events and activities are offered throughout the year, including:

- Weeks of Welcome
- Homecoming Events
- Fall Family Weekend
- Trips to Athletic Events
- Leadership Awards Banquet
- Catamaran Sailing
- Snorkeling
- Coffee Houses
- Theatre Performances
- Acoustic Concert Series

Community engagement is a top priority of FAU and the students are equally committed to giving back locally, nationally and internationally. The Weppner Center for Civic Engagement and Service in partnership with SAVI organizes volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Some examples of past volunteer projects include Quantum House, Habitat for Humanity and women’s shelters. Students help in our own Huckshorn Arboretum and raise awareness during “Cardboard Campus” of issues of poverty and homelessness. An alternative spring break trip is planned annually and past trips have taken students to Washington D.C., New Orleans and the Florida Keys.

Living on campus strengthens the Honors College community by broadening students’ perspectives and encouraging academic success. Residential Life staff sponsor educational and social events throughout the year.

- Suite-style Residence Halls – Four private furnished bedrooms, shared common area, two half-baths
- Bedrooms – Internet and cable
- Required for the first two years

RESIDENTIAL LIVING
Successful Outcomes

GRADUATE PLACEMENT

The liberal arts and sciences curriculum offered at the Honors College prepares its students well for graduate and professional schools such as law, medicine and education as well as careers in business, government and science.

“I started college as ‘undecided’ for my major until I was introduced to the biology field by Dr. Paul Kirchman. As my faculty advisor at the Honors College and in my Ph.D. program, Dr. Kirchman mentored me on the subject matter, and more importantly, what it takes to be a well-rounded scientist. I definitely attribute all of my success in my career as a Quality Assurance Microbiologist at BIOMET 3i to my faculty mentor, and I will always be thankful for the education and experiences that I gained from attending such a unique college.”

— Gabriela Bota, Class of ’05, Quality assurance Microbiologist for BIOMET 3i.

“My classes at the Honors College prepared me for research internships and when applying to medical school. For example, learning techniques about protein purification in my Cell Biology class helped me during my internship at Carnegie Mellon University, and made it possible for me to present my research at the American Society for Cell Biology conference. The variety of extracurricular opportunities made me a well-rounded candidate to medical schools.”

— Lindsay McCullough (pictured above, Class of 2011, University of Florida Medical School)

The Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College opened in 1999 and graduated its first full class in 2003. Of more than 460 alumni so far, 65% entered graduate school. In addition, about 20% entered a graduate program at FAU, in some cases taking advantage of accelerated degree programs. When in graduate school, our alumni tell us that they are very well prepared for its rigors. Other Honors College graduates are working in business, education, the health industry and government.
Below are some of the graduate programs to which Honors College alumni have been admitted.

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<td>BIOLOGY</td>
<td>Boston Univ, College of Charleston, Florida Atlantic Univ, Univ of Miami, Univ of Michigan, Univ of Southern California, Univ of Kansas, Florida State Univ</td>
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<td>CHEMISTRY</td>
<td>California Institute of Tech, Florida Atlantic Univ, Univ of Iowa, Cornell, Massachusetts Institute of Tech, Georgia Institute of Tech, Univ of Michigan, Univ of Washington, Texas A&amp;M Univ, UC-Berkeley</td>
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<td>EDUCATION: ENGLISH, CREATIVE WRITING, LITERATURE</td>
<td>Univ of Durham (U.K.), Florida Atlantic Univ, Univ of Kent (U.K.), Univ of Minnesota, Loyola Univ, Sarah Lawrence, Univ of British Columbia, Univ of Florida, Syracuse, Univ of Iowa, Univ of Connecticut, Brown</td>
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<td>ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES</td>
<td>Yale, Univ of Indiana, College of the Redwoods, Johns Hopkins, Univ of Florida, St. Louis Univ</td>
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<td>HISTORY</td>
<td>Howard, London School of Economics (U.K.), Univ of Leicester (U.K.), San Jose State, Univ of Heidelberg, Univ. of Mississippi</td>
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<td>MATHEMATICS</td>
<td>Bowling Green State, Univ of Nebraska, North Carolina State, Florida State Univ, Univ of North Carolina, Texas A&amp;M Univ, Univ of Florida, Kent State, Florida Atlantic Univ</td>
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<td>POLITICAL SCIENCE</td>
<td>Univ of Florida, Georgetown, Florida State Univ, American Univ, George Washington Univ, Loyola, Univ of South Florida, Seton Hall Univ</td>
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<td>PSYCHOLOGY</td>
<td>Univ of Chicago, Florida Atlantic Univ, George Washington Univ, Indiana State, Tulane, Univ of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth, Univ of Wisconsin, College of William and Mary, Florida State Univ, Univ of Pennsylvania, Univ of Tennessee, Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Univ of Plymouth</td>
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<td>LAW SCHOOLS</td>
<td>American Univ, Univ of Alabama, Boston College, Univ of Florida, Georgetown, George Washington, Univ of Miami, Case Western Reserve, Stetson, Vermont Law School, Florida State Univ, Hofstra, Univ of Montana, George Mason Univ</td>
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<td>MEDICINE</td>
<td>Univ of Florida, Florida State Univ, Univ of Miami, Univ of South Florida, Vanderbilt, Howard, Univ of South Carolina, Boston Univ, Rosalind Franklin Medical School, Georgetown, Chicago Medical School</td>
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<td>VETERINARY</td>
<td>Univ of Florida, Michigan State Univ, Auburn Univ</td>
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Scholars Day is an invitation-only opportunity for the strongest applicants who have completed the Honors College application by the priority deadline of December 15. Participants come to campus for an honorary luncheon and to interview for the specialized leadership, International Baccalaureate/AICE, Goizueta Foundation and Henry Morrison Flagler scholarships. Regardless of participation at Scholars Day, all students will be awarded a merit-based scholarship to attend the Honors College. For more information, visit www.fau.edu/divdept/honcol/scholars_day.htm

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<td>Incoming freshman, Florida Bright Futures recipient, outstanding record</td>
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<td>The Goizueta Foundation Scholarship*</td>
<td>Hispanic student, outstanding record, documented financial need, FAFSA on file</td>
<td>Tuition not covered by Bright Futures, on-campus room and board</td>
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<td>Dean’s Scholarship</td>
<td>National Merit Finalist, National Hispanic Scholar, or National Achievement Finalist</td>
<td>$7,500 per year</td>
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<td>International Baccalaureate/AICE Scholarship*</td>
<td>Completion of the IB/AICE Diploma, outstanding record</td>
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<td>Leadership Scholarship*</td>
<td>Outstanding leadership experience</td>
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<td>Latin American Caribbean Student Scholarship</td>
<td>F1 Student Visa from a Latin American or Caribbean nation</td>
<td>Up to $14,000 per year</td>
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<td>Out-of-State Academic Scholarship</td>
<td>Non-Florida Resident, minimum 3.5 weighted GPA</td>
<td>Up to $13,000 per year</td>
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<td>Honors Scholarship</td>
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*Awarded at Scholars Day

**SCHOLARS DAY**

“I am interning at the Allergy & Asthma Care of the Palm Beaches”

— Imarhia Enogieru, Flagler Scholar (pictured above: 2011 Outstanding Sophomore of the Year and President, Pre-Med Society

“I received the Fulbright Scholarship to study gender and politics at the Euro Balkan institute in Skopje.”

— Cassidy Henry, Class of 2011
“I was awarded the Boren Scholarship funding my study for a year in Africa.”

— Stephen Jones, Class of 2013

**TUITION**

Cost Estimates for the 2011–12 Academic Year:

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<td>Tuition**</td>
<td>$4,800</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,258</strong></td>
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* For outstanding applicants who are non-Florida residents, the Honors College awards a limited number of Out-of-State Academic Scholarships to reduce out-of-state fees.

** The tuition figure is based upon 30 credit hours (fall/spring semesters) and does not include books or personal expenses. Subject to change.

**APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS**

Students who have not received an invitation to join the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College may apply for admission. Successful applicants are those who have prepared themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and who have participated in extracurricular activities and community service. Apply early in your senior year for maximum admission and scholarship consideration. Priority application date is December 15. Submit your application, resume and writing sample to the Wilkes Honors College after your admission to Florida Atlantic University. You may submit your Honors College application at [www.honorscollege.edu](http://www.honorscollege.edu).

Profile of the Fall 2011 Freshman Class:

- 78% Florida Residents, 30% Self-Identified Ethnic Minorities
- Mid-Range GPA:
  - 3.76–4.22
- Mid-Range Test Scores:
  - ACT Composite: 25–30
  - SAT Total of Three Sections: 1680–1940
Here are some of the research presentations from the 2011 Research Symposium:

- Privacy and You: Did the Supreme Court Get it Right?
- Crossing the Border: The States and Immigration Reform
- Conservation in Context: Conflicting Social Values and Marine Turtle Conservation Efforts in Ostional, Costa Rica and Palm Beach County
- Cloning of the Manganese Superoxide Dismutase Gene
- Lowering Oxidative Stress with Increased Methionine
- Content of Mitochondrial Aconitase
- Septins: One Ring to Bind Them

The College’s annual Research Symposium showcases honors students and their projects in a one-day event that includes a series of concurrent talks, a poster session and a visual arts presentation.

– Yordy Yarnell, Campus Student Governor 2010–11
Life in the world beyond the campus provides students with invaluable experiences that complement their programs of study. The experiential learning requirement may be fulfilled through an internship experience or participating in a study abroad program.

Lauren Nys was an intern at the Loggerhead Marine Life Center of Juno Beach.

Michael Metzner participated in the Gerstner Sloan-Kettering Graduate School Summer Research Program. His research on new drug therapies for the brain cancer glioblastoma multiforme is currently waiting publication in the journal *Stem Cells.*
One of the best ways to see what the Honors College has to offer is to experience it firsthand by attending an Honors Visit Day! The Honors Visit Day program provides prospective students with in-depth information about the academic concentrations, admissions, housing and financial aid. Our upcoming dates are October 29 and March 24.

If you cannot join us for an Honors Visit Day, please plan to come for an individual tour. Tours are scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 p.m. plus Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. During your visit you may request to sit in on a class or for an appointment to meet with a professor.

To arrange a visit, or to RSVP for an Honors Visit Day, contact the Honors College Admissions Office at hcadmissions@fau.edu or 561-799-8646.

If special accommodations are required during your visit, contact the Admissions office five working days in advance.
The Jupiter campus of Florida Atlantic University is located just north of West Palm Beach, and 45 miles north of the University’s Boca Raton campus.

**Florida’s Turnpike Southbound:** exit 116 (Indiantown Road) east to I-95 south. From I-95 take exit 83 (Donald Ross Road) east to Parkside Dr. Turn north (left) on Parkside Drive.

**Florida’s Turnpike Northbound:** exit 109 (PGA Boulevard) east to Central Blvd. north. Turn west on Donald Ross Rd. Turn north (right) on Parkside Drive.

**I-95 North or South:** exit 83 (Donald Ross Road) east to Parkside Drive. Turn north (left) on Parkside Drive.

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