WHEAT

Wichita Honors Events & Activities Team is the Cohen Honors College student organization that provides students with Academic and Community Service opportunities. Through WHEAT, Honors students participated in:

- Resume Building Workshop with WSU Career Services
- Volunteered at WSU’s Pumpkin Run
- Volunteered at the Annual Thanksgiving Event for the Lord’s Diner
- Volunteered with Assistance League at Gingerbread Village where they assisted children by building gingerbread houses.

» Living Learning Community (LLC)

Is made up of Honors student that live in Shocker Hall. 45 LLC members participated in events during Fall semester 2015 that included:

- Honors Monthly Meetings
- Study Night: every Tuesday evening in Honors
- Monthly Luncheon with Dean, Advisor, Faculty
- Halloween Party
- Mockingjay 1 film showing on the Honors Floor; Mockingjay 2 viewing at Warren Theatres with Advisor
- Christmas Tree Lighting

Spring semester the LLC plans to attend art exhibits, enjoy dinners together, and more Faculty collaboration.
Spotlight

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**Honors Monthly Meetings**

**Average Attendance:**

- 47 first-year students
- 12 continuing students
- **62 total students**

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**September**

Focusing on the first pillar of the Cohen Honors College, **intellectual**, the goal of this meeting was to give students information about the National Student Exchange. Trish Gandu and Caitlin Lee, an Honors student and NSE alum, presented to students. Students also participated in a whole group discussion about what Honors means to them.

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**October**

The second pillar, **professional**, was an important topic of our second monthly meeting. Dr. James Bixler, Counseling and Testing services, gave a presentation about stress and how to deal with it in a healthy way. This was followed by students breaking in to small groups to hold Roundtable discussions facilitated by Honors Student Council members about what students want out of their honors experiences.

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**November**

To help our students live our third pillar, **transformational**, the Honors College was visited by Ann Burger, Study Abroad, for an information session and joined by Caleb Smith, one of our own Honors students, who gave a firsthand account of studying abroad. Dr. Doug Parham presented information and advice about Undergraduate Research opportunities.

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**December**

Because students were approaching finals week, this meeting was meant to help students better prepare for their finals, by using our fourth pillar, **innovative**. Students heard from Tracia Banuelos and Brae Bigge, Honors Undergraduate Fellows, about unexpected study tips, as well as test taking strategies. Then, looking forward to next semester and next year, students heard about campus and national scholarship and fellowship competitions.

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**HONORS SCHOLAR Spotlight**

Vy H. Le, a graduate of Campus High School in Haysville, Kan., and the winner of the 2015 Lenora N. McGregor Endowed Scholarship at Wichita State University.

As a graduate in the first class of Campus High School’s International Baccalaureate program, Le says that she feels proud. “We were one of the first to take on the new challenge -- to become ‘knowers’ instead of students,” she says.

Le joined the Cohen Honors College for the discussion-based classes, multi-disciplinary perspectives and the opportunity to be around other critically minded thinkers.

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