The Mission and Aims of The Honors College

The mission of The Honors College is to provide an intellectual community where outstanding students and dedicated teachers and scholars pursue intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and personal and professional enrichment marked by excellence in all engagements. It is guided by the FIU Value Statement, which expresses a commitment to: freedom of thought and expression; excellence in the pursuit, generation, dissemination, and application of knowledge; respect for the dignity of the individual; respect for the environment; honesty, integrity, and truth; diversity; and service excellence.

The aims of The Honors College are to:

1. Attract the "best and brightest" students from within and outside FIU and provide them a high quality trans-disciplinary educational experience.
2. Enable students to develop critical, integrative, and creative thinking skills and to make connections among domains of knowledge.
3. Facilitate engagement of students in applied and other research collaboration with the finest research faculty as learners and teachers in the scholarly community.
4. Provide mentoring and internship experiences to complement and enrich the knowledge acquired in the classroom and through research collaboration.
5. Offer scope for service learning engagement as a way to build bridges between domains of knowledge and service activity that enhances civic responsibility.
6. Foster a sense of community among students and faculty as citizens with special talents and responsibilities to self, the scholarly community, and society.
The Star Spangled Banner

*by Francis Scott Key* 
*September 20, 1814*

Oh, say can you see,  
by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed  
at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
through the perilous flight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched,  
were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare,  
the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night  
that our flag was still there.  
0 say, does that star-spangled  
banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free  
and the home of the brave?
### The States Represented in The Honors College

Arizona  
Arkansas  
California  
Colorado  
Delaware  
Florida  
Georgia  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Kansas  
Louisiana  
Maine  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Nevada  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
New York  
Ohio  
Pennsylvania  
South Carolina  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Virginia  
Wisconsin

### The Nations Represented in The Honors College

Argentina  
Australia  
The Bahamas  
Belarus  
Brazil  
Canada  
Cayman Islands  
Chile  
China  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Dominica  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
France  
Germany  
Guatemala  
Guyana  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Indonesia  
Iran  
Israel  
Italy  
Jamaica  
Japan  
Jordan  
Kenya  
Korea  
Lebanon  
Mexico  
Netherlands  
Netherlands Antilles  
Nicaragua  
Nigeria  
Pakistan  
Peru  
Puerto Rico  
Romania  
Russia  
Saudi Arabia  
Slovakia  
Spain  
St. Lucia  
St. Vincent & The Grenadines  
Tanzania  
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Ukraine  
United Kingdom  
United States  
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Honors Convocation Speaker

Meri-Jane Rochelson, Ph.D.
Fellow of The Honors College

Meri-Jane Rochelson grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Barnard College with a major in Political Science. She received an M.A. in teaching English from Teachers College Columbia University, and taught for a few years in New York City public high schools before returning to earn her M.A. She received her Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Rochelson has been a faculty member at FIU for eighteen years. In addition to her work in the English department and Honors College, she is affiliated with the FIU programs in Women's Studies and Jewish Studies and has taught and published in both those areas. Co-editor of Transforming Genres: New Approaches to British Fiction of the 1890s, she is also editor of Israel Zangwill's 1892 novel, Children of the Ghetto, reissued in 1998 with her introduction and notes. She is currently at work on a major study of Zangwill as an Anglo-Jewish writer and political activist. Last spring she was elected Secretary of the Nineteenth Century Studies Association, an interdisciplinary national organization of scholars.

Dr. Rochelson is married to Joel A. Mintz, Professor of Law at Nova Southeastern University, and has two sons, Daniel, a college student, and Robert, in high school. When not immersed in teaching and research, she enjoys traveling and reading books not on the syllabus. And she loves being a part of the Honors College faculty, exploring subjects across disciplinary lines with the remarkable students who make up the Honors College.
The Honors College

The Honors College at Florida International University in Miami offers the best of two worlds. It is a small community of outstanding students, dedicated scholars, and committed teachers who work together in an atmosphere usually associated with small private colleges. Yet, we do so with all the resources of a major state university, which is one of the nation’s top doctoral / research extensive universities. Only 152 universities in the United States hold this superior rank.

The Honors College provides a broad foundation for dedicated students who want to get the most out of their undergraduate education. The undergraduate experience it provides is significantly enhanced by the broad interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum and opportunities to work closely with expert faculty and in the community. The opportunities for graduate or professional study and for employment are greatly expanded because of the range of unique activities and academic experiences made available to students in the College. Additional opportunities in The Honors College include mentoring, Gamma Epsilon Phi (formally The Honors College Society), National Student Exchange, and the Pre-Collegiate Summer Institute.

The Honors Curriculum

You may pursue almost any major available in the University and at the same time complete the honors curriculum. The curriculum emphasizes the following activities: Critical, integrative, and creative thinking; Group and independent research; Oral presentation; Close contact between students and faculty; Integration of class work with the broader community.

Admissions

The deadline for Priority Consideration is February 15. Freshmen: Since admission to the freshman class of the College is limited and competitive, students should complete the application process as early as possible in their senior year of high school. Students should have a minimum high school GPA of 3.5 (weighted) and commensurate test scores on the SAT or ACT. Students who have been named National Merit, Achievement or Hispanic Finalists and Presidential Scholars will be automatically admitted to the Honors College.

Transfer & Current FIU Students: Students with at least a 3.3 in prior college work also can apply to the College at the second or third level. Students transferring from Florida community colleges may compete for transfer scholarships. Minimum requirements: Associate in Arts Degree and GPA of at least 3.5. Membership in the Honors College is required for all transfer scholarship recipients.

The Honors Faculty

“Knowledgeable, caring, enthusiastic, and approachable.” These are some of the characteristics students use to describe the diverse honors faculty. Carefully selected from the more than 1,400 faculty members at the University for their accomplishments as both teachers and scholars, members of the honors faculty take great pride in their close association with their students and are committed to excellence.

Honors Place @ Panther Hall

“Honors Place is remarkable. It’s like home and everyone there is family. We work hard and play hard, driven by our friendship and common pursuit of excellence.” - Damion Dunn, Honors Place Resident Assistant.

The Honors Place at Florida International University is on-campus residence living. As an Honors College student, you will have the opportunity to participate in this special campus housing program.

Study Abroad Opportunities

The Honors College currently offers four study abroad programs to its students: summer programs to Spain, Italy, and a new program to the Caribbean. There is also a new fall semester program to Spain.

Convocation Program

Celebrating Excellence
September 30, 2002 ~ 3:00 p.m. ~ Graham Center Ballroom

Master of Ceremonies
Stefan Jhagroo, President, Gamma Epsilon Phi

 Mistress of Ceremonies
Cher Moody, Biscayne Bay Campus Honors Student

Convocation Processional

The Star Spangled Banner
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Welcome
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Convocation Address
Meri-Jane Rochelson, Fellow of The Honors College

Recognition of Academic Excellence
Admission of New Fellows

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