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Honors Program senior Liz Hetterly is anything but your typical undergraduate student. An Honors Degree with Distinction candidate, Honors Enrichment Award winner, Platinum Scholar and world traveler, Liz has carved her own path at UD. Her passion: Improving maternal and reproductive health in Bangladesh, the context that she lives in, and how that influences their ability to make choices affecting girls and women, and that is what I plan to study in the future.

WHAT MOST excites me is the idea that this is real-life research that there is a genuine need for, that will have a real impact on people’s lives,” says Liz. “I’m expecting to gain a better understanding of the barriers adolescents in urban slums of Bangladesh face in accessing family planning services, and in what ways we can reduce those barriers. On a broader scale, I’m hoping to learn about the context of reproductive health around the world—to learn about the lives of young girls in Bangladesh, the context that they live in, and how that influences their ability to make choices affecting girls and women.

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Kelsey Cummings assists with Honors New Student Orientation, helps put together the Honors course booklet, and welcomes students as they walk in the door.

Sarah Georger supervises the Freshmen, Russell and Senior Fellows and coordinates co-curricular activities for students.

Kevin Liedel coordinates Summer College (soon to be renamed) and is in charge of the Honors Program’s publications and website.

Joell Bacchieri supports the Summer College program and helps plan the General Honors Award ceremony and other events.

Kelli Shermeyer processes student data, plans the Honors Degree ceremony and writes for the Honors website.

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