As I told Honors Program alumni during our reception at Alumna Winkel, it has been a very exciting and successful year for the Honors Program. From a Truman Scholar to winners of the Warner and Taylor awards, outstanding accomplishments of just a few of our Honors students are highlighted in this issue.

The Honors Program also received its first endowed gift this year. I am exceedingly grateful to David and Angela Critics for establishing the Eagleson Memorial Scholars Fund which will support students as they expand their Horizons-experiences beyond our campus. Our first Eagleson Scholar will use this fund to conduct research in Jordan and Germany this summer. Our Honors Alumni Mentoring Network will go live in the fall, and I encourage you to participate (details below).

On the housing front, this fall our entering class of Honors students will live in Lewis Redding Hall, the newest residence hall on campus. While some are sentiment about leaving Russell Hall, with the opening of the new residence hall will greatly enhance the Honors first-year experience.

Finally, congratulations are due to our Senior Associate Director, Katharine Kerrane, who is retiring after 33 years of service to the Honors Program. Virtually every Honors student to ever graduate from UD has benefitted in some way from Katharine’s leadership.

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ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAM

The Honors Program is pleased to announce the Honors Alumni Mentoring Program. This program will allow Honors alumni to advise current Honors students on personal and professional development. Honors Alumni Mentors can give career advice, provide assistance with preparation and decisions about graduate programs and prestigious scholarships, and share their life and work experiences. The mentoring cycle will last one calendar year (October–May) with mentor and mentee contact at least once a month. For more information, please see www.udel.edu/honors/alumni.mentoring. Alumni can apply to be mentors now.

Applications are available on the website and the deadline is Aug. 1. Students will apply for a mentor when they return to campus at the beginning of the fall semester, and mentor/mentee pairs will be announced in October.

We hope you will join us in this new venture to build a relational bridge between alumni and current students.

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The Honor Program is proud to announce the first Eagleson Scholarship Award Winners, Kaitlyn Law. This summer, the Honors junior history and archaeology major will interview and observe in Sennacherib’s palace in Nimrud. The palace, located in the Ninevah region, was once the capital of the Neo-Assyrian Empire. As a scholar, Kaitlyn will study ancient language and material culture. Her research will form the basis for her undergraduate thesis and subsequent graduate research in archaeology.

KAITLYN AND WES
A local legend, excavating an site at Nimrud last July. Kaitlyn is also on the cover.

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**Megan Allen** 13’—Wamie Award Winner for Outstanding Senior Woman, majoring in Wildlife Conservation and Natural Resources and graduating with an Honors Degree in Distinction. Her thesis examines small mammal diversity as an indicator of forest health. She received two Research Fellowships for Undergraduates (REUS) to Costa Rica and Ghana, West Africa. She took a second trip to Ghana for an environmental education project and to increase public awareness about lagoon water quality.

**Katy Herity** 13’—Fullbright Scholar, Dean’s Scholar in Biological Sciences and Sociology, who was featured in the latest edition of Honors Study Break, has received a Fulbright fellowship to India to study women’s health issues with the Society for Nutrition, Education and Health Action non-profit organization. She earned an Honors Degree with Distinction this May.

**Kaitlyn Ignas** 14’—Eagle Scholar, majoring in History and Anthropology. Kaitlyn will travel to Jordan as the first Eagle Scholar to study the beginnings of agriculture through archaeological and contemporary samples of goat teeth and teeth. She will also examine these samples in Germany through isotope analysis to add to the knowledge of how animal domestication shaped early human societies.

**Ryan Leonard** 14’—Truman Scholar, majoring in History and Political Science. Ryan was selected as one of 63 Truman Scholars from a national pool of 629 candidates this spring, recognizing his leadership potential and commitment to public service. With a strong interest in the Middle East, Ryan worked with the Tunisian Access Program to enhance understanding of the United States. He will work in Jordan this summer in a similar program. In addition to studying Arabic language and culture abroad, Ryan has also been president of UD’s mock trial team.

**Doug Young** 14’—Goldbauer Scholar, majoring in Chemistry. One of two Goldbauer Scholars selected from UD this year, Doug has been studying the synthesis of small bacterial cell-wall fragments that can be used to activate the innate immune system. For the past two summers, Doug has also worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory researching the metabolism of bioenergy crops. Doug also plays the cello for UD’s Symphony Orchestra and has served as a Senior Fellow for the Honors Program.

**Kevin Sun** 14’—Truman Scholar Finalist, majoring in International Relations and Economics. Kevin’s passion for human rights led him to create the student organization, WEIX (World Wide Women’s Education and Economics Empowerment). Kevin has volunteered in Nepal and has partnered with the non-profit organization Edge of Seven to raise money for the creation of a community and education center for women in Manikah, Nepal.

**Peter Allen** 14’—Goldbauer Scholar, majoring in Chemical Engineering. Selected as one of 27 Goldbauer Scholarship winners nationwide for his research on novel applications for thermodynamic materials, Peter hopes to develop materials for water purification and energy. His publication “Mega-stabilized Conformations from the Nano-sized World” looks at the intersection of nanotechnology and environmental ethics.

**Max Bremer** 13’—(Not pictured) Taylor Award Winner for Outstanding Senior Man, majoring in Political Science and Economics. This past spring, Max organized the first ever high school Model United Nations Conference on campus. After securing generous funding from multiple units on campus, Max was able to bring 350 students from 17 different high schools to UD for an exciting weekend. HENMUN is a lasting legacy at UD for Max and his secretariat.

**From the Cover:** Portrait: Melanie Allen, Liz Nettleton, Kaitlyn Cane, Ken Leonard, Doug Kenny, Kevin Sun, Peter Allen.

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**ChriSSy Magee & Nick TruOp**

Nick and Christy (Magee Troup both ’12) met at auditions for HTAC’s production of “Unis-Town: The Musical” in the spring of 2009. A month later, they started dating and have been together ever since.

Since graduating in May and getting married on August 4, 2012, they have moved to Charlottesville, VA where Nick is pursuing a graduate degree in astronomy, and Christy is working as a software engineer at Northrop Grumman.

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**Alien Feature**

**From Honors Freshman to Deputy Dean**

The University of Delaware has changed a lot since Krist Krick graduated in 1989. Luckily for her, she’s had the opportunity to witness many of these developments firsthand as a UD faculty member and now as Deputy Dean in the College of Engineering.

“Perhaps the most significant change since my undergraduate days has been the scope and volume of graduate-level research on campus, which has been facilitated by the hiring of outstanding faculty and development of excellent instrumentation and facilities on campus,” she observes.

Krick has contributed to this growth in research through her own work, which currently focuses on the synthesis and assembly of biologically-derived nanomaterials. In her words, “We currently have a large focus on the production of elastomeric hydrogels that are based on resilin, the elastomeric protein that supports rapid motion in insects. We have been working with collaborators on and off campus to understand how the mechanical properties of these materials can affect cell behavior, and how we can use that impact on cell behavior to create injectable therapies for healing blood vessels after surgery or for healing vocal fold damage.”

Before she returned to UD in 2002, Krick worked in industry and earned her PhD in polymer science and engineering at the University of Massachusetts. Krick holds 17 U.S. patents, has published more than 80 papers or book chapters, and has delivered over 125 invited seminars or talks.

In a recent UDaily article, Intramur Dean of Engineering, Rabouni Oughamou, describes Krick as representing “a generation of true scholars. In my opinion she is an exemplary figure worthy of emulation by the younger generation.” Krick says: “One piece of advice for those of this generation who want to explore the STEM fields: "One piece of advice I would offer anyone entering the STEM fields is to think about what big challenges they may wish to address in the world, and to realize that these challenges are best addressed by diverse teams. Part of the educational process, then, is not just to learn technical skills, but also to gain the perspectives and partnerships to address these challenges.”

Krick still has fond memories of her time as a student in the Honors Program. “The individual attention that I received as a student in the UD Honors Program was one of the highlights of my undergraduate career at UD, and this attention came from the faculty and the program administrators alike. It greatly facilitated my transition from a small high school environment to a large university setting, and I am forever in debt to the UDHP for that. I remember with great fondness the camaraderie of the Dickinson and Brown dormitories, Burnaby Munson’s snack-fueled, marathon chemistry exams, some of our student-organized and UDHP-sponsored adventures to cultural events in the region, and running across campus from Dickinson because I was almost always late for class.”

As an alumna, faculty member, and now part of the college leadership team, Krick has certainly made her mark on UD. But she still has a lot to look forward to in her career, “I am most enthusiastic about having a continued impact in higher education, so that students can continue to learn about topics and disciplines that will shape their futures.”