This past August I had the pleasure of welcoming the largest class ever to the Honors Program. It is nice to see that some of the good things happening at UD and within our Honors Program are attracting so many strong students.

This issue of our newsletter highlights opportunities Honors students are taking advantage of both on (at the new STAR campus) and in the community (working on the campaign of Honors alumni Bryan Townsend). In the coming weeks, thanks to the efforts of current Honors students, we will host two exciting speakers who both celebrate and challenge us to think about the importance of education. Slash poet, humorist and teacher Taylor Mall will engage with our students at the end of winter session, and Geoffrey Canada, educator, social activist and author of the Stuck Stick Gun, will present the annual Louis L. Redding Lecture on March 3rd. I encourage you to check out their TED Talks – Taylor’s poem “What Teachers Make” and Geoffrey’s “Our Failing Schools” – on Youtube to see some of the ideas current Honors students are considering and confronting.

Finally, as a reminder, we are hoping to see even more of you than the record number who attended last year at our Friday evening reception (just before mug night) during Alumni Weekend – it will take place on June 5. Please save the date!

Michael Arnold
De. Michael Arnold, Director
University Honors Program

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All Honors Program Alumni are invited to join us for our annual Alumni Weekend reception on Friday, June 5, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at 186 S. College Avenue.

Registration for Alumni Weekend and the Honors reception will open in early March.

Watch for emails and announcements from Alumni Relations. We hope to see you on June 5th!

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This past summer, two Honors Program students presented research at the research symposium related to their work with Dr. Cole Galloway’s GoBabyGo! mobility and sociability project. The Pediatric Mobility Lab and Design Studio, located on UD’s STAR (Science, Technology and Advanced Research) campus, is where the GoBabyGo! project comes alive.

Naimsha Movva, a junior biology and Spanish double major, has been involved in research in Diocese Galloway’s lab since her sophomore year. Much of her focus is on the skeleton project, a wearable technology that helps patients with arthrogryposis, a condition that affects children’s abilities to move their shoulders, wrists and hands. Patients often wear an exo-skeleton type harness that wraps around their elbows and provides support. In the GoBabyGo! Lab, the researchers make the hardware more comfortable and focus on its design.

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