

Honors Program

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Honors Medal Ceremony



To the left (from left to right) are Connor Larkin and Carson Goerlitz who were nominated for Honors Student of the Year.



Pictured above is the Honors Student of the Year, Josiah Schmedding.



On December 13th, 2021, the Honors Department hosted the Fall 2021 Medal Ceremony. We recognized students that had completed General Studies Honors, Majors Honors, and the candidates for Honors Student of the Year. The students that graduated with General Studies Honors are Maelea Coulson, Megan Drannan, Erin Richards, Ali Tauchen, and Ashlyn Voetberg. Kaitlyn Lux graduated this semester with both General Studies Honors and Majors Honors. We also recognized three candidates for Honors Student of the Year who were faculty nominated. Connor Larkin was nominated by Dr. Dawn Drake, Josiah Schmedding was nominated by Dr. Dominic DeBrincat, and Carson Goerlitz was nominated by Dr. Teddi Deka. The recipient of the award was Josiah Schmedding. The Spring 2022 Medal Ceremony will be held on May 02, 2022 at 4:00 PM in Spratt 214/216, so look out for your invite.



Pictured above is Dr. Angela Haas awarding graduate Maelea Coulson her General Studies Honors medal.

Above are the students that graduated with honors. From left to right: Erin Richards, Megan Drannan, Maelea Coulson, Kaitlyn Lux, and Ali Tauchen.

News In SHO

The Student Honors Organization (SHO) is the social club that accompanies the Missouri Western Honors Department. SHO has biweekly meetings that focus on hanging out with your fellow honors students and getting the most out of the program. Every semester we do volunteer work, and this semester we are joining The Big Event on April 8th.



Jennifer Doris, pictured on the right, is the current president of SHO.



Senior Spotlight

Hannah Berry will be graduating in May of 2022 with a Bachelor's of Science in Economics and minor in English Studies. She came to Missouri Western from Liberty High School (Liberty, MO) in the fall of 2018, and joined the MWSU Honors Program in the spring of 2019. While at Missouri Western, Hannah has participated in the Student Government Association as the Student Governor, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, as the president, and the Legal Studies Association. After graduation in May, she will be finishing out her summer managing a local storage facility (Cherry Storage), and then taking a gap year living in Germany. Hannah had the opportunity to travel to seven European countries in the summer of 2019, which she described as a transformative learning experience. Hannah looks forward to learning further travel and cultural experiences, as well as becoming a more fluent German speaker. After a year abroad, she will be returning to the U.S. to complete law school. Hannah is interested in business and international law. Hannah said that she feels “thankful for all the growth and experiences Missouri Western has provided me over the last four years, and I am proud to be a MWSU Griffon!”



General Studies Honors

Elizabeth Comella
Paige Donnohue
Samantha Feaker
Hailee Fitzgerald
Jason Kusilek
Grace Langford
Madysen Lytton
Madelyn O'Connell
Josiah Schmedding
Dawson Schmutzler
Abigail Stokes
Mehreen Tai
Regan Wood

Majors Honors and General Studies Honors

Luke Armstrong
Hannah Berry
Matthew Bobela
Logan Cutler
Carson Goerlitz