



NEWSLETTER

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ABOUT US

In 1987, Missouri Western State University established the Honors Program with administrative support, budgets, utilization of the most qualified faculty, and development of an interesting, innovative, challenging, and flexible curriculum with smaller class sizes. Dr. Gerald Zweerink became the first Honors Director, establishing the Insignis Scholarship (the Golden Griffon Scholarship), Student Honors Organization, and affiliation with Alpha Chi. Since then, four honors directors Dr. David Bennett (1993-2005), Dr. Elizabeth Latosi- Sawin (2005-2012), Dr. Teddi Deka (2012-2021), and Dr. Joel Hyer (2021- present), along with the Honors Committee and support staff, developed innovative curriculum, and provided opportunities for research and travel.

HONORS COMMITTEE



IMPORTANT INFO

We want to hear from you! If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, you can email us at honors@missouriwestern.edu, or give us a call at **816-271- 4535**. We are located in Eder 220. Follow us on social media! Instagram @mwsuhonors Facebook @The Honors Program, Missouri Western State University





FALL 2025 GRADUATES

MAYA BURNSIDES

CARLEN HITE

ALEX KESSINGER

MOLLY KILLION

PATTY LASHBROOK

DAWN LANNING

COLLOQUIA

The General Studies Honors Program follows a two-year cycle of courses which ensures that courses from the various categories in General Studies are available at least once in every four-year cycle. The following list is the offered Colloquia courses for the Spring 2026 semester:

HON 395-01 with Dr. Adkins

HON 395-02 with Dr. Carviou



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