

FHSU Honors College

Newsletter



THE NUMBERS

91 Students
63 Alumni

27 majors
represented

3.8 average
COVID-year GPA

6 out of 19 of
the 2021 Torch
Award Nominees



ALEC BEVIS TORCH AWARD 2022



The Honors College is rarely short on supplying the Torch Award with its nominees. But this year, we have a winner!

Alec has been excelling on the soccer team for years, helping the team break records as its captain.

Beyond his athleticism, Alec has also succeeded academically. This spring, he graduated with his bachelor's in Chemistry and will be moving on to Kansas University to pursue a PhD in Biochemistry.

Alec thanks Dr. Balthazor, Dr. Atwater, and the rest of the Chemistry department for contributing to his success.

"Beyond research experience, the faculty members in the department have taught me more than just chemistry. I have learned valuable life skills and also how to form relationships with faculty members, to name a few."

Despite his calm and cool demeanor, we know he works so hard to meet his goals. Alec will be a wonderful asset to KU and we wish him all the best!



Follow us on Instagram @fhsuhonorscollege for more photos!

HAVING A BALL

In our larger student office, the walls are lined with signed posters from one of our most consistent Honors College events: our annual gala.

The HC's Success & Engagement Co-Coordinators Caitlin and Courtney Tinkham organized a dance inspired by F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Honorables and KAMS/AMS students in attendance donned their roaring 20s get-ups for an evening of glittery photoshoots, sugary snacks, and—most importantly—dancing.

ANOTHER NATURAL DISASTER

Fortunately, no textbooks were damaged this time around; instead, our students were locked in for the night.

When the dust storm hit at the end of the fall semester, leaving students without power for the evening, they were forced to stop studying and socialize—a spontaneous event by the light of a portable phone charger and some LED power strips.

With Tiger Village's electronically-locked doors propped open, Honorables treated themselves to the much needed fun of a few rounds of Star Trek Catan.



JONATHAN'S GAMING

Almost as soon as the Honorables moved in to Tiger Village, the cubbies were filled with board games to be shared by students wanting a more social experience.

As the first semester passed, however, it was clear that the

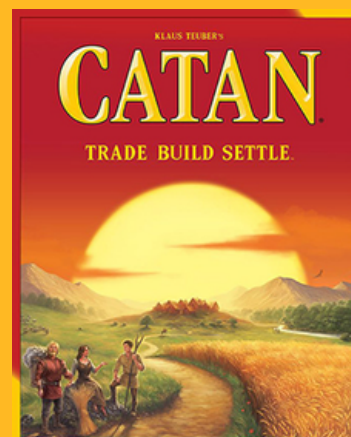
communal copies of tabletop games weren't getting much use.

As the infrequently opened collection grew, and after the dust storm, one of the Cave's more frequent visitors—Jonathan Hoepner—took it upon himself to organize an unofficial Honors College board game night.

While the idea didn't have much

success in the spring semester, with most students remaining cooped up inside their rooms, Jonathan sat in Side A on Saturdays at 7 pm, waiting for fellow students who needed a board game break.

That's the kind of engagement effort we like to see. Let's hope the board game nights go better in the fall!



A LEADER AMONG HONORABLES

COLE BERRY

a junior majoring in leadership studies, was chosen as one of 173 Newman Civic Fellows this year.

Cole will spend a year working alongside Campus Compact as well as participating in the Voss

Advanced Leadership Undergraduate Experience (VALUE) under the guidance of the FHSU Leadership Studies department.

Keep on leading the way, Cole!



BRADEN ALLPHIN, OAKLYNN CARMAN, AND CHLOE KNIPP

Even our freshmen are earning Honors!

In particular, when this trio attended the 2022 American Chemical Society (ACS) Wichita Local Section Awards Banquet, they were honored as American Chemical Society Outstanding Freshmen.

And we know we'll be seeing more outstanding achievements from these three in the coming years.



You are our best resource as we seek to continue to make unique educational opportunities available to deserving students.

We would be happy to welcome you for a visit to the Honors College anytime or answer any questions you have.

As you consider end-of-year giving, or whenever inspiration strikes, please consider a gift to the Honors College. Only with financial support from our friends can we help all students in the way they deserve.

Please visit fhsu.edu/honors for more information on donating, or feel free to contact Director Kevin Amidon at ksamidon@fhsu.edu or 785-628-4748.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

We'd love to highlight what our Honorable students and alumni are up to! It's as simple as contacting Kathay at kljohnson2@fhsu.edu!

Or, if you'd rather write something up yourself, we have a blog:

<https://thehonorableblog.blogspot.com/>