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- Building a global perspective
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“In Ecuador, the poor receive very limited medical care and have no health insurance. Because of that, many special-needs kids are abandoned at churches, and they have orphanages just for those children.”

Mary Elizabeth McCulloch, a Scholar majoring in bioengineering and physics, worked at one of these orphanages, where she met children with nonverbal cerebral palsy. While the children showed an extreme deficiency in motor skills, she saw a strong desire in each of them to communicate with their caregivers and visitors.

“There were fifteen kids with cerebral palsy at the orphanage where I worked, and every day it became evident that they were coherent,” McCulloch says. “They had trouble moving their muscles and getting their brains to tell their muscles what to do, but by sitting down and asking them yes-or-no questions, they would nod their heads and you could learn a lot just by asking a long series of questions.”

“I thought that if I could make something that could ask these questions for me and let the kids be able to respond with more than a ‘yes’ or ‘no,’ it would really help them communicate. I created a device that essentially speaks for them, correlating different ranges of motion in their legs with a large bank of responses from which they could select.”

“Being a Schreyer Scholar is not just about getting a grade; I really do want to go into a third-world country to be an engineer and a physician.”
"Seeing this device come to life is my dream."  

MARY ELIZABETH McCULLOCH  
BIOENGINEERING AND PHYSICS  
PENN STATE ALTOONA AND UNIVERSITY PARK

25% of Schreyer Scholars have a double major
ABE DeHART
HAS A GOAL TO HELP SOUTHEAST ASIAN FARMERS BETTER MANAGE THE LAND FOR GREATER YIELDS IN FOOD PRODUCTION. IN TEN YEARS, HE SEES HIMSELF AS THE HEAD OF AN ORGANIZATION DOING AGRICULTURAL WORK IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

“I had to gain the trust of Indian farmers, so I learned to speak Urdu.”

ABE DeHART
AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT PARTICIPANT IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE CRITICAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM
Abe DeHart, a Scholar majoring in agricultural systems management, traveled to Lucknow, India, courtesy of the U.S. Department of State’s Critical Language Scholarship Program. It was his second summer participating in the program in North India.

When he first arrived, he was surprised by the lack of farming machinery and power equipment. “It’s incredible to see what we take for granted. Everything that we do with machinery here, they do by hand. People were planting rice by hand, weeding by hand and even plowing with bulls rather than tractors.”

DeHart’s future plans hinge on his ability to communicate with the region’s farmers. “I’m learning Urdu because I want to work with farmers in South-east Asia, either in Pakistan or India.” By knowing the local language, DeHart was able to interview farmers and find out what solutions they envisioned. “With the research I’ve done, I now have a better sense of what the problems actually are. I can go back and help them in the future.”

After graduating, DeHart plans to return to India and complete a Fulbright research grant on farming systems that will increase farmers’ incomes.

“When you’re presented with a cool opportunity, go for it,” he says. “Don’t hesitate. Do what you’re passionate about.”

“It’s incredible to see what we take for granted. Everything that we do with machinery here, they do by hand.”
There are 1,440 minutes in a day. How will you use them?

ABU FOFANAH
BUSINESS
FOUNDER OF MOTIVATIONAL APPAREL
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS INTERN, PARIS

The mission of Schreyer Honors College is to promote:
Creating Opportunities for Leadership and Civic Engagement
“One summer, after I started at Penn State, I worked at the Special Olympics. The athletes there blew me away. Nothing was going to stop them from achieving great things and being happy. It really lit a fire in me. I racked my brain to figure out how I could spread that message of hope. I came up with these motivational t-shirts. And for every shirt purchased, a portion of the proceeds goes to the Special Olympics.”

For Scholar Abu Fofanah, the value of hope and hard work are deep-seated. He and his mother fled war-torn Sierra Leone when he was just five.

“I didn’t see my siblings for many years. My mother worked two and sometimes three jobs to get me what I needed. When I was in high school, I played soccer. I was so passionate about it and some colleges offered me athletic scholarships. But when I got accepted into Schreyer, that was it. I just knew I had to take the opportunity.”

Now a business major, Fofanah has certainly taken advantage of the opportunities available through the honors college, including resources to help propel his motivational t-shirt line. Last summer he interned at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Paris and this summer he will participate in Harvard Business School’s Summer Venture in Management—a program that accepts only fifty students out of thousands of applicants. “It is an introduction into what a Harvard Business class is like and it provides a gateway into the business school.” Tapping into the positive energy of the Schreyer community has helped him take his business venture to the next level.

“Remember to put the work in now and you’ll reap the benefits of a successful life later.”
HALLMARKS OF THE SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE

— Honors Courses: More than 250 courses, taught by leading faculty, span the academic spectrum. Honors classes typically enroll no more than twenty-five students and are open to all Penn State students as space is available. Some honors courses are enriched versions of regular Penn State offerings while others are unique to the honors curriculum.

— Honors Advising: Honors advisors help Schreyer Scholars explore interests and possibilities while keeping them focused on their academic requirements.

— Priority Registration: Schreyer Scholars are able to schedule classes first—well before course registration begins for other Penn State students.

— Grants: The Schreyer Honors College awards grants to help offset the costs associated with traveling abroad for study, research, or service. Grants are also available to assist with living expenses associated with unpaid summer internships and research.

— Study Abroad: In 2013-14, Schreyer awarded more than 300 travel grants, totaling more than $175,000, for international study, service, and research. Students used those grants to visit more than fifty countries.

— Signature Study Abroad Programs:
  > Globalization Certificate Program, a 12-credit concentrated study of India or South America
  > London Study Tour, a theatre-intensive program open to any major
  > Semester Exchange Program with University College Freiburg, Germany
  > Radboud Think Tanks, two weeklong programs with Raboud University in Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Graduate/Professional School Placements
Brown University
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Google
Hearst Newspapers
IBM
JP Morgan Chase
Kraft Foods
Lockheed Martin
Microsoft
Morgan Stanley
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation
Teach for America
U.S. Government

(Partial lists, 2013-14)
— **The Honors Thesis**: The thesis distinguishes a Schreyer Scholar’s career and accomplishments at Penn State. It is a substantial, scholarly work that defines a Scholar’s academic achievement.

— **The Scholars Medal**: The medal is awarded to graduating Scholars who have successfully completed the college’s academic requirements. A Scholar’s diploma and transcript note that the individual graduated with honors in a specific academic area.

— **Distinguished Honors Faculty Program**: This program brings selected faculty together with students to discuss topics ranging from medical ethics and consumerism in the twenty-first century to development in the Far East and community-based reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

— **Academic Excellence Scholarship**: All first-year Schreyer Scholars receive the Academic Excellence Scholarship, a value of $4,500 per year, renewable for a total of four years (eight semesters).

The scholarship may be combined with other need- and merit-based university funding up to the total cost of attendance.

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**INCOMING CLASS, FALL 2014**

**College offered admission:**

- **3.55%** Agricultural Sciences
- **3%** Arts and Architecture
- **24.17%** Science
- **1.29%** Nursing
- **6.45%** Liberal Arts
- **6.5%** Information Sciences and Technology
- **9.03%** Business
- **2.26%** Communications
- **4.84%** Exploratory
- **2.26%** Education
- **3.87%** Earth and Mineral Sciences
- **35.16%** Engineering
- **4.19%** Health and Human Development

**Student Profile**

Members of the fall 2014 incoming class represent seventeen states and five countries. Members of the Schreyer Honors College student body hail from thirty-three states, two U.S. territories, and fourteen countries.

**Female:** 53%
**Male:** 47%
MANAGING more than $6 million is intense, but I love it.

EMILY ZHENG
FINANCE AND ECONOMICS
PRESIDENT OF THE NITTANY LION FUND
BECOMING A SCHREYER SCHOLAR

— **Selection** is based on a supplemental application, which includes essays, short answer questions, and recommendations. Your transcript will also be reviewed, but we do not evaluate standardized test scores. Interviews are optional.

— **The application** is available September 1 through the general Penn State admissions application. You must submit your application by November 30 to be eligible for an interview, and January 15 is the final deadline.

— **Decisions** are announced in early March.

— **Honors Graduation Requirements:**
  - 35 honors credits
  - 3.40 cumulative GPA
  - Submission and approval of an honors thesis

  *Visit shc.psu.edu for a full list of requirements.*

LIVING WITH HONORS

Scholars housing is the perfect mix of residence-life fun in an environment dedicated to academic achievement.

**Simmons and Atherton Halls:**
— Located in the heart of campus, and near downtown State College, close to restaurants, shopping, libraries, and workout facilities
— 10+ study areas, 24/7 computer labs, 3 TV lounges, 2 soundproof music practice rooms, and rec rooms with ping-pong, pool, air hockey, and foosball
— Social hours and fireside chats with alumni, faculty, and staff

**The GLOBE:**

Within honors housing is a special living option called The GLOBE, which brings the world closer to home. This recently renovated floor in Simmons Hall houses seventy-four Scholars interested in global issues. Cultural films, discussions with faculty on globalization, demonstrations of ethnic food cooking, and conversations with Scholars who have recently studied abroad are among the programs offered.
HONORS AT ALL PENN STATE CAMPUSES

Schreyer Scholars may start at any of Penn State’s undergraduate campuses, but must complete their studies (junior and senior years) at one of seven Penn State campuses: Abington, Altoona, Erie, Berks, Brandywine, Harrisburg, or University Park. All undergraduate campuses except University Park also have their own honors programs, which offer special academic and extracurricular enrichment opportunities. These programs have their own selection criteria. For more information, please contact the honors coordinator or admissions office at the campus you are interested in attending.

LATER ENTRY TO SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE

Current Penn State students with exemplary academic records may be considered for entry to the Schreyer Honors College through the Gateway admission process, subject to the approval of their department or college. Typically, this consideration occurs at the end of the sophomore year. Please contact the Schreyer Honors College or your academic adviser for more information.

ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAMS

Schreyer Scholars also have opportunities to be matched with some of the University’s most accomplished graduates through the Society of Distinguished Alumni Mentoring Programs. Additionally, through the college’s Mentoring with Honors Program, Schreyer alumni connect with individual Scholars to share their perspectives on navigating life, both in college and after graduation.

ACCESS TO HONORS COURSES AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL PENN STATE STUDENTS

Honors courses at Penn State are generally open to all qualified students on a space-available basis. In a typical year, more than 800 University Park students who are not Schreyer Scholars take at least one honors course.

Penn State is committed to providing all undergraduates with opportunities for original research and creative activity. Our faculty involves students in their projects, giving students access to research opportunities through their department or college. Additional opportunities can be found at undergradresearch.psu.edu.
“WE’RE GOING TO THE MOON.”
PENN STATE’S LUNAR LION TEAM IS BUILDING A ROBOTIC CRAFT THAT THEY HOPE TO LAND ON THE MOON IN 2015. NO UNIVERSITY HAS EVER DONE THAT.

"It’s mind-blowing.
KARA MORGAN
AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, RUSSIAN AND ENGINEERING MECHANICS DOUBLE-MINOR, LOGISTICS MANAGER OF THE LUNAR LION SPACE TEAM
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