ACADEMIC SCHOLARLY EXCELLENCE WITH MORE. A BROADER COMMITMENT. A LARGER SENSE OF THE WORLD.

GLOBAL FROM MADAGASCAR TO THE MOON, WE HELP OUR SCHOLARS SHARE THEIR TALENTS ON THE EARTH AND BEYOND.

LEADERS UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR SCHOLARS TO LEARN, LEAD, AND HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE GREATER GOOD.
Scholar Maya Evanitsky gathers DNA samples from the “original Nittany Lion” for the Nittany Lion Genome Project.

Mission
The mission of the Schreyer Honors College is to promote:
– Achieving academic excellence with integrity
– Building a global perspective, and
– Creating opportunities for leadership and civic engagement

Vision
To educate men and women who will have an important and ethical influence in the world, affecting academic, professional, civic, social, and business outcomes.
To improve educational practice and to continue to be recognized as a leading force in honors education nationwide.
Schreyer Honors College was recently ranked as one of the nation’s top public honors colleges and is widely recognized as one of the foremost undergraduate programs in the United States. The honors experience at Penn State offers small class size and one-to-one access to distinguished faculty, all within one of the world’s leading research institutions. The small living/learning community within a bigger institution offers individualized support and countless opportunities, including mentoring connections with Penn State alumni who have gone on to become industry leaders.
“NOT EVERY COLLEGE GIVES STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THESIS RESEARCH; BEING ABLE TO DO THAT DEFINITELY DIFFERENTIATES ME FROM MY FRIENDS AND GIVES ME AN EDGE.”
Leen Obeidat
Finance and Telecommunications Double Major
Business Manager, The Daily Collegian

On a typical day, Leen Obeidat can be found behind the desk drafting the headlines rather than being featured in them.

Obeidat joined The Daily Collegian as a freshman with a vested interest in finance.

“Being a part of the Sales Department opened my eyes, and I grew a passion for the media industry.”

She is the outgoing Business Manager of The Daily Collegian, where she oversaw the five departments that make up the business division of Penn State’s independent student newspaper.

“I didn’t know of the Penn State pride coming here. I’ve seen people that really like going to their school, but I’ve never seen people really proud of what they’re studying and what they’re doing other than at Penn State.”

Originally from Amman, Jordan, Obeidat looked at colleges all over the world that would deviate from the modern city life that she had known growing up. Obeidat decided to find her second home at Penn State, which offered both a highly competitive business school and small-town feel.

“Being a woman from the Middle East has really empowered me. I know it’s going to be a little extra hard for me to find a job here [in the U.S.], so I look for ways to stand out and Schreyer has helped me with that.”

Obeidat received an invitation to join the Schreyer Honors College through the Gateway entry program. Since being admitted to Schreyer, Obeidat has noticed among the Scholars that she has met a shared passion for growing and being more successful.

“It’s not just school anymore for us; it’s doing extra stuff outside. Because we are in Schreyer we understood from day one that we wanted to stand out and that we wanted to be different. There are more than 40,000 students here on this campus—how do you stand out?”

“Being a Scholar helps you stand out whether it’s applying to jobs, getting leadership positions on campus, even just talking to professors about your Schreyer research helps you connect to people and expands your network.”
NATASHA NAGLE
Geosciences, Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, and
Anthropology Triple Major
International Studies and Jewish Studies Minors
Public Relations Chair, Penn State Global Ambassadors

Natasha Nagle developed a taste for archaeology at a young age. She didn’t even have to go down the street.

“We have a stone driveway. I would be that kid who walks around picking up really cool rocks.”

Since she was 16, Nagle has traveled to Israel, Italy, Greece, and Mexico on study abroad programs and has received hands-on experience in archaeological excavations.

“Trying to figure out the stories of the Earth or the stories of the people who lived on it, that to me is the most important thing, and that’s what I’m most interested in—being able to hold a bowl that nobody else has seen for 2,000 years and put that as a puzzle piece into the wider aspect of what we already know and what we will find out in the future.”

Nagle credits Schreyer staff and advisers with helping her to find an academic track that worked for her, even if it was less than traditional.

“I didn’t want to give up my interest in the geological sciences or the classics, so I decided to do both.”

“This is really, truly a place where even if you don’t fit a mold that other colleges might need you to fit, that’s perfectly OK. In fact, that’s encouraged. They’re never going to turn somebody away by saying, ‘Nobody’s done that before’.”

Nagle hopes to explore South and Central America and the British Isles as an archaeologist and would also like to return to Greece. Her top college priority has been to gain as much knowledge as she possibly can.

“It’s really sunk in that this is a place where if you want to learn, you have all the opportunities. If they’re not there already, you have all the avenues to go through and find them.”
“TRAVELING ABSOLUTELY BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND IT TEACHES YOU ABOUT CULTURES THAT YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD ANY CONTACT WITH OTHERWISE.”
“I wanted to help save lives and make a difference in someone’s health.”
Josh Riley joined a number of clubs during his freshman year at Penn State.

“I saw that the leader, so many times, was a Schreyer Scholar as well. A lot of these clubs had nothing to do with academics. One of them was club kickball. That kind of participation has shown me that being in Schreyer doesn’t mean you’re just in Schreyer, it means you have an opportunity to be a leader at Penn State, in the entire student body.”

Riley was a leader at Schreyer, too. He was the executive director of Empower Orphans, an organization founded by a fellow Schreyer Scholar to help vulnerable children, has been a team leader for SHO TIME, the College’s annual student orientation event, for multiple years; and was a member of the dancer relations committee for the Penn State Dance Marathon.

A volunteer trainer in the Mount Nittany Medical Center Emergency Department, Riley aspires to be a leader in the medical profession someday. His mother is an infectious disease physician at Lancaster General Hospital, and he shadowed her as both a young child and after he started college.

“It was seeing her interactions with patients, how much she loved her job. It just struck me as I can see myself doing this and I could really enjoy being a doctor. Her entire day is walking into a room with a patient and talking to them about their life, what their problems are, and how to move forward. That’s something I’d love to be able to do in my future career.”

Riley values the support system he has found within the Schreyer Honors College, which includes advice he has received from his Honors advisers and medical panels he has attended. His peers have made a great impact as well.

“I’ve met so many other premedical students who share similar drive, similar motivations that have encouraged me to keep going and keep looking into the medical field.”
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 2017-18, Schreyer Honors College dedicated $300,000 to support international experiences for Scholars.

Signature Study Abroad Programs:
> Summer programs in India and South America
> London Study Tour, a theatre-intensive program open to any major
> Semester Exchange Program with University College Freiburg, Germany

HALLMARKS OF THE SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE

Honors Courses: Nearly 300 courses, taught by leading faculty, span the academic spectrum. Honors classes typically enroll no more than twenty-five students. Some honors courses are enriched versions of regular Penn State offerings while others are unique to the honors curriculum.

Honors Advising: Honors advisers 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.

40% of Schreyer Scholars Study Abroad
32% of Schreyer Scholars have two or more majors
—**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 leading faculty members together with Scholars to challenge their intellect to discover, explore, and discuss subjects from all disciplines. The DHFP helps Scholars learn how to interact in formal and informal settings. Past programs include global health and entrepreneurship, visits to embassies in Washington, D.C., and Johns Hopkins Hospital to learn about cancer disparities.

—**Academic Excellence Scholarship**: All first-year Schreyer Scholars receive the Academic Excellence Scholarship, a value of $5,000 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.

**HONORS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

> 35 honors credits
> 3.40 cumulative GPA
> Submission and approval of an honors thesis

Visit [shc.psu.edu](http://shc.psu.edu) for a full list of requirements.

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**SCHREYER SCHOLARS STUDY IN**

**60 COUNTRIES**

**3.83**

THE AVERAGE GPA FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

**291**

HONORS COURSES
BECOMING A SCHREYER SCHOLAR

**Selection** is based on a supplemental application, which includes essays (essay questions will be published at shc.psu.edu/admissions in mid-July), short answer questions, and recommendations. Your academic record will also be reviewed. A separate application fee is required. Applicants who submit by the Nov. 1 priority deadline are eligible to participate in our optional Alumni Interview Program. Interviews can be scheduled starting on Oct. 1 and must be completed by Dec. 3.

AUG 1
**Application** is available through the general Penn State admission application

OCT
**Optional Alumni Interviews open**

NOV 1
**Priority deadline** to submit your application

DEC 3
**Final application deadline**

Early MAR
**Decisions** are announced

shc.psu.edu/admissions

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, Behrend, 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.

shc.psu.edu/admissions/apply/gateway.cfm

LATER ENTRY TO SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE

Current Penn State students with exemplary academic records may be considered for entry into 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.

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SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT PROFILE

Fields of study:

- Business 10%
- Communications 3%
- Education 2%
- Earth and Mineral Sciences 3%
- Engineering 24%
- Health and Human Development 6%
- Liberal Arts 24%
- Information Sciences and Technology 2%
- Science 17%
- Nursing 1%
- Agricultural Sciences 4%
- Arts and Architecture 3%
- Exploratory 1%

Members of the Schreyer Honors College total student body hail from 38 states, two U.S. territories, and 29 countries.

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 on campus, near downtown State College, close to restaurants, shopping, libraries, and workout facilities
- Social hours and fireside chats with alumni, faculty, and staff
- 10+ study areas and 24/7 computer labs
- 3 TV lounges
- 2 soundproof music practice rooms
- rec rooms with ping-pong, pool, air hockey, and foosball

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.

SCHREYER SCHOLARS REPRESENT THE TOP 2% OF STUDENTS AT PENN STATE WHO LEAD NOT ONLY IN THE CLASSROOM BUT ALSO IN RESEARCH, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, ON THE ATHLETIC FIELD, IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND IN SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
Marlisa Shaw traveled to Ghana during her sophomore year in high school and worked with a medical clinic. She plans to apply for the MD/PhD program at Hershey Medical Center with the eventual goal of practicing bench to bedside. She doesn’t want to treat disease; she wants to cure it.

“This is what happens when you just go for it. You learn how to learn; the importance of knowing why you do things.”

“People told me you’ll meet people from everywhere in college, but nobody really said everywhere.”

Marlisa Shaw ‘20
Eberly College of Science Premajor
Millennium Scholars Program
PENN STATE HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE WITH MORE THAN 1,200 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS—MANY LED BY SCHREYER SCHOLARS.

Our students lead not only in the classroom, but across the University, in NCAA Division I sports; THON, the largest student-run philanthropy in the world; Penn State Blue Band; and social and volunteer organizations. Nittany Lion mascots have been Schreyer Scholars and for the past five years, a Scholar has served as the Drum Major.
Awards

DURING THE 2017–18 ACADEMIC YEAR, SCHREYER HONORS SCHOLARS HAVE BEEN THE RECIPIENTS OF NUMEROUS AWARDS, BOTH NATIONALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD. These students exemplify the mission of the Schreyer Honors College: to achieve excellence with integrity, build a global perspective, and create opportunities for leadership and civic engagement.

HANNAH POHLMANN
ASTRONAUT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER
Hannah Pohlmann, a senior studying materials science and engineering and mathematics, received a prestigious Astronaut Scholarship. Her research focused primarily on polymers, including those used in 3-D printing and in oil spill recovery. She has been published in the journal Applied Physics Letters and interned at ExxonMobil.

TAYLOR BAUM
GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2018
Taylor Baum was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation and an Astronaut Scholarship. Baum, a junior double-majoring in biology and electrical engineering, is also the recipient of the Madden Honors Scholarship, the Doris N. McKinnry Scholarship, and the Sinha Family Trustee Scholarship. She would like to continue to study the intersection between neuroscience and electrical engineering.

BENJAMIN PIAZZA
NAKATANI RIES FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT
Benjamin Piazza, a sophomore majoring in physics, was one of 12 participants in the 2018 Nakatani Research & International Experiences for Students (RIES) Fellowship for U.S. students, which afforded him the opportunity to participate in a three-week language and culture orientation program in Tokyo followed by a nine-week science and engineering research experience at the Aoki Laboratory at Chiba University.

BENJAMIN ROWLES
YOUNG FELLOWS PROGRAM
Benjamin Rowles was awarded a spot in the Young Fellows Program, which allows recent graduates to work with the Friends Committee on National Legislation to build experience in advocacy from a public interest perspective. Rowles, a graduating senior majoring in English, is also the recipient of the President’s Freshman Award, President Sparks Award, Evan Pugh Scholar Award, and the Erickson Discovery Grant.

ROSALIE SOWERS
GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2018
Rosalie Sowers was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Sowers, a junior double-majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology and computer science, would like to pursue a career in genomics. She is also the recipient of the Evan Pugh Scholarship, the Homer Braddock Scholarship, and the Lockheed Martin Corporation Scholarship. co-founder of Penn State’s Music Service Club and also served on the Council of LionHearts.
Alejandro Cuevas Villalba came to Penn State from Paraguay planning to major in engineering. But Penn State and Schreyer alumnus Christopher Catalano ’04 IST, who met him through Schreyer’s Mentoring with Honors program, encouraged him to take a look at information technology. He presented a paper on the digital immunity of a humanitarian organization at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Symposium on Security and Privacy in San Francisco.

“THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL VALUE THAT SCHREYER HAS GIVEN TO ME IS THE ABILITY TO SATISFY MY CURIOUS MIND.”

“I LIKED THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT. I LIKED THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE INDEPENDENT STUDIES. IF I HAD INTEREST IN OTHER TOPICS, THEY WERE WILLING TO WORK WITH ME.”

ALEJANDRO CUEVAS VILLALBA ’18
Security and Risk Analysis Major, English Leadership Development Minor
Jared Edgar McKnight was a designer on the redesign of the Hoover-Mason Trestle, converting the site of the former steel plant into a park. He won the 2016 American Institute of Architects National Associates Award, which is given to those who demonstrate leadership and commitment to membership in the community.

“I wanted to sharpen my leadership abilities.”

“Schreyer gave me an environment that brought out the best in me. It gave me opportunities to take on things that I wouldn’t have otherwise been able to do.”

**JARED EDGAR MCKNIGHT ’11**

*B.Arch, B.A., International Studies  
Associate and Designer at WRT  
2016 Schreyer Outstanding Scholar Alumnus Winner*
Alumni Engagement

SCHREYER SCHOLARS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO BE MATCHED WITH SOME OF THE UNIVERSITY’S MOST ACCOMPLISHED GRADUATES THROUGH THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAM. Additionally, through the college’s Mentoring with Honors Program, Scholar alumni connect with individual Scholars to share their perspectives on navigating life, both in college and after graduation. Schreyer Honors College has one of the largest alumni engagement programs on campus in terms of numbers and hours engaged.

Schreyer Scholar Lindsey Lorefice meets Penn State alumnus Donald Bellisario, award-winning producer of the TV show “NCIS” and screenwriter, at the annual Society of Distinguished Alumni brunch.

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149 ALUMNI AND CURRENT STUDENT MENTOR MATCHES
8,513 SCHOLAR ALUMNI GIVE BACK PHILANTHROPICALLY
Industry Leaders

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE ALUMNI WHO GO ON TO BECOME LEADERS ACROSS INDUSTRIES. For our Scholars, this presents an opportunity to develop mentor/mentee relationships—some of which turn into full-time employment opportunities. For our alumni, it is a chance to remain engaged with the college and help inspire the next generation of the country’s leaders. For employers, it presents a glimpse into the caliber of students matriculating from the Schreyer Honors College.

LISA BAIRD ’82 LIB
Chief Marketing Officer
United States Olympic Committee

DANIELLE BASSETT ’04 SCI
2014 MacArthur Fellow, Genius Grant
Assistant Professor of Innovation, University of Pennsylvania

LOU D’AMBROSIO ’86 BUS
Former CEO and president, Sears Holdings
Avaya

MARY BETH LONG ’85 COM
First woman to serve as United States Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs
Co-owner and co-founder, Askari Defense and Intelligence, LLC
Owner and founder, METIS Solutions, LLC
Owner and founder, M B Long & Associates, PLLC

DAVID RUSENKO ’07 IST
CEO and Co-Founder, Weebly

ANDY SIEG ’89 BUS
Head of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

REBECCA FUNK ’07 BUS
Co-founder and CEO, The Outrage

RYAN NEWMAN ’01 BUS
Vice President, Investment Management Division, Goldman, Sachs & Co.

KELLY AYOTTE ’90
Former United States Senator

ETHAN WENDLE ’13 ENG
President/CEO, DiamondBack Automotive

Scholar alumni in conversation: Lauren Young, Wealth Editor, Thomson Reuters, interviews Andy Sieg, Head of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management.

David Rusenko is the CEO and co-founder of Weebly, a web-hosting service.
WE SEEK STUDENTS WITH
HIGH INTELLECTUAL
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AND THE ABILITY TO BE
LIFELONG LEARNERS.

WE FEEL THE SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE IS
A GOOD PLACE FOR US TO START OUR SEARCH.

KIMBERLY NGUYEN
Microsoft
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