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Study Abroad: In 2019-20, Schreyer Honors College dedicated $300,000 to support international experiences for Scholars.

Signature Study Abroad Programs:
- Summer study abroad in India and Colombia.
- Each year, a rotating offering of faculty-proposed programs for international study is available. Recent destinations include Japan, Thailand, and South Africa.
- London Study Tour, a theatre-intensive program open to all 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.

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- 3.40 cumulative GPA
- Submission and approval of an honors thesis

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Matthew Aronson, a graduating senior who majored in biomedical engineering, was the recipient of a Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation, which went to support his research on microbiome engineering and regenerative medicine.

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Laura Bowman was the first player in Penn State women’s hockey history to score 100 points and finished her career as the program’s all-time leader in goals and points. The native of Minnetonka, Minnesota was also a three-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar. After playing professional hockey for a year in Vienna, Austria, Bowman began studies at the University of Minnesota Medical School. She is hoping to combine oncology with pediatrics and sports medicine.

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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.

258 ALUMNI INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
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Laura Bowman was the first player in Penn State women’s hockey history to score 100 points and finished her career as the program’s all-time leader in goals and points. The native of Minnetonka, Minnesota was also a three-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar. After playing professional hockey for a year in Vienna, Austria, Bowman began studies at the University of Minnesota Medical School. She is hoping to combine oncology with pediatrics and sports medicine.

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