

# SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE

SHAPING PEOPLE WHO SHAPE THE WORLD



**PennState**  
Schreyer Honors College

# 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.



## 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

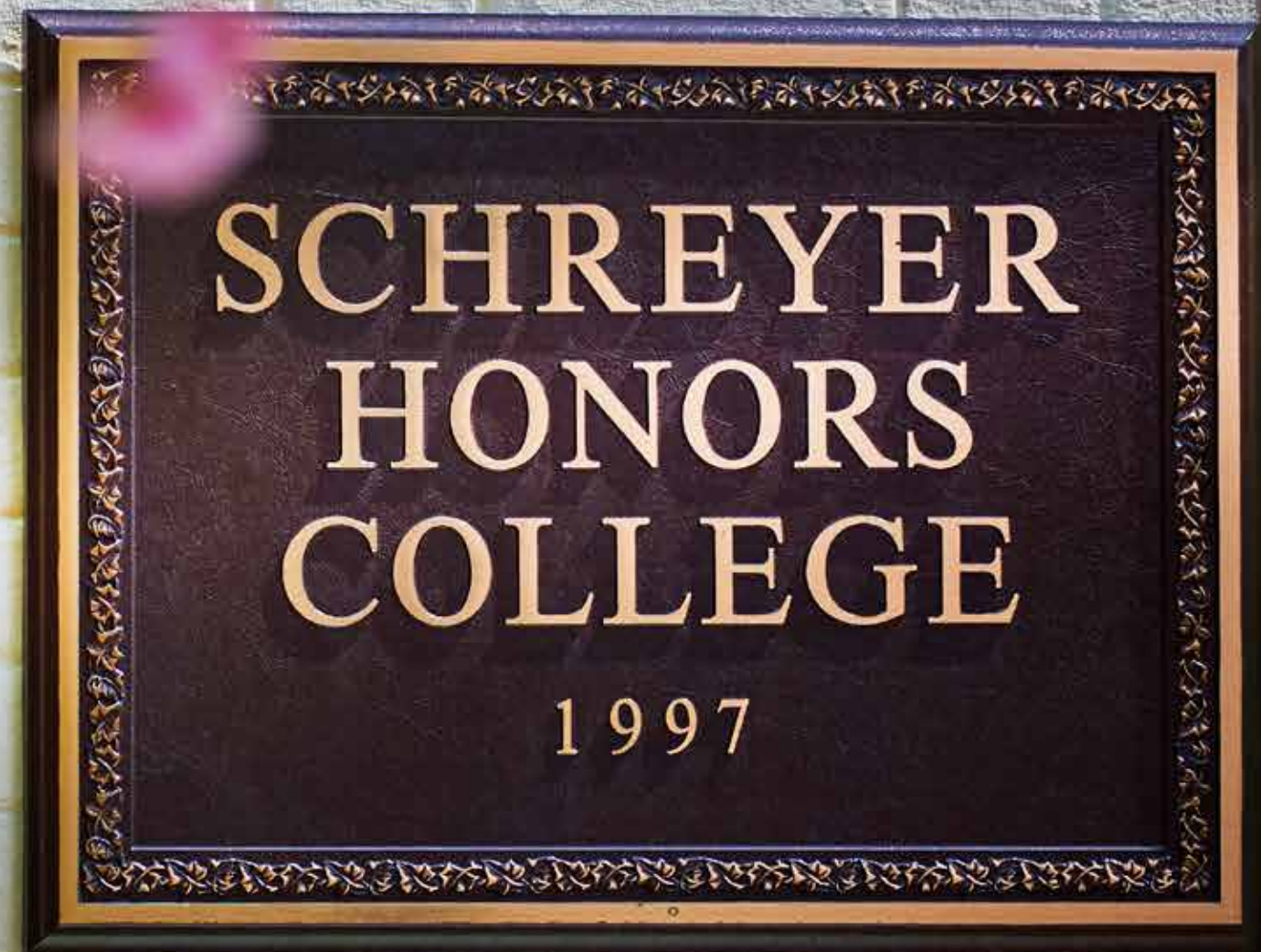
## Vision

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 is consistently 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 larger institution offers individualized support and countless opportunities, including mentoring connections with Penn State alumni who are now industry leaders.





## SEBASTIEN KRAFT

*Journalism Major, Political Sciences Minor*

*Filmmaker, Anchor, Penn State Network News*

“Vis-à-vis” is a film about a French student trying to adapt to life as an American college student.

The Schreyer Honors College Scholar who wrote, directed, and produced the film, Sebastien Kraft, can relate. The native of Paris, France, who grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland, used his own life as source material for his protagonist’s story about assimilating to the United States.

“She goes on a spiritual journey and finds that you have to let people in sometimes. You have to be willing to trust people and really express yourself to share what you have with others, which is the most important thing you can do.”

Kraft, a journalism major and political science minor in the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications, has experience both in front of the camera, as an anchor for Penn State Network News, and behind it, as a filmmaker.

His documentary, “Shades of Light: The Refugee Crisis Abroad,” followed two refugees from Mauritania and Yemen, along with Kraft’s great aunt and Amnesty International member Marie-Edith Douillard, through Paris. It was an official selection at the Dunedin International Film Festival in Dunedin, Florida, and won best documentary at the Great Message International Film Festival in India.

“The goal of my film was to depict the paradox between the City of Lights and the plight of the refugees. I felt like I was doing the right thing in shedding some light on the story.”

Kraft had previously created documentaries about gun licensing and about the Keystone pipeline. His long-term goals include international reporting and more documentary work. He strives to find impactful stories that allow his viewers to relate to his subjects.

“There are a lot of stories to be told.”

“THE EMPHASIS ON THE STUDENTS  
**IS AWESOME.**  
IT MEANS A LOT TO KNOW THAT  
**I’M VALUED AT  
SCHREYER.**”







“I BELIEVE EVERY PROBLEM  
**HAS A SOLUTION.**  
YOU JUST NEED TO  
WORK THROUGH IT.”

## KRISTON RAMDASS

*Aerospace Engineering Major*

*Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate Program*

Kriston Ramdass lives for the “little moments of euphoria” that can only come from a breakthrough in research he has been conducting for days or weeks or even years.

“The point of research is you’re working toward a hypothesis, and you may not know whether the hypothesis you’re working toward is valid or not, whether it’ll come true or not, and it’s that same method and ideology. You’re working toward the end product, and the journey toward that end product is what gives me enjoyment.”

Ramdass has problem-solved in a variety of environments since joining the Schreyer Honors College. He spent eight months on a co-op working for the failure investigation department at Moog, trouble-shooting the more than 140 thrusters on the Orion spacecraft’s European Service Module.

During a trip to Honduras as part of Penn State’s chapter of Global Public Health Brigades, Ramdass and his fellow students mapped out and helped to install pipeline systems to help provide local communities with water that was miles away from their homes.

Ramdass hopes to eventually become a professor, which is one of the reasons he applied for the integrated undergraduate/graduate program that will allow him to receive bachelor’s and master’s degrees in aerospace engineering in five years.

His experiences provided him with the confidence to lead—and the wisdom to listen—when he became the build lead for a human-powered sailplane project at Penn State.

“Although I had an understanding of how I think differently, based on what I had learned, I was still always learning from my team members and my teammates. They each had their own skills. I was always ready to give but I was also ready to learn.”

## MARISSA WORKS

*Music Education and Advertising and Public Relations Major*

*Smeal College Business Fundamentals Certificate*

When she was in high school, Marissa Works saw how music therapy positively affected the memory of her grandmother, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

"That showed me how powerful music can be in all stages of life."

Works knew she wanted to study music education in college, but she also wanted to challenge herself in other academic areas.

"I wanted to add another degree. I just wasn't sure what it was. I knew Penn State would let me do that."

By adding an advertising and public relations major, Works improved her writing and verbal communications skills. As part of her pursuit of a Smeal College of Business Fundamentals Certificate, she added economics and supply chain courses.

"They were so different than everything in the school of music, and I loved that balance."

Works supplemented her coursework with experiences that also spanned disciplines. Through the Penn State Performing Arts Council, Works and fellow Schreyer Scholar Anthony Stem created a mobile application that allowed arts-related organizations on campus to showcase upcoming events.

"I learned how to pitch an idea, how to develop people's trust in an idea that you have, how to sell people on it and secure funding. I learned how long it takes to plan a project from beginning to end."

Works' honors thesis examined the use of common news values and how they can be used to present music education curricula more effectively to students. She graduated with interdisciplinary honors in music education and advertising/public relations and is currently a project manager for Beauty Unknowns and a music teacher in Arlington (Virginia) Public Schools.



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**LEADERSHIP ROLES EARLY ON,**  
AND THEY DEVELOP YOU AS  
**A LEADER."**





### HALLMARKS OF THE SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE

- Honors Courses:** 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.

### 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.

**Priority Registration:** Schreyer Scholars are able to schedule classes first—well before course registration begins for most 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 a typical year, the Schreyer Honors College dedicates approximately \$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.

**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.

**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.

**Student Learning Outcomes for the Schreyer Honors College:** Students who graduate from the Schreyer Honors College will:

- > Develop, engage in, and communicate scholarship in their field in order to examine and critically analyze selected topics, issues, or problems;
- > Embody ethical principles in personal, academic, professional, and societal contexts;
- > Demonstrate respect for human differences, understanding of global interdependency, and engagement in civic life; and,
- > Collaborate with others and demonstrate leadership by exploring opportunities or implementing initiatives.



**40%**  
OF SCHREYER  
SCHOLARS  
STUDY ABROAD

**16%**  
OF SCHREYER  
SCHOLARS HAVE TWO  
OR MORE MAJORS

SCHREYER SCHOLARS  
STUDY IN MORE THAN  
**50**  
COUNTRIES

**3.86**  
THE AVERAGE GPA  
FOR THE CLASS  
OF 2021

SCHREYER SCHOLARS  
COME FROM  
**28**  
COUNTRIES



## BECOMING A SCHREYER SCHOLAR

**Selection** is based on a supplemental application, which includes essays (essay questions will be published at [shc.psu.edu/admissions](https://shc.psu.edu/admissions) in mid-July), short answer questions, and recommendations. Your self-reported academic record will also be reviewed. 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 Nov. 1 and must be completed by Dec. 21.

## AUG 1

Application open in MyPennState, Common App and Coalition App

## NOV 1

Optional interview application deadline

## DEC 6

Final application deadline

## Before MAR 1

Decisions are announced

[shc.psu.edu/admissions](https://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.

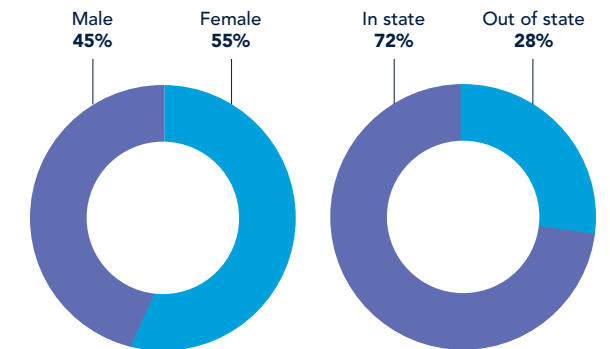
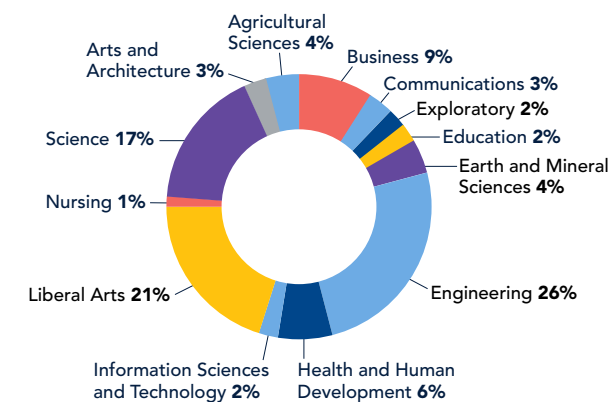
## LATER ENTRY TO SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE

Current Penn State students with exemplary academic records may be considered for entry into the Schreyer Honors College, subject to the approval of their department or college. Typically, this consideration occurs at the end of the sophomore year. Please visit the website below for more information.

[shc.psu.edu/admissions/apply/current.cfm](https://shc.psu.edu/admissions/apply/current.cfm)

## SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT PROFILE

### Fields of Study



Schreyer Honors College students hail from 37 states, one U.S. territory, and 28 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.

## THE SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE OFFERS FUNDING TO SCHOLARS FOR:

- RESEARCH
- STUDY ABROAD
- INTERNSHIPS
- NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS



**ENHANCED  
ACCESS TO**  
HONORS COURSES  
STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS  
RESEARCH PLACEMENTS





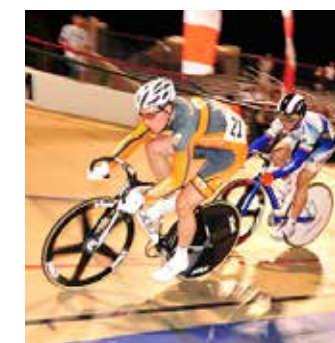


Marlisa Shaw graduated with degrees in biology and psychology. With the financial support of the Schreyer Honors College, she explored global healthcare in Bologna, Italy. She was the recipient of the Eric Walker Award and the "Guide State Forward" Homecoming award. She intends to enroll in medical school.

# Student Life

**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; University student government; and social and volunteer organizations. Nittany Lion mascots and the Blue Band Drum Majors have often been Schreyer Scholars.



“THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS  
WHEN YOU JUST  
GO FOR IT.

YOU LEARN HOW TO LEARN; THE IMPORTANCE OF  
KNOWING WHY YOU DO THINGS.”

“THE SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE HAS HELPED ME CHALLENGE MYSELF  
IN WAYS THAT I NEVER KNEW I COULD SUCCEED IN. I AM SO GRATEFUL TO  
BE PART OF SUCH A DRIVEN AND TRIUMPHANT GROUP OF STUDENTS.”

**MARLISA SHAW '20**

*Biology and Psychology Double Major  
Millennium Scholars Program*



# Awards

**DURING THE 2020–21 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.



**OWEN CHASE**  
**ASTRONAUT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2021**  
Owen Chase, a third-year Scholar majoring in astronomy and astrophysics and statistics, received a 2021 Astronaut Scholarship, which supports students pursuing careers in STEM research. His work seeks to use a new measurement technique to independently measure the expansion rate of the universe, also known as H0 or Hubble’s constant.



**EILENE DENG**  
**GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2021**  
Eilene Deng, a third-year Scholar majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology, was named a Goldwater Scholar by the Barry M. Goldwater Foundation. She has conducted research on promoter-proximal pausing at Penn State and UTHealth McGovern Medical School.



**PETER FORSTMEIER**  
**GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2021**  
Peter Forstmeier, a third-year Scholar majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology, was named a Goldwater Scholar by the Barry M. Goldwater Foundation. He is currently working on a computational project looking at RNA folding and functional RNAs in lab of distinguished professor of chemistry and of biochemistry and molecular biology Philip Bevilacqua.



**BRYCE KATCH**  
**GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2021**  
Bryce Katch, a third-year Scholar majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology and chemical engineering, was named a Goldwater Scholar by the Barry M. Goldwater Foundation. He has used X-ray crystallography to study enzymes that use iron and molecular oxygen to perform chemistry and has also applied principles of mathematical modeling and control theory to assess how mobility can impact the spread of COVID-19.



**CAITLIN MORRIS**  
**FULBRIGHT LUT UNIVERSITY GRADUATE AWARD 2021**  
Caitlin Morris, who graduated with honors in business in May 2021, was awarded the Fulbright LUT University Graduate Award to study strategic finance and analytics, working toward a master’s degree in economic and business administration, at Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology (LUT University) in Finland. She was one of four students to receive the award.



**COLEMAN SMITH**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) OFFICE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY INTEGRATED UNIVERSITY PROGRAM 2021**  
Coleman Smith, a second-year Scholar majoring in nuclear engineering, received a \$7,500 scholarship through the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Nuclear Energy Integrated University Program, which he planned to use to study the sustainable and medical applications of nuclear engineering.



As a former president of the Schreyer Consulting Group, Nimay Godbole worked to help his fellow Scholars gain experience with case studies and interview prep and link them with the College’s extensive alumni consulting network. He graduated in May 2020 and is an internal strategy associate at Capital One.

“I ALWAYS WANT TO  
HELP ELEVATE ANY  
INDIVIDUAL  
THAT IS AROUND ME.”

“WE’RE TRYING TO GET OUR STUDENTS BETTER PREPARED SO  
THAT THEY CAN COMPETE WITH THESE STUDENTS FROM OTHER  
TOP-TIER UNIVERSITIES. WE KNOW THEY HAVE HIGH POTENTIAL;  
IT’S JUST A MATTER OF PROVIDING THE RESOURCES.”

**NIMAY GODBOLE ’20**  
*Finance Major*  
*President, Schreyer Consulting Group*





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.

“FROM DAY ONE,  
**EVERYONE IN THE  
SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE  
WAS SUPPORTIVE OF  
MY ATHLETIC CAREER.”**

“THEY WANT YOU TO SUCCEED AND THEY DID A  
REALLY GREAT JOB OF MAKING SURE THAT I KNEW THAT  
AND THEY GAVE ME THE RESOURCES TO DO SO.”

**LAURA BOWMAN '17**

*B.S., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*

# 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.*

**230**

ALUMNI INTERVIEW  
**PROSPECTIVE  
STUDENTS**

**117**

ALUMNI AND  
CURRENT STUDENT  
**MENTOR MATCHES**

**9,244**

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**

Commissioner, National Women’s Soccer League

**DANIELLE BASSETT ’04 SCI**

J. Peter Skirkanich Professor of Bioengineering, University of Pennsylvania

**REGINALD HEDGEBETH ’89 LIB**

chief legal officer, Capital Group American Funds

**MARY BETH LONG ’85 COM**

First woman to serve as U.S. 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  
Co-Founder and Principal, Global Alliance Advisors, LLC  
professor of practice, Penn State School of International Affairs

**DAVID RUSENKO ’07 IST**

CEO and Co-Founder, Weebly  
GM, eCommerce, Square

**RYAN RZEPECKI ’01 BUS**

Founder & CEO, JUMP Bikes

**ANDY SIEG ’89 BUS**

Head of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

**REBECCA FUNK ’07 BUS**

Co-founder and CEO, The Outrage

**RYAN NEWMAN ’01 BUS**

Managing Director, Goldman Sachs

**KELLY AYOTTE ’90 LIB**

Former United States Senator

**STEFEN WISNIEWSKI**

Professional Football Player and Two-Time World Champion



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.

**GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL PLACEMENTS**

Cornell University  
Drexel University School of Medicine  
Duke University  
Duquesne University School of Law  
George Washington University  
Harvard Law School  
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine  
Stanford University  
Tufts University School of Medicine  
University of California, Irvine  
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University of Pennsylvania  
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University of Toronto  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Yale School of Medicine

**EMPLOYERS**

Amazon  
Apple Inc.  
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(Sample Lists from 2020–21)

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HIGH INTELLECTUAL  
HORSEPOWER  
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



#9  
RANKING FOR  
BEST CAREER SERVICES

Princeton Review, The Best 381 Colleges: 2017 Edition,  
Penn State University ranked #9 for Best Career Services



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