

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:

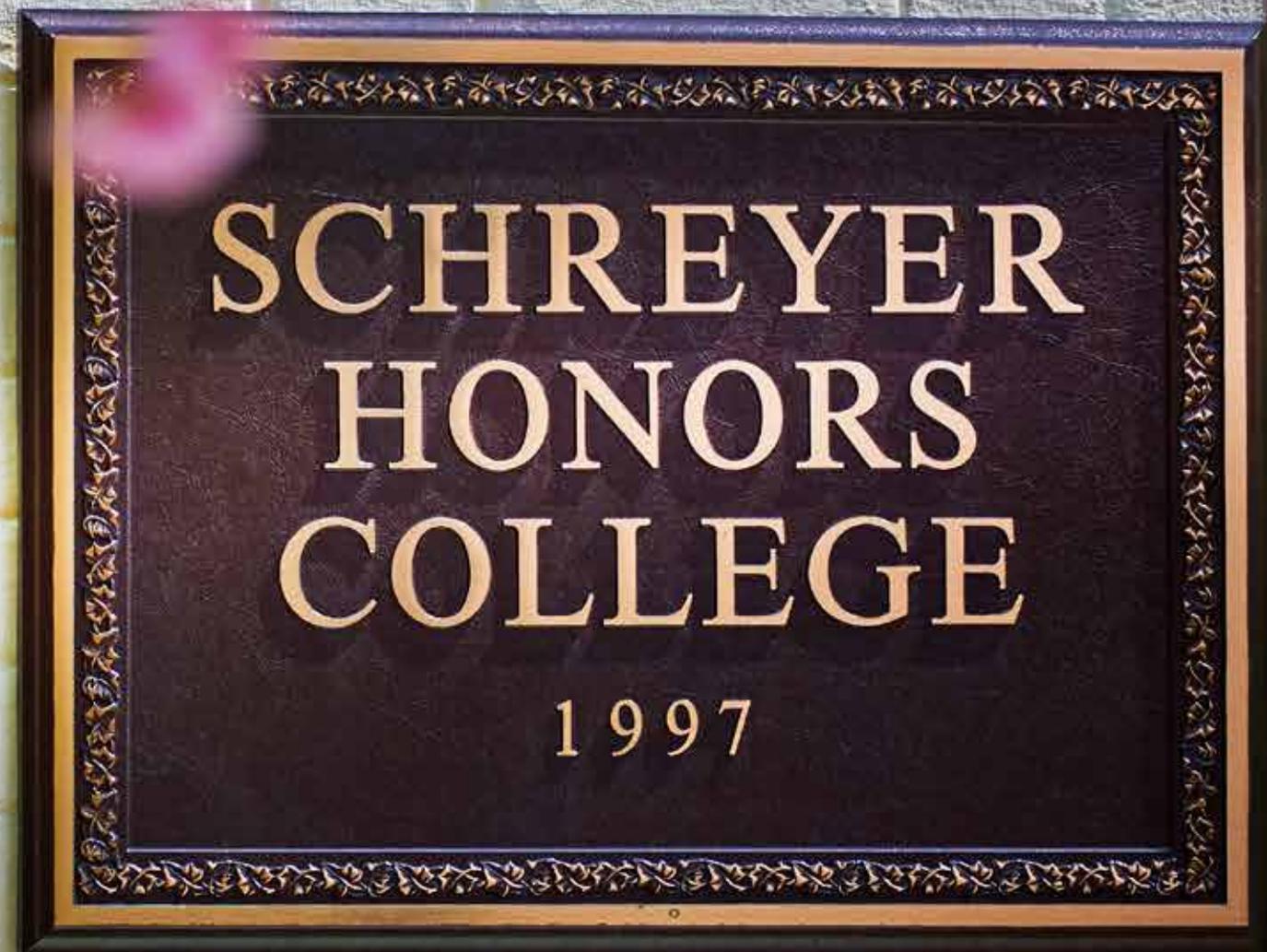
- Achieving academic excellence with integrity
- Building a global perspective, and
- Creating opportunities for leadership and civic engagement

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.”**





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.”

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

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 examines the use of common news values and how they can be used to present music education curricula more effectively to students. After spending the summer at a public relations agency in Washington, D.C., she will student teach in a choir department in a nearby high school during the fall. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in business.



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



HALLMARKS OF THE SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE

Honors Courses: More than 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 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 2018-19, 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.

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 for a full list of requirements.



40%
OF SCHREYER
SCHOLARS
STUDY ABROAD

31%
OF SCHREYER
SCHOLARS HAVE TWO
OR MORE MAJORS

SCHREYER SCHOLARS
STUDY IN
56
COUNTRIES

3.87
THE AVERAGE GPA
FOR THE CLASS
OF 2019

330
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 Nov. 1 and must be completed by Dec. 4.

AUG 1

Application is available through the general Penn State admission application

NOV 1

Optional Alumni Interviews open

NOV 1

Priority deadline to submit your application

DEC 4

Final application deadline

Before MAR 1

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.

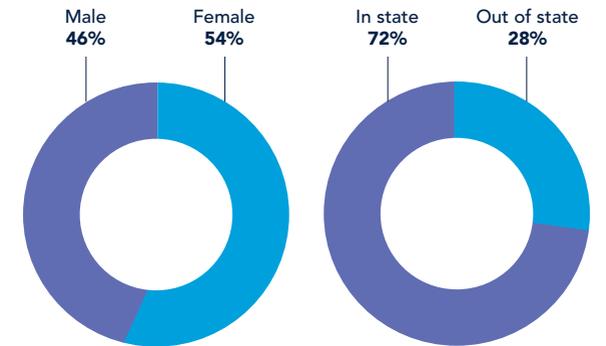
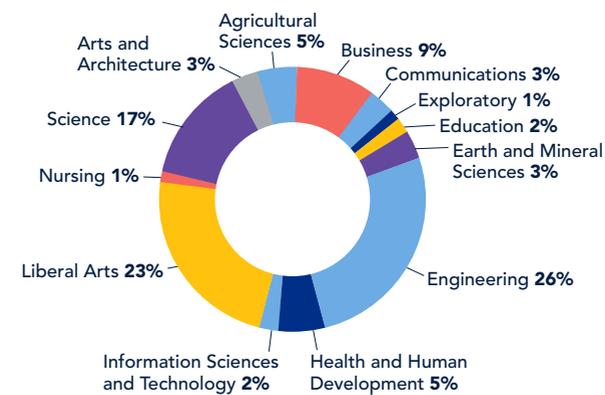
LATER ENTRY TO SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE

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

SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT PROFILE

Fields of Study



Members of the Schreyer Honors College hail from 36 states, two U.S. territories, and 26 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

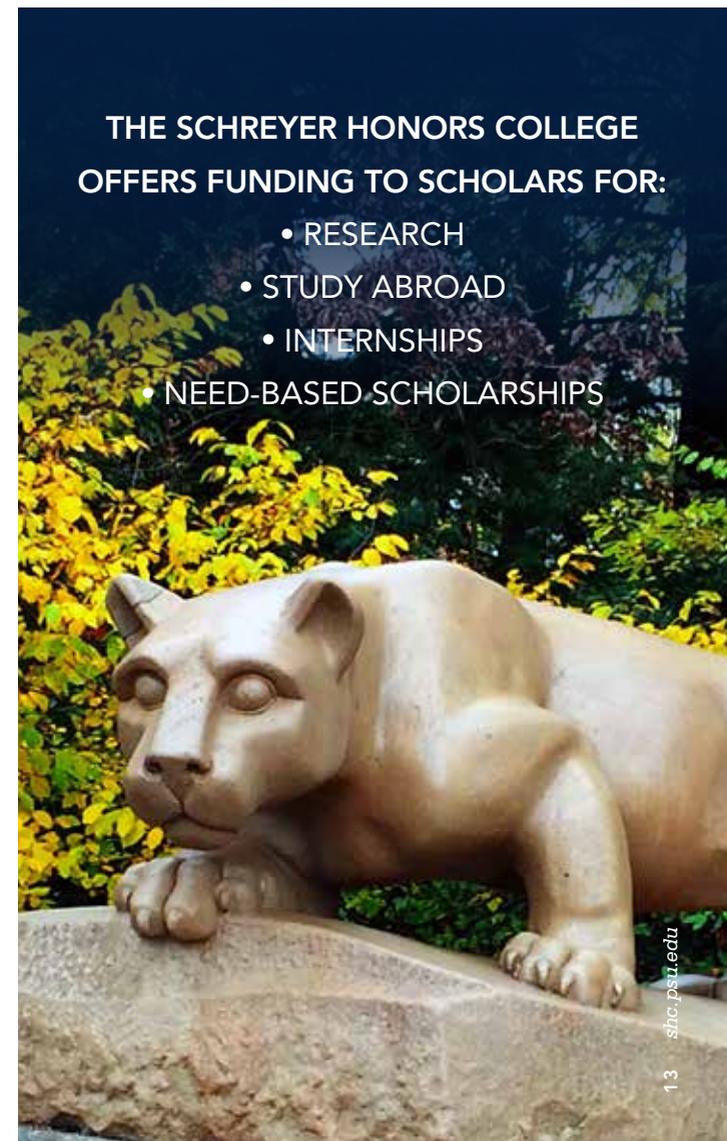
Within honors housing is a special living option called The GLOBE, which brings the world closer to home. This recently renovated floor in Simmons Hall houses seventy-four Scholars interested in global issues. Cultural films, discussions with faculty on globalization, demonstrations of ethnic food cooking, 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



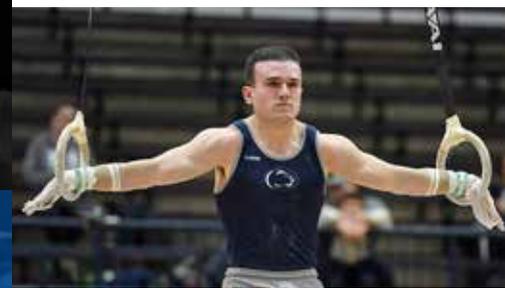


Marlisa Shaw is currently researching the effects of stress on wound healing in the lab of Associate Professor of Biobehavioral Health Christopher Engeland. With the financial support of the Honors College, she has traveled to Bologna, Italy to explore the similarities and differences of global healthcare. She plans to apply for an MD/PhD program with the eventual goal of practicing bench to bedside. She doesn't want to treat disease; she wants to cure it.

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; and social and volunteer organizations. Nittany Lion mascots have been Schreyer Scholars and for the past six years, a Scholar has served as the Drum Major.



“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 2018–19 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.



ALEXANDRE BOURCIER
STAND UP AWARD

Alexandre Bourcier, a senior majoring in biology and philosophy, was awarded a 2019 Rock Ethics Institute Stand Up Award for his work providing healthcare to low-income, rural communities. Alexandre helped found the Penn State chapter of Remote Area Medical (RAM) and worked to create the organization's first annual medical clinic in Pennsylvania.



ANNA BROGAN
GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2019

Anna Brogan, a junior majoring in biochemical and molecular biology, was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Brogan is researching the synthesis of compounds in antimicrobial medicines.



SOJUNG KIM
GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2019

Sojung Kim, a junior majoring in chemistry, was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Kim's research involves the use of fluorescent chemical probes to study protein activity in living cells.



RYAN MORRIS
SCHWARTZMAN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Ryan Morris, who graduated from Penn State Berks with a bachelor of science degree in business, received a Schwartzman Scholarship, a fully funded graduate fellowship to study at the new Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University in Beijing. He plans to continue his entrepreneurial ventures with a focus on tackling social issues that deter underserved populations from accessing quality healthcare.



GWEN OLIVER
GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2019

Gwen Oliver, a junior majoring in biochemical and molecular biology, was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Oliver has studied RNA viruses in the Craig Cameron lab at Penn State and has also worked at an analytical chemistry lab at the Centers for Disease Control.



ANANDA RANKIN
GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2019

Ananda Rankin, a junior majoring in microbiology, was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship from the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Her research examines the mechanisms of the E.coli and staphylococcus aureus bacteria.



The president of the Schreyer Consulting Group, Nimay Godbole has worked to help his fellow Scholars gain experience with case studies and interview prep and link them with the Honors College's extensive alumni consulting network. He is also the Vice President of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity and a member of the Nittany Consulting Group.

“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.

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.

“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

235
ALUMNI INTERVIEW
PROSPECTIVE
STUDENTS

128
ALUMNI AND
CURRENT STUDENT
MENTOR MATCHES

8,761
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, New York Public Radio

DANIELLE BASSETT '04 SCI

2014 MacArthur Fellow, Genius Grant
Assistant Professor of Innovation, University of Pennsylvania

REGINALD HEDGEBETH '89 LIB

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Marathon Oil Company

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

DAVID RUSENKO '07 IST

CEO and Co-Founder, Weebly

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

Vice President, Investment Management Division, Goldman, Sachs & Co.

KELLY AYOTTE '90 LIB

Former United States Senator



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

- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- George Washington University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Harvard Law School
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Northwestern University
- Sidney Kimmel Medical College
- Stanford University
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Cambridge
- University of Chicago
- University of Michigan

- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Southern California
- Yale University

EMPLOYERS

- Accenture
- Amazon
- Apple Inc.
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Bates White
- Bloomberg L.P.
- Boeing
- BP
- Capital One
- Corning
- Dell
- Deloitte
- ExxonMobil
- General Electric
- General Motors
- Hershey Medical Center
- IBM
- Johnson & Johnson
- JPMorgan Chase
- KPMG
- Lockheed Martin
- McKinsey & Co.
- Merck
- Microsoft Corporation
- Minitab Inc.
- PNC
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Teach for America
- The Boston Globe

(Sample Lists from 2018–19)

“WE SEEK STUDENTS WITH 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



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RANKING FOR
BEST CAREER SERVICES

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