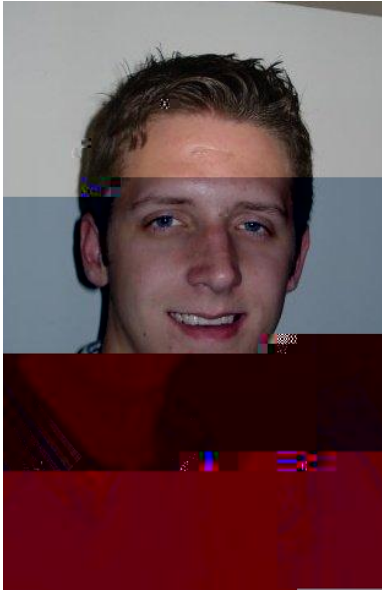


A Message from the H.S.A. President



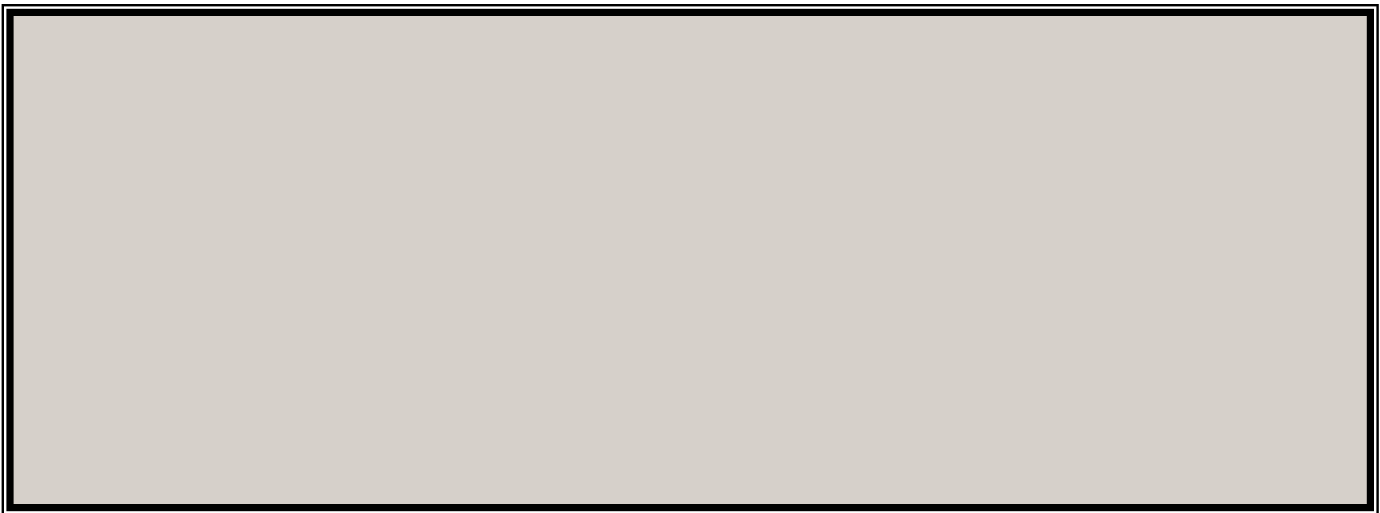
Phi Kappa Phi



Hey everybody! My name is Wesley Smith and I am the President of the Honors Student Association for the 2010-2011 school year. I would just like to let you know all of the great things that H.S.A is doing and can offer you. H.S.A is the

Last Spring, the Lamar chapter of the National Honors Society Phi Kappa Phi inducted fourteen honors students into its ranks. Admission is exclusively by invitation, with only the top 10 percent of seniors and the top 7.5 percent of juniors eligible for membership in this prestigious organization. Honors Program Director Dr. Kevin Dods8(r)-3(a)F6 18 m(th)-10(8(r)-3(a)F6

departmental organization affiliated with the Honors Program and provides honors students with many opportunities to gain the points required for honors graduation. This year is off to a great start. We are partnering with the Lamar Ambassadors and the McNair Scholars to host tailgating events for all six home games, where members of the three organizations are able to relax, socialize, and have fun before each game. H.S.A has also sponsored other events already this semester including Constitution Day and the Adopt-A-Beach cleanup at McFaddin Beach. We will also be participating in the Distinguished Faculty Lecture, Lunch with a Professor, Trick or Treat for Unicef, and the Triangle AIDS semester.



Partners in the Parks – Cape Hatteras, NC 2010

By Elisabeth Maxwell



When I registered to participate in the Partners in the Parks project at the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, I had no idea that it would turn into one of the most memorable

technician to learn about the sea turtles in the area. When we were starting to finish up our lecture at the dunes, we were surprised by a phone call inviting us to come and watch a

North Carolina is a part of the Outer Banks, which are a line of barrier islands standing between the North Carolina mainland and the Atlantic Ocean. As a National Seashore, Cape Hatteras is managed by the National Park Service, which works very hard to balance the preservation of the islands and the impact of visitors coming to enjoy the beautiful coastal environment.

The Partners in the Parks program was organized to provide an opportunity for honors students from all across the U.S. to participate in a week long project, during which the students learn about the national parks, the environment, and have an opportunity to experience new people and places.

Dr. Bill Atwill from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington was our Partners in the Parks advisor. He organized our week so that we had a chance to explore the barrier islands and learn from professors and park employees about the natural processes of the islands, the history of the area, and what makes the Outer Banks so unique. Some of the activities we did include kayaking around Pamlico Bay, visiting the Graveyard of the Atlantic museum (where we helped preserve pieces of shipwrecked timber), using seine nets to catch fish in the surf zone, learning about GPS and GIS to plot data, and visiting many historical sites around the Outer Banks, as well as much more.

Dr. Atwill worked hard to make sure that we had every opportunity to learn, however, several experiences we had were unplanned, which made them all the more special. For example one day we explored the beach and dune structure for a couple of hours and then planned to go meet with a sea turtle bio-

Achievements Recognized at the Honors Program Spring Awards Reception



2010 McMaster Honors Scholarship Recipients

Auston Barnes, Silsbee
Joseph Blackner, Nederland
Logan Bryant, Bridge City
Elizabeth Files, Hamshire-Fannett
Brittany Jannise, Hardin-Jefferson
Melody Jordan, Port Neches-Groves
Emily Kosh, Bridge City
Lori Lee, Atascocita (Humble, TX)
Paige Miller, Port Neches-Groves
Allison Perdue, Barbers Hill
Garrett Peters, Lumberton
William Pickard, Nederland
Riyad Samad, Nederland

Honors Program Graduates

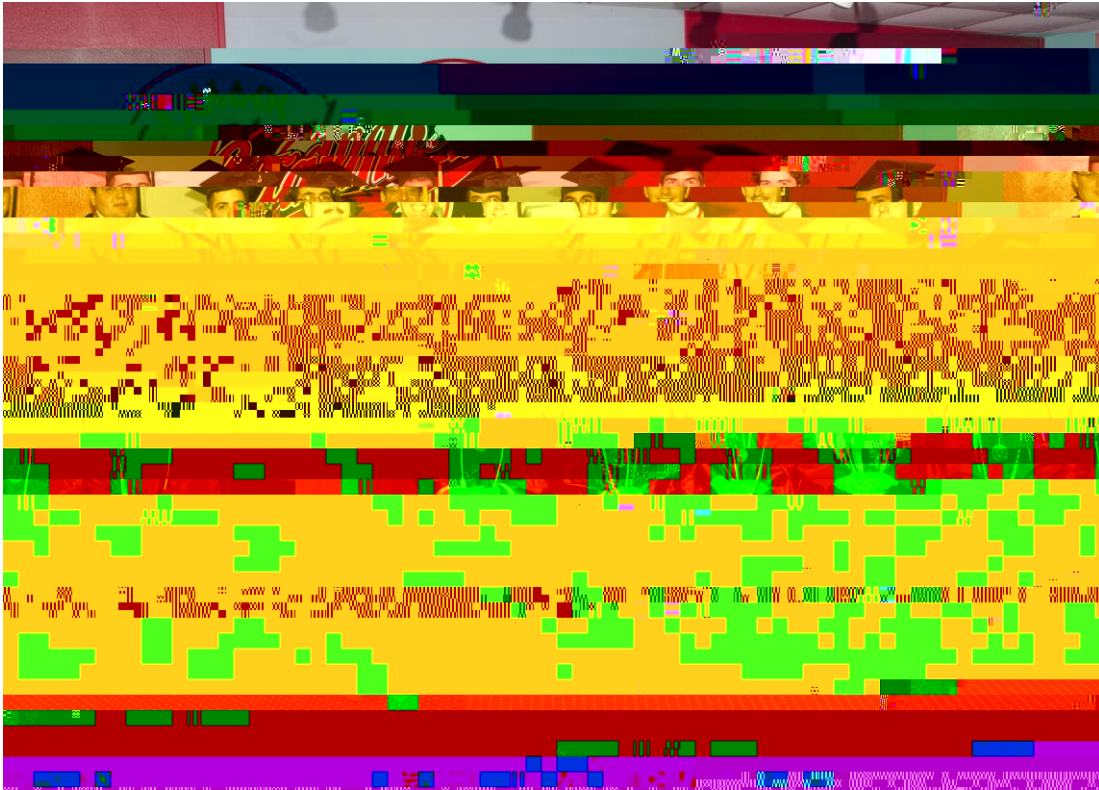
May 2010

Ritchie Acosta, Civil Engineering
Timothy Beier, Mechanical Engineering
Erin Binagia, Biology

2010 Mirabeau Scholars

Gabrielle Carandang, TALH
Jonathon Dula, West Brook
Paige Hoyt, Hardin-Jefferson
Brandon Laird, Nederland
Lauren Leshikar, Elkins (Missouri City, TX)
Emily McMillon, Lumberton
Fernando Mejia, West Brook
Alexis Nelson, West Brook
Sarah Saucedo, Nederland
Ashley Smith, Central (Keller, TX)
Bethany Stetson, Sycamore Christian
Neha Sutrave, West Brook
Travis Svendsen, Barbers Hill
Daniel Ward, Lumberton
Adam Zahradnik, Nederland

May 2010 Honors Program Graduates Forms Largest Group Ever



FRONT ROW: Ryan Thompson, Sophie Wilmore, Erin Binagia, Georgia Gilzow,
Brittney Zenos, Rajiv Jaini, Greg Watson
BACK ROW: Jackie Seaman, Ronald Bonin, Roy Reed, Tim Beier, Dr. Dodson,
Kevin Stevens, Ritchie Acosta, Ben Cowles, Joel Toutloff, Brian Gustin
Not pictured: Garrett McLeod, Leah Moss, Raul Ponce, Heather Vega, Laura Whitmire

Top Graduates Honored

Sixteen May 2010 graduates who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade-point average were the recipients of the Plummer Award, which recognizes the top academic graduates of each graduating class. Four of these students were also Honors Program Graduates. They are: *(pictured above)* Erin Binagia, Brian Gustin, Ryan Thompson, and Kevin Stevens.

During the December 2010 commencement ceremony, three Lamar University graduates received the Plummer Award with one of them being Honors Program Graduate, Bethany Tanner Viator *(pictured to the right)*, who also attained a grade-point average of 4.0.

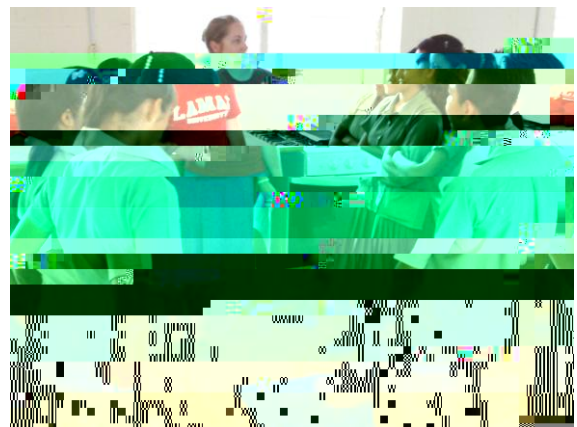
Camp Believe in Belize

By Elisabeth and Rebekah Maxwell

Several years ago, the Rotaract Club of Lamar University started an international service project to help motivate and inspire students to continue their education and provide scholarships. Starting as a soccer camp, it has grown to a leadership and team building camp. Rotaract and Rotary Clubs of District 5910 have supported 10 students through high school. Members from the Rotaract Club travel to the Chunox Village every other year to continue their involvement with students at the primary

progress. This year, we had the exciting opportunity to participate in the project as the Rotaract representatives to the schools and village. We traveled with our advisor, Teresa Simpson, on the most amazing trip!

Upon arriving in Belize City, we met with the St. Viator High School principal, Patti Scho,



Study Abroad in Europe

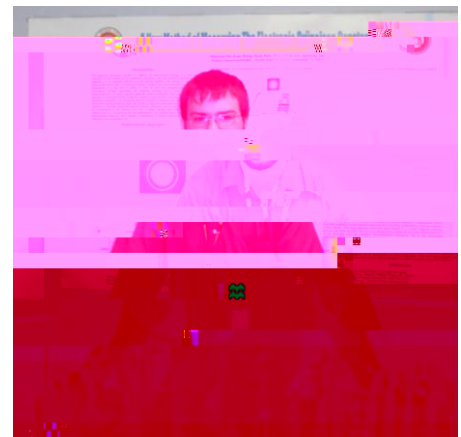
By Carly Wright

This summer I had the experience of a lifetime! I got to spend a month traveling through Europe studying International Marketing. I participated in this trip with a company called Forum Nexus, so the group of 80 students I travelled with came from all over the United States, Brazil, Egypt, Canada and Colombia. We met and began our studies in Barcelona, Spain. From there we travelled to France, Switzerland, Italy and Greece. In addition to my regular coursework of tests and papers, we had several professional visits to companies such as SEAT, a car manufacturer and member of the Audi group, Codorniu, top producer of Spanish



for Economic Co-Development, the United Nations and World Trade Organization, just to name a few. During these professional visits and guest speakers, I learned about brand management, the differences between European and American markets to each company, and the laws and practices of the UN and WTO. There were many things said that followed up on what I had learned in previous management courses.

I was nervous about traveling, especially since I'd never even been on a plane before, but I am now convinced that Study Abroad trips are an invaluable part of the college learning experience. Even just walking around town or ordering in a restaurant, I learned so many things about culture that can't be taught completely in a classroom. I had to push myself outside of what I'm used to and learn to read a Greek metro map, to order dinner in French (when I don't speak ANY), and figure out how much money the souvenir I had to have was actually costing me (in US dollars, that is). Everything I had the opportunity to do or see



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