COLLEGE NEWS

Honors students need to navigate the demands of their major(s) and requirements of the university and academic college, but also understand and manage the Commonwealth Honors College curriculum. Honors advising staff help students determine where they are, where they need to be, and what they need to get there. Meet our advising staff.

Don't miss your chance to meet new Commonwealth Honors College Dean Gretchen H. Gerzina at our annual Family Weekend reception on Saturday, October 3. This year, Dean Gerzina will feature the many ways our students can benefit from the College through interviews with honors students, faculty, and program staff. The UMass Amherst Family Weekend schedule has more information on the wide range of activities taking place across campus. Register today!

The What's New at Honors page on the CHC website is a great resource for students seeking to take advantage of all Commonwealth Honors College has to offer. Content is updated regularly, and contains information on College events, academic opportunities, available internships and other announcements and activities around campus. Read more.

ADVISING TIPS

Sophomores

Is your student interested in studying abroad? They should get the process started now by speaking to an advisor or attending an info session at the International Programs Office.
(IPO). The IPO website has a section for parents and family with information on how to support your student.

Juniors

All juniors should decide between Departmental Honors or Multidisciplinary Honors by the end of the fall semester. If doing DH, students should confirm DH requirements and meet with their Honors Program Director to make sure they are on track. If doing MH, students should locate a faculty mentor and/or begin to put together a committee for their Honors Thesis or Project. Students should see an Honors advisor if they have questions about this process.

Seniors

Students should review CHC’s Getting Started and Finishing Up brochures and get all their questions about Honors Thesis or Project manuscript submission and Honors credentials answered.

Has your student decided not to do an Honors Thesis or Project? They may be eligible to graduate with General Studies Honors. Have them speak with a CHC advisor now.

SUPPORT HONORS

Annual gifts from parents support individual students and the programs that distinguish honors education. Every annual gift we receive helps to:

- **Support an economically diverse student body.** Honors scholarships and awards offset financial need, reward academic excellence, and create opportunities.
- **Support student research.** Our students pursue research with faculty and write theses. Commonwealth Honors College funds underwrite honors research projects.
- **Inspire students to think big.** We connect students to faculty, visiting lecturers, and campus resources through innovative programs.

When we come together – as alumni, parents, friends, students and staff – as donors, it is amazing what we can accomplish. Join us by making your gift today!

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