

# The Honors Program at Sweet Briar College

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## Welcome to a New Academic Year in Honors!



We are thrilled to welcome 80 new first-year Honors students in the Class of 2017! The Honors Program is off to a busy start as always and we welcome this opportunity to share a few highlights of the program with Honors friends, alumni, and the parents of current Honors students.



- *Jill Nelson Granger (left), Director of The Honors Program and Julie Hemstreet (right), The Honors Program Associate Administrator*

## Honors Program Students Receive Many Awards at Opening Convocation

Honors Program students made a great showing at this year's opening convocation, which marks the official start of the academic year. The All-College Awards recognize students in all class years.

**Lydia Ethridge '15** and **Laura Patlan '16** were named Emilie Watts McVea Scholars, given to the highest academically ranked student in their respective classes; **Khirsten Cook '15**, was named a Manson Scholar in recognition of her high academic standing, distinctive qualities of leadership and contribution to student life; **Lilian Tauber '14**, was named a Mary Kendrick Benedict Scholar in recognition of her high academic standing, personal integrity and service; **Gabriela Herrera '15** received the Mary MacKintosh Sherer Award given to rising juniors who are recognized as leaders and scholars and possess outgoing and cheerful qualities; **Emily Dallas '16** received the Rickards Award, given to members of the sophomore class who demonstrate the potential for leadership, academic excellence and community involvement.

Several Honors Program students also received departmental academic prizes: **Lydia Ethridge '15** received the Laura Buckham Book Award



- *Award winners Khirsten Cook '15 and Gabby Herrera '15 on their way to Opening Convocation.*

in recognition of excellence in the French language; **Allissa Abdelwahed '14** received the Irene Mitchell Moore Scholarship, given to students who intend to pursue careers in public service; **Sarah Gray '15** received the Kenmore Scholar Award, given to a student who is recognized by the government department for academic excellence.

## 2013-2014 Pannell Honors Scholars

The sophomore class Anne Gary Pannell Merit Scholarship awardees have embarked on their projects of research, writing, personal and intellectual inquiry, and career exploration. Eleven students in the class of 2016 received a Pannell scholarship that includes a merit award applied to sophomore year tuition and funds to carry out a project designed by the student.

**Jessica Barry** is studying Latin epigraphs; **Emily Dallas** is learning about and volunteering with adaptive sports organizations; **Julia Eckstine** is studying eating disorders and learning about advocacy for the disease; **Lydia Fleck** is investigating the physics of sports; **Kiersten Garcia** is developing training guides for 4-H clubs in Virginia; **Katriana Jorgensen-Muga** is traveling to Costa Rica to investigate public health systems; **Emma Kiely** is exploring and writing about coffee and tea cultures; **Mariah Miller** is learning about pony rescue operations and advocacy; **Sarah Nunn** is researching the phenomenon of "fanfiction"; **Laura Patlan** is studying far eastern ceramics; **Caroline Shepard** is traveling to Costa Rica to investigate the basics of medicine in another culture.



- *Award winner Lilian Tauber '14, at the Ice Cream Social after the ceremony*