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# Honorable Mention

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## Calendar of events

Thursday, **April 28**, 2005: *Celebration of Student Achievement*. Bravo to those presenting. You all blow my mind!

Sunday, **May 1**, 2005: *Honors Year End Cookout*. 5-7pm by the lake. Enjoy the musical stylings of our own Michael Novak, relax and enjoy a final Honors evening for 2005! There will probably be a small charge (\$2-\$5). More details coming soon!

Wednesday, **May 4**, 2005 (Reading day): *The final copy of your thesis is due*.

**Sept 16-18**, 2005: *Honors trip to Williamsburg, VA*.

**January 27-29**, 2006: *Honors Murder Mystery Weekend*. We will begin on Friday, January 27 with a dinner and processing of a crime scene; spend Saturday learning how to analyze fingerprints, blood spatter, fibers and DNA; Saturday night and Sunday morning, we will work in groups to solve the crime! Groups will present their crime solutions at lunch on Sunday, January 29, 2006.

## Upcoming honors courses

Fall 2005

REL 400A *Jesus At the Movies*

ENG 943A/PSY 943A *Memory and Memoir*

Spring 2006

ENG 242 *Romantic Comedy*

HIS 94x *Holocaust Experiences*

Fall 2006

not determined

Spring 2007

Tentatively HIS 94x *Introduction to American Indian History & Cultures*

Tentatively CHE 94x/BIO 94x *The Science Behind CSI*

## Honors students participate in Celebrating Student Achievement on April 28, 2005

For the full schedule for Celebrating Student Excellence, including awards ceremonies and a lot more please see <http://www.meredith.edu/achievement/events-program05.pdf>.

## Early Morning Conference Sessions

*Matters of the Mind* - Ledford 101

8:50 –9:05 a.m. *Effect of Varied Cues and Presentation Time on Recall*

Dee Edwards, Tara Licciardello

9:10 –9:25 a.m. *Levels of Processing and Multiple Orienting Tasks*

Dee Edwards, Tara Licciardello

*At Risk? Health Indicators Among College Women* - SMB 118

8:30–8:45 a.m. *Prevalence of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Risk Factors in Meredith College Students*

Ashley Amey

9:10 – 9:25 a.m. *Starved for Perfection: A Look at the Relationship Between Perfectionism and Pathological Eating Tendencies in College-Aged Women*

Jessica Conicelli and Kelly Beth Smith

*Breakthroughs in Biology* - SMB 162

8:50 –9:05 a.m. *The Effects of Triclosan on Freshwater Invertebrates and the Environment*

Valerie Coleman

9:30–9:45 a.m. *The Role of Vision and Chemoreception in Aedes Albopictus (Skuse) with Regards to Ovipositional Site Choice*

Lauren Thie

*Shaping the Global Agenda* - Kresge Auditorium

9:30 –9:45 a.m. *Having What It Takes: Redefining Hegemony in the 21st Century*

Jessica Willson

## Mid-Morning Conference Sessions

*Facing Life's Adversities and Framing Interventions* - Ledford 101

9:55–10:10 a.m. *Youth Homelessness*

Heather Blanchard

10:15–10:30 a.m. *Domestic Violence Services: Military Versus Civilian, Does It Make A Difference?*

Kathryn Maitrejean

*Reading Women's Lives* - Kresge Auditorium

10:35–10:50 a.m. *Deficient Sisterhood: The Conflicting Lives of Black and White Women During 19th Century Slavery*

Teresa J. Nichols  
10:55 –11:10 a.m. *Tracing Blanche Dubois' Journey:  
From Nymphomaniac to Tragic Hero*  
Paula Stewart

*Planning Where We Live* - SMB 162  
9:55–10:10 a.m. *Modeling Earthquake Effects on  
Multiple Story Buildings*  
Cynthia Currin  
10:55 –11:10 a.m. *Conservation Easements as a Means  
of Tax Planning*  
Taylor Newberry

*Poster Presentations - The Scanning Electron  
Microscope and the World of the Very Small: A  
Merger of Science and Art* - Atrium, SMB  
11:15 a.m.–Noon  
Heather Krebs: Modern Paper and Medieval Parchment:  
A Comparative Study of the Microstructure  
Lauren Thie: Ultrastructure of Mosquito Feet

*Poster Presentations*  
Belk Dining Hall, West Wing  
Noon–12:50 p.m.  
*Women Artists in the Classroom*  
Erin Dinwiddie  
*Elizabeth Gaskell: A Feminist in the Victorian Era*  
Jenni Drew  
*Disease Epidemiology and Healthcare Availability:  
Hispanic Population of North Carolina*  
Lee Ann Garner  
*Exploration of Tessellations and Tilings through an  
Algebraic View*  
Megan Shore

*Poster Cluster III: Research in Nutrition*  
*An Assessment of Five Major U.S. Food Assistance  
Programs*  
Margaret Hudson

#### *Early Afternoon Conference Sessions*

*Leadership Studies By and About Women* - SMB 162  
1:40–1:55 p.m. *Do Leaders Form Groups of Leaders? A  
Longitudinal Study of Leadership and Cognitive  
Social Networks*  
Kavya Reddy  
2:00–2:15 p.m. *Longitudinal Examination of the  
Relationship between Leadership and Independence  
in College Women*  
Rose Wilson

*Family and Lifestyle Choices* - LED 101  
1:40–1:55 p.m. *A Comparative Study of Families in  
China, India, Japan, and Vietnam*  
Ashley L. Arnold

2:20–2:35 p.m. *Parental Perceptions of Socially Toxic  
Environmental Factors in Relation to Their Role in  
Rearing Children*  
Leslie van den Berg

*Media Sources Making a Difference* - Kresge Auditorium  
1:40–2:05 p.m. *Tous à l'antenne! A French Newscast*  
Molly Aiken, Kristen Flora, and Rebecca Vannoy  
(Language of presentation: French)  
2:10–2:25 p.m. *Let the Mudslinging Begin: A Critical  
Analysis of the 2004 Presidential Election*  
Jessica Willson  
2:30 –2:45 p.m. *The Increasing Importance of  
Bioinformatics within Genetic, Cellular, and Medical  
Research: A Comprehensive Study of Bioinformatics  
Techniques*  
Jessica Hammiel

#### *Mid-Afternoon Conference Sessions*

*Weighting for Things to Change* - Gaddy Hamrick  
Lecture Hall  
2:45–3:40 p.m. *Installation on view as you enter or leave  
the session: Art and Sociology: A Creative Approach  
to "Illuminate" the Effects of Modern Culture's Idea of  
Body Image in Women in Different Age Groups*  
Kimberly Humphrey  
2:45–3:00 p.m. *Cultural Expectations of Thinness in  
Women: From the 1920's to 2000's: Spreading  
Ourselves Too Thin*  
Kelly Beth Smith  
3:05–3:20 p.m. *Obesity Among America's Poor Women:  
Solutions to the Problem*  
Teresa J. Nichols

*A Portal to Many Places: Music Holds the Key* - Jones  
Chapel  
2:45–3:00 p.m. *Barbara Strozzi, Remarkable Woman  
Composer of the Baroque Era*  
Grace Sugg

*Close Encounters of a Religious Kind* - Kresge  
Auditorium  
3:25–3:40 p.m. *The Unlikely Pairing of Old and New:  
Discovering the Parallelism of Iconography and  
Style in Pontormo's 1514 Visitation*  
Holly Ann Schmidt

*Lessons from Europe in Courage and Community* -  
Ledford 101  
2:45–3:00 p.m. *Lights in the Dark: Córdoba and al-  
Andalus*  
Lisa Becksford  
3:05–3:20 p.m. *Marching to the Beat of a Different Drum:  
Toulon in the French Revolution*  
Victoria Kay Bunch

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3:25–3:40 p.m. *International Marketing—Going Abroad to Spain*  
Elizabeth Yaros

## Welcome New Honors students

It is always a pleasure to welcome new Honors students to the group. This semester, a great group of young women has joined us. I hope you will get the chance to meet them soon.

### Molly Aiken

Hometown: Knoxville, TN  
Intended Major: Biology with a concentration in health sciences.

### Marium Ali

Hometown: Pakistan  
Intended Major: Molecular biology.

### Kristen Flora

Hometown: Rocky Mount, NC  
Intended Major: Math

### Amber Krawczyk

Hometown: Pea Ridge, NC  
Intended Major: English and Education - 9-12 licensure

### Christina Maness

Hometown: Asheboro, NC  
Intended Major: Chemical Engineering

### Alyssa Miller

Hometown: Chapel Hill, NC  
Intended Major: double major in Pre-Art Therapy and Psychology

### Lee Mullin

Hometown: Durham, NC  
Major: Biology with concentration in Health Sciences, Pre- PT

### Whitney Perry

Hometown: Stanford, NC.  
Intended Major: History

### Kavya Reddy

Hometown: Cary, NC  
Intended Major: Biology and Psychology

### Hannah Stark

Hometown: Raleigh  
Major: Studio Art

### Angela "Ann" Stoehr

Hometown: Wilmington, NC  
Intended Major: Business

## Farewell Seniors



Ashley at  
Cornhuskin'

### Ashley Amey

Major: Biology  
Minor: Psychology  
Honors: Juliet Hamlet  
Harris Scholarship, Tri-  
Beta, ALD, Kappa Nu  
Sigma  
Plans after graduation:  
Attend Medical College of  
Virginia Commonwealth

University for  
Occupational Therapy  
Shoutouts: Jennie N.,  
Michelle D., Tara L.: I

leave you my sexy clay head from Art and  
Anatomy.

Thesis topic: Prevalence of carpal tunnel risk  
factors in Meredith College students.

Random Interesting About Me: I am addicted to  
health network and I love 7-11 slurpees.



Ashley

### Ashley Arnold

Major: Family and Consumer  
Sciences 7-12 licensure  
Activities: Aqua Angels, Resident  
Assistant 2 years, White Iris  
Circle, Silver Shield Society,  
Class of 2005 Class Doll Co-  
chair,  
Study abroad: Study Abroad  
Summer '02

Plan(s) after graduation: To come  
back in the fall to student teach,

then teach in January.

Thesis topic: A  
Comparative Case Study  
on Families from China,

India, Japan, and Vietnam.

## Allison Clapp



Allison (front and center) in the van

Majors: Human and Mass Communication  
Minors: Mathematics, Psychology, and Professional Writing and Presentation Media

Honors: Lambda Pi Eta, Psi Chi, Pi Mu

Epsilon, Alpha Lambda Delta

Study abroad: Study

Abroad to Italy/Switzerland summer '04

Activities: Service Council Chair, Granddaughter's Club VP

Plans after graduation: Children's Intern for Pleasant Garden Baptist Church for the summer, getting married in September

Thoughts: Honors has been one of my favorite Meredith experiences. My honors friends are the friends that I'll have for a lifetime.

Shoutouts: To friends in Honors: Margaret Hudson: you've been my roommate, my best friend, and my date for any and all Meredith functions. I love you! Amber Lumley and Jenny Sloop: Can we say NAVY? Moving your bed around in the hotel room because the ceiling was leaking, and wonderful Annapolis memories. Liz Wilson: Don't eat Moe's before going to the theatre. Not a good idea. Taylor Newberry: fake crook hiding is definitely your forte.

Random interesting things about me: I love kids with autism, am obsessive compulsive when it comes to cleaning, always have cold hands, and am an honors nerd.

Thesis topic: Methods of teaching social play to children with autism

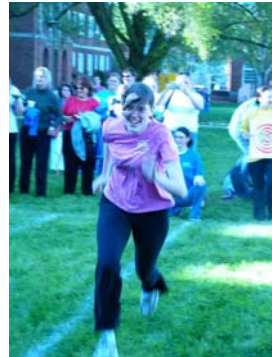


Valerie at Ring Dinner

On May 15, **Valerie Coleman**, avid cross-stitcher and lover of cheese, will walk away from Meredith with a B.S. in biology, a B.A. in chemistry, a minor in music, and fond memories that will last a lifetime and then some. While at Meredith, Valerie has served as president of Beta Beta Beta, co-secretary of Kappa Nu Sigma, and inductions co-chair for Alpha Lambda Delta. She has also been a student adviser, a representative and secretary for the Student Life

Committee, a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon, and an active sister in Sigma Alpha Iota. Her biggest accomplishments this past year have included completing her honors thesis (entitled "The Effects of Triclosan on Freshwater Invertebrates and the Environment"), giving a graduation piano recital, and getting her boyfriend to commit to a relationship beyond "just friends." Among her most treasured memories are the good times that were had on the "honors halls," the Christmas parties at Taylor's, the infamous heifers, and something about "getting a nod." She will always value her "honors experience," her favorite part being given the chance to take such interesting courses as "The Science Behind CS" and "Elements of Popular Music." After graduation, Valerie will attend UNC's School of Pharmacy and will be living with her adorable cat, Zoe, and the fabulous Jessica "2 L's" Willson. Following pharmacy school, Valerie hopes to find an exciting career in the pharmaceutical industry where she will either discover a cure for AIDS or create floral-scented athlete's foot cream.

**Cynthia (Cindy) Currin** majored in mathematics with minors in accounting and computer studies and did her thesis in mathematics, modeling the effects of an earthquake on multi-story buildings. During her years at Meredith, she has been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, Pi Mu Epsilon, and Kappa Nu Sigma honor societies. She was active in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Canaday Math and Computer Science Club, MRA (serving as treasurer), and Elections Board, and in the summer of 2004 she participated in the Meredith Abroad program to Italy, Switzerland, and the UK. She feels blessed to have been able to enjoy the cultural events provided by Focus on Excellence, to have traveled beyond her comfort zone, and to have made such wonderful friends and memories over the past four years.



Cindy at Stunt



Jenni (center) with Jenny (L) and Amber (R)

## Jenni Ellen Drew

Major: English

Minor: Professional Writing

Honors: Alpha Lambda Delta, Sigma Tau Delta, Kappa Nu Sigma, 2004-2005 Who's Who Among Students in

American Colleges and University, 2004-2005 Alice Daniel Satsky English Scholarship Recipient

Activities: Student Life Representative for the Class of 2005, Sigma Tau Delta Vice President, Colton English Club Vice President, I have been a Resident Assistant for the past two years.

Study Abroad: I studied abroad last summer in Italy and Switzerland. I truly had the time of my life and made some lifelong friends along the way.

Plans After Graduation: find a temporary job and eventually go to Graduate School. I'm getting married in September.

Thoughts: I have enjoyed being a part of the Honors Program at Meredith. It has helped me grow as an individual and broadened my horizons in a number of ways. I feel fortunate to have been a part of the program.

Thesis Topic: Elizabeth Gaskell: A Feminist in the Victorian Era

**Jessica Hammel** majored in Biology with a double concentration in pre-medical studies and molecular biology and wrote her honors thesis on the role of biotechnology in genetic, cellular, and medical research. Jessica hopes to continue her education next year in medical school where she is interested in studying research oncology. She served on Honor Council all four years, participating as a class representative and honor council chair. She also enjoyed serving on Review Board and the Student Government Association Executive Board, and being a transfer student ambassador. She was inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, Beta Beta Beta, Silver Shield, and Kappa Nu Sigma, in which she served as Vice-President. Her favorite Meredith memories include attending Honors Focus on Excellence events and classes, participating in events with the Class of 2005, and cutting up and eating out with her Honor's student advising group, the Heifers.

### **Margaret Hudson**

Major: Foods & nutrition

Honors: Alpha Lambda Delta, Kappa Omicron Nu

Study Abroad: Summer 2005 Meredith Abroad in Italy/Switzerland



**Margaret (L) with Allison (R)**

Plans after graduation: a dietetic internship at Meredith

Thoughts: Being shocked when I met our Honors director. Because Dr. Walton was not the tiny Asian man I thought he would be after receiving the

welcome to honors email from "waltong@meredith.edu" I know I'm not the only one who thought his name was Waltong!

Shoutouts: 1st Vann (2001-2002) girls are the best!

Thesis Topic: Exploring Tuscan Eating Patterns: A Traditional Meal

### **Amber Lumley**

Major: History, 9-12 licensure

Honors: North Carolina Teaching Fellow, Kappa Nu Sigma, Phi Theta Alpha, Silver Shield, Alpha Lambda Delta, Who's Who Recipient, Class of 2005 Member at Large, MCJWC president, History/Politics Club Vice-President, Student Life



**Amber the Cornhuskin' girl**

Plans after graduation: I plan to teach history in a public high school in either Wake County or Onslow County

Thoughts: My favorite memories from Honors are both trips to Asheville and Annapolis where I was able to connect with different faculty members and create close friendships with other Honors girls.

Memory: Student Teaching

this semester at Leesville Road High School- United States History and Sociology

Shoutouts: I would like to say

thank you to Margaret, Alison, and Jenny for putting up with me on all of the Honors adventures we go through. I will miss you girls very much!

Thesis topic: An analysis of the roles and responsibilities of the First Ladies

### **Kathryn Maitrejean**

Major: Social Work

Honors: Phi Alpha Honor Society

Plans after graduation: Commissioning as a 2nd Lt, Personnel Officer in the USAF

Thoughts: The Honors program has added so much to my experience here at Meredith. Traditional courses don't give you the experience of understanding how



**Kathryn (taken in Annapolis)**

intertwined disciplines are once you leave college, but Honors courses give you a taste of how "interdisciplinary" life really is.

Random Interesting Facts About Me: I was so shy as a child that I couldn't even ask someone what time it was-- you could forget speaking up in class!

Thesis Topic: Domestic Violence

Services: Military or Civilian, does it make a difference?  
(A comparative analysis of the services from a military and a civilian agency to victims of domestic violence)

### Taylor Newberry



Taylor at  
Cornhuskin'

Major(s): Accounting  
Minor(s) Political Science  
Honors: 2005 Jim Johnson Memorial Business Scholarship winner, Alpha Lambda Delta, Kappa Nu Sigma, Pi Sigma Alpha, Delta Mu Delta

Activities: tutoring; spring accounting internship; Honors

committee; too many clubs, class activities, dance practices, and committees to list

Plans after graduation: I have

received a fellowship at NCSU to pursue my Masters in Accountancy. Then I hope to sit for the CPA exam next spring and summer and work at a public accounting firm.

Words/thoughts/memories about Honors: Meredith is a great school, but Honors has made it extraordinary. It's been the perfect balance of academics, independence, adventure, and relationships. The Honors professors and Honors committee faculty members are some of the best people on this campus; they have taught me the meaning of dedication. I have loved the Focus On Excellence activities--I'm so much more cultured than I was when I arrived at Meredith! And the trips have led me to explore new places and new schools of thought. Every Honors Director has added something new to my experience, and I am truly grateful for the Honors friends I've made, from the ladies on 1st Vann freshman year to the gals I've met along the way. The academic enrichment and memories that I have gained through Honors will go with me out into the world and help me set a high standard for excellence wherever I go.

Shoutouts to friends in Honors: Heifer group, you are, hands down, the best Meredith College has to offer. Advisees in '06 and '07--how did I get the privilege of working with so many of you talented people? To my '08 advisees Keri, Rebecca, Edye, Kristin, Erica, and Brittney: you all have blown me away this year--I'm only sorry I won't be around campus as much to see the amazing things that you are going to be involved in--thank goodness Honors is being left in your capable hands. Seleta, do you know how much I love you? And to all my fellow seniors--you are more incredible than words can describe. Good job, ladies.

Random interesting things about me: To try to deal with shock of leaving Meredith (and Honors!), I am going to Vancouver, British Columbia, right after graduation and then touring up and down Europe for the month of June.

Other randomness? I took Tae Kwon Do and Organ lessons this year. Kejah!

Thesis topic: Conservation Easements As a Means of Tax Planning



Teresa

### Teresa J. Nichols

Majors: Political Science and Economics

Honors: Kappa Nu Sigma, Pi Sigma Alpha

Activities: History and Politics Club, Association of Cultural Awareness, Association of Meredith Commuters, Class of 2005 Co-Chair, and Diversity Council.

Study Abroad: Summer 2004-England, Scotland, and Ireland

Plan(s) after graduation: Work for a year at lobbying firm and

then attend George Washington University for a Masters in Public Policy.

Shoutouts: Victoria, My Curly Top: Remember to never forget to have fun! Amber: I know you will be one of the best teachers NC has ever seen. Jess- Good luck in UNC-Chapel Hill and Kat-looking forward to policy with you in the real world!

Random Interesting About Me: I collect playing cards from different places and I love IRELAND and Irish History

Thesis Topic: Obesity Among American's Poor Women

### Jessica Willson



### Jessie at the Honors trip to zoo

After nine hundred seventy-four days, give or take a few, Jessica "two Ls" Willson is preparing to bid adieu.

She majored in Spero, as Walton would say, (That's Mass Communication),

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And now she's found her second home  
(Politics – the international persuasion).

She completed both her theses this fall  
Was it suicide or genius to do?  
The results are that she's still alive  
And proud of her work to boot!  
She dissected the presidential campaign  
Of 2004 for communication,  
And for international politics, as honors,  
She discussed the future of U.S. domination.

Her academic dedication  
Has opened many a door:  
A Presidential Scholar,  
But, essentially, so much more.  
She's led the Model UN group  
To victory – what a sensation!  
She heads the women of Lambda Pi Eta,  
The honor society of communication.  
The publicist for Kappa Nu Sigma,  
She's one of the proud, the few, the brave,  
And although Meredith events have been fun,  
She touts academic success to her grave.

Her days have overflowed always  
With intellectual engagement,  
At night she's burned the midnight oil  
Finding other forms of entertainment.  
She and her lovely suitemate, Val,  
Indulge in *The Apprentice*  
And *American Idol* fills their hearts  
And gives them something joyous.

Jess packed her bags, jumped a jet plane,  
And studied abroad in Europe this summer,  
And found herself unwilling to leave  
Italy – what a bummer!

She's taught at Duke, acted in plays,  
And written for *Business Leader*,  
And in the end, she's found her passion  
In the greatest, most challenging theater:

She'll start at UNC in August  
To begin her work in law school.  
And there, she'll prune her budding career  
As a lawyer (is she a fool?)

Once again, she'll live with Valerie,  
With Val's cat and a splendid kitchen,  
And Jess is hoping to find herself a puppy –  
Chapel Hill: where she'll find her niche in?

The future is bright and exciting to her,

But she knows what she is leaving:  
Trips out of town, adventures in Raleigh,  
And musicals for the evening.

Creative classes, fantastic professors,  
And more personal attention than one deserves  
At nowhere but Meredith, in nothing but Honors  
Could Jess find her education better preserved.

She'll miss all her hall-mates –  
Bunches! Sandy! Where have all the years gone?  
And what about trips to the dining hall?  
Don't say that those days are done!

But alas, this journey is imminent,  
And inescapable – so these things go.  
Miss Willson will drive off to a thrilling, new life...  
But parting is such sweet sorrow.

Farewell, Honors!



**Holly at  
Cornhuskin'**

**Holly Schmidt**

Major(s): BA Art Graphic  
Design and Photography  
Honors: Silver Shield, ALD,  
KNS

Activities: Aqua Angels  
Synchronized Swim Team  
Member and Co-Captain

Study abroad: Summer art in  
Italy Program 2004

Plan(s) after graduation:  
Graduate school in the near

future, to get an MFA in  
Graphic Design

Words/thoughts/memories  
about Honors: wonderful

friends, gatherings, and trips

Shoutouts to friends in Honors: I LOVE MY '07's! Angela  
and Dawn =)

Random interesting things about me: I designed the  
cover and interior of this year's Colton review

Thesis topic: Suspended, A photography Installation,  
featuring large format bold color photographs of women  
suspended in air surrounded by autumnal colors

" Throughout life's journey, the unfamiliar and the  
unknown often take over and may leave us feeling  
suspended. My puzzling images call for contemplation  
and ask questions of life's direction. Are we eager to  
move on? Do we want to go back or stay still? My  
images capture a moment where the figure and viewer  
are left without direction. Often we project ideal paths  
for life but cannot know or control our final destination.  
These new perspectives reveal transitions for temporary  
stages in life. Through my exploration and current

journey, I offer ideas and transitions that elevate uncertainty allowing us to reflect upon what is truly desired and valued. "

### **Leslie Scott van den Berg**

Major(s) - Child Development, Licensure - Elementary Education (K-6)

Honors: Dean's List Fall 2001-Present, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Fall 2004-Present, Silver Shield Honorary Leadership Society Spring 2004-Present, Kappa Omicron Nu Spring 2004-Present, Kappa Nu Sigma Fall 2003-Present, Alpha Lambda Delta Spring 2002-Present, Meredith College Honors Program Spring 2002-Present, Julia Hamlet Harris Scholarship Recipient Fall 2001-Present

Activities: Big Sis/Lil Sis Co-Chair 2001-2005, Cornhuskin' and Stunt choreographer 2001-2005, MAYC President, MCA Missions Chair, Forest Hills Baptist Church College Ministry Leadership Team - Service Committee Contact, MCJWC 2001-2004

Plan(s) after graduation: I will be teaching elementary school in Wake County, although I do not know where at this point in time.

Words/thoughts/memories you have about Honors: I have enjoyed my experience with Honors classes at Meredith! I appreciated the opportunity to explore topics in which I am interested and to incorporate my own thoughts into my learning. The Focus on Excellence events also provided me with a wonderful way to experience the world around me, as well as to socialize with other Honors students.

Shoutouts to friends in Honors: Honors students are dedicated to Meredith College and the traditions it upholds! CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS FOR ALL OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Random interesting things about you: I will be going to Peru for approximately two weeks in June to teach Bible school and to help with medical examinations! This trip will be a challenge because the only language I speak fluently is English! I am excited to see what the Lord will do through me despite my language barrier! On a more random note - I like listening to children's music, even when I am not teaching!

Thesis topic: Parental Perceptions of Socially Toxic Environmental Factors in Relation to Their Role of Rearing Children

### **Erin Dinwiddie**

Major(s): Art Major with an Art Education concentration  
Plans after graduation: Looking for a position in the North Carolina Public Schools and doing illustration and art commissions. I will be getting married August 6th to my wonderful supportive fiancé! I can't wait to be in my own classroom with my students, giving them to opportunities to explore and experiment using art. The

future is bright and promising though always a little uncertain but we all must embrace it with a positive attitude and enjoy all we can! God Bless all my friends that have struggled, studied, laughed, and cried with me over these four years at Meredith College. Thoughts: I feel blessed to have the opportunities of wonderful honors classes and activities while in college. Thesis: My thesis was a joint project with Mary Hemphill. She wrote and I illustrated a bilingual children's story to attempt to connect to students during the rough transition time of moving to the United States.

### **Victoria Bunch**

Major: Accounting

Minor: French

Honors/honor society membership: Silver Shield, Kappa Nu Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, Pi Delta Phi, Delta Mu Delta, Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities

Activities and/or study abroad: President of Silver Shield, President of Le Cercle Français (3 years), President of Pi Delta Phi (3 years), Student Adviser for Honors

Program (3 years), Honor Council Review Board Chair, Co-Secretary of Kappa Nu Sigma, Meredith Abroad Italy/Switzerland 6 week summer



**Victoria in American Indian class**

program (2003)  
Plans after graduation: I will leave in the

fall to teach English at l'Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers, France for a year. During my year abroad, I hope to gain fluency in French as well as spend some time traveling in Europe.

Words/thoughts/memories you have about Honors: My favorite memories from the Honors Program include the Focus on Excellence series and the Honors trips. I especially enjoyed helping Dr. Edwards plan the trip to Annapolis. Planning that trip and writing my Honors thesis are among my biggest accomplishments/proudest moments while at Meredith. The Honors Program provided me with opportunities to grow that I would not likely have had otherwise.

Shout-outs to friends in Honors: I met the majority of my closest Meredith friends through the Honors Program. It has been the best experience of my life to live and learn and grow with them for the past four years. For a lot of us, it started on 1<sup>st</sup> Vann, and we've lived together ever

since. (I love you, Roomie!) I will never forget my Honors SA group freshmen year (the Heifers!) and how close we have become. All the way from Orientation 2001 (Wow! That sounds so long ago!!) until now. Ladies, we made it!!



**Victoria**

Random, interesting things about me: I have been out of the country at least once every year since my freshman year in high school. I am officially under the influence of the travel bug!

Thesis topic (and more shout-outs!):

Title: "Marching to the Beat of a Different Drum: Toulon in the French Revolution"

I wrote my Honors thesis in History and studied

the local circumstances of Toulon, a city in the south of France, to make a comparison of events in that city to the events/ movements of the broader model of the Revolution. I was privileged to work with Dr. Michael Novak, who assured me that an Accounting major can also be a historian. I also had the support of Jessie Willson during our "thesis semester." Thanks for the late night talks and staring at the ceiling. It wouldn't have been as much fun without you!

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Major - biology

Minor - chemical physics

Honors/honor society membership - Beta Beta Beta, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Kappa Nu Sigma



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Activities and/or study abroad - member of the tennis team, and captain for two years

Plan(s) after graduation - eventually going to medical school

Words/thoughts/memories you have about Honors – I

will never forget walking into the honors meet and greet session at Experience Meredith my senior year of high school and hearing Dr. Walton say my name as soon as I walked through the door. I had never met him before, and knowing that he had taken the time to get to know me was one of the reasons why I decided to come to Meredith.

Thesis topic – Disease Epidemiology and Healthcare Availability: Hispanic Population of North Carolina

**Notes**

- Thank you to all who helped with: Honors Program Review, Scholarship Weekend, Admissions, Experience Meredith, Honors trip planning!!!!
- If you haven't yet, sign up for an advising appointment on the door of Ledford 113!