DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

The 2017-2018 academic year was a year of substantial and significant growth for a program that has been constantly evolving since its beginnings in 1988. As UCR has grown, so, too, has University Honors, and we now serve nearly eight hundred students in all four colleges and schools on campus. Our goal is to provide each and every student with an educational experience that complements the outstanding undergraduate experience that all UCR students enjoy.

As you will see from this annual report, University Honors serves an extremely talented and diverse population of students. All of our programming is guided by our three pillars: promoting creativity and innovation, cultivating a culture of contribution, and celebrating diversity and global citizenship. Through these pillars, our students experience the power of an interdisciplinary education that focuses on collaboration, achievement, and scholarship. During the next year, we are excited to have all new University Honors students enroll in one honors course each quarter. Not only will this create a meaningful learning community for these students, but it also represents the first time that all first-year honors courses taken by these students will count for either breadth or university-level requirements. Next year, we hope to continue the trend by converting our second-year civic engagement course into a 4-unit writing class that will complete the university writing requirement for all of our students. Stay tuned!

It is truly an honor to direct this amazing program. This fall, we will celebrate our 30th anniversary and, at that time, we will both celebrate the past and look forward to a bright future.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Cardullo, Ph.D.
Howard H Hays, Jr. Chair and Faculty Director
Professor of Biology
ABOUT HONORS

Mission Statement:

University Honors engages a diverse community of students, faculty, and staff in the creation of global citizens through high-impact experiences that emphasize original scholarship, contribution, creativity, and innovation.

Vision Statement:

University Honors will be nationally recognized as a model college that produces graduates who are highly sought for premier opportunities and who continue to develop as lifelong learners, engaged citizens, and future leaders.

Pillars of Excellence:

CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF CONTRIBUTION

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

PROMOTING CREATIVITY & INNOVATION
2017-2018 STATISTICS

Fall 2017 Admissions

Applicants
- First-Year: 80%
- Second-Year: 10%
- Third-Year: 2%
- Transfer: 8%

Admits
- First-Year: 63%
- Second-Year: 19%
- Third-Year: 2%
- Transfer: 16%

Statements of Intent to Register
- First-Year: 79%
- Transfer: 21%

Grade Point Average at Admission
- First-Year: 3.96
- Second-Year & Third-Year: 3.75
- Transfer: 3.71
### College and School Distribution

#### First-Year
- **CNAS**: 52%
- **CHASS**: 32%
- **BCOE**: 15%
- **Business**: 0%

#### Second-Year & Third-Year
- **CNAS**: 35%
- **CHASS**: 49%
- **BCOE**: 15%
- **Business**: 0%

#### Transfer
- **CNAS**: 20%
- **BCOE**: 11%
- **Business**: 12%
- **CHASS**: 57%

### Scholarships

#### Regents’ Scholars

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## Fall 2017 Continuing Students

### Grade Point Average:

3.60

### College and School Distribution

![College and School Distribution Chart]

- **BCOE**: 16%
- **Business**: 5%
- **CHASS**: 36%
- **CNAS**: 43%
## Scholarships

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### Gender
- Female: 62%
- Male: 37%
- Decline to State: 1%

### Ethnicity
- Hispanic or Latino: 7%
- Asian: 21%
- White: 35%
- Multi-Racial: 2%
- Black/African-American: 2%
- Non-Resident Alien: 0.1%
- Decline to State: 1%
- Pacific Islander: 1%

### First-Generation
- 47%

### Low-Income
- 27%
Honors Faculty Fellows

**CHASS**
- Tanya Nieri, Sociology
- Richard Rodriguez, Media & Cultural Studies
- Vorris Nunley, English

**CNAS**
- Nigel Hughes, Earth Sciences
- Jack Eichler, Chemistry

**BCOE**
- David Cocker, Environmental Engineering

**School of Business**
- Ward Beyermann, Physics
- Caroline Roper, Plant Pathology
- Elaine Wong, Management
Faculty-in-Residence: 2
- Pentland Hills Residence Hall
- Glen Mor Campus Apartments

Faculty Engagement Hours: 84

Faculty-Led Field Trips: 5
- Huntington Library
- Riverside Sundial & Norton Simon Museum
- Marble Mountain Wilderness
- BrainyActz Escape Room
- Two Trees Trail Clean-Up

Courses

Number of Honors Courses Offered: 87

Course Enrollment
- Fall Quarter: 535
- Winter Quarter: 217
- Spring Quarter: 435
**Intramural and Extramural Prestigious Scholarships and Awards**

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Study Abroad Program Participants

UC Education Abroad Program: 5
Opportunities Abroad Program: 2

UC Washington Center (UCDC) Participants

Summer ‘17: 3
Fall ’17: 1
Winter ’18: 3
Spring ’18: 1
Summer ’18: 3
HIGH-IMPACT EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES PARTICIPATION

Research, Creative Activity, Scholarly Work
- Summer '17: 22%
- Fall '17: 30%
- Winter '18: 30%

Member of On-Campus or Off-Campus Organization
- Summer '17: 29%
- Fall '17: 57%
- Winter '18: 55%

Leader of On-Campus or Off-Campus Organization
- Summer '17: 17%
- Fall '17: 29%
- Winter '18: 31%

Fellowship Recipient
- Summer '17: 3%
- Fall '17: 4%
- Winter '18: 3%

Scholarship Recipient
- Summer '17: 9%
- Fall '17: 28%
- Winter '18: 22%

Unpaid Internship
- Summer '17: 3%
- Fall '17: 3%
- Winter '18: 3%

Part-Time Job or Paid Internship
- Summer '17: 18%
- Fall '17: 25%
- Winter '18: 24%

Presenter at Discipline-Specific Conference
- Summer '17: 4%
- Fall '17: 2%
- Winter '18: 2%

Member of an Honors Society: 17%
Audeamus was started in 2007 at UC Riverside as a multi-disciplinary journal for undergraduate honors students across the UC system.

For more information, visit us at www.audeamus.ucr.edu

Total Submissions: 302

Published Submissions: 16 [5.2% acceptance rate]
University Honors Ambassadors work with the Honors team to enhance student development through peer mentoring, workshops, and extracurricular activities for Honors students.

**Number of Ambassadors:** 16

**Events Supported:** 15

**Students Mentored:** 253

**Mentor Evaluations**

88% Excellent, 8% Above Average, 4% Average, 0% Poor
MEDIA TEAM

9 Videos Produced

323 Twitter Followers

708 Instagram Followers

1,321 Facebook Likes

239 YouTube Subscribers
GRADUATES

Capstone Project Submissions

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Post-Graduation Plans

- Graduate/Professional School: 48%
- Take a Year Off: 1%
- Work Full-Time: 1%
- Work Part-Time: 1%
- Unpaid Internship/Volunteer: 2%
- Study or Work Abroad: 3%
- Paid Internship: 6%
- Self-Employment: 9%
- Armed Forces: 2%
- Undecided: 1%
- Other: 1%
- Summer '17: 4
- Fall '17: 2
- Winter '18: 6
- Spring '18: 98
Career Aspirations

- Health Science: 29%
- STEM Career: 19%
- Education/Training: 12%
- Communications: 11%
- Law/Public Safety: 7%
- Business Management: 7%
- Public Administration: 3%
- Information Technology: 2%
- Manufacturing: 2%
- Marketing, Sales, Service: 1%
- Military Service: 1%
- Transportation/Logistics: 1%
- Undecided: 13%
- Other: 1%

Highest Academic Degree Planned

- Doctorate: 34%
- Medical Doctorate: 27%
- Juris Doctorate: 5%
- Master's Degree: 5%
- Bachelor's Degree: 5%
- Teaching Credential: 5%
- Undecided: 1%
STUDENT PROFILES

Mina Hanin
2017-2018 University Honors Valedictorian
Political Science
Mr. Hanin has served as a discussion leader, an Audeamus editor, and an Ambassador in University Honors. On campus, Mina served as an Undergraduate Academic Senate Representative and as a Justice on the Judicial Council of the Associated Students of UCR (ASUCR). Off campus, he has served as a legislative fellow for Senator Richard Roth and as a legal intern for the Office of County Counsel. He was also elected as a member of Phi Betta Kappa.

“I plan to participate in the Capital Fellows Program in Sacramento and apply to law school.”

Bindi Hira
2017-2018 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Biology
Ms. Hira has served as the President of the American Medical School Association, a Kaplan MCAT instructor, a COPE Health Scholar, a Member of the San Bernardino Free Clinic Administration Team, and as an Honors discussion leader. She was elected as a member of Phi Betta Kappa.

“I plan to attend the St. Louis University School of Medicine.”
Marisa Montoya
2017-2018 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Psychology
Ms. Montoya has served as an Honors Ambassador, the Outreach Director for the UCR Katipunan Pilipino Student Organization, a Mustard Seed Project volunteer, and a member of Active Minds. She was also elected as a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

“I plan to apply to graduate school.”

Christ Ordookhanian
2017-2018 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Biochemistry
Mr. Ordookhanian served as a medical researcher and clinical instructor at the UCR School of Medicine. He was also a project leader for the Mini Medical School, a teaching assistant at the Academic Resource Center, an instructor in the Medical Leaders of Tomorrow program, the founder of the Emergency Medicine Outreach Program, and a University Honors discussion leader.

“I plan to attend the UCR School of Medicine.”

Pete Pridanonda
2017-2018 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Economics
Mr. Pridanonda served as a trade finance intern at the U.S. Department of Commerce, an economic policy intern at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, a chief economist for Hylander Financial Group, and a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon.

“I plan to attend graduate school at Johns Hopkins University.”
## EXPENDITURES

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