

# Honors & Scholars PROGRAM

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Benefits extend beyond the classroom.

VWC STUDENTS IN OXFORD, ENGLAND WITH DR. TERRY LINDVALL AND DR. BEN HALLER. June 2014

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Receive institutional funding to pay for college and be rewarded for your academic excellence. Academic scholarships are awarded to incoming students only.

#### HONORS HOUSING

Live and study in the Honors Hall, an academically-oriented environment that is conducive to learning and interacting with other students.

#### PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Honors & Scholars members have the privilege of being the first group of students to pre-register for classes each semester before other students.

#### CAMPUS RECOGNITION

As a top student, you'll be asked to participate in special events and represent the College during interactions with Board of Trustees members, campus administrators and professors.

#### FREE ACTIVITIES

Take part in a variety of programs throughout the year, including local opera and theatre performances, concerts, Virginia Symphony events, dolphin-watching excursions, museums and athletic contests.





# Exceeding Expectations



VWC STUDENTS ENJOYING THE CLOSING CEREMONIES FOR MODEL UN – EUROPE, IN FRONT OF THE GATE TO SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME.

## Marlin Scholar Spotlight

**VICTORIA O'LEARY '16**  
Hometown: WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA  
Majors: COMMUNICATION, THEATRE



## Scholarship

### COURSE WORK

Special honors courses and honors sections of existing courses are offered exclusively for Honors & Scholars students. You may also develop individualized approaches to existing classes that delve deeper into a subject area.

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND STUDY AWAY

Conduct your own research under the guidance of a faculty member and have the opportunity to present at local, regional and national conferences. Research topics have taken students to countries such as Costa Rica, Trinidad, Vietnam, and Belize. Showcase your research at the Undergraduate Research Symposium on campus in the spring.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND STUDY AWAY

Honors & Scholars students compete for national fellowships, including awards from U.S. Fulbright and the Environmental Protection Agency. Travel destinations for fellowships have included Germany, Britain and Turkey, among others.

### INTERNSHIPS

Your experience will help you translate classroom theory into practice, enhance your marketability for future employment and graduate studies, and provide an opportunity to test career possibilities.

## Leadership

Honors & Scholars students are natural leaders in the classroom and campus community. Many of these students participate or hold leadership positions in:

- Clubs and organizations
- Fraternities and sororities
- Student Government Association
- *The Marlin Chronicle* award-winning student newspaper
- Choral groups: The College Choir and Wesleyan Singers
- Theatre productions

### Scholarly Leadership Opportunities:

**Peer Advisors** – Serve as mentors to incoming freshmen and take an active role in the classroom.

**Model United Nations** – Take part in this annual three-day event at the Model UN in New York City, or experience a trip abroad for the Model UN - Europe.

**Ethics Bowl** – Analyze and debate contemporary issues in public policy as Virginia colleges compete in this annual event.



## Service

You'll also engage in meaningful service and learning experiences in the community that meet real needs and provide the opportunity to reflect on personal development.

### WINTER HOMELESS SHELTER

Each winter, Virginia Wesleyan opens its doors to homeless adults for a week-long shelter, providing a warm place for sleep and meals. Volunteers provide services ranging from meals to manicures and fellowship.

### IMAGINE SPRING BREAK

An alternative program that gives you the opportunity to engage in a week-long project and learn about issues such as literacy, poverty, racism, hunger, homelessness and the environment. Students have traveled to the nearby Lynnhaven River to plant oysters and as far as Mississippi to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina.

### STUDENT OUTREACH COORDINATORS

Community action projects are focused in one of four areas of interests:

- Youth
- Hunger and Awareness
- Animals and the Environment
- Health and the Elderly

There are numerous agencies for community engagement such as Habitat for Humanity, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and more.



VWC STUDENTS AND THE CHILDREN OF HOUSE OF HOPE WOMEN, WHO HAVE COME OUT OF THE DESPERATION OF PROSTITUTION. (Picture taken during a "beach day" when students offered to care for the children while the women enjoyed some free time on the beach.)



THE HONORS & SCHOLARS PROGRAM means holding myself up to a higher educational standard, and being recognized for the work that I have done.

I have early access to classes and the ability to challenge myself with Honors coursework, which makes my schedule both easier and more demanding.

I also enjoy being able to attend traveling Broadway theatre productions, seasonal holiday events, and other fun activities with my friends in the program!



### INTERNSHIPS

NASA Langley and the National Institute of Aerospace (NIA) Offices of Alumni Relations and Advancement at Virginia Wesleyan College

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECTS

2014 Improvisational Theatre Team  
Undergraduate Research Symposium "*Simply Revolutionary: The 2014 RASC-AL Forum and Robo-Ops Competition*," a paper submitted to the LARSS (Langley Aerospace Research Student Scholar) Program

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Phi Sigma Sigma, Lambda Pi Eta, Rho Lambda, Alpha Psi Omega  
President of the National Panhellenic Council, 2013-2014  
Theatre Productions: Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Vicky in *Noises Off*, 2012 and 2014 Biennial Fall Student Play Festival (actress and student director)

### PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

- Graduate with a 3.4 GPA
- Maintain a 3.2 GPA
- Complete three Honors courses from at least two academic divisions
- Perform 20 hrs. of community service and record on Volunteer Service Log

### WESLEYAN SCHOLAR

- Graduate with a 3.5 GPA
- Maintain a 3.2 GPA
- Complete six Honors courses
- No more than three courses from one academic division
- Perform 40 hrs. of community service and record on Volunteer Service Log