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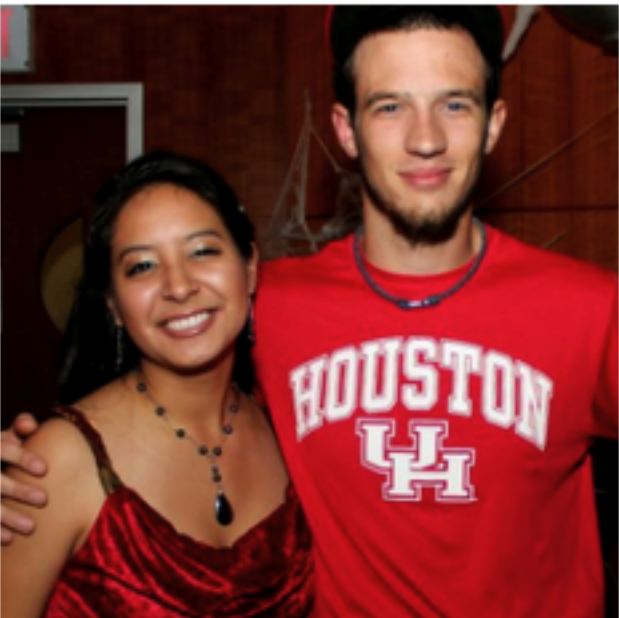




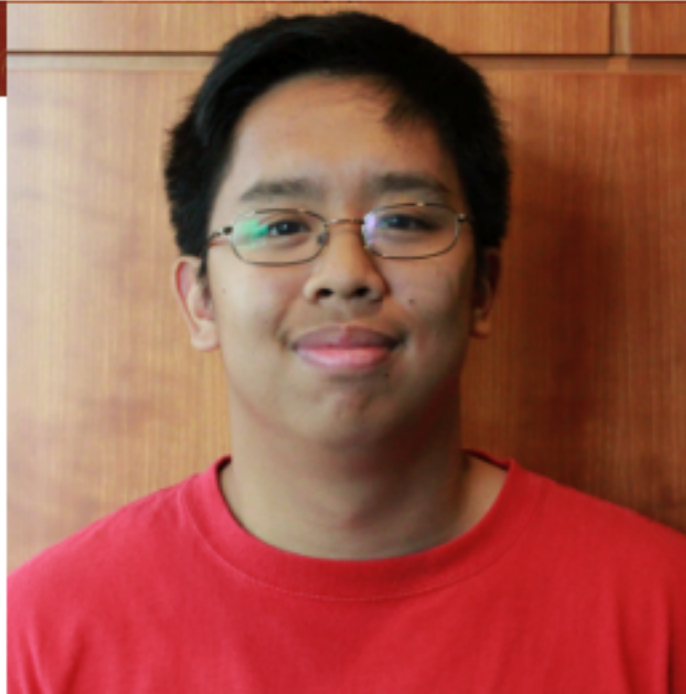
THE MENTORSHIP INITIATIVE

The Honors College mentorship program was initiated in 2010 as a way to ease the transition from high school to college for Honors freshman. The program is designed to enhance the college experience right from the start by making the Honors College and the University of Houston a more accessible place, and by providing a focus group of peers who can share their first year experience together under the guidance of an experienced mentor.

All incoming Honors students are assigned to a mentor when they attend a new student orientation. The mentors are upperclassmen of all backgrounds and majors, and all of them are devoted to guiding new students through the change and confusion that often accompany the first year. In addition to providing practical wisdom, mentors often end up serving the invaluable role of a friend. The mentors are all volunteers, and they offer their services because they love the University of Houston and want to show new students exactly why they do.



THE MENTOR EXECUTIVES



Nam-my Le Junior

I'm a junior economics major in the Honors College. I was in west Philadelphia born and raised on the playground where I spent most of my days. Chilling out, maxin', relaxin' all cool and shooting some b-ball outside of the school when a couple of guys, they were up to no good, started making trouble in my neighborhood. I did not get into a fight, but my parents took jobs in Houston, TX where I've been the last 7 years. I've worked at Texas Instruments, Green Mountain Energy and the Center for Advanced Materials before joining the Honors recruiting staff.



Kendall Mills Junior

I'm a junior Mathematical Biology major with a Business Administration minor. I have lived in rural Oklahoma for most of my life, and I came to the University of Houston to experience big city life. Best choice I ever made! My favorite things include distance running, my two dogs, naps, sudoku, Pokemon, and basketball. I had a great mentor experience my freshman year, and that is why I became a mentor last year and am working as a mentor executive this year.

THE HONORS COLLEGE MENTORS



Anjay Ajodha Sophomore

I'm going to be a sophomore this year, and this will actually be my first year as a mentor. I am a Computer Science/Electrical Engineering double degree. I live on campus in Taub Hall. I come from the Houston area (Pearland), from Glenda Dawson High School, and I've been active in several different organizations with UH in the past year. Peace. Love. Cougars.



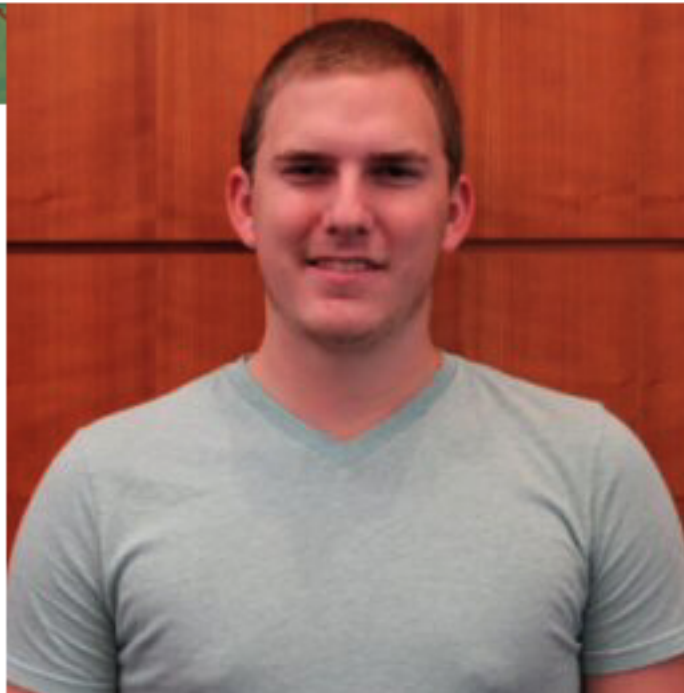
Kelly Campbell Junior

I was raised in San Antonio, but am a converted Houstonian. I'm an active member of the Honors College, majoring in Economics, and minoring in Phronesis and Business Management. After graduating in May 2012, I plan to get my masters in Economics. I've played on ten different intramural teams here at UH, growing up around sports all my life. Consequently, I'm a die-hard Spurs fan. I also like a lot of color. Oh, and I've raised almost every animal legal in San Antonio.



Diego Cervantes Junior

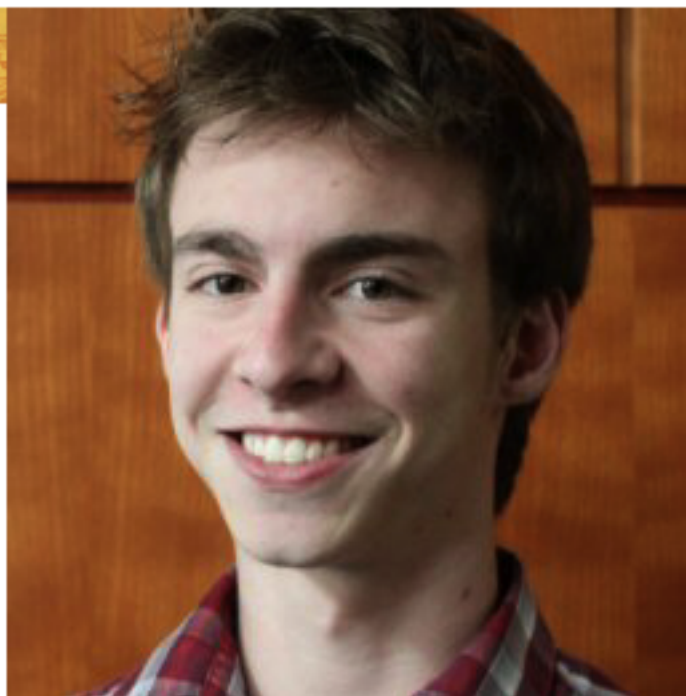
Born in Celaya, Guanajuato, Mexico, I moved to Houston when I was 3. Throughout my life, I've wanted to be a detective, a racecar driver, a mechanic, a journalist, an entrepreneur, and, more recently, a house-husband. My life goal is to one day have an insurance plan with dental coverage.



Ross Coburn Junior

Hailing from League City, TX at 6'3" 220 lbs is the one, the only Ross Coburn. I am a Junior, Mathematics major with a Finance option. I am also Mr. UH, yeah, it's a thing. I'm the youngest of 4 brothers so I live by the motto that actions speak louder than words, but you should still scream. I wouldn't consider myself a nudist, more of a minimalist. You may spy me at football games as the huge guy with almost no clothes on, screaming his lungs out. I kissed Renu Khator's hand once (best day of my life). I love UH, possibly too much.

THE HONORS COLLEGE MENTORS



Nick Fox Sophomore

I'm a sophomore Political Science major in the Honors College, with minors in Phronesis and Economics. I grew up in Katy, TX, and attended Cinco Ranch High School. I graduated and entered the Honors College at UH in 2011. Now, I work in the Student Services Office of the Honors College, I'm SGB Secretary for the 2012-13 school year, and I'm a Phronesis Fellow.



Gabbi Hauser Junior

I am a junior Psychology major from Houston. I currently work on campus and am constantly at the Honors College. I am an officer in Honors Ambassadors and Bleacher Creatures, and I love both organizations so much! I am so grateful that Honors has such a wide range of organizations to get involved in; everyone can find something for them in Honors or the University very easily. One of my favorite things to do is show off my school spirit; I will be front row every football game, screaming my head off! GO COOGS!!

THE HONORS COLLEGE MENTORS



Nick Heisig Junior

One score year ago in the magical realm of Narnia, somewhere south of Madison and north of Archenland, on the day of St. Valentine, a proud Houston Cougar was born. However, the next two decades would be spent drifting around the country until surfacing deep within the bayous of Houston, Texas. After becoming a Spanish and History double major, he was inspired to find a young group of protegees willing to join in this pursuit of glory, fame and an outstanding collegiate experience. Hail Red, Hail White, Hail Cougars!



Caroline Hodges Sophomore

I'm a sophomore mathematical biology major. I graduated from Kingwood High School where I was a theatre technician, magazine editor and rugby player. In the little free time I have after studying, part time jobs as a tutor and pharmacy technician, and Honors College events; I love to bake, watch BBC miniseries and old movies, sew, and cover my friends' Facebook walls with funny pictures. I can't resist Cajun food, Craisins, Snapple and raspberries. I have not yet decided what I'm doing after I graduate from the wonderful University of Houston but I plan to end up somehow working in the medical field.

THE HONORS COLLEGE MENTORS



Katie Jewett Senior

I was born and raised in Texas, I'm a proud graduate of Flower Mound High School, and a soon-to-be graduate of the University of Houston! I'm a senior majoring in Psychology with a minor in History, and though I do plan on going to graduate school, I am DEFINITELY doing some world traveling first. I love reading, laughing, sleeping, video gaming, and hanging around the Honors College! This place has become a home away from home, and I have made some really great friends here. I plan to help my mentees love Honors as much as I do!



Anju Joes Junior

I was born in South India and moved Stateside when I was quite young. This may explain my lack of knowledge of American pop culture. I have probably read it again another ten times. I am also addicted to Reddit. I do manage to squeeze in a Liberal Studies education somewhere. I love the University of Houston and the Honors College. Every day is memorable on this campus and its even better when you spend it with a group of people who are just as awesome and crazy as you are.



Laura Johnson Junior

Hey my name is Laura Johnson and I am going to be a junior this year. I'm an anthropology major but I am also interested in becoming a doctor. I grew up in Nebraska among the corn and went to high school in Lubbock, TX so I am super happy that I live in Houston now! I enjoy pina colodas and getting stuck in the rain. I am really excited to be working with the Honors Mentor program!



Mindy Kane Sophomore

Hi I'm Mindy and I didn't turn in my bio for this guide on time! According to my facebook, I graduated from Kingwood Park High School and my favorite quote is "I don't even know what that WAS" -John Eaton. Apparently I'm also a lifeguard at Crystal Pool Services.

THE HONORS COLLEGE MENTORS



Maggie McCartney Senior

I'm Maggie. I like high heels, politics, bunny rabbits, pickup trucks, and Cougar football. I'm a 4th year Cougar majoring in Photography (yes, that's a real major), with minors in Creative Works and Art History (yes, those are real minors). I graduated from Conroe High, and loved UH so much that it was the only school I applied for. I'm also the Student Government Representative for The Honors College. This is my 3rd year as a mentor, and I'm stoked!



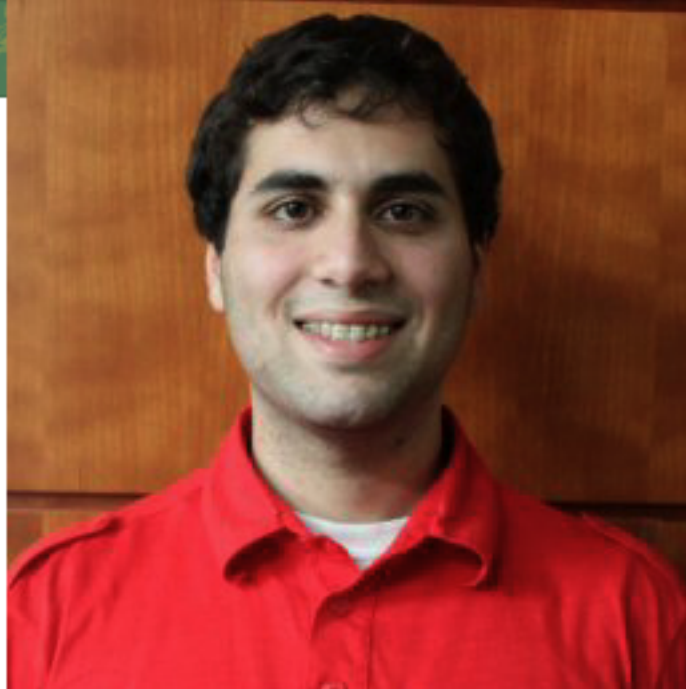
Aimee Muniz Sophomore

I am a sophomore majoring in Accounting. I am a native Houstonian and graduate of Stratford High School where I played the clarinet in Band. I also work as a professional photographer having photographed over 1,000 weddings and quinceañeras since the age of fourteen. I love music, trying new food, watching zombie movies, and playing tennis. My ethnicity is Guatemalan, Mexican, and a hint of Chinese. I am fluent in Spanish and I am currently learning Korean and French. And to all the incoming freshmen; I say "just keep swimming, just keep swimming."



Devanshi Patel Sophomore

Hi, Y'all! Houston is my home, and I am so excited to get to show my pride at UH. This city is incredibly diverse and the Honors College does an excellent job in uniting people from different backgrounds and of unique personalities. I am proud to welcome future freshmen to our close-knit community and look forward to being your mentor. I am a Psychology major with a double minor in English Language and Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS)



Seyed Tabatabai Sophomore

My name is Seyed Mohammad Tabatabai and I was born and raised in Houston by my Iranian parents. It's interesting to be from two very different cultures because you see how similar yet different they are. This is a big reason why I love to travel and hope to go to all seven continents one day. I became interested in becoming a doctor from my fascination of their world. I chose Business as a minor because I grew up around my father's business. As a sophomore at UH this fall I'm proud to say I go to the University of Houston and GO COOOGSSS!!!!



Katie Teeters Junior

Hey all Mentees! Graduated from Stratford High School and showing my true genius - I chose the University of Houston for college. Immediately jumped feet first into the Honors College, and found a new family made up of friends and faculty. Fun and challenging! I am looking forward to getting to know all of you. Presently, I am the president of the Student Governing Board (SGB) of the Honors College. You already know I am an Honors Mentor, but am also an Honors Ambassador, getting to call prospective students and then giving tours around our awesome campus.



David Zinsitz Sophomore

I'm David Zinsitz and I am a sophomore majoring in Liberal Studies. Regarding my extracurriculars, I played football for seven years but never had any interest in watching it. I finally grasped the excitement of cheering for a team after watching Case Keenum and the rest of the Coogs dominate last season. In addition to football, I have been a choir nerd my whole life but right now I am in withdrawal since I can't fit it into my schedule. To fund my extravagant lifestyle I work with the student services staff for the Honors College, so I may have talked to you over the phone or by email already.