Burnett Honors College
Cultivating Talent. Inspiring Excellence.
Senior Associate Dean
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Ph.D.: University of Southern California:
Political Science
J.D.: The American University:
Washington College of Law
B.A.: Albion College (Albion, Mi.):
Economics and Management,
cum laude

Dean
Sheila Piñeres

Ph.D.: Duke University:
Economics
M.A.: University of Chicago:
Economics
B.A.: Texas A&M University:
Economics,
summa cum laude
University Honors is a program for incoming FTIC (Fall 2019)

Incoming Class: 517

- AVG SAT – 1466
- Mid-Range- 1430 (25%) to 1510 (75%)
- AVG ACT – 32.7
- AVG Weighted GPA – 4.41
- Burnett Medical Scholars – 39
- National Merit Scholars – 90
- National Hispanic Scholars – 22
BURNETT HONORS SCHOLARS
CULTIVATING TALENT. INSPIRING EXCELLENCE.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 2,279
FALL 2019

UNIVERSITY HONORS
CONTINUING: 1,349
2UH: 15
TRANSFER
AA HONORS: 33

HONORS
UNDERGRADUATE THESIS
365

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS
% STEM
GRAD RATES
RETENTION RATES
FALL 2018

13th
AMONG PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

26th
AMONG ALL UNIVERSITIES

74%

82.4%
BHC
63.0%
UCF
43.9%
66.5%

96.3%
AVERAGE OF LAST 5 COHORTS
BHC Advantage

- Dedicated BHC Staff
- Honors Advising
- Small Interactive Classes
- Scholarships to support Co-Curricular Activities
- Networking
- Housing for 4-years
- Early & Multiple Term Registrations
- Honors Congress
- Community
What sets us apart?

Honors Curriculum
- Honors Symposium
- Courses Embedded in Major
- Interdisciplinary Seminars

Personal Growth

Professional Development

Cocurricular and Experiential
- TALENT/ORANGE
- CARES
- Study Abroad Programs
- WINGS

Research Opportunities
- Honors in the Major
- Honors in Research
- Honors in Creative Inquiry
- Research Match Day

Prestigious Awards
University Honors: A Four-Year Academic Program

- Honors Symposium
- Four or more lower-division Honors courses in the General Education Program
- Two or more specialized upper-division Honors courses as appropriate to each student’s individual major
- One or more Honors interdisciplinary seminars

**Team Leaders** are supportive mentors who help freshmen make a successful transition from high school to college and independent living.
Office of Honors Advising (OOHA)

• Personalized Advising for All BHC Students
• Help for Students to Stay on Track with Honors Requirements, Courses, and Registration
• Assistance with UCF Policies, Career Planning, and Graduate School Options
• Life and Career Hacks (Workshops and Seminars)
TALENT: Transforming Aspiring Leaders through Experience, Networking and Training

Provides students with real world experience such as job shadowing, internships, co-ops, mentoring and coaching.

WINGS: Wise Investment IN Graduate Success

Qualified upper-class students can include master’s level courses in their undergraduate degree plans as they consider completion of a master’s degree at UCF.

ORANGE: Orlando Regional Alliance for Non-profit Grant-writing Experience

Students develop grant-writing, data management, and social media skills by working with local non-profit foundations.

Research Opportunities

BHC students have various opportunities to work with faculty to learn and grow through research, including Honors Undergraduate Thesis, Research Match Day, and study abroad.
Honors Undergraduate Thesis:

The oldest and most prestigious research program at UCF. HUT students research, write, defend, and publish an original thesis and receive HUT distinction on their diplomas and transcripts.

Sample Theses:

**Engineering**
The Thermodynamics of Planetary Engineering on the Planet Mars

**Medicine**
Multiple Aspects of Natural Killer Cell Expansion in Relevance to Immunotherapy for Hematologic Malignancies

**Political Science**
On Rights: A Defense and Analysis of Rights Through Natural Law

**Psychology**
Predictors of Presence in Virtual Reality

**Art**
Art in the Light of Knowing: A Cognitive Approach to the Creative Process

**Business**
Embezzlement: A Management Control Theory Perspective
Office of Prestigious Awards (OPA)

- OPA helps students identify national and international scholarships and fellowships that align with their academic and career goals.
- OPA assists students as early as freshman year by helping them to:
  - Develop goals
  - Create action plans
  - Find co-curricular, research and service opportunities
- OPA supports students throughout application processes.
This was another year of recognition for our students and recent graduates, with 44 securing national and international awards. In addition, nine students were named honorable mentions or alternates for major scholarships.

Five students — Alexis Jahncke ’19, Haley Lehew ’19, Evan Rosato ’18, Noa Tann ’19 and Paige Timmerman ’18 — received Fulbright grants that will allow them to travel abroad to pursue research and educational opportunities or teach English.

Katherine Stahlhut was awarded the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, one of the top STEM-focused scholarships in the nation. Stahlhut was only the ninth UCF student ever to receive the award.

Two students — Christopher Clifford and Zoe Barbeau — were honored with the Astronaut Scholarship, created by Mercury 7 astronauts to recognize STEM students who intend to pursue research or advance their field after graduation.
BHC Distinction

- More than 67% of 2018-19 graduating class received job offers
- 40 transfer students admitted (2018-19)
- 36% of fall 2018 class were minority students
- 39 Burnett Medical Scholars accepted (FTIC 2019)
- 61.9% four-year graduation rate (UCF: 45.7%)
- 14 of 16 order of Pegasus recipients are BHC scholars
- Record 15 Fulbright semi-finalists
- Record 96.9% first-year retention rate (UCF: 90.4%)
- 71% of BHC scholars are STEM

Top Employers:
- AdventHealth
- Amazon
- Apple
- Blue Origin
- Deloitte
- Department of Navy
- Deutscho Bank
- Embracer
- Ernst & Young
- Exxon Mobil
- Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute
- GEICO
- Google
- Harris Corporation
- Kennedy Space Center
- Keystone Strategy
- Lockheed Martin
- Los Alamos
- Microsoft
- National Society for Sales Engineers
- Northrop Grumman
- Orlando Health
- Pricewaterhouse Coopers
- Raytheon
- Siemens
- Texas Instruments
- Tompkins Robotics
- Universal Studios Orlando
- USAF
- Vanderbilt Medical Center
- Walt Disney World
- WINK News TV
- Yale School of Medicine

Top Graduate Programs:
- Caltech
- Carnegie Mellon
- Cornell
- Emory
- Georgetown
- Georgia Tech
- Harvard
- Johns Hopkins
- London School of Economics
- NYU
- Oxford (UK)
- Stanford
- UCF
- University of Michigan
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Vanderbilt
- Wake Forest
- Yale

Public Service:
- AmeriCorps
- U.S. Foreign Service
- U.S. Military Service
- U.S. Peace Corps
HONORS CONGRESS
The official student organization of the Burnett Honors College

What do we do?
- Social events
- Mentorship program
- Volunteering
- Fundraising
  - Relay for Life team
  - Knight-Thon team
- Events at Tower III and Knights Circle

Past events
- Toothsome Chocolate Emporium at Universal CityWalk
- Indoor skydiving
- Movie nights, ice cream socials, trivia nights
- Lake Nona Adventure Park
- Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival volunteering

Honors Congress 2020 Officer Board
Benefits of joining

- Professional development
- Leadership opportunities starting from your first semester
- Building connections within the Honors community
- Access to all HonCon events
- Free t-shirt upon joining

Ready to join???

How to join

- Go to honorscongress.com
- Click “Join Now”
- Fill out New Member Form
- Pay one-time $80 dues
  - PayPal
  - Credit/Debit Card
  - Venmo (@honors-congress)
- We will send you a welcome email with more information about events and other opportunities! 😊

Want to learn more?

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Honors Parents

• Join our Social Media!
  • Instagram: @ucfbhc
  • Facebook: Burnett Honors College
  • Inspire Newsletter: bi-monthly via email
  • LinkedIn:
    • Sheila's Profile: https://bit.ly/3dnYrGo

• Share internship & employment opportunities
• Stay involved: Family Weekend & Family Field Day
• Encourage a healthy lifestyle (exercise matters)
• Encourage your student to explore
• Encourage engagement and attending events
• Encourage meeting with faculty
• Continue to be actively interested and supportive
  (even if they change their major)
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Q&A with Deans, Student Ambassador, & Honors Congress