

A wide-angle photograph of the Burnett Honors College campus, featuring Millican Hall and a large fountain. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden-yellow light, likely from the setting or rising sun. In the foreground, two people are sitting on the grass, looking towards the fountain. The background shows the large, modern architecture of Millican Hall with its distinctive arched windows and columns. The fountain in the center-right has multiple jets of water spraying upwards. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. The overall mood is serene and inspiring.

Burnett Honors College

Cultivating Talent.
Inspiring Excellence.



**Dean
Sheila Piñeres**

Ph.D.: Duke University:
Economics

M.A.: University of Chicago:
Economics

B.A.: Texas A&M University:
Economics,
summa cum laude



**Senior Associate Dean
Martin Dupuis**

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

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**

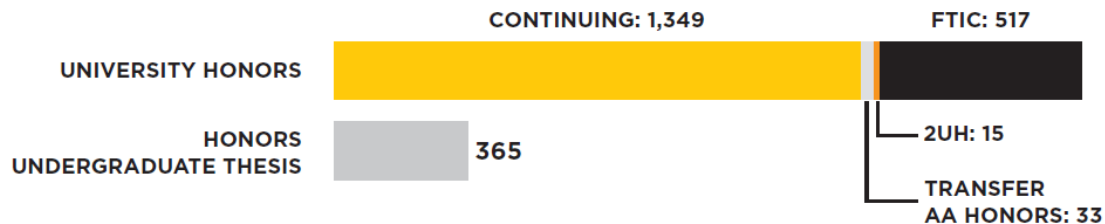


BURNETT HONORS SCHOLARS

CULTIVATING TALENT. INSPIRING EXCELLENCE.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 2,279

FALL 2019



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

FALL 2018

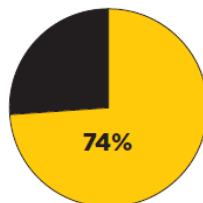
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AMONG PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

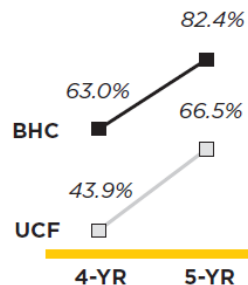
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AMONG ALL UNIVERSITIES

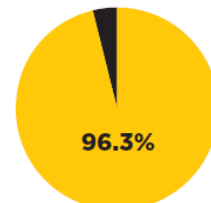
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GRAD RATES



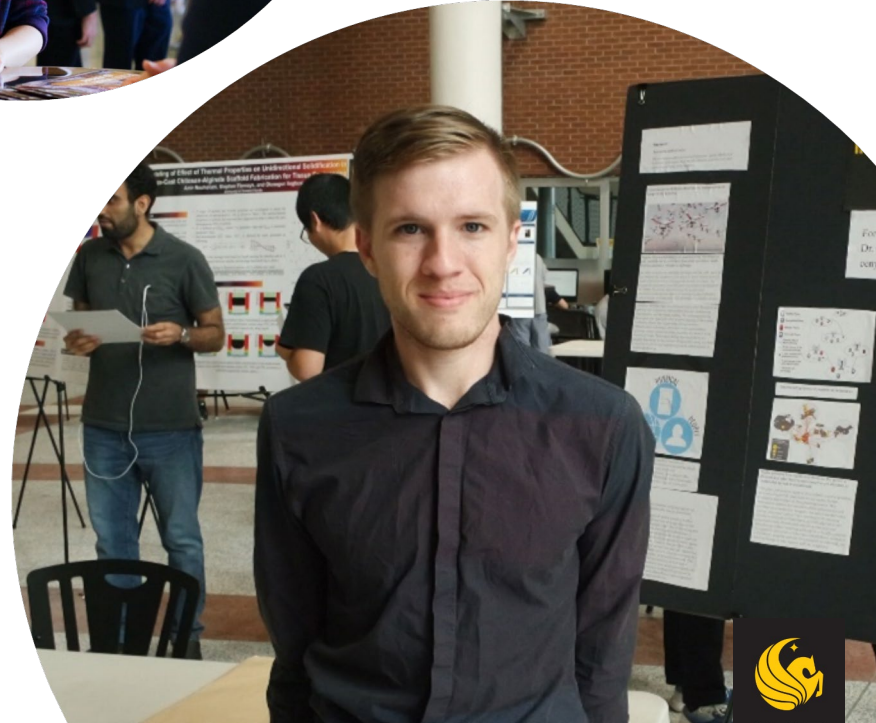
RETENTION RATES



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

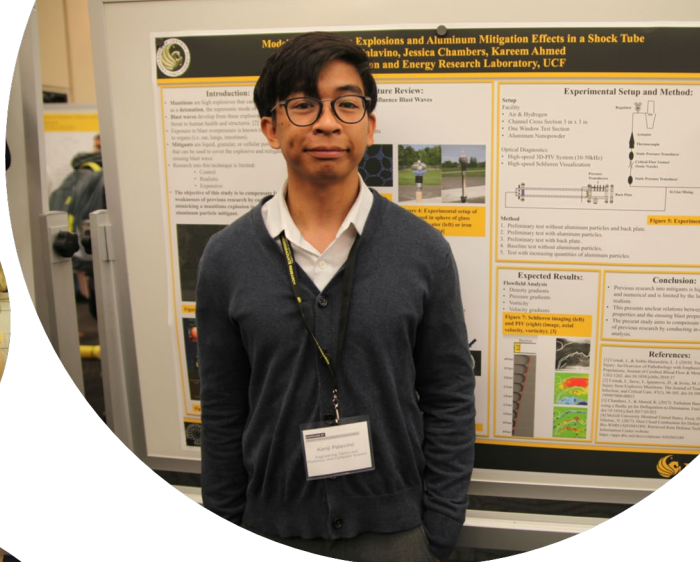
Cocurricular and Experiential

- 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



UCF

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.

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.

THE HONORS EXPERIENCE

DISCOVERY. ENGAGEMENT. LEARNING.

TOP 20
PUBLIC HONORS COLLEGES

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.

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

Psychology

Predictors of Presence
in Virtual Reality

Medicine

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

Art

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

Political Science

On Rights: A Defense and Analysis
of Rights Through Natural Law

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



Prestigious Awards

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 Lehw '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.

7 NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS
(7 HONORABLE MENTIONS)

7 GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

4 NSF RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR
UNDERGRADUATES (REU) RECIPIENTS

1 FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR ALTERNATE

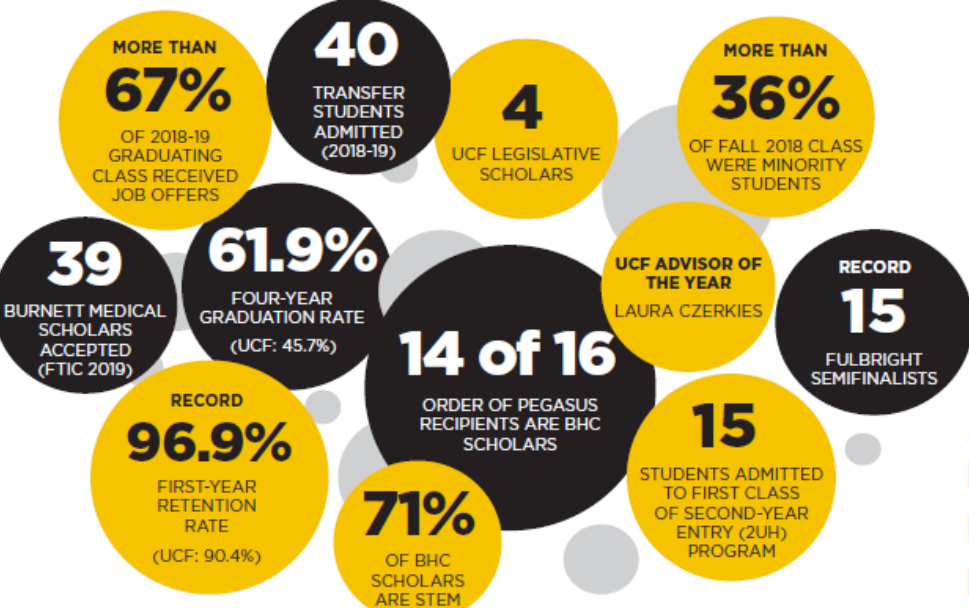
1 BOREN SCHOLAR ALTERNATE

1 JACK KENT COOKE SCHOLAR

1 APSA MINORITY FELLOW



From left to right: Alexis Jahncke '19, Haley Lehw '19, Evan Rosato '18, Noa Tann '19 and Paige Timmerman '18 (Fulbright grantees); Katherine Stahlhut (Goldwater Scholar); Christopher Clifford and Zoe Barbeau (Astronaut Scholars)



BHC Distinction

TOP EMPLOYERS

AdventHealth	Amazon	Apple
Blue Origin	Deloitte	Department of Navy
Deutsche Bank	Embraer	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



Honors Congress 2020 Officer Board

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



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

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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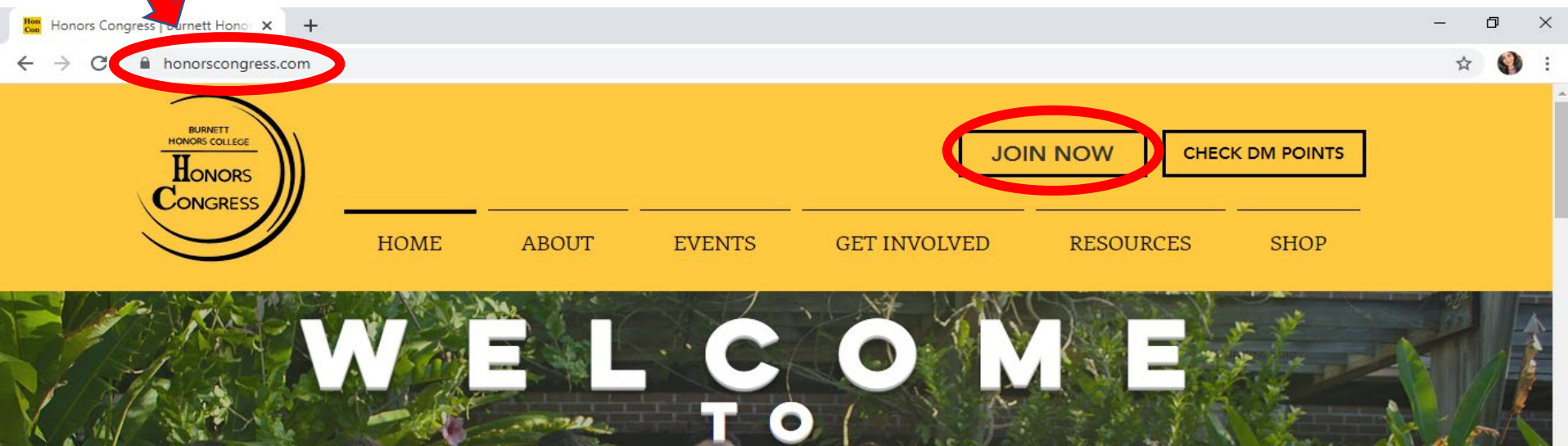


Honors Congress



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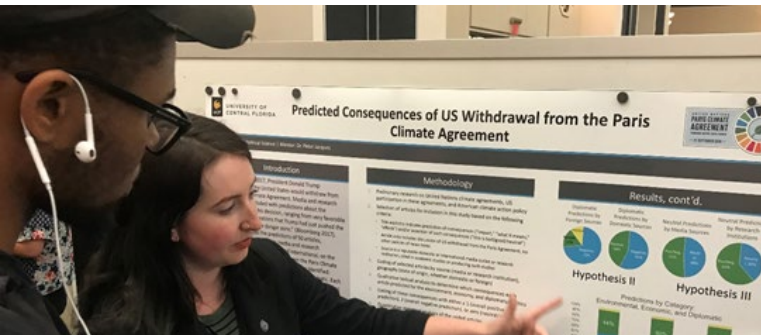
Ready to join???



Honors Parents

- Join our Social Media!
 - **Instagram:** @ucfbhc
 - **Facebook:** Burnett Honors College
 - **Inspire Newsletter:** bi-monthly via email
 - **Linked In:**
 - **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