

# Burnett Honors College

Cultivating Talent.  
Inspiring Excellence.



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# Class of 2025

## Incoming Class: 517 Scholars

- Average SAT (V+M): 1466
- Average ACT: 32.7
- Average High School GPA: 4.489
- 102 National Merit Finalists
- 12 National Hispanic Scholars
- 43 Burnett Medical Scholars



*University Honors is a program for incoming FTIC (Stats reflect Fall 2021 incoming class)*



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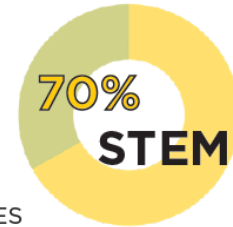
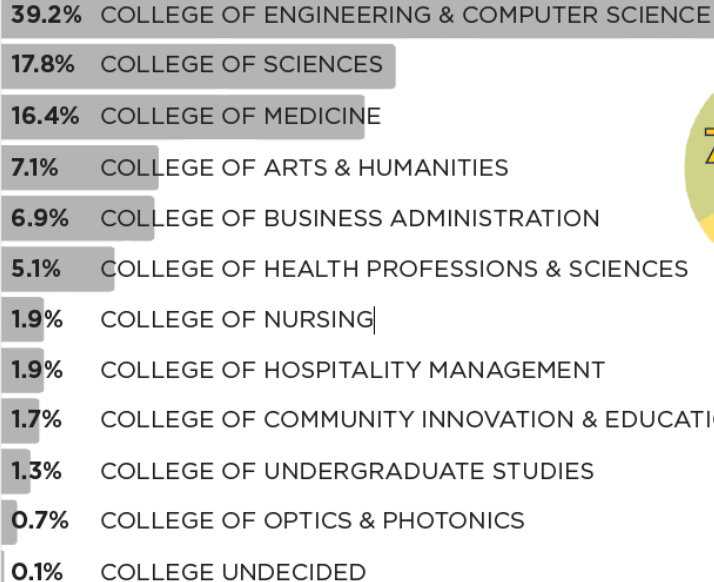
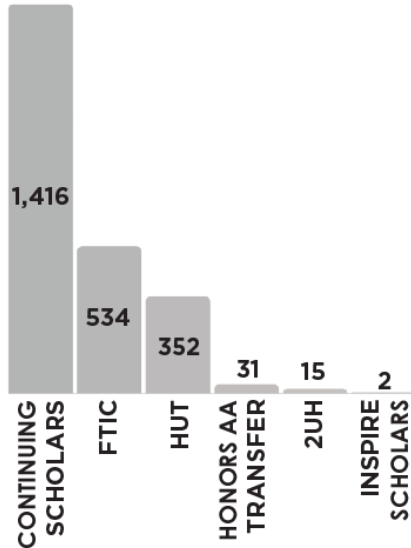
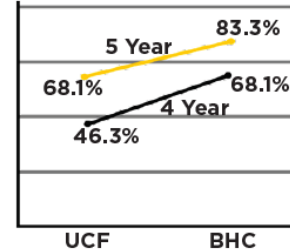
# The Burnett Honors College: 2020-2021 at a Glance

**2,350**  
**BURNETT**  
**HONORS**  
**SCHOLARS**

## Class of 2024

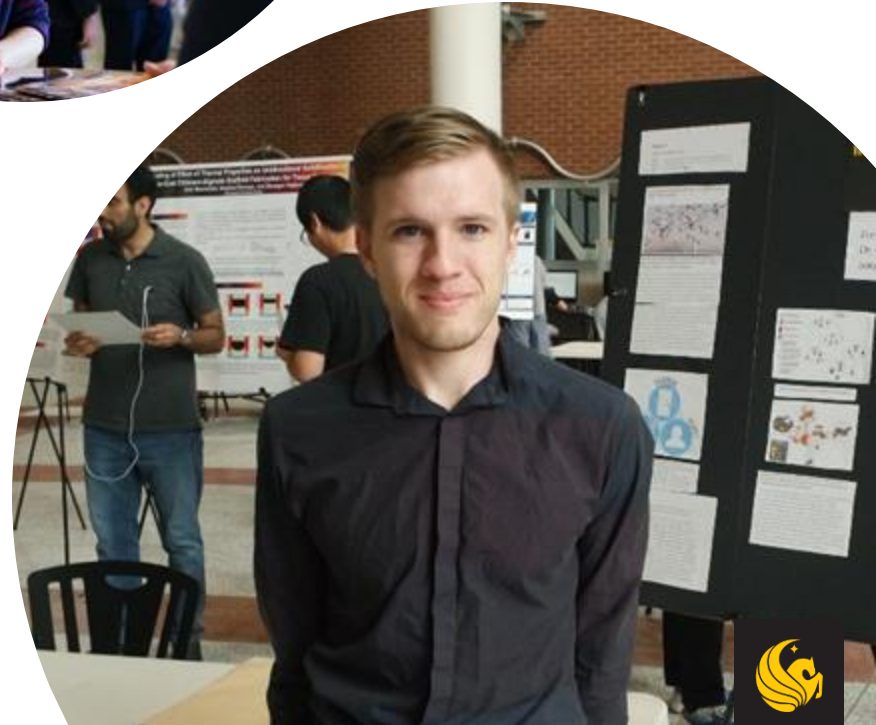
- ✦ AVERAGE SAT (V+M): 1467
- ✦ AVERAGE ACT: 32.6
- ✦ AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA: 4.478
- ✦ 79 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS
- ✦ 23 NATIONAL HISPANIC SCHOLARS
- ✦ 208 PROVOST SCHOLARS
- ✦ LANGUAGES SPOKEN: 30
- ✦ 26 BURNETT MEDICAL SCHOLARS

## GRADUATION RATES



# 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

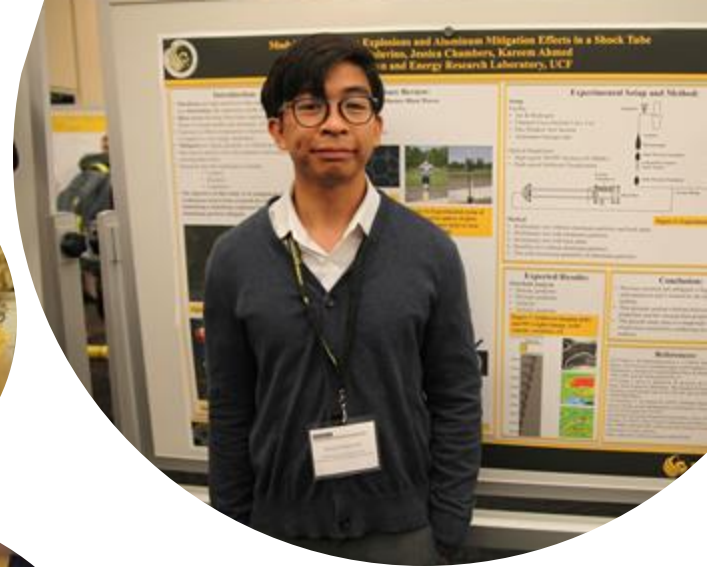
## Cocurricular and Experiential

- 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



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**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.

**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.

# THE HONORS EXPERIENCE

DISCOVERY. ENGAGEMENT. LEARNING.

**TOP 20**  
PUBLIC HONORS COLLEGES

# 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.



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# 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)

# 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



# Prestigious Awards

**16** NSF Graduate Fellows  
(7 Honorable mentions)

**4** Goldwater Scholars  
(Tied for 4<sup>th</sup> in the country)

**12** Fulbright Grantees  
(Named a Top Producer by the  
Chronicle of Higher Education)

**1** Boren Scholar

**1** Critical Language Scholar

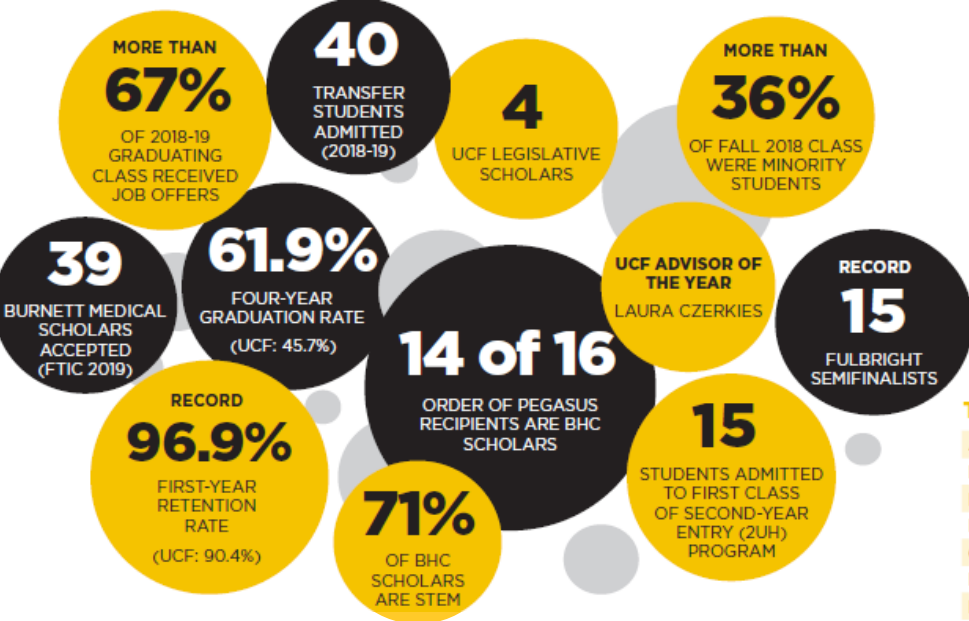
**2** Astronaut Scholars



Emma Shafer and Rishi Basdeo are two recipients of the Astronaut Scholarship this year.



Oluwagbotemi Akinsoji, Devin Burris, Spencer Tamagni and Riley Havel (left to right) are UCF's 4 2020-21 Goldwater 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      |



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THE OFFICIAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF  
THE BURNETT HONORS COLLEGE

# WHAT IS HONCON?



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mentees can get guidance from student mentors that they're paired with through the mentorship program. They can attend professional development workshops and network with other students.



## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Gain leadership experience in the many available committee positions or as a director. You can apply as early as your first semester at UCF!



## HON CON EVENTS

Members have access to all events (Academic, Social, Volunteer, etc.) planned by our officer board.



## CONNECTIONS WITHIN HONORS

Build connections with fellow classmates, upperclassmen, and even Burnett Honors College faculty and staff.



## HonCon Events

### Types of Events

- Academic Affairs
- Social Affairs
- Volunteer
- Housing
- Fundraising
- Special Events
- Philanthropy



### Last Semester Snapshot

29 In-Person Events

27 Virtual Events

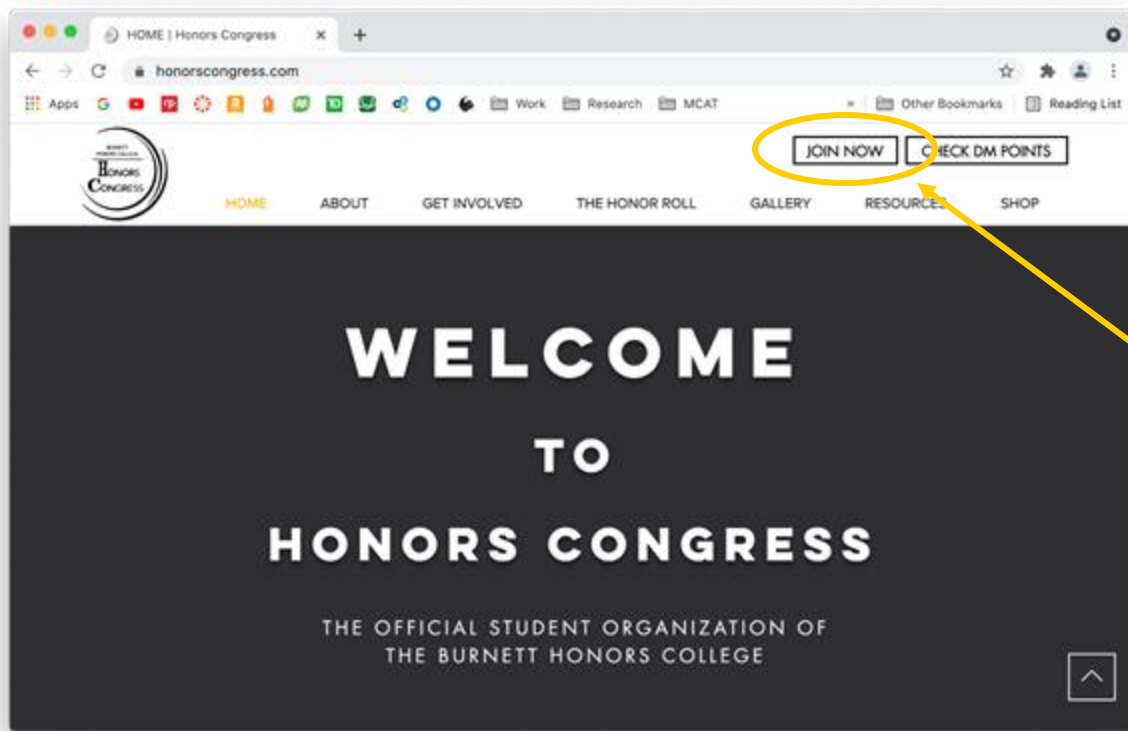
### Distinguished Member Events

- Distinguished Member (DM) points
- 15+ DM points per semester grants the title of Distinguished Member and attendance to the DM event for the semester!





# HOW TO SIGN UP YOUR STUDENT



## MEMBERSHIP DUES:

One-time fee and you're a member for life!

Freshman: \$80

Sophomore: \$60

Junior: \$40

Senior+: \$20

# Honors Parents

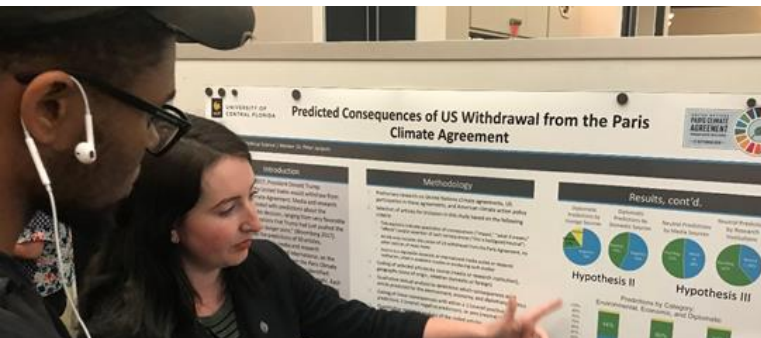
- Join our social media
  - **Instagram:** @ucfbhc
  - **Facebook:** Burnett Honors College
  - **Envisage Newsletter:** Quarterly via email
- Share internship & employment opportunities
- Stay involved: Family Weekend (Oct 9) & Family Field Day (Feb 5)
- Encourage a healthy lifestyle (exercise matters)
- 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)



# Other Resources:

- **Burnett Honors College:** [honors@ucf.edu](mailto:honors@ucf.edu) or (407) 823-2076
- **Financial Aid:** [finaid@ucf.edu](mailto:finaid@ucf.edu) or (844) 376-9160
- **UCF Undergraduate Admissions:** [admission@ucf.edu](mailto:admission@ucf.edu) or (407) 823-3000
- **UCF Housing:** [Housing@ucf.edu](mailto:Housing@ucf.edu) or (407) 823-4663
- **For general Orientation questions:** First Year Experience – [fye@ucf.edu](mailto:fye@ucf.edu) or (407) 823-5105
- **Dining Services:** [ucfdining@ucf.edu](mailto:ucfdining@ucf.edu) (407) 823-2651
- **Academic calendar:** <https://calendar.ucf.edu/2021/fall>
- **Student Account Services:** <https://studentaccounts.ucf.edu/>





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Q&A with Deans, Student Ambassador,  
& Honors Congress

