

Students Testimonies

Although I have just recently joined the program, honors is already changing the way I think about learning. I quite enjoy the collaborative learning with my classmates away from the traditional, linear ways of learning. My favorite part about honors is learning how to make connections. I am now able to connect what I learn in science, music, and my other English classes to my English honors class. I feel like I am learning not only the required material for a class but "how to really learn". I am very much looking forward to gaining more experience and to taking advantage of all the resources provided by the program. ~Iman Abu Aitah

Among all the classes I have taken in CC, I have enjoyed my honors classes the most. I feel that I learn not just for the sake of learning, but to expand and increase understanding of the world around me as well as myself. I truly enjoy the small class sizes, challenges of the coursework, and thrilling class discussions. Who wouldn't want to be in a class where classmates and teachers are as excited about learning new things as you are? ~Pragya Tripathi

Honors has given me the chance to attend classes where everyone was fully engaged and excited to share their ideas and thoughts. Although I had my doubts that I would succeed in the Honors Program when I first entered college, I soon realized that my peers were other motivated women who wanted to make the most of their college education. ~Stephanie Macomber

I would have to say that the Honors Program is a way to grow as a person and a life-long learner through the multitudes of resources and opportunities. From conferences to the honors community, I value my experiences in honors as they have helped me to grow as a student, professional, and person. The events, conferences, and classes are my favorite parts of the program in which all honors students should take part. ~Lindsey Hernandez

I was so excited that I was chosen to become a part of the Honors Program at Columbia College. Because I am in honors, I am able to take more in-depth classes with other honors students and participate in special activities. It takes courage to submit your application; I was so nervous when I did! But I would encourage everyone to step out of her comfort zone and see what rewards you will find as part of this group! ~Elizabeth Joy Chard

The Honors Program at Columbia College is absolutely amazing because of the small group interactions that are available in the classes that are offered. I find that my favorite classes have been honors classes because they challenge me to think outside the box and allow me to learn from my peers who are often knowledgeable and well versed. I enjoy the fact that honors students are not afraid to ask questions because they genuinely want to learn, and those questions often lead to fascinating class discussions that open up a whole new realm of possibilities for learning. The active learning environment and the close friendships that are made in the honors classes are some things that I value a lot, and I know that being in the Honors Program has made me a better student. ~Carla Teixeira

I was ushered into the Columbia College community through the Honors Program, and it was a great way to start my college experience. Honors helped give me the confidence to strive for

leadership positions, such as class vice-president and Honors Induction Leader, and without the reassurance that the program brings I would not be as successful as I am today. Just knowing how prestigious the Honors Program is helps me to excel in my classes and boost my enthusiasm about school. ~Jasmine Stanley

The Columbia College Honors Program has proven to be one of the best decisions of my college career. In the Honors Program I have found a caring community of intellectuals and found a better understanding of myself. Plus, I get to take some of the most interesting and stimulating classes of my college career. ~Autumn Weidman

My honors experience has been the highlight of my college career. Each of my honors classes has challenged me to think deeper and to apply the knowledge I gain in the classroom to activities in the greater Columbia community. Through the Honors Program I have had opportunities to attend and present at national conferences, implement projects that make a difference in the community, and enhance my learning by studying abroad in Germany and Northern Ireland. The Columbia College Honors Program has taken me on a grand journey of learning more about myself and who I am. I can't imagine life without it! ~Sarah Williams

The honors program has helped me so much! From the moment I got on campus during honors move-in I feel like I've had an instant group of friends and support. My roommate this year (we've already chosen to live together again next year!) was one of my Honors Induction Leaders (HIL), and my closest friends on campus I have met through my honors experience. Orientation was especially important to me - so much so that I became a HIL my sophomore year and am working as a HIL Co-chair during the upcoming fall. During the year I have also gotten involved in the Honors Student Association as a community builder my first year and co-chair my sophomore year. My college experience would NOT be the same without honors, and I am going to be eternally grateful for the opportunities it has given me to take fun and interesting classes, to build lasting relationships, and to travel to prestigious conferences. Sometimes we are even the only undergraduate students presenting. It can be nerve wracking, but it is so rewarding and totally worth it! I am SO glad I made the decision to apply! ~Roxy Rosario