

To: Faculty Senate

From: Sarah Porter, Chair, Senior Honors Research Committee

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Subject: Annual report of the Committee

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I am happy to report that eight students completed all requirements for Senior Honors Research this year:

- **John Blalock**, Physics, faculty director Michelle Parry
- **Douglas Scott Laabs**, Finance, faculty director Frank Bacon
- **Kyle Profilett**, Finance, faculty director Frank Bacon.
- **Ellery Ruther**, Biology, faculty director Tom Akre
- **Timothy Smith**, Biology, faculty director David Buckalew
- **Chelsea Taylor**, Biology, faculty director Kelsey Scheitlin
- **Ian Triplett**, Economics, faculty director Scott Wentland
- **Megan Wade**, English, faculty director Kim Stern

The proposal deadline for Senior Honors Research for next academic year is Friday, April 19, by 5:00 p.m. The Committee will meet during exam week to hear students present their proposals and to officially confer Senior Honors on those students above who successfully defend their theses.

The Senior Honors Research Committee also made some major revisions and updates to the Undergraduate Catalog entry for the Senior Honors Research program which were approved last November by the Faculty Senate. Four committee members (Dr. Porter, Dr. Stern, Dr. Barbrey, and Dr. Cole) worked on revising the catalog entry and updating the information for students, advisors and committee members. The new entry will show up in the 2013-2014 catalog.

Much of the verbiage that was previously in the catalog entry can now be found on the new Senior Honors Research website ([www.longwood.edu/seniorhonors](http://www.longwood.edu/seniorhonors)). This website was created last semester with the help of Emily Miller, a student worker in Dr. Fink's office. The website contains information for students on timelines and how to write a proposal, information for advisors, and information for the members of the SHR committee. Additionally, we added an FAQ section to address some common questions and concerns brought up by the Faculty Senate during our discussions of the new catalog entry. Future plans for the website include adding sample proposals.