



Title III — Honors College

You are Marauder Gold:

A Community of Tomorrow's Leaders

Vision:

The vision for the Central State University Honors College is to be the premiere college for academic scholars whose graduates become outstanding servant-leaders in their communities and chosen careers.

Mission:

Our mission is to attract, retain, and graduate (with honors designations and distinctions) a diverse community of academic scholars by providing an inclusive environment, highly effective support services, career preparation, leadership, and mentorship opportunities to further success in graduate school and or their chosen careers.



Message from the Director:

Hello! I am Dr. Tom Spencer, the Executive Director of the Honors College at Central State University. I joined Central State in August 2024. Before coming to CSU, I worked in honors education at institutions in Missouri, Illinois and Texas. The Central State Honors College is entering its fifth year, and we are very proud of the accomplishments of our students! The Honors College has a staff of four and an enrollment of around 300 students, thus comprising around 15% of our student population. We also have a living-learning community that stretches across three residence halls: Harry Johns, Fox, and the Honors Apartments. We have a student organization, the Honors Student Association, which specializes in community engagement on campus and in the local communities of Wilberforce and Xenia. In the 2024-2025 academic year, students completed 343 honors projects beyond their normal coursework and nine honors courses were offered. We also graduated 58 students. Our overall retention rate for honors students for Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 in the honors program was 79% and 94% at the University. Our freshman Fall 2024 to Spring 2025 retention rate was 95% and 98% for all other honors students.



Scholarship update

Every student in the Honors College receives a scholarship of some kind with the Freshman or Continuing Honors Student Scholarships. We also awarded 18 all-inclusive Presidential Scholarships, 19 full-tuition Trustee Scholars, 12 Marauder Choose Ohio First Honors Scholarships, and 10 Strada Leadership Scholarships.



2024-2025 Honors College Strada scholars at Strada Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas

Honda Campus All-Star Challenge

The **Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC)** is a fast-paced quiz game where you get to meet new people, have fun, and learn about Honda careers. The game, like Jeopardy or Quiz Bowl, allows HBCU students to show off their knowledge. HCASC is a great way for students to make "friends for life," and students do not have to be Honors College members to participate. Whether you know a little about a lot or a lot about a little, you can be on the team. We welcome students who are interested in trivia, learning, and fun.



2024-2025 Honda Campus All Star Challenge Trivia

In February, the team traveled to the National Qualifying Tournaments at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, North Carolina. They successfully competed to earn a spot in the top 32 teams to head to the National Championship in Los Angeles in April! The team had a great time, learned so much, and made amazing connections. Read more: [Central State University Trivia Team Advances to 36th Honda Campus All Star Challenge](#)

Student Organizations and Activities

The **Honors Student Organization (HSA)** was founded by then-freshman Jeremy Jackson, its first president, in 2021. The organization seeks to provide opportunities for students to develop and enhance their leadership skills, participate in community service opportunities, and engage in social activities that foster mentorship and lasting



friendships. The HSA Board and its members are a key resource to the development of programming for the Honors College LLC and are known for their work in the local community.

During the academic year 2024-2025, the HSA volunteered at a local nonprofit restaurant, One Bistro, which provides healthy meals to those less fortunate; worked alongside the FBI volunteers to assist incoming freshmen on Move-In Day; and participated in organizational fairs and hosted social events (e.g., trivia night) in Harry Johns, the Freshmen Honors Hall, and on campus alongside the Royal Court.



2024 – 2025 HSA volunteers at One Bistro, Xenia, Ohio

Inaugural Miss and Mister Honors College

Central State University will crown its first **Mister and Miss Honors College**, sophomore Maki Moxey and junior Camiyiah Woods, at the 2025-2026 Royal Court Coronation, which takes place during Homecoming Week.

Moxey is an international student from the Bahamas and computer science major with plans to pursue a career as a data analyst. Woods is a biology major from Cincinnati, Ohio and plans to become a research scientist in the medical field.



2025-2026 Miss and Mister Honors College

The primary roles of Mister and Miss College are to represent the Honors College and its values of academic excellence, leadership and community service (the *Marauder Gold Standards*). These servant leaders will use their platform to promote these values at specific events and as mentors to support the growth of Honors College



members individually and collectively. As role models, they must embody these values. Students can apply or be nominated by their peers for consideration. Finalists are interviewed by the Honors College staff who make the final decision. Selected students serve in their roles for one academic year.

Emissaries



2024 - 2025 Honors College Emissaries with Dr. Thomas Spencer

The Honors College emissaries are a distinguished group of student leaders who proudly represent the Honors College at Central State University. These outstanding scholars serve as the public face of the college, embodying its values of excellence, leadership, and service.

Led by Chief Emissary Delvyn Daxon and Assistant Chief Emissary D'Anastacia Hutchinson, the emissaries play a vital role in supporting the mission and visibility of the Honors College. Whether welcoming new students during SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration), engaging with visiting dignitaries and elected officials, participating in the annual Homecoming parade, or attending major events such as those hosted at the National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center, the emissaries consistently model what it means to be Honors College scholars — engaged, informed, and purpose-driven. In addition to their public-facing responsibilities, the emissaries also serve as student advisors providing feedback, offering insight into the student experience, and helping shape honors programming. Their leadership ensures that student voices remain at the heart of the college's continuous growth and innovation. Through their dedication, the Honors College emissaries serve not only as ambassadors but as stewards of academic excellence, making a lasting impact on campus and beyond. Learn more about the 2024-2025 emissaries [here](#).

Honors College Events

The Honors College team works hard to provide support and community to honors students while challenging them to go above and beyond in their academics. During the 2024-2025 academic year, we welcomed honors students with a banquet and arranged a meet-up with alums and current students at the National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center in the fall. We also held an International Bazaar in the fall and spring with student presentations about their home countries, study abroad experience, or learning experience with one of our international professors. At the end of the year, we honored 58 graduating students with the Honors College Ceremony recognizing their achievements during their time at Central State. They graduated with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and completed an honors designation for General Honors, Honors in their Major, International Honors, and/or University Honors. We also recognized Dr. Teresa Aikens as the 2025 Esteemed Honors Mentor for her tireless efforts in support of the college and our students. Read more about the Honors College Ceremony [here](#).



L-R: Esteemed Professor Dr. Theresa Aikens, student representative, Ibrahima Jarjou, and Honors College Assistant Director Dr. Sarah Armstrong- Jones.

For more information about the Honors College, check out our [website](#) and follow us on social media.

