



Title III - Honors College

You are Marauder Gold:

A Community of Tomorrow's Leaders

Vision Statement:

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

Mission Statement:

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:

The Honors College at CSU is entering its sixth year, and we are very proud of the accomplishments of our students! The Honors College has a staff of four and an enrollment of 288 students, thus comprising around 18% of the students at CSU. Our students are leading the campus as members of the Royal Court, representatives in Student Government Association, and officers in many student organizations. In the 25-26 academic year, Honors students completed 359 Honors projects in addition to their normal coursework, and 15 Honors courses were offered.

The overall retention rate for students from Fall 2024 to Fall 2025 was 62% within the Honors College and 85% within the University. Our Freshman Fall 2025 to Spring 2026 retention rate was 80% and 85% for all other Honors students – Honors students are thriving.

Many of our students are interning around the country this summer. The companies where they're working include Mercy Health, USDA NextGen, J.P. Morgan Chase, Intel, Cedar Point, CK Construction, Guardian Savings Bank, and many more. Other students have been accepted into the Disney College Program.

The Honors College graduated 3 students in Fall 2025 and 45 students in May 2026, who are destined to do great things. One graduating senior will be a Communications Intern for U.S. Congresswoman, Emilia Sykes. Graduate school destinations for CSU Honors graduates include several going to Ohio State University, the University of Kansas, the University of Glasgow, the University of Kentucky, Albany State University, Arizona State University, and the University of Texas at El Paso.



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Scholarship Update



Meet the President Luncheon with Dr Kuti and the Honors College Presidential, Trustee, and Strada Scholars

Every student in the Honors College receives a scholarship of some kind with the Freshman or Continuing Honors Student Scholarships. We also awarded 14 all-inclusive Presidential Scholarships, 19 full-tuition Trustee Scholarships, 22 Marauder Choose Ohio First Honors Scholarships, and 7 Strada Leadership Scholarships.

To kick off the 2025-2026 academic year, all our leadership scholars were invited to a luncheon to meet with Central State University president, Dr. Kuti. In February, students presented and attended the Choose Ohio First Scholar Showcase in Columbus, Ohio. In March, the Strada scholars went to the Strada Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas.



2026 Choose Ohio First Scholar Showcase at the Ohio Statehouse



2025 Strada Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas



Honda Campus All Star Challenge

The Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) Team includes our very own academic trivia champions here at Central State University and at HBCUs across the country. It is open to all CSU students, not just Honors College members, but is a great way to encourage academic excellence among the campus community.

The HCASC team has a proud legacy on our campus, with roots going back to 1989. Over the years, they have represented Central State with academic excellence and pride, and in recent years, they've continued to build on that tradition. From 2022 through 2026, our team has consistently reached playoff qualifier status — a testament to their hard work, sharp minds, and teamwork.

The HCASC team traveled across the country — to California, North Carolina, and Alabama — representing our university among competing HBCUs and engaging in fun team-building activities along the way. HCASC students have dedicated time throughout the Fall and Spring semesters to practice, prepare, and represent CSU with honor, all while maintaining academic excellence.



Student Organizations and Activities

The **Honors Student Association (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.

Under the leadership of HSA President, Asher Akens, the organization maintains a partnership with One Bistro in Xenia, Ohio, volunteering as greeters, servers, dishwashers, and volunteered at the annual **Feast of Giving** in



Dayton, Ohio that provided dinners to hundreds of individuals during the Thanksgiving Holiday. The HSA hosted social events on campus and a leadership workshop that included a panel of faculty and staff members.



2025 – 2026 HSA volunteers at One Bistro, Xenia, Ohio



2025 Feast of Giving, Convention Center, Dayton, Ohio

Miss and Mister Honors College

Central State University's first **Mister and Miss Honors College**, Mr. Maki Moxey and Ms. Camiyah Woods had an outstanding year of goodwill. As members of the Royal Court, they represented the Honors College at recruiting events, University programs, and in the community modelling the importance of leadership, academic excellence, and community service. In addition to mentoring freshmen, Mister Honors collaborated with other resident assistants to host events that promoted good study habits, the importance of networking, and student community building.

Our new Mister and Miss Honors College for the 2026-27 academic year are Mr. Kyshawn Meadows and Ms. D'Anastacia Hutchinson. Mr. Meadows is a junior Computer Science major, and Ms. Hutchinson is a senior Biology and Psychology double major.



D'Anastacia Hutchinson



2026-27 Miss and Mister Honors College



Kyshawn Meadows



The primary roles of Mister and Miss Honors 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 events and act as student mentors to support the growth of Honors College members individually and collectively. 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



Our Emissaries volunteer to serve as ambassadors and student advocates for the Honors College. They represent us at events, mentor incoming Honors College members, are our student advisory board, and help bridge the connection between our staff and the broader student population.

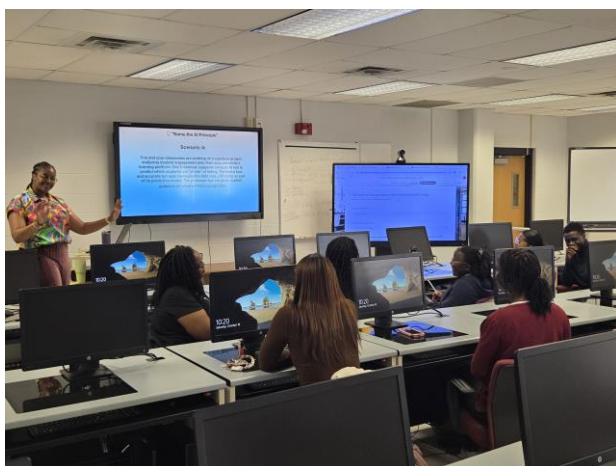
These students embody the qualities we value most:

- They are reliable, with a positive attitude that inspires those around them.
- They maintain a high academic standard while being involved in leadership roles.
- They conduct themselves with professionalism and passion in every setting.
- They are skilled conversationalists, with strong interpersonal skills, and they know how to build meaningful connections.
- They are team players, networkers, quick thinkers — and they even helped spearhead the conversation that led to the exciting launch of Chief and Assistant Chief Emissaries and Miss and Mister Honors as well as helped organize and promote their organization.

They volunteered their time and energy at College Preview Day, Open House, the Homecoming Parade, Meet the Alumni Day, partnership programs at the National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center (NAAMC), SOAR, in HSA events, and so much more.

Meet the Emissaries Video: [2026 HCC Student Highlights.mp4](#)

Fall 2025 Honors College Events



August (Fall Semester)

- **August 25 – 29:** Honors College Open House
- **August 28:** Emissary Meet and Greet
- **August 28:** Presidential, Trustee, Strada, MCOFHS/SIMHS Meet and Greet
- **August 29:** Honors College Supervising Instructors Virtual Support Session

September

- **September 2:** Welcome Banquet – All Honors Students
- **September 3:** Meet the President Scholarship Luncheon
- **September 4:** Honors Student Association's (HSA) Kickoff
- **September 10 - 12:** CSUs International Week
- **September 11:** HCASC Game Night-Season kickoff
- **September 24:** Scholarship Leaders (Presidential, Trustee, Strada, MCOFHS/SIMHS) Monthly Meeting
- **September 25:** External Scholarship Virtual Informational Session: Goldwater, Boren, Gilman, Truman

October

- **October 9:** Visiting Alumni Day – Visit to Honors College
- **October 11:** Emissary and Honors College Student Association Homecoming Parade Participation

- **October 16:** Honors Student Association's Honors Connect
- **October 18:** Honors College Leadership Workshop: Responsible AI Workshop & MicroCredentials
- **October 29:** Scholarship Leaders (Presidential, Trustee, Strada, MCOFHS/SIMHS) Monthly Meeting

November

- **November 3:** Honors College Supervising Instructors Virtual Support Session
- **November 13:** Honors Student Association's Fall Social
- **November 17–21:** International Education Week (National)
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- **December 16-18:** Finals Week De-Stress Open House in the Honors Offices

Spring 2026 Honors College Events



January (Spring Semester)

- **Jan. 20 - 23** Open House for students – Meet the Honors Staff
- **Jan. 25 (Sunday):** Honors College New Student Virtual Spring Orientation & All Student Meeting
- **Jan 28:** Presidential/Trustee/Strada/MCOFHS/SIMHS Monthly Meeting
- **Jan. 28:** Emissary Monthly Meeting (6:30pm)
- **Jan. 30:** Honors College Instructor Support and Debriefing Office Hour

February - Black History Month

- **Feb. 4:** CPT/OPT Learning Session, hosted by the International Student Organization
- **Feb. 11:** The Resilient Life of Brigadier General Charles Young: Leadership, Discipline, and Purpose Beyond Recognition, hosted by the National African American Museum and Cultural Center/NAAMC
- **Feb. 20 - 22:** Honda Campus All Star Competition National Qualifying Tournament (North Carolina A&T State University)
- **Feb. 24:** 242 Banquet, hosted by the International Student Organization
- **Feb. 25:** Presidential/Trustee/Strada/MCOFHS/SIMHS Monthly Meeting
- **Feb 25:** Emissary Monthly Meeting
- **Feb. 27th:** 2026 Choose Ohio First Showcase (Ohio Statehouse)

March

- **March 12:** International Bazaar
- **March 20 - 22:** Strada Leadership Summit (Dallas, TX) -
- **March 25:** Presidential/Trustee/Strada/MCOFHS/SIMHS Monthly Meeting
- **March 25:** Emissary Monthly Meeting

April

- **April 6:** Academic Recognition Convocation Rehearsal
- **April 7: Academic Recognition Convocation (10am – Robeson)**
- **April 14:** Student Led Leadership Workshop, Growth As a Leader, hosted by Honors College Scholarship Recipients
- **April. 16:** Executive Director Presentation at Senate
- **April 24:** Honors College Instructor Support and Debriefing Office Hour
- **April 29:** Presidential/Trustee/Strada/MCOFHS/SIMHS Monthly Meeting
- **April 29:** Emissary Monthly Meeting

May

- **May 1:** Honors College Bingo, End of Term, and Graduate Surveys Due
- **May 7:** Honors College Celebration & ICHP Showcase
- **May 8:** Last Day of Classes/Honors College Current Student Application Opens
- **May 11- 15:** Honors College Graduates – Pick up Medallions and Cords
- **May 11-15:** Finals Week De-Stress Open House in the Honors Offices