Randall Endowment Making Impact

The Catherine J. Randall Endowment, established in honor of the Computer-Based Honors Program’s director from 1978 to 2004, is helping CBHP students further their undergraduate research experience. In 2008-2009, five students received assistance from the Endowment to present their research at conferences across the nation.

With assistance from the Endowment, Joni Corbin, a rising senior in CBHP, attended the American Association of Geographers Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, in April 2008. At the conference, Joni presented her research entitled “Mapping Remnant Old Growth Forest in Southeast United States,” under the direction of Dr. Michael Steinberg. Joni appreciates the support the Endowment provided, saying, “This was my first national research conference, and it was fundamental in my development of presentation and networking skills in my field of interest. The experience greatly increased my horizons in the scholarly environment.”

Kalen Berry, also a rising senior, received funding from the Randall Endowment to present at the 48th annual meeting of the American Society for Cell Biologists in San Francisco, California, in December 2008. Since his freshman year at The University of Alabama, Kalen has worked as a researcher in the biology lab of Drs. Guy and Kim Caldwell. Kalen says, “This was a tremendous honor as very few undergraduates attended this meeting and even fewer presented their own research. This trip helped me to decide which area of research I would like to pursue during my graduate studies.”

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Richard Cockrum and Natalie Gist, both rising juniors, used funds from the Randall Endowment to travel to St. Petersburg, Florida, to attend the 2009 Southern Regional Honors Conference this past March. This event is a multidisciplinary conference of honors colleges in the South. At this year’s conference, Richard and Natalie gave an oral presentation about their research in Dr. David Dixon’s chemistry lab. They also used this as an opportunity to tell others about computational chemistry, the field of study in Dr. Dixon’s lab. Richard and Natalie agree, “Financial support from the Randall Endowment allowed us to put our presentation skills we developed through CBH into practice as we shared our research in a professional environment. Students from other schools were surprised that we were able to take on such independent and novel research, but even more so that we were only sophomores.”

The Randall Endowment also helped Daniel Gerber, a rising junior in CBHP, attend the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Region II Student Conference in April 2009. At the conference, Daniel presented a technical paper he had written on the Luminous Photoelastic Coating research that he had done with Dr. Paul Hubner, assistant professor in UA’s Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics department. As a result of placing first place in the undergraduate division of the conference, Daniel will be presenting at the 48th AIAA Aerospace Sciences meeting in January 2010. Dan explains that the Randall Endowment allowed him to show “the progress we are making at The University of Alabama.”

Please continue to help current and future CBHP students by donating to the Catherine J. Randall Endowment. Send donations in the form of cash or check (made payable to The University of Alabama) to

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Awards

Randall Research Awards

The Randall Outstanding Undergraduate Research Awards are awarded annually to students for their efforts in research. After being nominated by a faculty member, students are considered for the award by a panel of judges specializing in a variety of disciplines. This year, eight students from the Computer-Based Honors Program earned the award and were recognized for their undergraduate research at the Randall Outstanding Undergraduate Research Awards luncheon, held in April. Congratulations to CBHP students Kalen Berry, Eric Edwards, Courtney Guenther, Jamie Hennigan, Laura Kyser, Rebecca Long, Daniel Marion, and Desiree Picone!

(photos, clockwise from right)

Eric Edwards

(left to right) Courtney Guenther, Jamie Hennigan, Daniel Marion, Desiree Picone, and Rebecca Long

Kalen Berry receiving his award from Dr. Shane Sharpe

Laura Kyser receiving her award from Dr. Shane Sharpe
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Jane Nix Outstanding Service Awards
Kayla Evans
Elizabeth Junkin
Jon Lauer
Jared Lauridsen
Roger Rozanski
Sarah Spiller

Kenneth J. Tobola Award
Kurt Barry
Tyler House

Jerry C. Pruett Memorial Scholarship
Lindsay Scholes

Darren Evans-Young Outstanding Freshman Award
Blake Bassett
Dan Preston

Henry Pettus Randall, Jr. Scholarship
Courtney Guenther

Outstanding CBHP Sophomores
Jill Hoover
Connor Johnson

Dr. Charles L. Seebeck Endowed Scholarship
Daniel Marbury

Outstanding CBHP Juniors
Rebecca Long
Evan Niner

H.H. Chapman Award
Kalen Berry
Keith Weber

Outstanding CBHP Seniors
Eric Edwards
Andrea Mabry

CBHP Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher
Richard Cockrum
Taylor Hall
Desiree Picone
Andrew Price
Kyle Scott

Mr. Tobola presenting the Kenneth J. Tobola Award to Tyler House

Catherine J. Randall Student Excellence Award
Caroline Ball

Charles L. Seebeck Award
Dana Lewis
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(left) Kurt Barry receiving the Kenneth J. Tobola Award from Mr. Tobola

(right) Ms. Jane Nix presenting Kayla Evans with the Jane Nix Outstanding Service Award.

(left) Caroline Ball receiving the Catherine J. Randall Excellence Award from Dr. Randall

(right) Freshman Instructor Darren Evans-Young presenting Dan Preston with the Darren Evans-Young Outstanding Freshman Award

(right) Dr. Shane Sharpe, CBHP Director and Honors College Interim Dean, with all of this year’s CBHP Award Winners
Accomplishments & Events

UA Campus Research

The University of Alabama’s Second Annual Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Conference was held in April. Students from all of UA’s colleges presented their research as either a poster or an oral presentation, and several winning presentations were selected. Computer-Based Honors Program students presented their research in an effort to showcase their projects and to encourage other students to get involved in undergraduate research.

UA System Research

Each year, undergraduate students from The University of Alabama (UA), The University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB), and The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) meet on one of the three campuses in order to present research in The University of Alabama System Honors Research Day. The University of Alabama hosted this year’s Research Day in April. Research from across many disciplines was presented in the form of either an oral or poster presentation, and several Computer-Based Honors students placed in their respective categories.
A Fond Farewell

Saying Goodbye

Computer-Based Honors Program freshman instructor Jaclyn Whitehorn has decided to leave The University of Alabama to continue the pursuit of her doctoral degree at The University of Connecticut. A former CBHP student herself and a well-respected freshman instructor for the past six years, Jaclyn will be missed by everyone involved with CBHP.

Congratulations, May Graduates!

Kevin Anderson, Biochemistry
Caroline Ball, Applied Mathematics
Andrew Bishop, Interdisciplinary Studies through New College
Rachael Blevins, Marine Science and Biology
Lorie Box, Religious Studies
Eric Coulter, Physics
Kyle Cruz, Mechanical Engineering
Ben Glass, Biology
Ashley Holmes, Management and Information Systems
Tyler Keenum, Nursing

Mat Kirsch, Metallurgical Engineering
Laura Kyser, Chemistry
Andrea Mabry, Photojournalism
Daniel Marion, Chemistry
Hudson Moore, Management and Information Systems
Alex Nguyen, Chemistry
Alston Pike, Mechanical Engineering
Catherine Qualls, Chemistry (Pre-Medical)
Daniel Sullivan, Chemical Engineering
Keith Weber, Computer Science

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Contribution Call

Are you currently a student in CBHP? Are you interested in writing or photography? Do you want to be more involved in the Computer-Based Honors Program?

Be a contributing writer or photographer to the Seebeck Society newsletter!

Send an email to the editor at uacbhp@gmail.com. Please include “Seebeck Newsletter” in the Subject line.

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