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## La Salle Honors Program Recognized

A few years ago, the Honors Program at La Salle University was praised by the National Collegiate Honors Council for being "a very special sort not available to larger, general universities."

That was nice, says the director of the program, but what's happened in the last three years is even better.

"Now it's the students who are getting the recognition," explained John Grady. "Their record for winning the most prestigious fellowships and scholarships has been exceptional, even for La Salle."

Over the years, men and women from La Salle University have won just about every graduate award. The National Collegiate Honors Council even made a special point of La Salle's "really extraordinary record of garnering Fulbright, Danforth and Marshall scholarships."

"But our students' recent success, especially given the intense competition for these awards, has been very exciting and gratifying," Grady said.

In the past few months, La Salle has been notified that its students have:

- received a Truman Scholarship, one of only 66 awarded to the top college juniors around the country;
- received a Fulbright Scholarship, given annually to exceptional college students who wish to study abroad;
- become a finalist for the Marshall Scholarship, one of just 22 finalists in the entire Middle Atlantic region;

- received two of the 20 Kemper Grants awarded nationally, bringing to four the number of current La Salle students who have been recognized by the James S. Kemper Foundation.

These students and many others who have been honored in recent years are members of the Honors Program, which was founded in 1963 to meet the needs of La Salle's most gifted students.

The program provides an alternative educational experience for those intellectually gifted students who are seeking a more challenging and motivating course of study. Honors Program courses are generally conducted seminar style, with most of the class time spent in discussion of material that has been studied and analyzed in advance.

Like all La Salle students, members of the Honors Program complete 40 courses and 120 credit hours. But 14 of their courses must be selected from the honors curriculum and taught by the honors faculty.

"Our general philosophy is to establish a community of scholars," said Grady, who has been director of the program since 1969. "But we also encourage our students to apply their talents beyond the formal classroom and even beyond the La Salle campus."

So you'll find Honors Program students involved in a variety of activities, including leadership positions in student government, editori-



La Salle University's 100-acre campus includes 12 acres of gardens and woods and the restored 18th century home of American portrait painter Charles Willson Peale.

al positions with La Salle publications, and as key members of student clubs, societies and associations. You'll even find an honors student on La Salle's nationally respected Division I men's basketball team.

Beyond the campus, members of the Honors Program are involved in community service. La Salle's Truman Scholar, for example, finds time to chair a committee for the homeless.

"We try to instill a sense of responsibility in all our students, but especially those in the Honors Program," said Grady. "We want them to realize the tremendous ability they have to serve society."

This special education pays off. Graduates of the

Honors Program are admitted to the nation's best medical schools, law schools and graduate programs. Over the last three years, La Salle students have continued their education at such institutions as Harvard, Duke, Dartmouth, Emory, MIT, Notre Dame, Georgetown Medical School, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Admission to La Salle's Honors Program is by invitation, but interested students are invited to contact John Grady, La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA 19141, (215) 951-1360.

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