



“ At the end of my senior year, the Presidential Honors Program allowed me the opportunity to attend a professional conference of my choice. I selected a political science convention outside of New York City because I had always wanted to travel there. While at this convention I got the opportunity to discuss political science and philosophy with students from Harvard, Yale, and Stanford. It was there that I realized that my Tarleton education could hold its own against those Ivy League schools.”

Sabina Landeros

Principal at Santa Fe Elementary,
Principal Fellow of Raise Your
Hand Texas; MEd in Educational
Administration

ABOUT TARLETON

Tarleton is located one hour from Fort Worth in Stephenville, Texas, which has a population of 20,000. Upgraded campus facilities, affordable tuition, and Stephenville's economical cost of living make Tarleton one of the best university values in Texas. The student body includes representatives from 43 states and 33 countries.

The facilities are a unique blend of historical beauty and 21st century technology: a state-of-the-art engineering building with industry/research grade equipment, including advanced 3D printing and prototyping, a wind tunnel, a 100kN universal testing machine, and advanced manufacturing capabilities; a \$23.4 million, 53,000-square-foot state-of-the-art nursing building; an impressive fine arts complex featuring an auditorium with acoustics widely recognized to be among the best in state; a \$30 million science building hosting a planetarium; an observatory at Tarleton's Hunewell Ranch, which houses a fully robotic, 32-inch diameter, research-grade telescope; and a 70,000-square-foot sports recreation center, complete with weight rooms and a climbing wall. Other infrastructure development includes a complete renovation of the Texans' Memorial Stadium and an upcoming Aquatics Center.

QUICK FACTS

Enrollment
14,022

Fall 2020
all campuses

Student/Faculty Ratio
19 to 1

Degree Programs
2 Associate
69 Bachelor's
27 Master's
2 Doctoral

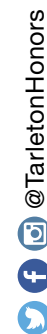
Athletics
NCAA Division I
& Western Athletic
Conference



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To submit a scholarship application form:
www.tarleton.edu/scholarships

Tarleton State University, an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer and Educator, is committed to excellence through diversity.

Honors College



Would you like to be part of a select group of students chosen on the basis of demonstrated excellence in academics as well as leadership, service, and a capacity for intellectual inquiry? Do you have a strong desire to further your education, not only toward the end of job security or professional advancement but with the goals of developing your mind, increasing your knowledge, and benefiting society?

If you are an academically talented student with a commitment to excellence, one of Tarleton's two Honors programs may be a good fit for you. In either program, the Presidential Honors Program or the Honors Degree Program, you will be part of an Honors community that combines the advantages of a small liberal arts college with the diversity of a comprehensive state university.

Honors College Preview Days

To preview Tarleton's Honors classes first-hand, we encourage you to sign up for one of our scheduled Preview Days. During this campus visit, you will:

- meet a current Honors student who will serve as your guide
- participate in an Honors class
- tour the Honors Hall
- visit with guides to get student perspectives on the Honors College
- meet with the Dean of the Honors College
- be advised by an Academic Advisor
- take a campus tour (optional)
- eat lunch in the campus dining hall with your guide (optional)

Honors College Advising and Registration

Students who have been accepted to the Honors College sign up for one-on-one advising and registration sessions with one of the advisors in the Honors College. These sessions start in mid-March. Honors students, both incoming freshmen and returning students, are eligible for early priority registration. Early registration allows you the most flexibility in building a schedule.

Honors Owl Camps

Several Owl Camps during the summer give you an opportunity to come celebrate being a part of the Honors College.

- meet with experienced Honors students in your major
- get to know other incoming Honors freshmen
- meet the Honors Hall Residential Coordinator
- enjoy your first meal as an official Honors student
- walk through the room you'll be living in

Summer Study In Urbino, Italy

Urbino has been referred to as "la città ideale" (the ideal city) of the Italian Renaissance. The Honors College hosts an affordable month-long summer study abroad program in Urbino. Students study many facets of the Italian Renaissance and can receive up to six hours of Honors credit.



Presidential Honors Program

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Beginning freshmen are considered based on: class rank (generally top 10 percent); ACT/SAT (generally a minimum ACT of 27 and SAT of 1260); participation in high school Honors, AP, or Gifted & Talented classes; quality of essays; extracurricular activities; service to school and community; and letters of recommendation. Entering freshmen classes usually have an average SAT score of around 1300, and average ACT of around 30, and an average high school class rank in the top five percent. On a space available basis, returning students and transfer students with up to a maximum of one year of college credit may also be considered. Interested students should submit a Presidential Honors Program Application.

Apply for Presidential Honors Program www.tarleton.edu/honors



SCHOLARSHIPS

Fifty Presidential Honors Scholars receive an annual scholarship of \$7,000, renewable for up to four years of undergraduate work. Premier Dick Smith Scholars who participate in the Presidential Honors Program receive an annual scholarship of \$9,000.

Apply for scholarships www.tarleton.edu/scholarships

EXPECTATIONS

Presidential Honors Scholars must maintain at least a 3.4 cumulative Tarleton GPA and a 3.0 Honors GPA. They also must complete a minimum of 15 hours of solid academic courses every semester. Presidential Honors Scholars enroll in Honors sections of core courses, a one-hour Freshman Honors Seminar, two special three-hour Honors Seminars in the spring semester of the sophomore and junior years, and an independent research project during their senior year.

“I went into the manager’s office and asked her why I was hired when I applied last June to a position that I had very little experience in. She looked at me a little funny and then said that it was my education that got me the interview and especially the fact that I graduated with honors in the Presidential Honors Program. So my education and especially my participation in the Honors program got me in the door, and the grooming and training that I received in that same Honors program got me the job. I realized that all the Honors classes I had taken, especially those done in a seminar or roundtable discussion format, had really helped me.”

Kristina Guess Director of Logistics and Account Operations
Graduated summa cum laude in political science with minors in philosophy and history
MBA from University of Texas at Arlington

“Although I was a member of multiple organizations at Tarleton, the Presidential Honors Program was without a doubt the most valuable part of my college experience, in many ways. The program provided not only a challenging academic setting, but multiple opportunities for growth and stimulation beyond the classroom setting. The opportunities ranged from scholarly, to cultural, and even to social. Being surrounded by others with inquisitive minds and a desire for excellence was invaluable. Furthermore, the relationships that I was able to cultivate as a member of PHP, with both faculty and fellow students, have continued to enrich my life beyond my years as a student at Tarleton, and will probably continue to do so for the rest of my life.”

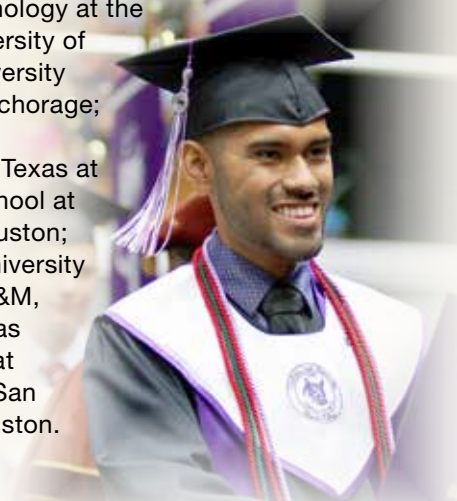
Dr. Jessica Farrar Clinical Psychologist at VA Salt Lake City Health Care System
Graduated summa cum laude in English
PhD in counseling psychology from the University of Oregon

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Honors Scholars are free to pursue any major course of study offered at Tarleton, and graduates of the programs enter a wide variety of professions. Many of our graduates go on to complete postgraduate work at first-rate professional schools and graduate schools.

Graduates of the Honors College have entered graduate programs in engineering at Stanford University and Oklahoma State University; physics and space physics at Rice; mathematics at North Carolina State University; organic chemistry at Indiana State University; physical chemistry and geology at the University of Texas at Austin; nanoscience and microsystems at the University of New Mexico; biology at Texas A&M University; business at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business and Northeastern University in Boston; psychology at the University of Georgia; counseling psychology at the University of Oregon; English at the University of North Texas, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the University of Alaska Anchorage; and sociology at Baylor University.

Graduates have entered law school at the University of Texas at Austin, Baylor, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech; pharmacy school at the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Houston; veterinary school at Texas A&M; medical school at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas A&M, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas Tech, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; and dental school at the University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston.



HONORS SEMINARS

In the Spring of 1985, three professors in history, English, and art team-taught the first Honors Seminar, “Symbol in Popular Culture.” Since then, top faculty from across the campus and distinguished visiting faculty have offered seminars on a variety of challenging topics, such as: “Issues in Public Health Policy,” “Philosophy, Sophistry, and Democracy,” “The Horror Genre in Literature, Film, and Television,” “The Portrayal of Science in Science Fiction,” “Music and Society,” “Environmental Conundrums,” and “Free Speech, Civility, and the Campus Culture.”

ENDOWMENTS

Endowment funds for Presidential Honors Scholarships total over \$3 million.

For information on funding a Presidential Honors Scholarship or making a contribution to the Honors College Dean's Circle, contact:

The Honors College (254) 968-1926 or **The Office of Development** (254) 968-9769.

What is different about Honors Classes?

- limited to around 25 students
- taught by distinguished senior faculty members
- offer intellectually challenging material
- offer innovative approaches to the subject
- offer increased opportunities for honing critical thinking and writing skills
- offer the opportunity to interact closely with similarly motivated students
- emphasize discussion and student participation
- use primary sources and monographs over textbooks
- use special lab equipment that would not be available to most undergraduate students
- emphasize student projects and research
- emphasize essay exams over multiple choice



What are other benefits of the Honors College?

- Interaction with Honors College alumni, including shadowing and internships
- Trips to cultural events at Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth
- Tours of the Kimbell, Amon Carter, and Modern Art Museums in Fort Worth
- Early registration each semester
- Housing in Honors Hall
- Opportunities for study abroad
- Honors academic advising



HONORS HALL

The Honors Hall houses 440 honors students as well as the offices of the Honors College. The Honors Hall features three housing options: apartments, two-bedroom suites, and cost-efficient double-occupancy rooms. Community spaces in the hall include a spacious lobby, classrooms, study spaces, kitchens, and a large courtyard. With the offices of the Honors College on the first floor, students have easy access to Honors academic advising, as well as Honors social and academic events.

For on-campus housing application information visit www.tarleton.edu/housing

Honors Degree Program

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Honors Degree Program awards a number of \$4,000 and \$1,000 scholarships to participants in the Honors College on a competitive basis. Interested students should submit, in addition to an Honors Core Application, a Scholarship Application and a federal student aid application (FAFSA). In addition, students graduating in the top 25% are guaranteed a scholarship of at least \$1,000 as part of the President's Guaranteed Award Program (GAP).

For information on President's GAP at Tarleton www.tarletonstate.us/gap
Apply for scholarships www.tarleton.edu/scholarships
Apply for financial aid www.fafsa.ed.gov

HONORS CORE

Incoming freshmen who are ranked in the top quarter and are TSI-complete are eligible to apply for admission. Students without a class rank and students with special circumstances may ask to be considered on an individual basis. Returning students and transfer students with a 3.0 or higher GPA are also eligible to apply for admission.

The Honors Core consists of 15 hours of lower-level Honors classes. Students will either complete 15 hours of Honors core courses or 12 hours of Honors core courses and a sophomore three-hour Honors Seminar. Students who complete the 15 hours with a 3.0 cumulative Tarleton GPA and a 3.0 GPA in their Honors courses will receive credit and recognition for completion of the Honors Core. Students who complete less than 15 hours of Honors core courses will receive credit and recognition for the courses they have completed. Students must maintain a 3.0 overall Tarleton GPA and a 3.0 GPA in their honors classes to remain eligible to participate in the Honors Core.

First- and second-year Honors Degree Program students are required to attend a minimum of one educational enrichment activity each semester. The Honors College hosts several educational enrichment activities each semester.

Apply for Honors Core www.tarleton.edu/honors

UPPER-LEVEL HONORS

Students must apply for admission to Upper-Level Honors. Eligible students include: students who have completed Tarleton's Honors Core, students who have completed a lower-division Honors component comparable to Tarleton's Honors Core at a community college or another four-year institution, and students with a 3.2 or higher overall GPA (transfer students or continuing Tarleton students)

Upper-Level Honors involves two options: Departmental Honors and individualized Upper-Level Honors. The most popular option is the individualized Upper-Level Honors in any junior or senior level course. Participants in Upper-Level Honors must maintain a 3.2 cumulative TSU GPA.

Apply for Upper-Level Honors www.tarleton.edu/honors