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 even against those by Ivy League schools.”

Sabina Lander
Principal at Santa Fe Elementary; Principled Fellow of Raise Your Hand Texas; MDf in Educational Administration

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### 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 108-inch universal testing machine, and advanced touch the learning capabilities; a $3.4 million, 53,000-square-foot state-of-the-art nursing building, an impressive science complex featuring an auditorium with acoustics state-of-the-art; 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 prototyping, a wind tunnel, a 100kN universal testing machine, and advanced 3D printing and prototyping.

### Degree Programs
- Bachelor’s
- Master’s
- Doctoral

### Student/Faculty Ratio
19 to 1

### Quick Facts
- Fall 2020 enrollment: 14,022
- Total campuses: 14

### Honors College
The Honors College is an integral part of the university and is designed to provide a unique educational experience for academically talented students. The Honors College offers several programs, including the Presidential Honors Program and the Honors Degree Program. Students chosen on the basis of demonstrated excellence in academics as well as leadership, service, and a capacity for intellectual inquiry.

### About Tarleton
Tarleton is a small liberal arts college with the diversity of a comprehensive state university. 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. 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.

### 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.

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### 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-August. 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

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### 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)
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Furthermore, the relationships that I’ve been able to cultivate as a member of PHP, both inside and outside of class, 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.

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Accomplishments

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

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 University; and chemistry and geology at the University of Texas at Austin; nanoscience and microsystems at the University of New Mexico; biology at Texas A&M; business at the University of Texas at Austin; electrical engineering at Texas A&M; and statistics, computer science, and sociology at Baylor University.

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What is different about Honors Classes?

limited to around 25 students

taught by distinguished senior faculty members

offered intellectually challenging material

offered innovative approaches to the subject

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affords the opportunity to work with similarly motivated students

encourages active student participation

use primary source material

use special lab equipment that would not be available to most undergraduate students

emphasize student projects and research

emphasize essay exams over multiple choice

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