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 never been there before and wanted to travel there. While at the 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."

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Tarleton is located one hour from Fort Worth in Stephenville, Texas, which has a population of 20,000. Upgraded campus facilities and affordable tuition combined with Stephenville's economical cost of living makes Tarleton one of the best university values in Texas. The student body includes representatives from 48 states and 26 countries. The facilities are a unique blend of historical beauty and 21st century technologies: a state-of-the-art engineering building with industry-worthy grade equipment, including advanced 3D printing and prototyping, a wind tunnel, a 100kN universal testing machine, and advanced manufacturing capabilities; a $32.4 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, 10-inch diameter research telescope; and a 70,000-square-foot sports recreation center, complete with weight rooms and a climbing wall.

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

 meet a current Honors student who will serve as your guide
 meet with experienced Honors freshmen
 tour the Honors Hall
 meet with the Executive Director of the Honors College
 eat lunch in the campus dining hall with your guide (optional)

Honor College Orientation
Students who have been accepted to the Honors College are invited to a special Honor College Orientation. You’ll meet some of your future Honors College classmates, visit your academic department, meet some of the current Honors students who will act as your guides, and register for classes—all in a comfortable setting of 30 to 35 students. Starting in March, these early sessions allow you the most flexibility in building a schedule.

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?

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.
Even though 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 that I was afforded as a member of PHP, such as leadership roles, participation in challenging topics, and multiple opportunities for growth and stimulation beyond the classroom setting, 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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In addition, students who are admitted to Tarleton by January 15 will be required to submit, in addition to an Honors Core Application, an Honors Scholarship Application and a federal student aid application (FAFSA). Students who are eligible to apply for admission to the Honors Core must complete the $9,000 scholarship application and submit a federal student aid application (FAFSA) by February 15.

Students who are admitted to Tarleton by January 15 will be considered for a $1,000 Presidential Scholarship.

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