



HONORS COLLEGE

EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE. ENRICH OUR FUTURE.

10 YEARS IN THE MAKING

OUR MISSION

The Honors College at Grand Canyon University is designed to produce exemplary graduates who are uniquely equipped to lead and serve in the workplace as well as within their local and global communities. Our mission is to develop servant leaders and change agents who are primed to enter the world with a competitive advantage over their contemporaries in the fields of problem-solving, communication, critical thinking, evidence-based decision making and cultural awareness.



OUR VALUES

1

STRENGTH IN A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

We value relationships over transactions.

2

INNOVATION THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

We conduct strategic, purpose-driven research to drive innovative solutions.

3

CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY

We work from the context of a Christian worldview and embrace servant leadership.

4

GLOBAL EXPLORATION AND ENGAGEMENT

We promote cultural awareness by engaging with diverse communities.

5

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND SERVICE-MINDED LEADERSHIP

We strive to develop transformational leaders committed to advocacy and action.

6

COMMITMENT TO LIFELONG LEARNING

We devote ourselves to continual professional and spiritual growth.

OUR STORY

2013 Launched the Honors Institute with 59 students.



2015

Became GCU's ninth official college, now known as the Honors College.

2015 The first Honors College graduate crosses the commencement stage.



2016 Established the Dean's Honors College Advisory Board, comprised of professionals from various industries.



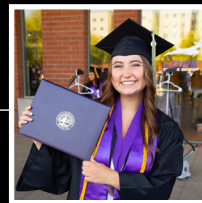
2018 Surpassed 2,000 total students enrolled in the Honors College.



2021 Celebrated graduating 1,000 Honors College alumni.



2022 Approaching 3,000 students enrolled in the Honors College and surpassed 2,000 honors alumni.



SNAPSHOT THE HONORS COLLEGE TODAY

HONORS STUDENTS 2,973

As of Fall 2022

**HONORS
COURSES
OFFERED**

As of June 2021

263



TOP ENROLLED PROGRAMS As of Fall 2022

Biology with an Emphasis in Pre-Medicine



Nursing



Psychology



Business Management



Marketing and Advertising



Biology with an Emphasis in Pre-Physical Therapy



Mechanical Engineering



**AVERAGE
UNWEIGHTED
INCOMING GPA**

As of Fall 2022

3.83

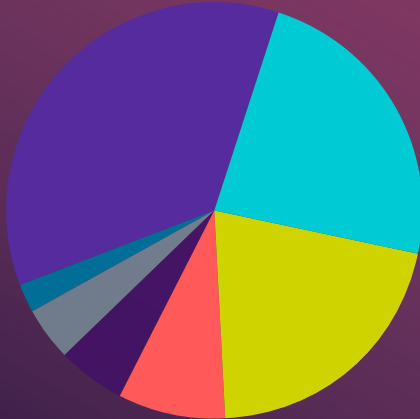
**AVERAGE WEIGHTED
INCOMING GPA**

As of Fall 2022

4.09

COLLEGE BREAKDOWN

As of Fall 2022



College of Science, Engineering and Technology: 1,064

Colangelo College of Business: 695

College of Humanities and Social Sciences: 626

College of Nursing and Health Care Professions: 244

College of Arts and Media: 159

College of Education: 126

College of Theology: 60



ALUMNI **2,216**

Between 2015 and May 2023

¹ Self-reported data as of Fall 2022

SNAPSHOT THE HONORS COLLEGE TODAY

MOST COMMON HOME STATES

As of Fall 2022

1. ARIZONA
2. CALIFORNIA
3. WASHINGTON
4. COLORADO
5. MINNESOTA
6. OREGON
7. TEXAS
8. ILLINOIS
9. IDAHO
10. HAWAII



STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS

As of Fall 2022

79%

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As of Fall 2022

42



GCU STUDENT LEADERS

As of Fall 2023

323



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND SERVANT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

As of Fall 2023

272



LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS HOSTED ANNUALLY

Provost Speaker Series, FLIGHT Peer Mentorship Program, Inside Entertainment, Public Square Series, Canyon Civic Institute, Pre-Health Medical and Graduate School Prep Program, Young Athena Leadership Program, RISE Fellowship, Leadership in Action, P.A.C. Professional Development Program

HONORS SOCIETIES HOUSED WITHIN HONORS COLLEGE

National Society for Collegiate Scholars, Alpha Chi National College Honors Society

GENDER BREAKDOWN As of Fall 2022

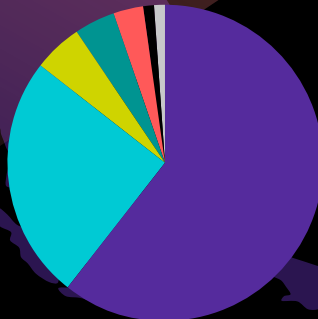
69% Female | **31%** Male



FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

Self-reported data as of fall 2022¹

650



ETHNICITY BREAKDOWN

As of Fall 2022

White: 59%

Hispanic or Latino: 24%

Mixed Race: 5%

Asian: 4%

Black or African American: 3%

Native American or Native Alaskan: <1%

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: <1%

FEATURED STORIES FROM THE HONORS COLLEGE



HONORS STUDENTS Erik Yost, Nathanael Olsen and Camden Marasco establish STELLAR on GCU's campus, and collaborate with NASA to prepare and send a microbial fuel cell to the International Space Station in an effort to study clean energy for all regions of the world.

GCU'S CHAPTER of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars earned Diamond Status in 2022-23, an honor reserved for the single top performing chapter in the country.

THE HONORS COLLEGE celebrates the community engagement efforts, and crowning, of alumna Adesuwa Osayaren for serving as Miss Nations of the World in 2018, alumna Jacqueline Thomas for serving as Miss Arizona in 2019, Aubrey Grasz for serving as Miss Nebraska Volunteer in 2022 and Faron Mehdi for serving as Miss Teen USA in 2022.

DESPITE A DISRUPTION in global education during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Honors College still successfully deployed hundreds of students abroad since 2015 to engage in short-term global education programs, mission trips, humanitarian outreach programs and study abroad.



GCU PUBLISHED the first issue of the Canyon Journal for Undergraduate Research (CJUR) in 2023, featuring first-time student authors from the Honors College.

HONORS COLLEGE collaborates with GCU CityServe and Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build and deliver bunk beds for local families in need.

THE HONORS COLLEGE REMAINS committed to serving our local and global communities throughout the year. The college hosts an annual Canvas the Community Service Week campaign, which promotes community engagement and volunteerism with local non-profits, while coordinating and executing various service projects within and beyond this week of service.



THE HONORS COLLEGE expanded leadership and professional development opportunities to include: P.A.C. Professional Development Program, Young Athena Valley of the Sun Leadership Program, Pre-Health Medical and Graduate School Preparation Program, College-to-Corporate Leadership Academy, the Public Square Series for Civic Engagement, the RISE Fellowship and more.

COVID-19 DIDN'T slow down the Honors College's mission to serve. Honors STEMists constructed wheelchairs to donate to patients in need at the Neighborhood Christian Clinic, and Honors VOICES assembled COVID care packages to support students in quarantine and self-care kits for frontline health care providers.



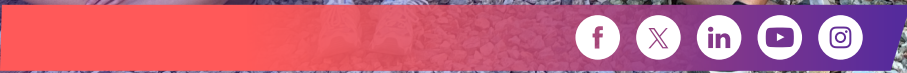
HONORS STUDENTS engaged in the Youth Assembly hosted by the United Nations in New York City, shared business solutions for impoverished regions at the Clinton Global Initiative University, presented scholarly work at various academic conferences and supported TEDx GCU on our home campus in Phoenix.

HONORS COLLEGE STUDENTS and administration partnered with the Milwaukee Brewers at their training facility in Maryvale to deliver middle school curriculum and programming to promote STEM education through baseball.

VANDERPOOL DORM



TO SEE STORIES FROM THE HONORS COLLEGE, SCAN THE QR CODE.



WHERE HONORS ALUMNI STUDY¹

AFTER GRADUATING FROM GCU, HONORS STUDENTS HAVE SELF-REPORTED ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL AT:

Bentley University McCallum Graduate School of Business

Baylor University School of Law

Creighton University

Dell Medical School at the University of Texas Austin

Georgetown University Law Center

Midwestern University

University of Pennsylvania

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University

The Graduate School at Northwestern University

University of Notre Dame



WHERE HONORS ALUMNI WORK²

Amazon

Analog Devices

Arizona Cyber Threat
Response Alliance, Inc.

Arizona Diamondbacks

Arizona Foothills Media

Arizona State Senate

Banner Health

Barrow Neurological Institute

Better Business Bureau

Charles Schwab

Cisco

Cox Automotive Inc.

Deloitte

Disney Parks, Experiences
and Products

Edward Jones

Federal Bureau of
Investigation

Honeywell Aerospace

IBM

Intel Corporation

La Frontera EMPACT

LinkedIn

Make a Wish Foundation

NASCAR

National Urban League

Parsons XTREME Golf (PXG)

Phoenix Children's Hospital

PING

Republican State
Leadership Committee

Salt River Project (SRP)

Southwest Behavioral
and Health Services

SpaceX

St. Joseph's Hospital
and Medical Center

St. Vincent de Paul

Swift Transportation

U.S. Army

U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Navy Nuclear Propulsion
Officer Candidate Program

U.S. White House

Vanguard

² Self-reported. Does not imply a direct relationship with GCU.

MAKE AN IMPACT ON AN HONORS STUDENT SUPPORT HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS

Join us in making an impact on the lives of our honors student leaders. Our gifted honors students are not only dedicated learners with remarkable intellect, but they also possess a deep commitment to service.

Our committed servant leaders invest countless hours in honing their leadership skills, fostering their student teams and driving diverse initiatives across our campus and local community. Your contributions to the Honors Scholarship Fund hold transformative power. Your donation is not simply a gift, but rather an investment in the future leaders and change agents of tomorrow.



**100% OF EACH AND EVERY CONTRIBUTION IS
DIRECTED STRAIGHT TO OUR STUDENT LEADERS.**



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