Come learn about exciting new opportunities to satisfy your Honors Requirements for Fall 2014 while getting involved with our community.

Select Community Partners will be talking to you about their needs and how you can make a difference.

COMMUNITY PARTNER INFO NIGHT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
1092 LINCOLN HALL
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HONORS EXPERIENCE

A Pilot Program to Enhance Opportunities for LAS James Scholars to participate in Honors and have a Positive Impact on our Community.

Only Community Partners Involved in this Info Night are approved for this pilot program (while there are many wonderful opportunities, this is a pilot so we are deliberately starting small).

No other Partners will be approved for this semester.
HOW IT WORKS

This evening, you will learn of some of the needs of our Community Partners.

If you are interested in getting involved, you will self-select your partner and contact the partner (contact information is provided later in this presentation).

You will meet with the partner and all expectations will be clearly outlined.

You will complete the “Honors Experience Form” – similar to the EHCLA (an email will be sent when the form is available for completion).

You will complete a minimum of 25 hours of service (that does not include travel time).

The Community Partner must verify the hours served.

At the end of the semester, you will submit a “reflective component” to LAS Honors explaining your impact on what you got involved with, and the impact it had on you.
HONORS EXPERIENCE

If you complete all requirements and expectations, LAS Honors will waive the Honors credit requirement for the semester (as we do for Studying Abroad).

Questions about the procedural aspect should be addressed to the Assistant Director of LAS Honors, Amanda Purnell at apurnell@illinois.edu
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bart Bartels – focus sustainability and impact
Contact information – email bbartel@illinois.edu

Urbana High School – focus education, community impact, leadership
Contact information – email

Morgan Johnston – focus on sustainability and impact
Contact information – email mbjohnst@illinois.edu
PROJECTS WITH BART

Game-Day Recycling Challenge

Additional Information of their Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/events/518311078270593/

What is the impact from the game and what was the result in trying to change the behavior of 60,000 fans in one day?

Pyrolysis

Processing cups from the Game Day Challenge and turn them back into oil, thereby reducing landfilled materials and closing the environmental loop on these products.
PROJECTS WITH BART

Recycling on the Quad
The single bins on the quad will soon be replaced with duel bin stations. Help implement and promote this change and document the impact through waste audits.

Prairie plot construction and monitoring
Help construct different prairie plant research plots and document the benefits/disadvantages of each, for community expansion. Also looking at stormwater runoff benefits.

Illinois Green Office Challenge
Work with a building that is competing in this competition. Help implement and document strategies to reduce environmental impact and move up the leader board. Energy, Water, and Waste impacts will be measured.
PROJECTS WITH BART

Invasive species pull at Allerton
Impact, enabling native plants to thrive.

GIS Mapping
Help communities create an inventory of their assets to enable systems thinking.
PROJECTS WITH MORGAN

F&S SUSTAINABILITY
GROUP PROJECTS FOR 5 OR MORE PEOPLE
WE WANT TO BE A TREE CAMPUS USA!

We need your help for the Service Learning Project

“This should provide an opportunity to engage the student population with projects related to trees” (per the Arbor Day Foundation instructions)

Work with Morgan and the F&S stakeholders to update the campus tree inventory by visiting trees throughout campus with cool GIS gadgets, and help spread the word about becoming a Tree Campus and the importance of our trees.

Tasks to be done by others
- Establish a “Campus Tree Advisory Committee”
- Campus Tree Care Plan
- Campus Tree Program with Dedicated Annual Expenditures
- Arbor Day Observance
MAKING BEHAVIOR CHANGE WORK

Have you ever noticed that the door to the Business Instructional Facility (BIF) sends students right to the street? They are aimed straight at the door to Wholers Hall, which is the other main building for the College of Business. This is dangerous!

Work with Morgan and F&S stakeholders to assess the impact of the planned trial mid-block crosswalk on Sixth Street. Specifically, design and complete surveys of pedestrians using the crosswalk.

Tasks to be done by others
- Press releases
- Formal pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicle counts
- Installation and future removal of trial crosswalk
- Final decision on future of installation
WHY SHOULD WE COUNT BIKES?

The University does not have recurring funding for bicycle needs, but there are thousands of bikes on campus every day. The data that has come from the first and second bi-annual bike counts has already been used to support funding the Campus Bike Center this year, and it has been used for decision making about allocating bike-related resources.

Work with Morgan and local bicyclist advocates to complete the bi-annual Bike Census. Where dozens of volunteers and students like you count every bike parked on campus in a single hour!!! Then help with summarizing the data in GIS.

Tasks to be done by others
- Strategy for completing the Bike Census (using same process as in FY14)
- Press Releases
F&S SUSTAINABILITY

Projects for 1 or 2 people
WHAT COULD I DO ON MY OWN (OR WITH A FRIEND)

There are a lot of campus sustainability projects that just need one person, like yourself to help set them up, get them moving, and make them happen!

- Foundation Sustainability Fund
- Kill-a-Watt Monitors at Libraries
- Green Nozzles
- Urbana-Champaign Energy Star Challenge
- C-U Bike to Work Day (prep work)
- Energy Conservation Incentive Program (ECIP)
- Fume Hood Shut the Sash Campaign