

Honors Ambassador Program: 2021/2022

“When you are brave, you empower others around you to be brave, too.”

Mission Statement for Honors Ambassadors

Honors Ambassadors seek to serve and represent the Honors College as a public relations and institutional advancement team that supports high academic achievement among students. They promote the ideals of empowered participation and exploration at NMSU, respect of diversity, leadership development and Aggie pride.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must have the ability to uphold the mission of the Honors Ambassadors stated above
- Must be a Crimson Scholar with a minimum of 3.5 G.P.A
- Be at least a Sophomore as of Fall 2021
- Be willing to participate starting Fall 2021 and remain an Ambassador until Spring 2022
- Be willing to enroll in a one credit course titled Honors Leadership (HNRS 421)

Responsibilities of the Ambassadors

The Ambassadors will attend and assist in Honors College official functions. Many of these events are subject to change due to COVID-19 requirements and precautions. They will be asked to assist with:

- Commencements
- On and off campus and virtual tabling events
- Conroy Scholars Recruitment event
- University Speaker event in April
- Get-togethers with the Crimson Scholars
- Events of the Honors Living and Learning Community
- Assisting the Dean of the Honors College with recruitment and Honors courses related activities
- Fall Semester Picnics
- Fementorship/mentorship activities with high school students from Las Cruces Public Schools

Ambassadors must be a team player and be willing to share about their NMSU experiences when recruiting and actively participate in activities put on for Ambassadors.

The Honors Ambassadors will also recruit for the Honors College within the University as well as at local high schools when the opportunity is present. They will coordinate within their college with support from the Coordinator to speak (virtually at the moment) in classes of Freshman and Sophomores about the Honors track and their opportunities as students. Continuing Ambassadors will be responsible for leading one class discussion session each on a leadership skill for HNRS 421.

Not all of the Ambassadors will be required to attend every event, but they will work as a team to make sure that each event has proper attendance. Ambassadors are **required to attend 3 events in a semester in addition to the Crimson Scholar Picnic that is mandatory for all Ambassadors to attend.**

Honors Ambassadors will be required to enroll in the one credit course titled **Honors Leadership (HNRS 421)** which will be taught synchronous with one-on-one and team Zoom meetings throughout the semester. In this course, Honors Ambassadors will learn about requirements to become a Crimson

Scholar, resources the Honors College provides, and participate in professional development and team building activities.

In addition to these responsibilities, it is expected that Honors Ambassadors will maintain excellent communication with the Honors Ambassador Coordinator, Graduate Assistants, and any other Honors College faculty or staff by responding promptly to emails and on Canvas.

Accountability

The team is responsible for holding themselves and each other accountable. If a student has been unable to attend the events necessary and maintain communication with Coordinator, GAs and Honors College staff/faculty, they are not fulfilling the Honors Ambassador mission at events, or their G.P.A. drops below a 3.5, then the Honors Coordinator reserves the right to ask them to leave the program.

Benefits of being an Honors Ambassador

Each Ambassador gets the official polo, their photo will be featured on the Honors College website and social media and they get the chance to create bonds with students and network with faculty, administration and key decision makers across the University. They also receive training and workshops on leadership, diversity and inclusion, public speaking and other topics throughout the year as well as experience in advocacy, public relations, event planning, networking, femtorship/mentorship, recruiting and beyond. The Ambassadors will work closely with the Dean of the Honors College, the Graduate Assistants and other Honors College staff. They can also boost their resume with this prestigious service.

The Ambassador program will provide high-achieving students with a drive to succeed and hands-on educational experiences to prepare them to be leaders on campus, in the Las Cruces community and in the global community. (Use this description to inspire resume and cover letter writing for future opportunities!)