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Spirit of Honors Award Recipients Announced

Three Shippensburg University students have received the SU Honors Program's 2008-2009 Spirit of Honors Award.

Seniors Amy Harmon of Carlisle, Valerie Koontz of Harrisburg, and Emily Sattler of Colledgeville were presented with the award during the Honors Program's spring banquet Tuesday, April 14. In attendance at the banquet were more than 100 Honors Program students, SU faculty, and administrators.

The annual award recognizes outstanding contributions to the Honors Program and students' commitment to the program's mission of scholarship, leadership, and service. Recipients take initiative to enhance the undergraduate experience of all Honors Program students at Shippensburg both inside and outside the classroom.

Harmon, an accounting major and international studies minor, is president of the Honors Student Organization. As president, she spearheaded various honors activities, served on the Honors Program Advisory Board, and helped recruit prospective students. After graduation, she plans to work as an audit associate in the Harrisburg area for KPMG, a public accounting firm.

Koontz, a mathematics secondary education major, chaired the Honors Program's Excitement in Education committee. She also mentored incoming freshmen, wrote for the Honors Program newsletter, and participated in a number of service projects. Koontz will be seeking employment as a math teacher after graduation.

Sattler, an elementary education major and reading minor with a concentration in special education, chaired the Honors Program's orientation committee. Her activities included mentoring incoming freshmen and participating in numerous service projects. After graduation, Sattler will be seeking employment as an elementary teacher.

The Shippensburg University Honors Program is made up of more than 150 undergraduate students of diverse backgrounds who are accepted to the program based on academic achievement, intellectual curiosity, and evidence of leadership and community service.

The Honors Program offers small, dynamic classes with outstanding instruction; opportunities for research projects, internships, and study abroad experiences; and cultural events, social activities, and service projects.