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This is DSG. welcome to the orientation 2020 to the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College power point presentation.

We are going to begin this presentation with a great video in the next slide that answers the question, "Why Honors?"

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What's the mission of the HOCO? The mission is to produce CS fired by the life of the mind, driven to find solutions, committed to the public good.

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Honors 1-010 and Honors 102 form the key experience during the 1st year of the Honors College student. Honors 101 looks at the key questions surrounding self and society while 102 examines the relationship between nature, humanity and the cosmos. You will take Honors 101 in the Fall semester and 102 in the Spring semester.

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Many of you enter the Honors College with credit from Advance Placement exams, AP Courses, or International Baccalaureate, IB courses, or transfers from community colleges. If you already have credit for Writing 101/102, your Honors 101 and 102 course will satisfy the following requirements from the schools listed in this slide.

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To register for your Honors classes, enter the electronic portal for registration for Fall 2020 and look for the designation "limited to students of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College." Those are the classes you will want to choose. Dr. Samonds has additional information on these steps in a subsequent video.

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What's your goal as an HOCO student in your first year? To have at least 12 hours out of your 30 hours listed as Honors course credit. That is a minimum basically of two honors courses each semester out of a normal five plus a lab for each semester.

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At the end of the first **semester** year, we ask that you have a 3.20 GPA and that allows you take good academic risks as you explore for the first time courses in your collegiate career.

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We ask our all our HOCO students to give back to the community in much the same way donors sustain the opportunities here at the HOCO. The Community Action Challenge (CAC) is an

expectation that you will invest in the Lafayette Oxford University community 10 hours a semester.

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How do we build community at the Honors College? We convoke the body twice a year once in the Fall and once in the Spring to gather and to listen to the question of the day from key leaders in our State, our nation and our world.

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So let's summarize your responsibility for the first year as a member of the SMBHC. Yours Honors 101, 3 hours class in the Fall, Honors 102 in the Spring, 12 honors hours by the end of your first year, a minimum GPA of 3.20, and CAC with a minimum of 10 hours each semester.

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When do HOCO students move into the residential halls? We will know for certain once the Chancellor announces June 30 what the protocol will be for the Fall semester. In times past, we had you moved in on Saturday August 15th beginning at 9 am. Given the unusual nature of the CV virus and how it has changed so much in our tradition, we will need to wait for a firm commitment from our Chancellor before we establish firm boundaries of that move in.

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Our Honors Welcome Week begins Sunday, August 16th, with a concert by our Honors College Artist in Residence and world-renowned concert pianist, Bruce Levingston. A host of activities will be planned for the following week, Monday, the 17th through Thursday the 20th, as we welcome you to the UM campus and talk about some fun and serious skills needed to survive very well in the Fall 2020.

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Do you have any questions for us? Call us at (662)915-7294 or email the Honors College at honors@olemiss.edu. I can also set up a Zoom conference with you if we need to dig to the bottom of a difficulty that you might be having. Email me at dsg@olemiss.edu. We want you to have a successful registration and enjoy your transition to UM's Honors College.

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We need you to fill out a survey for us at honors.olemiss.edu/survey or click this QR code with your phone and fill it out. If you would please give us your T-shirt size for our Welcome Week activities as well as any dietary restrictions that you might have. We look forward to seeing you very soon as we begin Fall 2020 at the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.