



# The Top Reasons to be an Honors in the Major (HIM) Participant

- 1. Seeing your name in gold or being cited as a published author.**
- 2. Making a real difference in your field! Studying your passion!** Revealing an improved strategy to the challenges facing educational policy, teachers, schools, and students.
- 3. Sharing your work.**  
Opportunities to travel and present your research range from international venues or the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) or locally through the KnightED Talks Student Showcase.
- 4. Boosting your career opportunities.**  
Want to improve your presentation skills or have dreams of being a professor? Honors in the Major can change the trajectory of your career. We have three HIM students who are finishing PHD's.
- 5. Creating your Opus Magnum.**  
Researching and producing an undergraduate thesis is an organizational feat! Hone those organizational and research skills.
- 6. Working one-on-one.**  
Honors in the Major is essentially an independent study. Working closely with a faculty member can be intellectually stimulating and rewarding.
- 7. Receiving recognition.**  
Awards beget more awards beget more awards! Many participants apply for additional scholarships, prizes, and awards and often are the winners.
- 8. Financial Incentives.**  
Can you say scholarship money? Each academic year in the spring and fall, we award up to ten \$1,000 scholarships to HIM participants. At present, we have 30-ish participants, so do the math! The odds are ever in your favor.
- 9. Grad School.**  
Your entry into the graduate school of your choice is certainly enhanced. We have had two of our HIM graduates make it into the top graduate school in the nation (and many consider it the top in the world): Teachers College.
- 10. Problem Solving.**  
Principals and future employers love problem solvers who can analyze data, who are creative in their approaches, and who can synthesize solutions.
- 11. Boosting your brainpower!**  
You will never be the same thinker or writer again after participating in HIM.
- 12. Eradicating perfectionism!**  
Honors in the Major research is a recursive process of writing, rewriting, thinking and rethinking, revising, and editing your best work.