



IE's biggest asset is its students who each semester receive numerous honors and awards, and participate in projects that give back to their community. They are what IE calls "citizen scholars"— individuals who leverage knowledge for social good. In the words of one student, "IE helps scaffold our motivation, propelling us to achieve." Here is just a sampling of the over 100 awards earned and contributions to the community made by IE students this year (2013-2014):

Cintia Hinojosa was awarded the South Texas Stars Scholarship 2013-2014, the College of Liberal Arts Hibbs Scholarship, the Undergraduate Research Fellowship, and was selected for the Society for Research on Adolescence Young Scholars Program.

Dontay Waffer gained acceptance to Study Abroad in Nicaragua. He will be actively participating with Nicaraguans on the coast of Bluefields, engaging in their politics, self-identification, education, and culture in order to gain an insight of global issues in the diaspora. Dontay also participated in Project 2014, the University of Texas at Austin's largest day of service that brings together thousands of students, faculty, and staff to connect with their community.

Queen Ekejija has been selected a 2013-2014 recipient of the Nelson Mandela Scholarship, an award given by the National Black Law Student Association and based on her essay about the mass incarceration of African Americans and what the legal community can do to address this as a human rights issue.

Danilo Aquino and his faculty supervisor received a \$25,000 grant from Qatar Foundations International to continue their initiatives on Arabic language learning begun during the IE program.

Cortney Sanders, Jordan Metoyer, Joey Sorenson, and Natasha Ahmed were accepted into and participated in UT's Archer Fellowship Program, an initiative that empowers students by providing them with a unique opportunity to live, work, and learn in our nation's capital during the fall or spring semester.

Ignacio Cruz has been awarded the Undergraduate Research Fellowship from UT Austin and a Moody College of Communication Career Services Grant to conduct research begun in IE.

Clay Wilson is taking part in UT's Tax Practicum (part of Foundation Communities) where he volunteers for the 2014 tax season, preparing returns for poor and unemployed families.

Chris Arnell competes on the UT mock trial team. They currently are in the "playoff" portion of the season. Chris's awards thus far: Outstanding Attorney Award, 4th Annual Arch Invitational (individual award), 2nd place, 4th Annual Arch Invitational (team); 1st Place, Baylor Green and Gold Invitational (team); and 1st Place, Dallas, Texas Regional Tournament (team). Having just taken 1st at the regional tournament, Chris is on his way to the Opening Round National Championship Series.

Three IE Students (Ana Laura Rivera, Cortney Sanders and Jordan Metoyer) are among Business Insider's "17 Incredibly Impressive Students at The University of Texas."

Isaac Gomez was chosen as a recipient of the George H. Mitchell Award for Academic Excellence—for a research and performance project that began and was supported by the IE Pre Grad Internship.

Meghan Graham and Jordan Metoyer were chosen as Longhorn Center for Civic Engagement-City of Austin Fellows for 2014, a community leadership position that entails working with local residents, neighborhood associations, and other community agencies to identify community needs and work collaboratively to revitalize and address the needs of local inhabitants.

Jordan Ramirez developed business model that brings real-time transit data to mobile devices. His business, hatched and incubated during his IE internship, was recently acquired by Ridescout and his story featured in the Austin Business Journal.

Aislynn Fulton received a \$2500 Coca-Cola Foundation First Generation Scholarship from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund for 2013-2014. This award supports academically outstanding students in the Hispanic community who are the first in their families to attend college and demonstrate a financial need. The scholarship is renewable for an additional three years.

Six IE students this year became part of Teach For America: Queen Ekejija, Chelsea Nicole Rangel, Chrystal Golden, Chardai Thomas, Michael Williams, and Analaura Rivera. They join dozens of previous IE students who joined this important service.

Ja'Michael Darnelle, as part of his IE internship, wrote a ten-minute play called "The Electric Lady" that was selected for the UT Bridge Festival and was requested to be produced again in the course, "Producing the Black Performing Arts."

Joey Sorenson won a prestigious Rapoport-King Thesis Scholarship and was named Student Leader of the Month by The Liberator, the official College of Liberal Arts magazine—an honor also received by Jordan Metoyer.

Mary Louise Cantu has begun studying abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark where she says she is applying the skills learned in IE; she was awarded an International Education scholarship to help fund her studies.

Aro Han has been appointed research assistant to Dr. Ami Pedahzur (Arnold S. Chaplik Professor in Israel and Diaspora Studies in the College of Liberal Arts) for the TIGER Lab (Terrorism, Insurgencies and Guerrillas in Education and Research).

Ashley Dowell was awarded the College of Communication Career Services Career Development Grant; she received \$500 to put towards graduate school applications.

Ana Laura Rivera was one of twenty students nationwide who were accepted into the summer Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship Program at Carnegie Mellon University and the only student selected from the University of Texas at Austin.

Katherine Leung was awarded several scholarships: McCarthey Dressman Education Foundation Student Teaching Scholarship, College of Education Masters-Sahraie Scholarship, Unrestricted Endowed Presidential Scholarship, and Hibbs Scholarship for RUS, CZ and REE Majors.

Using entrepreneurial skills acquired in IE, Stacey Leanness Morgan gave back to her community by organizing a 5K Charity Run to benefit two local organizations: RGV Diabetes Association & Vannie E. Cook Jr. Children's Cancer and Hematology Clinic.

Sylvia Dominguez was awarded a \$3000 Planning Scholarship to travel abroad. The award is called First Abroad and is given to first generation college students.

Shruthi Prabhu was designated Magna Cum Laude on the Dean's List and was awarded the Plan II Travel Grant/Scholarship to study abroad this summer in Rome.

Stephanie Gonzalez volunteered at Project 2014 (Zaragoza Park), the goal of which is to create a place for UT to volunteer together as a community, and also, more importantly, a chance to connect with an underserved neighborhood in Austin.

Madeline Keulen was accepted into Phi Beta Kappa. In addition, she won multiple scholarships to attend Semester at Sea. Madeline is part of a Social Entrepreneurship program on the ship, working on a social venture with her team. Circumnavigating the globe, she now is in Burma, heading to India, Mauritius, South Africa, Ghana, Morocco and then England.

Chris Henao was appointed an editor for The Revolution House, an online fiction magazine.

Mary Cantu-Garcia, Katrina Kennedy, Micaela Jade Pina, Denisse Reynoso, Megha Arora, Samantha McPherson, Samuel Kieke, Ja'Michael Darnell, Arely Alejandro, Chrystal Lynn Golden, Mariana Torrens

Arias, Jessie Munfrom, and Nader Ibrahim helped serve the homeless by volunteering for the Great Thanksgiving Banquet.

Paulina Sosa received a UT Tower Award (Outstanding Student Volunteer).

Gunjan Singh, Kadee Bludau, Katie Fife, Brittany Rasansky, Ashley Pina, Isaac Gomez, Sana Naiyer, Maria Elena Gutierrez and Neelam Shah were awarded prizes for their poster presentations at the IE Citizen Scholars Research Contest.

Joey Sorenson participated in the French and Italian Department's Summer Study in Lyon Program, for which he won the Lyon Study Program Scholarship and a Government Department Study Abroad Scholarship. He also won the Department of History Undergraduate Scholarship and the Bettie Johnson Halsell Endowed Presidential Scholarship.

Courtney Rodriguez received UT's Undergraduate Research Fellowship.

Sarah Nicole Garza was awarded the English department's Lois Ware scholarship, as well as a five-thousand dollar scholarship for study abroad in Oxford this summer through the English Honors program. In addition, she was designated magna cum laude for the fall 2013 semester.

Arely Alejandro, Mariana Torrens Arias, Megha Arora, Mary Cantu-Garcia, Thanin Chow, Ja' Michael Darnell, Chrystal Golden, Nader Ibrahim, Katrina Kennedy, Samuel Kieke, Samantha McPherson, Jessie Mundfrom, Micaela Pina, Denisse Reynoso, Vickie Wang, Jeffrey Wittliff, Bonnie Scott, Cortney Sanders, Jorge Sifuentes, Felix Rodriguez, Lakeem Wilson, Dontay Waffer, Melissa Solano, Wesley Nash, Samantha Maldonado, Sarah Garza, Michael Lozano, Alexandria Lawrence, Chantal Follins, Joseph Barron, Brandon Daniels and Michelle Lawrence received 2013-2014 Kuhn Scholar Awards.

Melissa Solano volunteered at the Pan American Recreation Center as part of Project 2014.

Sofia Morales was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to study abroad in Nicaragua this summer.

Olivia Wiley has been awarded a fellowship to go to Brazil this summer for 4 weeks to teach English to High School students with US-Brazil Connect. This is a follow up to research begun in IE dealing with Foreign Language Education and how identity status affects the outcome.

Abigail Moore volunteers at the Urban School in South Austin through the nonprofit organization Young Life.

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NOTE: *In addition to these awards and contributions, in the past year IE students were accepted to graduate programs, received recruitment (financial) offers from, and began graduate study at such prestigious institutions as: UT-Austin, Michigan, Harvard, Pittsburgh, Princeton, UNC, MIT, Johns Hopkins, NYU, UC-San Diego, Columbia, George Washington, Yale, Duke, UC-Irvine, Chicago, Marquette, Florida State University, Virginia, Tulane, University of Oregon, UT-Dallas, The New School, St. Louis University, Texas State, Connecticut. Their graduate programs are varied, including: Mechanical*

*Engineering, Speech and Language Pathology, English, Social Work, Neuroscience, History, Optics
Engineering, Design, Public Health, Information Studies, Philosophy, Linguistics, Organizational
Communication and Technology, Music, International Relations, Pharmacy, Economic and Statistical
Modeling, Higher Education Administration, Media Studies, Audiology, Health Management,
Communication Studies, Law, Art.*