The Honors College is University of Maryland’s highly acclaimed living and learning program for students with exceptional academic talents. The tradition of offering challenging and exciting academic course work and learning environments began in 1966 with Honors’ first director, Dr. John Portz. The lives of Dr. Portz and his wife Edythe were devoted to supporting academic excellence and opportunities for young people. They developed and implemented the innovative Honors College at College Park, a concept, which has since been adopted by many schools nationwide. In honor of the Portzes’ commitment to education, specifically small learning communities for talented students, we offer the Scholars Summer program in their names.

Through the Portz Scholars Summer program we hope to give some of the region’s most academically capable students an opportunity to get a taste of the Honors College by experiencing small and exciting Honors Seminar courses, meeting some of our outstanding faculty, learning about the University’s academic and research resources, and participating in activities that will prepare students for the challenges ahead as a college student. The summer seminars will be different than any classroom experience you’ve ever had – they are full of discussion of ideas with no busy work.

The Portz Scholars Program will accept, through an invitation/nomination application process, a total of 60 rising senior high school students with exceptional academic records. Admission will be based on students’ high school transcripts, rigor of course work, essay, P/SAT scores, activities, and letters of recommendation from a teacher and school counselor. Students with a minimum GPA of 3.5 (unweighted) will be given highest consideration.

We have a limited number of spaces. Decisions will thus be based upon our ability to offer a quality program each week, as well as to strike a gender balance among participants. Completed applications may be forwarded to:

Traci LM Dula, M.Ed.
Director, Portz Scholars Summer Program
Honors College
Anne Arundel Hall
College Park, MD 20742
fax: 301-405-6723
The Portz Scholars Summer Program is a highly selective academic and residential program designed to expose participants to diverse courses, faculty, and experiences exemplifying Honors at Maryland. Students will be challenged to deepen their ability to examine information and knowledge through a variety of intellectual lenses. Students will participate in four different seminar classes with outstanding Honors faculty, as well as other enrichment opportunities. The best consideration date is April 15, 2013 (applications will be accepted until spaces are filled). Decisions will be mailed the week of April 29. *Please enclose official high school transcript, including the junior 3rd marking period/report card, your latest unofficial PSAT/SAT/ACT scores, and resume/activities.

Please type or print clearly

Name: __________________________ Gender: ___ Female ___Male

Birth Date: __________________________

Complete address: __________________________________________

__________________________ County: ____________________________

*Email (will use to communicate): __________________________

Home phone: ___________________ cell: _______________________

Race/Ethnic identity or Ancestry: _____________________________

Native Language/Language spoken at Home: _______________________

Emergency contact: _________________________________________

1. Parent/guardian: mother _____ father _____ other _____________________
   Name: __________________________________________
   Address (if different): __________________________________
   Home phone (if different): ___________________ Cell: ___________________
   Work: ___________________ Email: ___________________________
   Occupation: _____________________________

2. Parent/guardian: mother _____ father _____ other _____________________
   Name: __________________________________________
   Address (if different): __________________________________
   Home phone (if different): ___________________ Cell: ___________________
   Work: ___________________ Email: ___________________________
   Occupation: _____________________________
(Please circle highest)
Parent/Guardian 1 has earned: High School; AA; BA/BS; Masters; Higher (PhD, MD, JD, etc)
Parent/Guardian 2 has earned: High School; AA; BA/BS; Masters; Higher (PhD, MD, JD, etc)
Please order your preferred participation date: (Sunday 2:00pm-Wednesday 5:00pm parent reception)

____ June 16-19  ____ June 23-26  ____ No preference

Academic area(s) of interest/intended major, if you know?

Please share any special needs, i.e. food allergies, dietary need (vegetarian or vegan) or physical accommodations needs that you have:

__________________________________________________________

**Essay Question**: Please use separate sheet and attach. (Choose one).

A. If you could meet with any figure in time, historical or otherwise, who would it be and why? Describe your conversation. What would you want to know about him/her? How has this figure and who they are/were impacted who you are and what you value as important?

B. Choose a global issue and discuss why it is important to you. What would you like to see changed? What are some of the challenges to bringing about change? How would you serve as a change agent on this issue?

Please use this space to share any information you feel would be useful in review of your application or that we may need to know to assign a participation date.

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________________________________________________________________

Student signature:
I am submitting an application for the University of Maryland’s Portz Scholars Summer program and agree that all information given is true to the best of my knowledge. I further acknowledge that if admitted to participate in the Portz Scholars Summer Program, I am responsible for fulfilling all program requirements and adhering to all University/residence hall and Student Code of Conduct policies. (http://www.reslife.umd.edu/rights/ and http://osc.umd.edu/OSC/default.aspx)

Name: ___________________ Signature: _________________________ Date: _______

Parent/guardian signature: My student, ________________________________, has permission to participate in the Honors College’s Portz Scholars Summer Program at the University of Maryland. There will be $500 fee for participation in the program (scholarships are available in cases of financial need), but there is no fee for submitting this application.

Circle one: Student does (enclose documentation) OR does not currently receive free and/or reduced lunch

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________
University of Maryland
Honors College
Counselor Recommendation Form

Student Name: __________________________________________________________

Student Date of Birth: _________________________________________________

High School: __________________________________________________________

School Counselor: _____________________________________________________

Phone Number: ____________________ Email: __________________________

Is student currently eligible to receive free or reduced lunch/low income?  ____Yes  ____No
*If yes, please attach school documentation

Please rate rigor of student’s academic program to date:

____ most demanding    _____ demanding    _____ average

Please provide student’s GPA: _________ class rank: ___________

Latest Test Scores: PSAT (reading/math) _________ SAT (reading/math) _________

ACT _________

Students will be studying and living on campus independently from their families. While there will be supervision by the Honors College staff, students are expected to behave maturely and approach this academic opportunity with a serious attitude. Please rate the student’s maturity, especially with regard to self-control, respect of others, initiative and capacity/ability to study/work independently:

____ Fair      ____ Good, but some concerns      ____ Good      ____ Excellent

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________________________________________________________________________

Overall, I _____ Do not recommend    _____ Recommend    _____ Highly Recommend

_____ Recommend with some concerns:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Please attach a separate sheet for your recommendation letter on official letterhead.

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Student Name: __________________________________________________________

Student Date of Birth: __________________________________________________________

High School: _______________________________________________________________

Teacher: ________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: _________________________ Email: __________________________

1. In the context of my classroom, this student is/was:
   _____Highly motivated   _____Very engaged   _____Average/Moderately engaged

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   _____Fair   _____Good, but some concerns   _____Good   _____Excellent

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3. Overall, I _____Do not recommend _____Recommend _____Highly Recommend
   _____Recommend with some concerns:

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