

FACTS ABOUT JUNIOR SCHOLARS

Since 1982, over 2,000 students have completed the Junior Scholars Program. There were 62 Junior Scholars in the 2007 Program and from that recruiting year 27 students (44%) are now attending Miami University. Historically, most of the Junior Scholars have been from Ohio; however, a significant number of them have been from out of state. In 2008, 34% of the Scholars were non-Ohioans and about half of these students were international. The University is committed to diversity in all of its programs, and the Junior Scholars Program reflects this commitment in the ethnic, cultural, economic, social, and geographical diversity of its students. Junior Scholars embrace these diversities, forming a strong community spirit and lasting friendships.

The Scholars typically select two courses from a list of about forty classes offered by over twenty departments. Even though these courses include regular undergraduates, the Junior Scholars are typically the top students. In the 2008 Junior Scholars Program, 48% of the grades awarded to Junior Scholars in Miami courses were in the A range; 34% of the Junior Scholars received all A's in their Miami courses; and 65% of the Junior Scholars received at least an A and a B in their Miami courses. The Program G.P.A. was 3.24.

The Junior Scholars Program, however, includes much more than academic studies. In addition to course work, Scholars attend a series of seminars on topics such as time management and study skills, college admissions, financial aid, interpersonal relationships, cultural awareness, and alcohol awareness. A full schedule of social and recreational activities complements the scholarly parts of the Program. Students and staff participate in swimming, soccer, broomball, and volleyball; and they enjoy use of Miami University's Recreational Sports Center. A popular outing is the excursion to Kings Island, one of America's best fun parks. Scholars also enjoyed picnics, DVD movies, a parents' weekend, a faculty appreciation dinner, and an opera in Cincinnati. The Scholars usually organize a hall government that plans several all-hall events, including a dance and a memory book.

SOME COMMENTS FROM PAST JUNIOR SCHOLARS

- "This program is the best thing I chose to do in my life. I met some really cool people and it gave me a chance to find out who I really am. It builds a lot of self-confidence and character. I would recommend this program to anyone."
- "The program allowed the freedoms of college life while still under a protective wing. It is a nice combination of an academic program and a summer vacation."
- "I got to meet a lot of great people and attend real college classes. This program broke my fright of being a senior and going away to college in a year."
- "I like actually taking college classes rather than relying on my high school to get me ready. This helped me to see that I can handle college work."
- "This is such a quality program. I wish more people could attend because JSP is more than education, it shapes your life for the better and helps you figure out who you are."
- "I liked that I was able to experience college like an actual student for an extended period of time."
- "This has been a wonderful, wonderful experience. By far one of the most amazing of my life. I've learned so much about myself, the people around me, and life—not to mention college."
- "This program is something I feel has changed my life for the better and has given me confidence in myself."
- "I have never had so much fun being in school and you did a great job making us feel at home here. An unforgettable summer!"
- "I really enjoyed the classes I took. More importantly though, I enjoyed meeting new people and living in the dorm."
- "It was great making friends from around the world!"
- "I loved meeting people that shared my enthusiasm for learning."
- "In closing, I would just like to say that I am very glad this program is in existence. The past six weeks have provided me with an amazing opportunity to grow and learn."