The Flory Fellowship of Scholars

The Flory Fellowship of Scholars is an enduring tribute to Dr. John S. Flory, Bridgewater College’s President from 1910-1919.

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The Flory Fellowship of Scholars is for students…

…with outstanding academic records who are excited by the learning process.

…who want to develop the research and independent thinking skills needed to excel in graduate and professional schools.

…who crave the chance to be creative and meet new challenges.

…who want to push the boundaries of knowledge and explore uncharted intellectual territory.

…who want to be part of a social and academic community of motivated learners and leaders.
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The Flory Fellows Curriculum:

As a Flory Fellow, you’re entitled to take special honors courses offered at Bridgewater. You’ll start with an honors section of PDP 150 (Personal Development Portfolio), the College’s freshman seminar. To graduate as a Flory Fellow, you must finish a minimum of seven honors courses, one of which will be the senior capstone seminar. You’ll choose the other six from Honors Sections, Honors Upgrades, and Honors Linkages.

Honors Sections—Special sections of regular general education courses, honors sections are limited to 15 students, enabling the discussion and discourse often found in upper-level courses.

Honors Upgrades—Work closely with a professor to determine ways you will delve deeper into the topics and content presented in any class on campus.

Honors Linkages—Through this one-credit, independent study opportunity, you’ll integrate the concepts and themes from different disciplines and classes under the supervision of a professor.

The Senior Capstone Seminar—Bring together the knowledge you’ve gained during your college career in a final semester “liberal arts book club” designed to provide you with training in civil discourse as you share thoughts and opinions with students majoring in other disciplines.

How to Become a Member of the Flory Fellowship of Scholars:

• First-year students who present a promising high school record and transfer students with a high college grade point average will receive an invitation to the Fellowship from the Dean of the College.
• Enrolled students with a grade point average of 3.4 or higher may be nominated by a faculty member or may apply themselves.

Benefits of Becoming a Fellow:

• Participate in exciting and unique learning opportunities
• Become part of a motivated network of academically oriented students
• Enjoy a variety of resources designed to support and reinforce your curiosity, independence and leadership
• Develop and articulate the skills and attitudes cherished by graduate programs and potential employers

“Flory Fellows was a great community in which to get involved at Bridgewater. I enjoyed the higher academic atmosphere and discussions in my honors classes. It made the freshman seminar very enjoyable and caused my education throughout the years to be enriched and meaningful.”
—MARIANNE HOUFF, CLASS OF 2011, MUSIC MAJOR WITH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE, MUSIC TEACHER AT W. W. ROBINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“The Flory Fellows program gave me the opportunity to take courses with other extremely dedicated students, and the dynamics in those courses were wonderful. My honors courses enabled me to both voice and challenge my opinions through thoughtful discussions and grow as an independent adult. That is certainly what the college experience should be about!”
—MORGAN MCGHEE, CLASS OF 2011, MATH MAJOR WITH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE, MATH TEACHER AT PULASKI COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

“I love the Flory Fellows program because it’s great to make friends with people who are as serious about education as you are!”
—TINA LOWE, CLASS OF 2011, BIOLOGY AND SPANISH DOUBLE MAJOR, PURSUING DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE AT VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY