

## Northwest Arkansas Community College Honors Program Portfolio



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### Honors Courses:

CHEM 1104H College Chemistry I  
CHEM 1124H College Chemistry II  
ARHS 1003H Art Appreciation  
PHIL 2003H Intro to Philosophy

The Honors Program helped me cultivate intellectual curiosity by introducing me to new experiences and class discussions unfamiliar to me. The intimate small classroom setting encourages positive interactions during class lectures. I explored multiple perspectives through my honors project and an EMPACTS project. For my EMPACTS project, I helped facilitate 6th grade students in the Science Olympiad academic competition: I was able to assemble the Density exam and lab in subdivision B. I composed the exam, answer sheet and experiment with the assistance of Dr. Akridge. An annual Science Olympiad event is hosted from different locations throughout the United States, asking students to compete in academic activities.

The honors program prepared me for a university by encouraging me to get more involved within my community. Throughout the summer Kenny Arredondo, my fraternal twin brother and a creative intern for TASC at The Station, offered his creative guidance in helping me participate within the community in Springdale, Arkansas. There was an ongoing project for a mural that I am glad I have been helping to paint. The mural is a phoenix bird that represents the rebirth of our community in downtown Emma Street. The vivid and enormous mural stands at 5 feet tall and 36 feet in length.

The soft skills I will take with me would be going out of my comfort zone and showing I can handle more than the average requirements to persist as a student. Through the Honors Program, I learned about new opportunities offered within NWACC. I have previously been a participant of the study abroad program where my classmates and I had the fortunate opportunity to travel to Athens, Greece. We used that experience to immerse ourselves in an enriching and educational feel. I benefited my self-improvement by being more than just a college student.

A memorable experience I had while a member was the constant support from my peers. The Honors Program helped me connect with amazing people who were a backbone on helping me understand class

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material. Some advice I have to new members would be to expand your social circle, get to know your professors and don't forget to enjoy your time at NWACC as it will fly by fast.