Thank you for your interest in the Honors Program at Roanoke College. I had a chance to look over your application essays, and I must say that I was very impressed with your thoughtful responses. **I am excited to offer you an opportunity to join us in the Roanoke College Honors Program!**

**What is the Roanoke College Honors Program?**

Honors students find that Roanoke provides a lively academic community that fosters development of their academic strengths, extracurricular interests and leadership abilities. You will be challenged to think analytically and creatively and to use these skills to make sound judgments and critical evaluations. Our Honors-specific general education curriculum is characterized by heightened classroom discussion and critical engagement with contemporary issues. Every Honors course includes appropriate academic rigor and substantial engagement with a community outside of the classroom. The Honors curriculum, including the Distinction Project, is designed to help you achieve a competitive and experience-laden resume for graduate school and employment.

**What are the requirements of the Honors Program?**

Good standing in the Honors Program, including financial support for the Distinction Project, requires committed participation in and outside of the classroom. Honors students are expected to maintain satisfactory performance in Honors courses, a cumulative grade point average of 3.2, and an annual grade point average of 3.0. Freshman and sophomore Honors students also devote at least 25 hours per term to co-curricular engagement, including at least five hours of service. We provide ample support to help you tailor your co-curricular choices to your interests and desire for exploration. Finally, we expect you to successfully submit a Distinction Project proposal during your sophomore or junior year, and to spend at least two academic terms carrying out your Distinction Project. Your Honors advisor and our dedicated faculty will help every step of the way, as will an Honors-specific set of Portfolio Development Seminars designed to help you hone your interests and design a Distinction Project that will ensure that you stand out as you consider graduate education, national fellowships, and a career path that you find engaging and rewarding.

For more information about the program, see the Honors FAQs page ([Honors FAQs](https://www.roanoke.edu/academics/honors_program/honors_faq)) on the Roanoke College website. I welcome further discussion about the Program. You can reach me by email (brenzovich@roanoke.edu) or by phone (540-375-5298). I look forward to your active participation in the Roanoke College Honors Program.

Warmly,

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**Honors Program Application for Current Students**

The questions below are designed to help us get a better sense of your academic and co-curricular interests as well as your fit with the Honors Community. **Please send completed applications (and any questions) to Director Skip Brenzovich at** [**brenzovich@roanoke.edu**](mailto:brenzovich@roanoke.edu)**.** Thank you for your careful consideration of the questions below.

**Please answer the questions below by providing your responses in the boxes provided.** The purpose of these questions is to learn a little more about you and how you might fit with the programming and curriculum of the Honors Program. One or two paragraphs for each question should suffice.

1. After researching the Honors Program structure and opportunities, explain how the program will enhance your education at Roanoke College.

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1. Provide your mini-autobiography 10 years from now. In other words, write a brief “fact sheet” that might be used for you 10 years from now as a press release.

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1. To date, what academic class or endeavor has had the most profound effect on your outlook? Why?

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1. In the Honors Program at Roanoke College, we utilize in a specific and tailored advising that starts with students engaging in deep reflection about their individual values and goals. What are the two or three most important values that have guided your path so far? Why are they so important to you?

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1. What is the most important thing that you would like us to know about you?

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\*\*\*Please note that by submitting this application, you are giving permission for the Director and Associate Director of the Honors Program to review your Roanoke College grades and transcript as part of our deliberation process.