



Honors program scores an

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They're here! Forty young men and women from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and even Tanzania make up Cleveland State's first Honors Program class, which began this fall.

Cleveland State is reaching out to academically talented and highly motivated students through the new program that provides a challenging and enriching curriculum and substantial financial support, including full scholarships that cover tuition and books.

"Parents, students, guidance counselors and the public have all been very enthusiastic. The program adds an exciting new dimension to University life," says Barbara Margolius, program director.

Thomas Majercik of Benedictine High School heard about the program from his guidance counselor. He has a 3.8 GPA, ran cross-country and track, and was a member of the chess club. Alma Pitchford of Lakewood High School is interested in anthropology and engineering; she was active in the dance and drama groups and Latin and French clubs and earned a 4.1 GPA. Brian Caldwell, also of Lakewood High, is interested in sociology and human rights and is excited to be part of the inaugural class. "I was looking to attend Cleveland State, and learned about the honors program and financial aid when I applied for a Presidential Scholarship," he said.

When fully operational, the program will have 250 to 300 students. The first class has an average high school GPA of 3.9. Are all first-year students. Next year, the program will admit transfer students from two- and four-year academic institutions, and current Cleveland State students who have distinguished themselves academically while here.

Honors courses are enriched, interdisciplinary, in-depth and participatory. For example, students learn about the role of science and technology in society, another course explores game theory in the context of electoral competition, agenda control, strategic voting and political advertising, and a course on the history of Cleveland during the last 50 years includes guest appearances from city leaders of that era.

For information on the honors program, call 216-687-5559 or visit www.csuohio.edu/honors/ ♦