"I am now a profoundly different person; as a student of life, as a human being, and as a citizen of the world." It's hard to convey the transformative power of education at UWT, but after two years with Global Honors, the impact clearly isn't wasted on Russell Mulligan. Judging by the profiles on pages 3-4 of this issue, nor is it lost on his classmates.

For everyone else, the Eighth Global Honors Colloquium on May 15th provided ample evidence of undergraduate excellence at UWT (pictured, p.4). Thirteen of our graduating seniors shared their capstone projects, with themes ranging from electronic censorship in China to human trafficking in the US. Interim Program Director Brian Coffey (pictured, right) welcomed guests and discussed how much he has enjoyed teaching our students this year. With Program Director Divya McMillin returning from sabbatical this Summer, we thank Professor Coffey for his leadership and guidance in Winter and Spring.

Special guests included Keynote Speaker Calvin Bamford Jr., President and Chairman of Globe Manufacturing (pictured, right). We are grateful to Mr. Bamford and for the Bamford Family Foundation’s support, and excited to announce the first recipients of Global Honors’ undergraduate research initiative, the Bamford Fellowship in Global Engagement. Beginning this Fall, Ganita Hussein (Social Work), Ryan Brookman (Environmental Studies), Amy Blanchard (Psychology) and Mel Basil (Psychology) will commence year-long community serving research projects, culminating in Global Honors theses and panel presentations at the 2015 Colloquium. Congratulations to them, and thank you to their faculty advisors Drs. Marian Harris and Carolyn West.

Interim Chancellor Kenyon Chan (pictured, right) opened the afternoon session by discussing the opportunities and responsibilities our students have as critically informed global citizens. Having seen Global Honors Cohort VIII develop considerable expertise over the last two years, and having seen the compassion and quality of their work at this year’s Colloquium, we have every reason to believe our 2014 graduates will excel as they embrace those responsibilities. They are poised to serve their communities and professions in a very meaningful way.

First however, it’s time to celebrate. The Global Honors Graduation reception on May 30th (pictured, left) was the first such bash, but we wish all our students the very best as they continue the festivities throughout Summer and embark on exciting adventures as newly graduated UWT and Global Honors alumni.
How has Global Honors enriched your experience?

It has given me an amazing group of people to rely on for support and conversations for two years. I have made great lifetime friends and connections because of this program. I have broadened my perspective on so many levels, and feel like I can understand world problems from many different points of view now. I can more deeply understand social justice, systemic failures, and how knowing history is so important to understanding the present. I also learned how to really write research papers. Probably above all else, it has enriched my experience by validating my sometimes “crazy” interests in making the world a better place--it is okay to be an idealist. I think global, act local, in any way that I can. I learned that in my very first GH class, and I knew this is where I want to be.

What are the ‘essence of Global Honors’ mean to you personally?

In my experience, Global Honors represented the privilege of learning about the world. A new way of thinking and constructing the knowledge that is personally acquired and shared with others. The level and depth of the courses and the expectations far exceeded any of my other courses. I feel as though I truly accomplished something. In addition, I believe in myself and my capabilities to change the world in some way. I had not imagined possible (and I had always been quite full of myself!) I no longer feel the need to compensate for any of my perceived deficiencies. We know what we know; therefore, we must contribute to the world that which we are able.

Theresa Scott
BA Ethnic, Gender & Labor Studies

What was your culminating achievement at UWT?

My proudest moment was presenting my GH thesis at the 2014 Colloquium. I wanted to speak out for those in life who sometimes do not have a voice, and I hope to continue doing so as an alumna. Being part of GH was something I will never forget!

Luk Yi Chan
BA Business Administration

How did Global Honors relate to your major?

As my major is Business, a solid education and strong sense of awareness of this globalized world are important factors to help achieve my academic goals and become a successful business leader. I strongly think Global Honors helped equip me to face the globalized environment with more confidence and greater understanding of the world.

Xueyan Sun
BA Communication

What does it mean to be a “global citizen”, and how did UWT help you become one?

To me, it means to understand the world from various perspectives and cultures. At UWT, I met people from different regions, took many different courses, and the education included more than just academics. It was more than a little bit of how to understand our rapidly changing world with an open and respectful mind.

How did study abroad influence your subsequent coursework?

Studying abroad in Vietnam (Fall 2013) opened my eyes to issues that were important both in the country and around the world. No matter how much we study these issues in the classroom, we can’t really understand them until we see them firsthand with our own eyes. More importantly, studying abroad helped me realize that no matter what is happening anywhere, we are all connected. When I came back to UWT, I brought with me a much greater respect for different people and cultures. That was something I wanted to share with the UWT community and in all of my future coursework.

Brandon Oreiro
BA Communication

How do experiential activities connect to GH coursework?

My experience has taught me to deepen my understanding of global interactions through hands-on opportunities. This year, students channeled this compulsion into service work with youth literacy, environmental stewardship, and other areas. This summer, I am studying urban redevelopment in the Netherlands with a UWT study abroad group. My Global Honors professors and classmates have encouraged me to pursue international opportunities as well as those available at home.

Alexa Brockamp
BA Political Science & Philosophy

How did the GH program, Global Honors enrich your undergraduate experience?

It has been a formative experience for me. I have gained a deeper understanding of the world and, in the process, myself. I am confident that the bonds that I have fostered with my classmates will last for years to come, and the knowledge I have gained will serve me in my future endeavors. Without this program, I honestly feel that my experience would have been significantly different and ultimately less fulfilling. I am so grateful to Global Honors for helping me expand my academic and professional horizons.

Jody Dammann-Matthews
BA Urban Studies/IAS
What will you do to set your educational experience apart? How can you best explore your individual interests? There are many ways to enrich your time at UWT, including fascinating minors, special lectures and workshops, student clubs, and co-curricular activities. Global Honors is one place where all of these meet, and we encourage all students who will be of sophomore or junior standing in Fall 2014 to consider the benefits of applying. These include:

- The Global Honors distinction.
- Minor in Global Engagement and other flexible pathways.
- Engaging interdisciplinary courses and supportive professors.
- Mutually supportive cohort experience with like-minded classmates.
- Access to competitive honors opportunities including scholarships.
- Global Scholar Award up to $1,500.
- Bamford Fellowship in Global Engagement undergraduate research award up to $2,000.
- Study abroad opportunities.
- Global Honors Student Leadership Council co-curricular activities.

We are currently accepting applications for our 2014 cohort. We welcome inquiries at ghonors@uw.edu from all students and all majors, especially from:

- High achieving and/or high potential individuals with a 3.5 GPA, and;
- Interest in global themes, and;
- Ability to go above and beyond.

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