



HONORS PROGRAM

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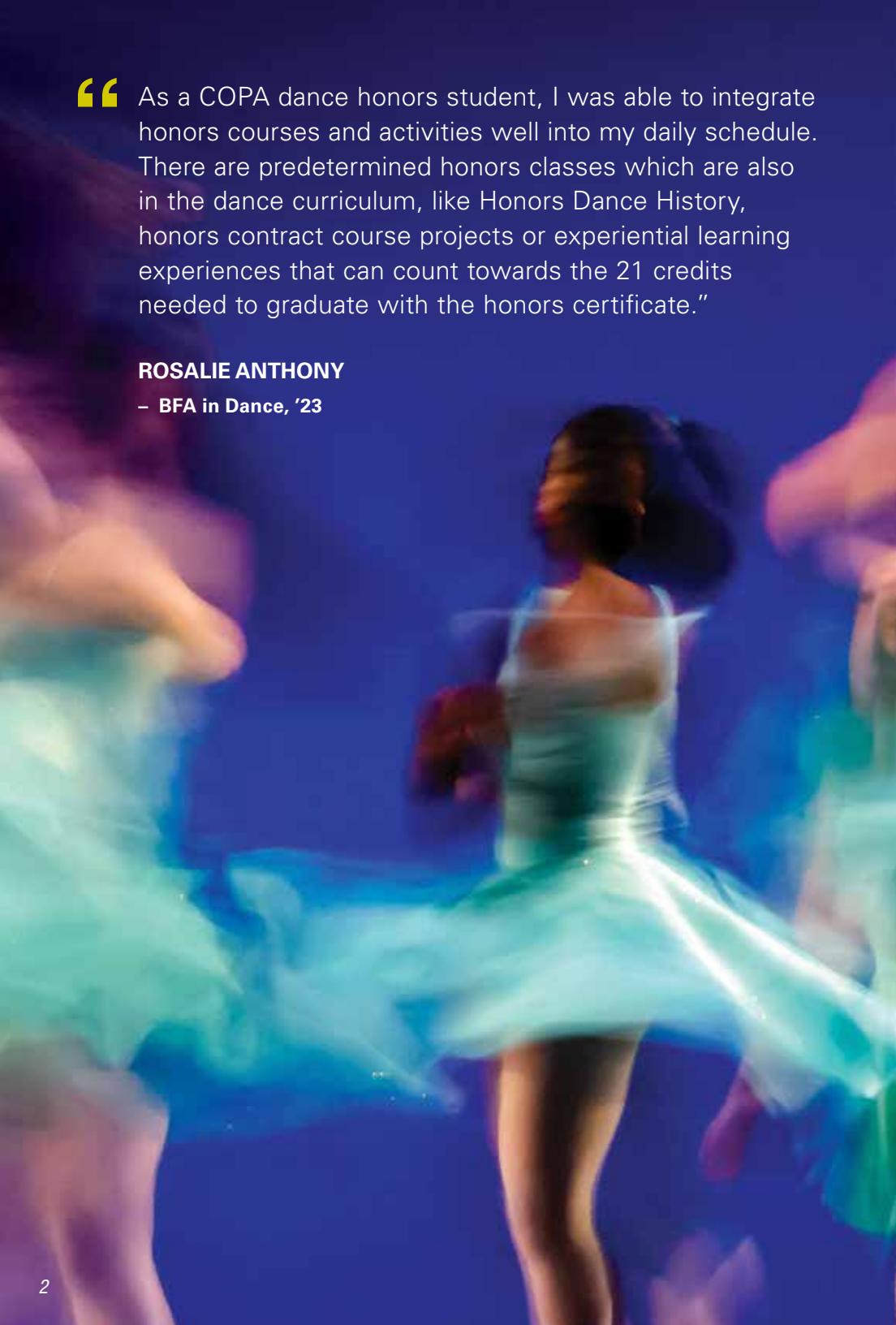
Are you motivated and engaged? Are you searching for rigorous, challenging coursework? Do you want to make a difference on campus and beyond? Do you see yourself as a leader among your peers?

The Point Park University Honors Program enables you to study, gain experience and investigate deeply while adding distinction to your degree. Go beyond the classroom to explore and discover yourself. Be challenged to approach course requirements from different perspectives and develop leadership skills through active participation in events on and off our downtown Pittsburgh campus.

BELONG TO AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY

As a Point Park honors student, you benefit from enhanced opportunities on campus and in the community:

- Priority course registration
- A greater variety of course projects, activities, research opportunities and materials
- Lectures by guest speakers
- Community service and service-learning projects
- Cultural events and trips in the Pittsburgh area and to honors conferences across the country
- Learning and living spaces in Thayer Hall to build a sense of community and transition smoothly to campus life
- A chance to help plan community and service-learning projects each semester
- Honors Program mentors for counsel on academic matters, among others



“ As a COPA dance honors student, I was able to integrate honors courses and activities well into my daily schedule. There are predetermined honors classes which are also in the dance curriculum, like Honors Dance History, honors contract course projects or experiential learning experiences that can count towards the 21 credits needed to graduate with the honors certificate.”

ROSALIE ANTHONY

– BFA in Dance, '23

A CAREER-FOCUSED HONORS EDUCATION

At Point Park, our early focus on developing practical skills and moving beyond them in creative ways will serve you well throughout your professional life or prepare you for graduate study. Our honors program students have accomplished this in a variety of ways, including the following:

- 1** Honors students complete three one-credit supplemental course experiences. These supplemental courses have included service-learning projects, novel learning experiences (such as travel, research, teaching assistantships and more) along with enhancements to capstone courses. Honors program students are not charged for the additional credits.
- 2** The Honors Student Organization provides honors students with multiple opportunities for community engagement, service-learning, and leadership. This student-run organization is one of the most active on campus, offering numerous programs and activities throughout the year.
- 3** Sophomore, junior and senior honors students can apply to become mentors, enhancing leadership skills as they guide and assist new students who are transitioning to university life and the honors program.
- 4** Honors students benefit from membership in regional and national honors organizations and have opportunities to serve on faculty-student committees and administrative task forces.
- 5** Honors students have completed and presented meaningful research at conferences and have been published in academic journals.
- 6** Honors students have been elected to regional honors councils and have taken an active role in planning conferences, engaging with peers, and advocating for honors students and honors programs.

YOUR CREATIVITY LEADS TO RECOGNITION

As an honors student, you are encouraged to develop initiatives that reflect your interests and engage your intellectual curiosity. You can excel inside and outside the classroom while being recognized for achievements above and beyond traditional coursework.

As sophomores, juniors and seniors, honors students have the opportunity to apply for student assistant positions throughout the University that pay stipends each semester. Honors mentors receive book awards.



“ I have been involved in the Honors Program since my first year at Point Park, and it has really benefited me over the past few years. The Honors Program has allowed me to learn from my colleagues, meet amazing people outside of the University and enhance my education by challenging me with honors coursework. I would recommend the Honors Program to incoming students because the program pushes you to be the best you can be.”

DELANEY METIKOSH

- Sports, Arts and Entertainment Management Major
- Class of 2024

SAMPLE HONORS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS:

- Attending and presenting at the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference
- Contributing to and supporting local Pittsburgh cultural and professional events
- Supporting community partners and community events such as the Pittsburgh Great Race
- Engaging in robust student learning opportunities such as the Spring Honors Colloquium and Fall Forum
- Participating in and designing speaker and community engagement events devoted to the year's honors program theme

AS A NEW STUDENT, YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE HONORS PROGRAM IF YOU MEET THESE CRITERIA:

- You were awarded a presidential or transfer presidential scholarship
- You have a 3.5 QPA from your prior educational institution

You must ACCEPT THE INVITATION with a statement of intent, submitted at PointPark.edu/HonorsAccept, to become an honors program student.

YOU CAN APPLY TO JOIN THE HONORS PROGRAM BY FOLLOWING THESE STEPS:

- Submit an application at PointPark.edu/HonorsApp
- Write a statement of intent
- Write an essay on one of the quotations listed on the application

That completes the application process.

HONORS PROGRAM CLASSES AND COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

In recognition of your extra effort, as an honors student you can reserve your classes in advance of open registration each semester. You will work with your advisors and the honors program directors to ensure all honors program requirements will be completed upon graduation. You will also have an opportunity to customize your honors experience by working collaboratively with professors and exploring areas of interest more deeply through honors contract courses.

To complete the program, you must:

- Earn 21 honors credits, which includes completing honors-designated courses, honors contract courses, and three one-credit supplemental course experiences
- Maintain a 3.0 cumulative QPA overall
- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative QPA in honors-related courses
- Work collaboratively with professors in honors contract classes as needed

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students who have completed honors classes with a “B” grade or higher at other colleges may be able to transfer up to nine credits as honors classes. For more information, contact the program director.

“ My participation in Honors Program events and activities has enriched my experience at Point Park because I’ve learned about different local groups like the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. It was fascinating to learn about who cares for and manages the trees throughout the city, and their tree inventory workshop with us was my favorite event this year. They showed us how they document different trees and how they decide where they might place a tree. Overall, I think the greatest benefit of the Honors Program is having priority course registration.”

MATTHAEUS FOXALL

- **Electrical Engineering Major**
- **Class of 2026**



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