Honors Week 2017
Boller Competition Finals—Tuesday, April 18, 2017
Scharbauer Hall Debate Chamber

1:10 PM-1:30 PM  Jacob Velasquez, Departmental Honors in Political Science
Primary Problem: Ideological Extremism and Primary Elections in the United States
Supervising Professor: Grant Ferguson

1:30 PM-1:50 PM  Gunnar Nystrom, Departmental Honors in Biology
Cause for Concern: Biological Implications of Heavy Metal Contamination in Kazakhstan’s Syr Darya River
Supervising Professor: Marlo Jeffries

1:50 PM-2:10 PM  Abigail Gardner, Departmental Honors in Theatre
“How Deep is the Ocean?”: A Historical, Analytical, and Creative Exploration of the World of Irving Berlin
Supervising Professor: Alan Shorter

2:10 PM-2:20 PM  10 MINUTE INTERMISSION

2:20 PM-2:40 PM  Sarah Price, Departmental Honors in Chemistry
Spectroscopic Analysis of BODIPY Dyes
Supervising Professor: Sergei Dzyuba

2:40 PM-3:00 PM  Kaitlyn Upton, Departmental Honors in Biology
DNA Barcoding Insect Species for Texas Horned Lizard Diet Analysis
Supervising Professor: Dean Williams

3:00 PM-3:20 PM  Kelsey Ritchie, Departmental Honors in Journalism
The Syrian Refugee Crisis: Media Coverage and Humanitarian Aid
Supervising Professor: Daxton Stewart and Eric Cox

3:20 PM-3:30 PM  10 MINUTE INTERMISSION

3:30 PM-3:50 PM  Blair Middlebrook, Departmental Honors in Entrepreneurial Management
Why do I Spend 40 Hours a Week in an Office? Why Meaningful Work Matters and How to Create It
Supervising Professor: Brad Harris

3:50 PM-4:10 PM  Kim Taylor, Departmental Honors in Kinesiology
Personality Types and Exercise
Supervising Professor: Gloria Solomon and Debbie Rhea

4:10 PM-4:30 PM  Abigail Deutz, Departmental Honors in Finance
Does Shareholder Activism by Hedge Funds Affect Target Firm Performance?
Supervising Professor: John Bizjak

4:30 PM-4:50 PM  Mary Lauren Shea, Departmental Honors in Education
Career Uncertainty in Preservice Teachers
Supervising Professor: Michelle Bauml

4:50 PM-5:10 PM  Kathryn Jasikowski, Departmental Honors in Spanish and Hispanic Studies
Women’s Education in Francoist Spain: How to Be an Actor for the State
Supervising Professor: Komla Aggor

5:10 PM-5:30 PM  Kate Benuska, Departmental Honors in Entrepreneurial Management
The Physical Representation of Female Leaders in the Media
Supervising Professor: Tracey Rockett