



**Mayne Hall Goes Honors!  
Honors Receives National Grant  
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There is some great news for the Living, Learning, Serving community within the Honors Program! Beginning next school year, Mayne Hall will house Honors residents on all four floors. What is more, the new Hall Director of the expanded Honors Residence Hall will also serve as the Assistant Director of the Center for Community Engagement. The combined position emphasizes Honors' commitment to service and will encourage Honors residents to reach out and volunteer their time to the community. As Melissa Gilbert, the Director of the Center for Community Engagement, explains: "By living, learning, and serving together our students have the opportunity to work in unique, innovative, and interdisciplinary teams, sharing common ground as they create innovative solutions to community problems." Many have worked to build the Living, Learning, Serving community and now students will have more opportunities than ever to become a part of the local community for a fulfilling experience.

An exciting opportunity for next fall has just been made possible by a Portz grant from the National Collegiate Honors Council. With the support of the NCHC grant, Honors students will create a bread-baking venture called "Kneading Minds." Under the direction of Dr. Cynthia Laurie Rose, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Honors Program, Honors residents will come together every other Saturday at the Resident Hall kitchen to bake loaves of bread and deliver them as donations to local food pantries. A portion of the bread will be sold the following morning after local religious services with the profits from the sales used to replenish baking supplies. Once a quarter, Honors residents will host a group of at-risk youths who belongs to service clubs at their schools, teaching them to bake bread at the Honors Dormitory. The students will donate their bread to a local pantry. Reflecting on the recent news, Dean Gatti said, "I am pleased to see that the vision Dr. Laurie-Rose and the Honors Committee established years ago has now come to fruition. The ability to have an entire resident hall committed to Honor students will allow for partnerships with Student Affairs in creating Living, Learning and Serving residential communities. The recent grant from the National Collegiate Honors Council to support our new social entrepreneurial adventure in Mayne Hall gives national credibility to the work being done in the Otterbein College Honors program." In establishing a living, learning, serving environment, the Honors community has created a fun and gratifying experience for all.