

JURICA SCHOLARS Biology Honors Program

For highly-motivated, curious
and high-achieving students.

PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- Take your first three semesters of Biology courses with other Jurica Scholars in small classes of less than 20 students.
- Conduct research projects with professors as part of your coursework from the first semester onward.
- Explore other biology topics by taking elective courses for Honors designation.
- Serve as a peer teaching assistant for freshman courses.
- Meet visiting scientists as part of our Tuesday night seminar series.
- Plan and undertake a Capstone project during your last three semesters, finishing with a public presentation.
- \$2,000 Scholarship.*

* For more scholarship information, please visit ben.edu/juricascholars.

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Benedictine University is located in Lisle, Illinois, just 25 miles west of Chicago, and has branch campuses in Springfield, Illinois, and Mesa, Arizona. Founded as a Catholic university in 1887, Benedictine enrolls nearly 10,000 students in 56 undergraduate and 19 graduate programs. *Forbes* magazine named Benedictine among "America's Top Colleges" for the sixth consecutive year in 2016. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org).



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A TRADITION OF LEARNING

Since its founding in 1887, Benedictine University has challenged students to learn science by doing science.

This remarkable heritage inspires the Jurica Scholars program at Benedictine University. Named after Frs. Hillary and Edmund Jurica, O.S.B., whose collected specimens are the heart of the Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum at Benedictine, this program is designed to cultivate the Jurica brothers' philosophy of "learning through doing" and is a tribute to their legacy.

The Jurica Scholars program selects students who want to challenge themselves through learning, research and service experiences. Exceptionally talented students are offered individualized attention in a unique curriculum that fosters community, builds habits of life-long learning, and introduces research in the very first Biology course.

EXPLORING

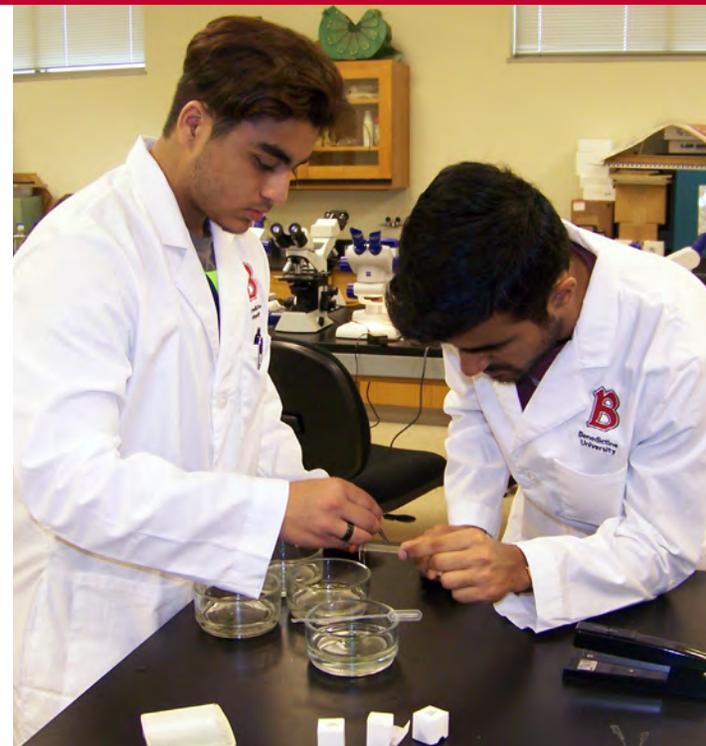
This cohort-based program offers both a sense of community and personal accomplishment. Students in the Jurica Scholars program enroll in special sections of first-year biology courses, placing them on an accelerated path to upper-level Biology coursework. Students undertake independent projects to explore content in deeper and more meaningful ways. The program culminates with a Capstone project, presented publicly and evaluated by a faculty review panel.

MENTORING

Jurica Scholars are mentored by our world-class faculty who work on research projects that range from pollination studies in China, to work at the Field Museum, to research in our excellent campus facilities. Students present research at national scientific meetings, and have recently won awards for their research from physiology, biochemistry and pharmacology societies.

SERVING

Our Benedictine values include service to others. Jurica Scholars pass on their knowledge as classroom or lab learning assistants and peer tutors. Others assist in our nature museum and lead our environmental club. Service fosters a sense of belonging and pride as students give back to their University and community. We invite you to bring your curiosity and commitment to enrich our campus community.



JURICA SCHOLARS APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Students must be incoming freshmen and majoring in Biology, Environmental Science or Health Science.
- 3.750 Cumulative GPA.
- Rigorous course of study in high school including STEM course work.
- Minimum composite ACT score of 27 or minimum SAT combined score of 1210 on evidence-based reading and writing and math sections.
- Original answers to essay questions.
- Teacher recommendation.



ARE YOU READY FOR THE CHALLENGE?