Learn. Reflect. Lead!

Gain confidence in your abilities.
Connect with other students, faculty and staff.
Reflect on your values and develop your leadership philosophy.
Gain leadership knowledge and skills.
Understand complex social issues.
Develop strategies for working with others to create change.

What is the Dean’s Scholars program?

The College of Biological Sciences Dean’s Scholars program is a unique, award-winning student leadership and development program that combines academic and co-curricular components. The program assists students in further developing their leadership skills and helps them achieve their personal goals.

Only 15% of incoming first-year students are invited to participate in the Dean’s Scholars program!

Why do we want you to be a Dean’s Scholar?

You have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement.
You have the potential to be a leader in the college and in your future profession.
You are engaged in your community.

“The Dean’s Scholars program prepares students to make meaningful contributions to society in their chosen professions and communities after college.”
— Dean Robert Elde
“Building tomorrow’s future through today’s leaders.”

The program will help you build leadership skills by focusing on three themes:

**Self-awareness** Explore your values, strengths, and areas for growth and gain feedback from others

**Citizenship** Find out what it means to be an active, engaged member of your community

**Creating change** Put it all into practice by identifying and addressing community needs

What will I do as a Dean’s Scholar?

**Take leadership and career exploration classes**
Through Dean’s Scholars classes, you will develop a leadership philosophy, consider career paths, engage the community through a service-learning experience, and design a capstone project to reflect on what you have learned. (four classes | one or two credits each | pass/fail grading)

**Participate in mentoring**
In your first year, you will have a small mentoring group with a Dean’s Scholars junior or senior to help you with the transition to college and to build community among you and your peers.

**Attend leadership seminars**
You will discover how to apply what you learn in the Dean’s Scholars program through seminars with University and community leaders.

**Engage in service activities**
You will practice leadership skills through volunteering in the community.

**Make friends with other CBS students**
You will get to know other students who want to develop their leadership skills and create positive change.

What are Dean’s Scholars alumni doing now?
Graduates have gone on to a variety of career paths including medical school, pharmacy school, optometry school, veterinary school, MD/Ph.D. programs, Master’s degree programs, research positions, and industry positions. As a future graduate of CBS and the Dean’s Scholars program, you will be well-equipped to be a leader in your community and your chosen career!

“Because of the Dean’s Scholars program, I am an active citizen in the community, mindful of myself, and confident in my ability to make a difference.”
— Connor, senior

“Being involved in the Dean’s Scholars program has been one of the highlights of my college career, and will be one of the things I remember most fondly when I graduate.”
— Delaney, junior

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