

The Dietrich Honors Institute



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Belong to an honors community designed to support, challenge, and enrich.

The Kenneth & Marianna Brown Dietrich Honors Institute inspires and enriches Thiel College's inclusive community of life-long learners with programs that foster inquiry, reflection, and growth. We challenge students to make discoveries and apply knowledge in new ways. In this way, the DHI prepares students to be responsible and purposeful leaders.



"The Dietrich Honors Institute at Thiel College believes in a holistic perspective and approach to honors education, in which academic performance as well as leadership, character, and passions are admired and supported, thus making it an attractive program to all types of students."

Emily Irons '24 | Early Childhood & Special Education

Leadership

Dietrich Honors Scholars are frequent campus leaders, which prepare them to make an impact on the world

Cultural Excursions

Weekend city trips, Broadway shows in Pittsburgh and Cleveland, and special programming funded by the DHI

A Dynamic Community

Make individualized and meaningful connections with peers and professors

Benefits

Access to the Dietrich Honors Experience Fund, priority registration, and option to live in honors housing

Distinctive Courses

Student-driven classes that spark curiosity

Professional Development

Enhanced opportunities for research, conferences, and mentoring

Thesis Project

Design your own research, creative, or applied project with a faculty mentor

DHI Alumni

Have a record of success in job placement and in pursuing graduate studies

History:

In 2011, philanthropist, businessman, scholar and proud northwest Pennsylvania native William S. Dietrich II bequeathed a \$25 million fund to Thiel College. Named in honor of his parents, it is this gift that has made the Kenneth and Marianna Brown Dietrich Honors Institute possible.

Dietrich Scholars are curious learners who want to reflect on big ideas and apply their knowledge in new ways in and out of the classroom.

Admission:

The Dietrich Honors Institute at Thiel College seeks incoming students with a record of pursuing academic and co-curricular challenges and who are seeking a distinctive and enriching honors experience. Any interested student may apply to the DHI, and applications are reviewed by the Director. Admission into the program is dependent upon the strength of the application and interview with the Director.

For more information or to apply, visit www.thiel.edu/academics/dietrich-honors-institute.

Questions? Email us at dhi@thiel.edu.

