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# Helene Fuld College Of Nursing Launches Honors Program

The Helene Fuld College of Nursing in Harlem, N.Y., recently launched its honors program — the first in the college's 65-year history — at an induction luncheon in February. Nine students were inducted into the college's honors program at the event.

The honors program was established to recognize and support outstanding students, and to provide incentives for its members to continue to strive toward academic excellence. Honorees will be chosen biannually in February and August. The selection process is based on pre-entrance test scores, grades received in the pre-admission math/chemistry course, professional references and faculty reviews. Members of the honors program may be full or part time, but must have completed the first nursing course to be considered. All candidates must have a minimum 3.7 GPA at the end of the first nursing quarter and must maintain a 3.5 GPA until graduation to continue in the honors program.

In addition to an induction luncheon, all honorees will receive a dedicated laptop for use until graduation; whereupon ownership reverts to them, free textbooks, priority registration each term, a mid-year special activity, graduation reception, recognition at commencement; including an honor cord and certificate, and fast-track into the college's anticipated BSN program. As the program progresses, a health-related community service component will be added wherein members will have the opportunity to participate in new endeavors, such as one-week nursing missions to underdeveloped countries, and they also will have the opportunity to work with faculty on selected research topics.