



# SUPPORTING SCHOLARS THROUGH THE VIGOROUS THESIS PROCESS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-SUPPORT APPROACH

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# ISSUE / RATIONALE

2013

44 withdrawals

76% thesis-related

36 extension requests

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# ASSESSMENT

- Withdrawal notification emails
- Requests for extensions
- Compared processes at other universities
  - On-site visit to Princeton
  - Reviewed thesis support at other Big 10 schools
  - Identified resources at other institutions





# ACTION STEPS

- Uniform thesis course and thesis guides
- Online bibliography
- “Been there, wrote that!” peer presentation
- “Thinking About the Thesis” sessions with associate dean
- Communicating to faculty; firm deadlines





# ACTION STEPS

- Senior Meeting (Rising Seniors)
- Thesis Boot Camps
- Thesis formatting sessions
- Format review
- Online submission





# THESIS BOOT CAMP SUCCESS

3 camps each year

average 150 Scholars each



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# THESIS BOOT CAMP SUCCESS

“The Boot Camps provide a focused, yet friendly atmosphere that not only provided me with time to write, but also time to network with my peers and the Honors College staff.”

Carli Liguori ('15)  
Nutritional Sciences



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# THESIS BOOT CAMP SUCCESS



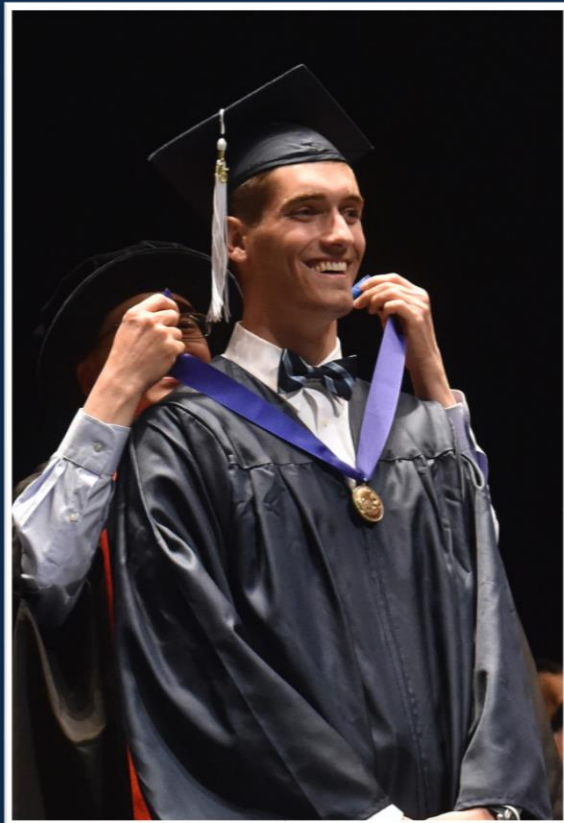
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# THESIS BOOT CAMP SUCCESS



“Boot Camp was a great experience, having everyone who is doing the same kind of project together, in a quiet space, where you can focus and get work done.”

Ryan Henrici ('15)  
Marshall Scholar



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# SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

YEAR	WITHDRAWALS	THESIS RELATED	%	EXTENSION REQUESTS
<b>2013</b>	*44	—	**76	36
<b>2014</b>	33	16	48	—
<b>SP 2015</b>	19	4	21	6

\* Scholars not required to notify withdrawal via email in 2013

\*\* Percentage based on withdrawal emails received



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# SUMMARY

- Communication Support
- Academic Support
- Resources

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