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# **Trinity College of Florida Honors Program**

#### **Pursuing Excellence**

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)

The Honors Program at Trinity College of Florida is a community of learners dedicated to pursuing excellence in discipleship to Christ through rigorous scholarship, meaningful community, and growth in Christian virtue.

# The Good, the True, and the Beautiful

Western culture's leading thinkers have often described "excellence" in the classical terms of the Good, the True, and the Beautiful. And our civilization's greatest achievements—as in the arts, modern science, and representative government—have borne witness to the inspirational power of these ideals.

## **Biblical Worldview Foundations**

Christians, however, have recognized that these ideals have their foundation in the biblical worldview, and their fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus Christ. As aspects of the one Creator God (who is Goodness, Truth, and Beauty personified), their enduring appeal and power is connected to their ultimate purpose: to point his human creatures back to him.

#### **Classical Ideas**

Now more than ever, a recovery of these biblical and classical ideals is vital. In a moment of deep cultural confusion, we need a new generation of Christian leaders who are grounded in truth, committed to goodness, and striving for beauty in their daily callings, and who embody these ideals to others in living reflection of the God who is their source.

#### **Deeply Instilled Values**

The Honors Program at TCF promotes these principles, not as abstract ideas, but as values deeply instilled within a community of student-learners, encompassing all aspects of their lives: body, mind, and spirit. Honors students grow into servant-leaders who pursue the excellence of Christ–its truth, goodness, and beauty–wherever they are called to serve: in the home, the church, the marketplace, and beyond.

## **Program Structure**

Unfolding across the sophomore, junior, and senior years, the Honors Program guides students in the pursuit of excellence through rigorous scholarship, meaningful community, and growth in Christian virtue. The goal is the formation of the whole person—mind, body, and spirit.