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*The Honors College
at William Paterson
University brings
together the academic,
residential, social,
and cultural experiences
of students of all majors.*

A message from the Director...

The 2006-2007 academic year saw the inception of the University Honors College, which grew out of the University Honors Program. Along with Honors sections of General Education courses and a growing number of Honors Tracks, the Honors College now boasts of a Learning Community and a very dedicated body of students. The evolution of the Honors Program into a college has meant an expansion of curriculum, including more Honors sections of General Education courses and more offerings for upper division students in the tracks.

This spring, 21 students graduated from the Honors College after completing their theses and final projects. More than 20 first-year Honors students lived in the learning community in High Mountain East, and faculty regularly went to the residence hall to meet with students over lunch and to show films. The goal of the Honors College is to build a dynamic residential community for students, one that brings together their academic, social, and residential worlds.

During the past year, Honors students created an Honors Club and used it as a venue for service. In the fall, students collected over 200 coats that were donated to organizations in and around Paterson. In the spring, the club sent hundreds of media items to injured soldiers in Iraq. On a lighter note, the students also organized a talent show during Honors Week which was great fun.

Honors Week in April highlighted the accomplishments of graduating seniors and showcased their thesis research and projects, which ranged from a study of eugenics in the United States, to a short concert of the works of female songwriters and performers. Congratulations to our graduates!

Ausan E. Oran



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HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES

Biopsychology Track

Michael L. Blizzard completed a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in English. He presented his Honors thesis, "The Legacy of Eugenics," at the Northeast Regional Honors Conference in Rhode Island in March. Michael was instrumental in forming the Honors Student Club on campus. The hard work and dedication he put forth organizing the Honors Club, a coat drive, and an Honors talent show earned him the distinction of being named the recipient of the Honors Student Service Award given at the annual spring Honors Banquet. Michael has been accepted to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine where he will pursue an M.S. in Counseling and Clinical Health Psychology.



Michael L. Blizzard

Cognitive Science Track

Sean Gavarny, graduated with a B.M. in Music. His Honors thesis was entitled "Man vs. Machine: Creativity in the Mind and Brain." Sean was a four year recipient of the Honors Fred C. Rummel Scholarship. He also completed the Teaching Certification program and has accepted a position at the Hoboken Charter School where he will be teaching music in grades K-12.



Sean Gavarny

Alexandra Perry earned a B.A. in Philosophy with a minor in Psychology. She is currently working toward an M.Ed. in Philosophy for Children at Montclair State University and is applying to doctoral programs in philosophy. Her Honors thesis work centered on the paradox between neural plasticity and modularity, and she presented a portion of her research at the American Philosophical Association conference last April. Her Honors research continues to be a focus of her work in graduate school, and she plans to present it at an upcoming conference in Chicago this November.



Alexandra Perry and
Matthew Tirino

Matthew Tirino graduated with a B.A. in Psychology. His thesis was on "The Indeterminacy of Translation: A Critique of Quine."

Colleen Takemoto earned a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Spanish. Her Honors thesis was entitled "Disfluent Speech and its Attempted Control as a Concealable Stigma." This fall Colleen will teach English in Spain before returning to William Paterson to pursue an M.S. in Communication Disorders.



Colleen Takemoto



Karen Ellis



Ada Grafals



David Macharia



Dylan McAuliffe



Aurora Rosado



Humanities Track

Karen Ellis majored in both Political Science and Economics. Her Humanities Honors thesis was entitled "Islamic Economic Morality." Karen was the recipient of both the Aaron L. Rubin and Fred C. Rummel Honors Scholarships, and participated in several campus clubs and volunteer activities during her tenure at William Paterson. She was the recipient of numerous awards including the Outstanding Student Award given by the Department of Political Science during the Spring 2007 Honors Convocation. Karen has been accepted to the University of Chicago where she will pursue a Ph.D. in Political Science with a concentration in Comparative Political Economy.

Ada Grafals majored in English (Literature Concentration) and completed the Teaching Certification program. Her Honors thesis addressed the topic of "Multicultural Education." Ada recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy and plans to enroll in graduate school.

David Macharia earned a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Computer Science. His Honors thesis was entitled "Lost in the Cosmos." David will be attending pharmacy school at the University of Maryland this fall.

Dylan McAuliffe received a B.M. in Music Studies and a minor in Political Science. His Honors thesis project was entitled "Nationalism in the 21st Century." During his tenure at William Paterson, Dylan had an opportunity to study abroad on the "Semester at Sea" program. This fall Dylan will be teaching English in Japan.

Aurora Rosado earned a B.S. in Business (Accounting and Law). Her thesis project was entitled "No Hablo Espanol," in which she considered her identity as a Puerto Rican born and raised in the United States. Aurora recently accepted an accounting position at Sax Macy Fromm in Clifton, New Jersey.

Music Track

Shawn Baltazor earned a B.M. in Music. The title of his Honors thesis project was “The Jazz Ride Cymbal.” Shawn was a recipient of the Aaron L. Rubin Honors Scholarship. He was awarded the College of the Arts and Communication Dean’s Award for Creative Excellence at the Spring Honors Convocation.

Joseph E. Bergen earned a B.M. in Music Performance. His Honors thesis project was a mixed media percussion recital. Joe performed a portion of his project during the Spring Honors Convocation where he was also presented with the 2007 Outstanding Musician Award by the Department of Music. Joe was invited to perform with the Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra in May. He is a member of “Absolute Percussion,” a percussion ensemble that performs at various venues in the region.

Andrew Tait earned a B.M. in Jazz Studies. Andy’s Honors thesis was entitled “The Development of the Jazz Baritone Saxophone.” He was awarded the 2007 Music Scholar Award by the Department of Music during the Spring Honors Convocation. Andy has performed at many Honors events over the years, including the annual Honors Convocation and Honors Banquets.

Performing and Literary Arts Track

Dena Botbyl earned a B.A. in English (Writing Concentration). Her Honors thesis project was entitled “A Taxonomy of Loss.” Dena was the recipient of the Aaron L. Rubin Honors Scholarship. Her poem entitled “with nothing” was recently published in *The Columbia Review*.

Rachel Kaplan earned a B.A. in English (Writing Concentration). Her Honors Thesis project was a science fiction fantasy novel entitled “Rain.” She was the recipient of the Aaron Rubin Honors Scholarship. Rachel has been accepted to the Graduate English Program at William Paterson and will serve as the Graduate Assistant for the English Department.

Jessica Kuhran majored in Fine Arts. Her Honors thesis project was a short story “Devour the Heart to Feed the Soul.” During her tenure at William Paterson, Jessica had the opportunity to study abroad and photograph the monuments, people, and landscapes of China. She is currently doing an internship for the Sigma Group.

Lisa Paitchell earned a B.A. in English (Writing Concentration) with a minor in Anthropology. Her Honors thesis project was a novella entitled “Judith.” Lisa has been accepted to the Roger Williams University School of Law.



Sean Baltazor (left) and Joseph Bergen



Andrew Tait



Dena Botbyl



(Back from left) Lisa Paitchell, Dr. Cioffari, Jessica Kurhan, and John Penola. (Front from left) Amy Van Drueten, Ashley Pettet, and Rachel Kaplan



Samantha Branin



Carol Chu



Christopher Larres



Lindsey Magazzu



Bahar Mansur



Amy Catherine Moors

John Penola earned a B.A. in English (Writing Concentration) and completed the Teaching Certification program in secondary education. His Honors thesis project was a collection of original poetry entitled “The Spire.” John was the recipient of the Aaron L. Rubin Honors Scholarship. He was awarded the Excellence in Writing Award from the Department of English during the Spring Honors Convocation. He has accepted a position teaching English at Pearl R. Miller Middle School in Kinnelon, New Jersey.

Ashley Pettet earned a B.M. in Music Studies. Her Honors thesis project was entitled “Nothin’ Like a Dame: Women in History,” in which she sang well-known works of several female vocalists and ended with a composition of her own. Ashley plans to attend graduate school.

Amy Van Drueten earned a B.A. in English (Writing Concentration) and completed the Teaching Certification program in secondary education. Amy was the recipient of the Aaron L. Rubin Honors Scholarship. Her Honors thesis project was a novella entitled “The Redemption of a Teenage Nobody.” Amy is currently employed at the Writing Center at William Paterson.

Social Sciences Track

Samantha Branin earned a B.A. in English (Writing Concentration) and completed the Teaching Certification program in secondary education. Her Honors thesis project was entitled “Moral Education in American Public High Schools.” She has accepted a position at Paramus High School where she will be teaching 9th and 10th grade English.

Carol Chu earned a B.A. in Psychology. Her Honors thesis project was entitled “The Impact of Graduate Students’ Perceptions of Social Support Systems and Acculturation of their Mental Health and Perceptions of Stress.” Carol was the recipient of the Aaron L. Rubin Honors Scholarship. She is currently pursuing an M.A. in Clinical and Counseling Psychology at William Paterson.

Christopher Larres earned a B.A. in Psychology. His Honors thesis was entitled “Acculturation, Ethnic Identity, and Quality of Life of Greek-Americans in New Jersey.” Chris will attend Rutgers’ Graduate School of Education this fall and pursue an Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology.

Lindsey Magazzu earned a B.A. in Sociology (Criminal Justice Concentration). Her Honors thesis project was entitled “The North Hollywood Bank Robbery: A Case Study of a Police Encounter with Unprecedented Violence.”

Bahar Mansur earned a B.A. in Psychology. Her Honors thesis project was entitled “The Effects of Thought Suppression on the Accessibility of Food-Related Thoughts.”

Amy Catherine Moors majored in both Psychology and Women’s Studies. She presented her Honors thesis project “Probing the Perceptions of Feminist Men” at the Northeast Regional Honors Conference in Rhode Island in March. In addition to being a featured speaker at the annual Honors Convocation ceremony, she received a number of awards including the Excellence in Academics, Research and Service award from the Department of Psychology; the Paul P. Vouras Social Sciences Award from the departments of Political Science, Sociology, and Psychology; and the Dean’s Award from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Amy has been accepted to graduate school at Villanova University where she will pursue an M.S. in Psychology Statistics.

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HONORS EVENTS

Service Projects



Honors student Michael Blizzard (right) with representatives from "Straight and Narrow," a substance abuse and treatment organization in Paterson

The Honors Student Club, led by Michael Blizzard, organized a coat drive in November and collected over 200 coats to deliver to organizations in and around Paterson.

In April, the Honors club raised money for cancer research and collected over 100 media items for U.S. troops in Iraq and in military hospitals. The media drive was organized by Honors student Jess Pepe.

Living and Learning Communities

Honors residence communities were established in High Mountain East in the fall of 2006. First year students live on the top floor of the new residence hall, and all Honors students (both resident and commuter), attend classes and informal events in the building.



An Honors cluster takes a break after climbing to the top of High Mountain



Members of the new Honors Student Club met a few times each semester to plan social events and service activities



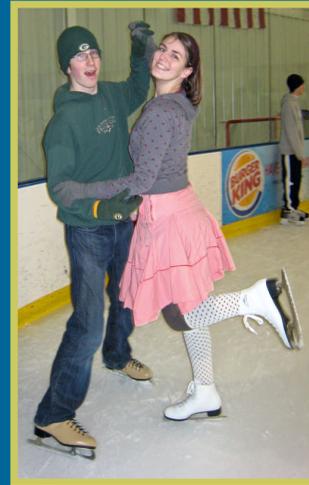
Dr. Susan Dinan presented the Honors Student Service Award to Michael Blizzard during the Honors Banquet in April



Members of an Honors cluster meet in High Mountain East



"Lunch in the Lounge"



Skating at the Ice Vault in Wayne



Reception following the Honors Performing and Literary Arts event



Humanities Honors student Dylan McAuliffe concludes his Honors Thesis presentation



Honors students, family, and friends gather at the annual Honors Convocation reception

Social Activities



Honors students and faculty socialize at the annual Honors Holiday party



Honors students on a recent trip to Central Park

Honors Week



Adam Lomeo (left) and Jordan Piper perform at the Honors Talent Show in Hobart Manor



Provost Weil addresses guests at the Honors Banquet

Honors Convocation/Commencement



Honors students at the 2007 Commencement ceremony

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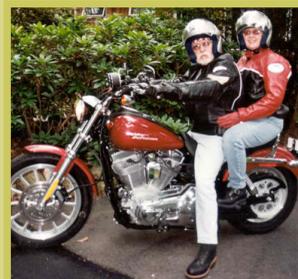
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Social Sciences

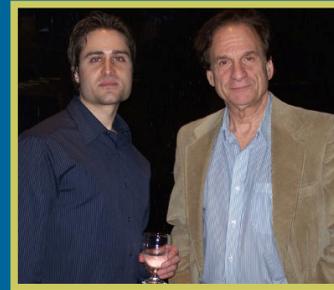
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Humanities

Karen Swanson
Life Science and
Environmental Ethics



Dr. Martin Hahn, Professor of Biology and the founding Director of the University Honors Program at William Paterson, officially retired from the university following the spring 2007 semester. Dr. Hahn and his wife Lynn have relocated to Colorado and look forward to many exciting years ahead.



Mark Tambone (left), a 2001 Honors graduate of William Paterson, was the featured speaker at the Honors Banquet in April. He shared how participation in Honors at William Paterson impacted his career. Mark is pictured with Dr. Philip Cioffari, Program Director of the Honors Literary and Performing Arts Track.



Honors Alumni Tiffany Groglio ('06) and James Suit ('05) attended Honors Week 2007 events.

2001-2006

HONORS ALUMNI

2001

BIOPSYCHOLOGY TRACK

Lauren M. Avenia
Christopher Hess

HUMANITIES TRACK

Jennifer Carberry
William Cureton
Judith DelVecchio
James DeMatteis
Jeff Duong
Christa Marco
Kathleen Paquet
Christy Stephenson
Trudi VanDyke

MUSIC TRACK

Jeffrey Borgstrom
Jeffrey Conrad
Ethan Herr
Brian Levy

Allen Samuel Sadigursky

PERFORMING ARTS TRACK

Virginia Kamenitzer
Mark Antony Tambone

2002

COGNITIVE SCIENCE TRACK

Carmen De Luccia
Ruth A. Reyes

HUMANITIES TRACK

Mirta Alsina
Kathy Colligan
Remi Groner
Irene Mburu
Paola Melo
Cecile Samiz
Caroline Schmidt

MUSIC TRACK

Jonathan Lam
Todd Urban

PERFORMING ARTS TRACK

Amanda Arthur
Wendy DeMarco

2003

BIOPSYCHOLOGY TRACK

Rachel Miuccio
Dan Rowen
Kristen Symanski

COGNITIVE SCIENCE TRACK

Lisa Brown
Dennis Maciupa
Jennifer Riley
Jolanta Szmuc

HUMANITIES TRACK

Jessica Burke
Cesar Cazales
Frank Ducoat
Stephanie Hanak
Lisa Lakatos
Christina Petillo
Caroline Schmidt
Jennifer Shaw
Patrice Vogt

NURSING TRACK

Jefferson Aglipay
Melissa Alegre
Kimberly Kirby
Susie Postefanov

PERFORMING ARTS TRACK

Erica Caine
Lori Michael
Jennifer Smith

2004

BIOPSYCHOLOGY TRACK

Alex Perchuk
Krishna Tobon

COGNITIVE SCIENCE TRACK

Nicole Barnes
Michael Collins

HUMANITIES TRACK

Steven Baker
Augustina Carando
Jacklyn Clark
Thomas Deeney
Daniel Faraguna
Marilena Ferraiuolo
Ji Tae Ghim
Haruki Koyama
William Stepanovsky

MUSIC TRACK

Sky Gardener
Joseph Stracquatano

NURSING TRACK

John Fernandez

PERFORMING AND LITERARY ARTS TRACK

Peter Helff
Jameel Roberts
Kevin Thomas

2005

BIOPSYCHOLOGY TRACK

Rohan Palmer

COGNITIVE SCIENCE TRACK

Candice Crowley
Fallon Davis

HUMANITIES TRACK

Lakeisha Brooks
Andrew Monaco
Erin Karp
Thesa Tacayon
Erika Vasquez
Ariana Den Bleyker

MUSIC TRACK

Ryan Clackner
Joshua Lopes
Kevin Cotter

NURSING TRACK

Charity Sawyer Green

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COGNITIVE SCIENCE TRACK

Anatoly V. Nichvoloda

HUMANITIES TRACK

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Danielle K. Hajduk
Jason Jaksetic
Jeffrey N. Krachun
Tahira Rehman
Daniel A. Savage
Derek R. Sloan

MUSIC TRACK

Kelly A. Drake
Adam J. Freeman

NURSING TRACK

Helsa Ruth Heramia

PERFORMING AND LITERARY ARTS TRACK

Kyle Allen

Phoebe N. North
Chantel M. Phippany
Latoya A. Pinckney
James M. Van Wyck

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