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A message from the Director...



Christina Freer (left) and Alyssa Learn were two of the Honors mentors who happily assisted with move-in day at High Mountain East.

Hello, I would like to welcome everyone to the University Honors College this fall! We have 73 first year students in the College, and 48 of them are living in the learning community in High Mountain East. We also have about 150 students in or moving into Tracks who have already completed several Honors general education classes.



First year Honors students and their mentors went bowling on Labor Day.

The year started off with a bowling party for first year students and their mentors on Labor Day. In mid-September we had a good turn-out for our "Welcome Back to School" Ice Cream Social. Thank you to the Sophomore mentors for scooping!

We enjoyed our first Lunch in the Lounge on September 27 during which we brainstormed about field trip locations, community service projects, and social events. The lunches are held in the 4th floor lounge of High Mountain East and are open to all students and faculty in Honors. We hope everyone will

attend! The next Lunch in the Lounge will be held October 16. Two Honors students, Miriam Ashraf and Tamara Issak, will talk about their experiences as Muslim Americans, which those of you who read *The Kite Runner* this summer might find particularly interesting.



A group of Honors students socialize with Dr. Glen Sherman at the Ice Cream Social.

This semester's field trip will be a journey to a pumpkin patch, and hopefully apple picking too! The trip is scheduled for Saturday, October 20. In the spring we will head into NYC for a museum exhibit or a walking tour.

I hope you are having a wonderful semester. Please feel free to speak to Jan or me if you have any questions or concerns about Honors.



The first "Lunch in the Lounge" of the fall semester was held on September 25th.

Congratulations to the newly elected Honors Club Executive Board!

President:

Jess Pepe

Vice President:

Madeleine Zayac

Secretary:

Christina Freer

Treasurer:

Louie Dela Fuente

Public Relations:

John Strevens

Lauren Lewandoski has been appointed as the Coordinator of Social Programming and Kristina Kosztjo has been appointed as the Community Service Coordinator.

A message from the Honors Club President...

Jess Pepe, Honors College Club President

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Hello and happy October! With a month already under our belts, it is time for the Honors College, and more specifically the Honors College Club to get busy! For those of you unaware, the William Paterson Honors College Club has recently celebrated its first birthday, obviously indicating the very young age of this club committed to service, social interaction and honorary discipline and values. In a little over a year, we have held an Honors Talent Show, Holiday Party, NYC trip, Military Entertainment Drive, participated in the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, and much more! As your various e-mails this semester from Professor Susan Dinan has depicted, there have been two club meetings, an Ice Cream Social, a Bowling Social, Lunch in the Lounge, and Honors College t-shirt sales so far this semester. Last week, the club held its first official Executive Board election, in which twenty members were present. Please stay tuned to the e-mails and flyers around campus for upcoming events and meetings! Remember that your acceptance in the Honors College automatically will place you in the Honors College Club. If that interests you, all you have to do is show up to events and meetings! Pretty easy? Of course!

I'd like to thank all who have participated in events thus far. There is much more to come, as we are all working hard in the planning and organizing of future events and projects! Please read Professor Dinan's forwarded e-mails to all of you in order to stay aware and involved in the club's activities. If there are any questions, if you would like to buy an Honors College t-shirt, run an event, join a committee, etc., please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. I hope to meet all 300 of you at some point! Remember our motto: "I want the world to change because I was here!"

Honors student and faculty highlights

Carol Chu and Bahar Mansur, both graduates of the Honors Social Science Track, have been selected as the winners of the New Jersey Psychological Association's Undergraduate Research Award. This award is presented annually to an undergraduate psychology major attending a New Jersey college or university, who has demonstrated exceptional research potential. Carol and Bahar will be presenting their research at the New Jersey Psychological Association conference on October 20th.

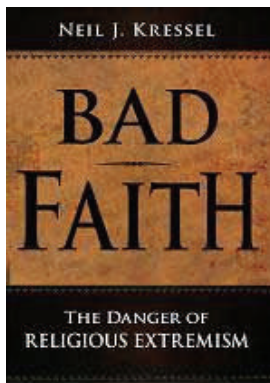
Carol Chu earned a B.A. in Psychology in May, 2007. Her Honors thesis project was entitled "The Impact of Graduate Students' Perceptions of Social Support Systems and Acculturation of their Mental Health and Perceptions of Stress." Her project was supervised by **Dr. Kathleen Torsney**.

Bahar Mansur earned a B.A. in Psychology in May, 2007. Her Honors thesis project was entitled "The Effects of Thought Suppression on the Accessibility of Food-Related Thoughts." Her project was supervised by **Dr. Elizabeth Haines**. **Dr. Neil Kressel** oversees the Social Science Honors Track.

Dr. Philip Cioffari, Professor of English and Director of the Performing and Literary Arts Track, has a collection of stories entitled *Catholic Boys* forthcoming with Livingston Press.

Dr. Susan Dinan, Associate Professor of History and Director of the University Honors College, has written an article entitled "A Community Outside a Cloister" in *Defining Community in Early Modern Europe*, edited by Michael Halvorson and Karen Spierling. Aldershot: Ashgate [forthcoming]

Dr. Jeffrey Kresky, Professor of Music and Director of the Honors Music Track, has written an article entitled "Some Unusual Tonic Six-Fours" to appear in the journal *In Theory Only* (volume 32, 2007). He has also been conducting performances of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas with the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players and the Light Opera Company of Salisbury.



Dr. Neil Kressel, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Honors Social Science Track is the author of a new book [Bad Faith: The Danger of Religious Extremism](#). The book was published this month by Prometheus Books.

Eleven Honors GE classes to be offered this spring

ANTH 130-03 -- Introduction to Anthropology

B. Natrajan -- MW, 12:30-1:45

Students learn key anthropological concepts *culture*, *ideology* and *power* to interrogate *diversity* and *inequality* within human populations, globally and within the USA. Major questions raised are: What is culture? What is cultural diversity? What are its challenges and uses? How are social inequalities produced and reproduced through cultural and ideological means? How can an understanding of culture and diversity aid us in addressing contemporary issues of local and global concern? This course introduces students to a holistic, comparative and historical framework for analysis. This is an intensive writing and analytical course.

ARTH 101- Approaches to Western Art

C. Goldstein -- MW, 2:00 – 3:15

A study of the major movements, individuals and issues in visual art, from its origins in the cave paintings of Altamira and Lascaux through its continuation into the present. The course emphasizes the acquisition of visual literacy in "reading," analyzing and understanding art. Opportunities to view and interact with original art are emphasized, along with the development of student writing skills.

COMM 101 - Introduction to Theatre

J. Beal -- F, 11:00 - 1:40

A wide-ranging and free-wheeling look at theatre in all its aspects from all sides- script, staging, performing, watching, directing, technical work, historical, contemporary, dramatic, comedic, and musical. In short, we try to answer these questions: what is theatre, and why should we care?

ENG 150 - Introduction to Literature

S. Fisher -- MW, 3:30 – 4:45

This course gives students a sense of a literary tradition unfolding across time in the genres of poetry, drama, essay and fiction.

ENV 110 - Environmental Foundations

K. Swanson -- WF, 9:30 – 10:45

Lab: F, 12:30 – 3:15

This course will stress a holistic view of the environment from the viewpoints of several disciplines of the sciences, the social sciences and the humanities.

HIST 102 - The West and the World: The Age of Discovery to Decolonization

S. Dinan -- MW, 8:00 – 9:15

This class begins with the question, what is the modern world? To answer it we will examine political, social, cultural, intellectual and economic developments from the sixteenth century to the present. By reading and analyzing a variety of primary sources, we will grapple with the issues considered paramount by people at different moments in European history.

PEGE 200 -- Active Lifestyles for Health

G. Schmidt, R. Blonna -- WF, 11:00 – 12:15

Physical Education for aerobic conditioning and life-long good health!

PSY 110 -- General Psychology (ONLINE)

J. Austin

This course provides a broad overview of the field of psychology and the study of the human mind and behavior. This online format promotes involvement through an active discussion board and interactive learning modules. A variety of assignments encourage students to translate theories and concepts into a meaningful context related to their own lives and experiences.

SOC 101 -- Principles of Sociology

Mark Ellis -- TR, 3:30-4:45

The course is intended to familiarize students with the major subject areas, methods and concepts of the sociological perspective. Students will be challenged to develop their "sociological imaginations" -- to self-consciously imagine themselves as "permanent strangers" in our familiar social world. Students should walk away from this course with a set of analytical tools to better understand complex social problems. Moreover, students should continue to see themselves as problem solvers as they continue to develop a sense of community responsibility while always eradicating social injustice and practicing social equality/justice.

SPAN 106 -- Basic Intensive Spanish I and II

O. DelaSuaree -- MTWR, 2:00 – 3:15

This course offers students the opportunity of completing the university language requirement (6 credits) in one semester by covering the entire first year curriculum in an intensive setting. Cultural activities supplement this unique experience for the exceptionally motivated student.

WS 150 – Racism and Sexism

S. Bedell -- TR, 2:00 – 3:15

In common with standard sections, this course will examine racism, sexism, heterosexism, and classism looking at current laws, historical documents, academic articles, films, and hearing the personal experiences of other students. Engaging the topics, students will read critically, write on complex topics and work at concept development. Such skill development assignments will prepare students for an intensive undergraduate program regardless of major.

For more information or to enroll in an Honors Course, contact Jan Pinkston, 973-720-3657 or via email, pinkstonj@wpunj.edu.

About Honors sections of General Education Courses...

Honors Sections of General Education courses are specifically designed for high achieving students and are created by faculty members who wish to teach these students in a unique way.

General Education courses introduce students to the basic concepts, issues and methods in major fields of study and knowledge.

The Honors versions of these courses offer a smaller class size (20 or fewer students), more individualized instruction and attention, and more interesting and challenging coursework than regular General Education courses.

Students must go through the Honors College office in order to enroll in the classes. Please contact Jan, 973-720-3657 for more information.

Kuddles for Kids

The Honors Club is collecting stuffed animals (any type, color, and size, but they must be new!) to be given to hospitalized children on the Adolescent Floor of Robert Wood Johnson hospital in New Brunswick, NJ.

Please bring stuffed animals to the following locations: Dr. Dinan's office on the 1st floor of Raubinger, Jess Pepe's room in High Mountain East, 426, or give them to any other Honors Executive Board member.

T-shirts!

Honors College tee-shirts in sizes small - 3XL are available for only \$10.00 each! The colors are navy blue (for character), and gold (for service). The front has the "WPU Honors College" and logo in the top left corner, and the back has a "thinking cap" logo with the motto "I want the world to change because I was here." The logos were designed by Edgar Flor. To purchase a shirt, please contact any Executive Board member or Professor Dinan!

Honors Intramural Soccer

An Honors intramural soccer team has formed. Members of the Fall 2007 Honors College soccer team include Neal Ronaghan, Lauren Lewandoski, Ricky Tempesta, Brian Canever, Dan King, Mike King, Joe Lomas, Allon Levin, Dan Carias, Alyssa

Learn, Nick Bauter, Ryan Ward, Matt Ryan and John Baginsky. The game schedule is listed to the right. All games are held at the soccer field next to the Rec Center. Come out and root for the Honors team.

GAME SCHEDULE	
10/9	9:00 pm
10/14	6:00 pm
10/16	7:00 pm
10/21	7:00 pm
10/23	8:00 pm
10/28	7:00 pm
10/30	7:00 pm
11/4	Play-offs
11/6	Championship

Upcoming Events

11 October	Thursday	12:45	Honors Club Executive Officers' Meeting Location TBA
11 October	Thursday	12:30-1:45	"General Education Program in Honors" All Honors First Year Students meet in the University Commons, room 168. Lunch will be provided at no charge.
16 October	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
16 October	Tuesday	8:00 pm	Film "Oceans 11" (original version), High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
20 October	Saturday	All day	Honors College Field Trip Pumpkin and Apple picking, destination TBA
20 October	Saturday	8:00 pm	Film "Oceans 11" (2001 version), High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
29 October	Monday	8:00 pm	Halloween Film & Costume parade (costume optional) High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
30 October	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
8 November	Thursday	12:30-1:45	"Honors Tracks" All Honors First Year Students and other students considering enrolling in an Honors Tract, should meet in the University Commons, room 168. Lunch will be provided at no charge.
13 November	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain east, 4th floor lounge
28 November	Wednesday	8:30-1:30	Cluster Field Trip Honors Cluster 2 (Bedell, Dinan, Dinerstein) and Honors Cluster 3 (Korgen, Kressel, and Wahrman) visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art
6 December	Thursday	3:00 - 4:30	Honors College Holiday Party Hobart Manor, second floor