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Welcoming the Class of 2016!

September has come and gone, but it has brought with it the start of a new semester. Perhaps this new academic year will bring fresh experiences and opportunities your way. Don't forget to be on the lookout for fresh faces too!

The Honors College has one hundred new members this semester. The new first year students at William Paterson University were formally received at the Convocation Ceremony which took place on the afternoon of Thursday, September 13th. The incoming class was welcomed to the community at the ceremony as well as challenged to try their best and utilize the tools and resources now available to them as a means of exercising their full potential and attaining their goals.



An Honors First Year Seminar Class meets together before Convocation

Stories From Students

Not many eighteen years olds can call themselves published authors however, Matthew Orso, a freshman in the Honors College can do just that! I had the privilege of meeting with Matthew recently and asking him all about his unique experience.

Matthew's book, *Bonded at the Seams*, chronicles baseball history through an American sense and perspective and highlights the author's passion for both baseball

and sports journalism which he hopes to pursue further through his studies.

Matthew keeps himself busy working for New Jersey Baseball Magazine as well as being the voice of a radio sports talk show. Despite all he has going for himself, he remains humble and gracious for each opportunity that comes his way.

Matthew's advice for all aspiring writers and anyone with

a dream is to simply go for it. He says that with persistence and determination, one can accomplish anything.

Help support Matthew and his wonderful accomplishments. For more information on his projects, book signings, and more see the Honors Announcements or visit the Honors College Website at <http://www.wpunj.edu/honors-program/>.

“We all Scream for Ice Cream!”

Where can you find students, professors, peers, faculty, and ice cream all in one place? Why the Honors College Ice Cream Social of course!

The Honors College hosted its annual ice cream social on Wednesday, September 19th on the terrace of Hobart Manner. Everyone enjoyed making delicious sundaes. Students were also given the opportunity to interact with their peers as well as meet the faculty, staff, and the President of the University, all in a fun and relaxed atmosphere!



Honors students with President Kathleen Waldron



Club Corner

The Honors Club is proud to introduce its new executive board! President Rebecca Wance, Vice President Cynthia Antunes, PR. Chair Brielle Takacs-Senske, Secretary Meghan Stefanski, Treasurer Sofia Zamora, and Programming Chair Kara Peterson have been working hard to plan a new and exciting year!

Come join the fun! The Honors Club is always welcoming new members! Stay tuned to the weekly announcements for Lunch in the Lounge dates and other activities.

Track Time!

It is never too early to start thinking about honors tracks! A good place to start is considering what each unique program has to offer. Let's begin by examining the Performing and Literary Arts track. It is sponsored by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Arts and Communication.

This unique track is great for students interested in a cross-disciplinary approach to the creative arts. Students work on projects that include one or a combination of areas such as creative writing, film-making, music composition, acting, and photography to name a few. At the completion of the project students produce an artifact and a public performance of their work. Thesis presentations are held on campus and open too both the college community and the community-at-large.

I recently had the opportunity to speak with the director of the track, Dr. Philip Cioffari. I learned that the program allows students the flexibility to exercise their creativity. This is made obvious by the wide variety of projects that have been produced in its course. Students enrolled in the track have done almost everything from writing novellas, to composing original music, to writing and directing plays, and producing short films!

Interest in the Performing and Literary Arts Track has grown since its first years in operation. This year, seventeen graduating seniors will be making their thesis project presentations during Honors Week in the spring. The presentation schedule will be available next semester on the Honors College Website.

Creativity calling? Answer with the Literary and Performing Arts Track!

Knitting for a Cause

Love to knit and crochet? Looking to learn how to? If you've answered yes, then knitting nights are the perfect event for you! Come join a group of your peers knitting for a wonderful cause.

The Honors Club will be hosting several knitting nights throughout the semester. Some of the handmade items will be donated to the annual Honors Coat Drive which benefits the Passaic County Head Start, a program offering services to low income families. These knitting nights will be held at various times in order to accommodate as many volunteers as possible. If you are interested please see the Honors Weekly Announcements for more information or email Rebecca Wance at wancer1@student.wpunj.edu. Hope to see you there!



Students at the first "Knitting Night" of the semester

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Place	Event
10/6	10:00am	Meeting at lot 5	Honors Club apple picking trip
10/12	8:30am	Office of Campus Activities	Ticket Sales for Phantom of the Opera Trip on 10/26
10/16	12:30pm	Fourth Floor High Mountain East	Lunch in the Lounge
10/18	12:30pm	University Commons room 168	Mandatory Meeting for first year students
11/1	12:30pm	University Commons room 168	Mandatory Meeting for all track students

Lunch in the Lounge

The Honors Club had a wonderful turnout at the first Lunch in the Lounge of the Semester which took place on Thursday September 27th. Pizza and cookies were served as members were given the opportunity to introduce themselves as well as meet the executive board of the club. All were invited to share input and express interests for upcoming projects and activities.



Honors Students at Lunch in the Lounge

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