

Honors Students Organize a Coat Drive

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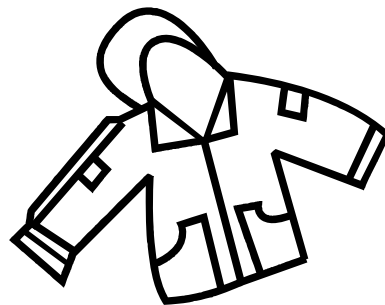
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Susan Dinan, Director

The Honors Student Advisory Council will hold a coat drive on Monday 20 November from 11:00 to 5:00 in Science 319. Please bring a used or new coat to Science Hall to donate to the drive! If you would like to donate a coat, but cannot, stop by the Coat Drive on the 20th, you are welcome to leave your coat in the Honors Office with Susan Dinan or Jan Pinkston.

We welcome used coats in all sizes, and greatly appreciate all donations!



The coats will be given to those in need through the Paterson YMCA and Eva's Kitchen in Paterson. Eva's Kitchen offers emergency shelter to homeless men, women, and women with children. Eva's Kitchen also runs a kitchen that can feed a hot lunch to up to 240 people a day, and does so 365 days a year.

If we have more coats than they need for these outlets, we will work with the Jersey Cares Coat Drive, which is run out of the Community Food bank of New Jersey to insure all the coats will be distributed to people who need them.

For more information contact Michael Blizzard at blizzardm@wpunj.edu or Colleen Takemoto at takemotoc@wpunj.edu or contact the Honors Office.

Honors Students on the Move

During the fall semester, students enrolled in Honors Clusters have been enjoying a range of educational field trips in New Jersey and New York City.



Students on High Mountain

Drs. Korgen, Kressel, and Wahman facilitate a cluster in which students examine issues of diversity and tolerance. The students visited Ellis Island in October, and will spend a day at the Jewish Heritage Museum and at Ground Zero in November.

Drs. Blasberg, Peterman, and Swanson co-teach a cluster that considers the self and the environment. Early in the semester, members of the cluster climbed

High Mountain. In late October they spent a day at Sandy Hook on the shore.

Drs. Finnegan, Sherman, and Weaver's cluster also climbed High Mountain early in the semester.

Students visited the Cloisters (on a very rainy Saturday in October) as part of the cluster facilitated by Drs. Dinan, Mandik, and Marshall. This cluster focuses on the great texts and ideas of Western Civilization. In mid-November the cluster will visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Students at Sandy Hook

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Registration Information

Registration for the spring semester will begin on 8 November, with first year students registering on the 16th. Information about spring courses is available on the William Paterson University website through WPCConnect.



The Honors College is offering seven honors sections of General Education courses. For more information please see the Honors website or come to the Honors office.

- BIO 120, Online, Lab W 11:00-1:45
- COMM 101, F 11:00-1:40
- ENG 150, M&W 3:30-4:45
- ENV 110, W&F 9:30-10:45, Lab F 12:30
- HIST 102, M&W 8:00-9:15
- SPAN 106 M,T,W,&R, 9:30-10:45
- WS 150, T&R 2:00-3:15

Many upper division Track classes will also be available. Please remember that you can only enroll in Honors courses through the Honors Office; they are not accessible on the computerized registration system. If you are interested in taking Honors classes in the spring please let Jan Pinkston or Susan Dinan know as soon as possible.

For more information visit the Honors website www.wpunj.edu/icip/honors.

New Hybrid Courses

In the spring Dr. Martin Hahn, the founding Director of the Honors Program at William Paterson University, will offer two Honors courses online as hybrid classes. Students can take Biology 120 as listed above, as well as Behavioral Genetics.

Behavior Genetics (BIPY 475) is a 4 credit course with a laboratory which satisfies one of the major electives for a B.S. in Biology. In addition, the course is one of the 4 core courses in the Biopsychology Track of the University Honors College. Finally, the course can be one of two 400 level elective courses satisfying part of elective credits in the M.S. in Biology (with permission of the graduate coordinator).

The course will be a blended or hybrid course with the lecture portion of the course on-line and the laboratory portion in person.

Honors Student Advisory Council

Along with coordinating this November's coat drive, the Honors Student Advisory Council is also planning events such as a talent show for the spring semester, which will feature Dr. Benno of the Biology Department playing jazz piano. Please contact Michael Blizzard if you have a talent that you would like to share! Club vice-president Colleen Takemoto is coordinating a t-shirt sale this semester. All Honors students are welcome to join the Council. Please attend the next meeting which will be held on Monday 13 November at 3:30 in the 4th floor lounge of High Mountain East.

Thank you to all Honors students who participated in the Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness on 5 October. The event was a wonderful success.

Humanities Track

The Humanities Track welcomes all students with an interest in exploring History, Language, Culture, and Philosophy. Students who complete both Humanities seminars are exempt from the requirement of taking English 150 and Philosophy 110. Please consider the Track before you enroll for spring courses.

Lunches in the Lounge

Honors students have participated in a series of Lunches in the Lounge each semester with members of the Honors faculty and staff. All members of the Honors community, students and faculty, are invited to these lunches. You do not need to live in the High Mountain East Honors living community to participate in the lunches.



Travel to Europe with Honors!

Honors students should see the world, but it is not always possible for them to participate in study abroad programs. During August 2007 Susan Dinan will take a group of Honors students to Italy and Greece for an excursion just under two weeks. For more information or to sign up for the trip, please send email to dinans@wpunj.edu.

Honors Tracks

The Honors College offers eight distinctive tracks that function like a minor, a distinctive set of courses that enhance a student's academic career. Students select one of the tracks based on their major, academic goals, and personal interests. Some of the benefits of the program include smaller class sizes, more individualized instruction and attention, increased opportunities for faculty-student research, interaction with other honors students, and the "Honors" designation on diplomas and transcripts.

Biospsychology Draws students from biology, chemistry, nursing, psychology, and sociology who are interested in topics such as how the brain works, the biological basis of behavior, and drug effects on behavior.

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Cognitive Science Draws students from all majors who are interested in an interdisciplinary exploration of how the mind works. Students explore connections between Philosophy, Psychology, Artificial Intelligence, Linguistics, Neuroscience, and Anthropology, through the modeling of cognition and consciousness in computers and robots.

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Humanities Draws students from all majors who are interested in exploring the connections between Philosophy, History, and Literature. Students explore, develop, and critique ideas through reading, writing and discussion with like-minded students and faculty.

Program Director: Dr. John Peterman
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Independent Draws students from all majors who are interested in developing their own Honors curriculum and thesis project.

Program Director: Dr. Susan Dinan
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Life Science and Environmental Ethics

Open to students of any major, this Track is of special interest to science students who wish to explore the ethical issues caused by their scientific knowledge or to business students who wish to better understand the ethical dimensions of the technical areas in which they will soon be working. The Track addresses ethical, political, and social issues in the life science fields of biology, medicine, and the environmental sciences.

Program Director: Dr. Karen Swanson
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Music Designed for music majors who are interested in thinking about music from a theoretical perspective.

Program Director: Dr. Jeffrey Kresky
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Performing and Literary Arts Draws students from all majors who are interested in writing for public performance, producing or staging a play, acting, and performing a musical review or play.

Program Director: Dr. Philip Cioffari
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Social Sciences Serves students from all majors, but especially from psychology, sociology, political science, and anthropology. Students explore how the social sciences, together and separately, can enhance our understanding of contemporary social problems.

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Dates to Remember

6 November Lunch in the Lounge Join Susan Dinan and Jan Pinkston for a conversation about the [registration process](#). Important information that you do not want to miss! 12:30 in the 4th floor lounge in High Mountain East

13 November Student Advisory Council Meeting All students are welcome! 3:30 in the fourth floor lounge of High Mountain East

15-19 November National Collegiate Honors Council conference in Philadelphia, PA A few students will be able to attend this conference. Please see Jan Pinkston or Susan Dinan if you are interested in participating in the conference.

28th November *Mona Lisa Smile* Join Dr. Karen Swanson of the Environmental Science Department and Dr. Susan Dinan for a screening of this film about a group of women attending Wellesley in the 1950s. What choices did women have to make about life, work, and family in the 1950s, and what choices do we have to make today? 7:00 4th floor lounge, High Mountain East

29 November Lunch in the Lounge Join Susan Dinan and some Track Directors to talk about [what happens in the Honors Tracks](#). Honors students enter a Track in their second year, so come and learn more about them! 12:30 in the 4th floor lounge in High Mountain East

7 December Honors Holiday Party Join students and faculty from Honors for holiday music and tasty holiday treats. All are very welcome!
3:00 Hobart Manor

13 December Lunch in the Lounge Join Susan Dinan and [de-stress a bit before finals with cookies and chocolate treats!!!](#) 12:30 in the 4th floor lounge in High Mountain East

15 December Thesis declaration forms are due in the Honors Office. If you are working on a thesis in your Track, be sure your declaration form is in by the 15th!

29 March – 1 April Northeast Regional Honors Council conference in Providence. Students may present their thesis research at this conference. Please see Jan Pinkston or Susan Dinan if you are interested in participating in the conference.

16-20 April Honors Week Events will be held around campus over the course of the week. Details will follow.

14 May Honors Convocation. Details will follow.

15 May Commencement

Support Honors, Go Shopping!

On Sunday 3 December from 7:00 to 10:00 the Willowbrook Shopping mall is hosting a "Festival of Giving." The mall will be open only to people who hold tickets, and during the evening patrons will get store discounts, free gift wrapping, and be eligible to win prizes. The mall authorizes non-profit groups to sell \$5.00 tickets that offer admission to the mall for the "Festival of Giving," and the Honors students will be selling tickets! Please support Honors and buying a ticket for yourself and selling them to others! Thanks to Jennifer Bauer for researching this fundraising opportunity.