HONORS WEEK 2015
Showcasing the work of students who are completing one of the tracks of the University Honors College

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 14
UC 168 A/B

LUNCH AT 12:15
12:30—5:30
Presentations by students in the Performing and Literary Arts, Social Sciences, Music, and Independent Tracks.

7:00 — 9:00 P.M.
Cheng Library Auditorium
Presentations by students in the Performing and Literary Arts Track. Reception follows.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
10:00 — 3:30 P.M.
UC 168 A/B

THURSDAY, APRIL 16
10:00 — 1:30 P.M.
UC 168 A/B
Presentations by students in the Nursing Track.

HONORS WEEK KICK-OFF EVENT
TUESDAY, APRIL 14 — UC 168 A/B
Please join us for lunch beginning at 12:15 p.m.
Student Presentations begin at 12:30 p.m.

Three Honors seniors, Eric Dolan, Ashley Lemoncelli, and Eric Zolan, have been selected to present their thesis projects during this year’s Honors Week Kick-Off event on Tuesday, April 14 at 12:30 p.m. in UC 168 A/B.

Eric Dolan is a Broadcast Journalism major and is completing the Performing and Literary Arts Honors Track. His thesis, “The Art of the Interview,” was supervised by Dr. Philip Cioffari. In addition to the Honors Scholarship, Eric is the recipient of the Trustee Scholarship, Rubin Scholarship, and he was awarded the Best Talent Maltese Award in 2012 and 2014, and was named Exemplary Volunteer for Passaic County United Way in 2013. Eric’s future plans include creating poignant, socially conscious, and beautiful media.

Ashley Lemoncelli is a Psychology major and is completing the Honors Social Sciences Track. Her thesis project, “Prescriptive Gender Stereotypes for Attractiveness: High Standards Keep Women Down,” was supervised by Dr. Elizabeth Haines. In addition to the Honors Scholarship, Ashley was awarded the New Jersey Psychological Association Undergraduate Student Researcher Award in 2013. Ashley plans to attend graduate school and pursue experimental research.

Eric Zolan is a Jazz Performance major who is completing the Honors Music Track. His thesis, “Compositions of Duke Pearson,” was supervised by Dr. Tim Newman. Eric received the Honors Scholarship, Trustee Scholarship, A.L. Rubin Scholarship, and the Music Talent Scholarship. He was also named a Foundation Annual Scholar and Music Department Scholar. His future plans include performing and teaching music internationally.

Thesis presentations of all the students completing one of the tracks of the Honors College continue on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 14-16, in UC 168 A/B, and in the Library Auditorium on Tuesday evening, 4/14. Please see the following pages for the complete schedule and more information.
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**Track Key**

- Biopsychology
- Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology
- Cognitive Science
- Humanities
- Independent
- Life Science and Env. Ethics
- Business
- Music
- Nursing
- Performing and Literary Arts
- Social Sciences
ABOUT THE PRESENTERS...

EMAN AL-JAYEH
Honors Track: Cognitive Science  
Major: Communication Disorders  
Minor: Anthropology  
Thesis Title: The Effects of Bilingualism on Executive Functions  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Natalie Obrecht and Dr. Amy Learmonth

ALEXANDER ALVAREZ
Honors Track: Social Sciences  
Majors: Legal Studies and Economics  
Thesis Title: Class Integration of Public Schools  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Michael Lewis Principe and Dr. Maria Villar

DEVON ATKINSON
Honors Track: Biopsychology  
Major: Biotechnology  
Thesis Title: The Use of Bifidobacterium longum to Alleviate Autistic-Like Symptoms in the BTBR T+tf/J Mouse  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robert Benno

MANAR AWAD
Honors Track: Business  
Majors: Accounting and Finance  
Thesis Title: Breaking Barriers: How to Reduce Non Profit Organizations’ Struggle for Awareness and Increase Financial Prosperity  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bela Florenchal

BRIA CHERELLE BARNES
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts  
Majors: Early Childhood/ Elementary Education and English Writing  
Thesis Title: An Original Anthology: Part One  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

KATHERINE E. B. L. BENDER
Honors Track: Humanities  
Majors: History and Anthropology  
Minor: Psychology  
Thesis Title: Invisible Violence and the Subjugation of a Nation  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Ruth Maher and Dr. John Peterman

EMILY BROWER
Honors Track: Nursing  
Major: Nursing  
Thesis Title: Self-efficacy in Older Adults in Long-term Care Facilities or Senior Centers  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

PAIGE RAINVILLE
Honors Track: Independent  
Majors: Elementary Education and Spanish  
Thesis Title: The Transformation of a Community  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Ronald Verdicchio and Dr. Susan Dinan

ERIN CONNOR
Honors Track: Biopsychology  
Major: Biology  
Minor: Psychology  
Thesis Title: Role of Adrenal Corticosterone on Mediating the Inflammatory Pain Response in BTBR T+tf/J Mice: An Animal Model for Autism Spectrum Disorder  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Jeung Woon Lee and Dr. Robert Benno

ALEC DEGRAAF
Honors Track: Biopsychology  
Major: Psychology  
Thesis Title: Identifying Expression of C-fos, Serotonin, and Norepinephrine in Response to Noxious Stimuli  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Jeung Woon Lee and Dr. Robert Benno

JENNIFER DESAI
Honors Track: Independent  
Major: Public Health  
Minor: Business Administration  
Thesis Title: Sleep Deprivation Among College Students  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. William Kernan, Dr. Corey Basch, and Dr. Susan Dinan

SAMANTHA DIMEGLIO
Honors Track: Cognitive Science  
Major: Psychology  
Minor: Health Studies  
Thesis Title: Type A Personality and Procrastination  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Natalie Obrecht and Dr. Amy Learmonth
SARAH DINETZ  
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts  
Majors: Popular Music and English (Writing)  
Thesis Title: Strung Along (novel excerpt)  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

ERIC DOLAN  
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts  
Major: Broadcast Journalism  
Minor: Media Studies  
Thesis Title: The Art of the Interview  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

JAKE DRAPPI  
Honors Track: Social Sciences  
Major: Psychology  
Minor: Professional sales  
Thesis Title: Descriptive Menu Labels in Upscale Restaurants  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Neil Kressel

NICOLE EARLEY  
Honors Track: Business  
Major: Marketing  
Thesis Title: College Students’ Attitudes Towards Mobile Marketing  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bela Florenthal

SAMIR EGUSQUIZNA  
Honors Track: Music  
Major: Sound Engineering  
Thesis Title: Winter (Composition for Solo Marimba)  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. David Weisberg and Dr. Jeffrey Kresky

GREG FARKAS  
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts  
Major: Business  
Thesis Title: Adding Perspective  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

JOSHUA FORREST  
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts  
Majors: Popular Music and English  
Thesis Title: One Song, Three Stories  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

EVAN GERRY  
Honors Track: Independent  
Major: Environmental Sustainability  
Thesis Title: A dendro-archeological study of historic structures from Rockland County, NY  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Nicole Davi and Dr. Susan Dinan

KELLY ANNE GINART  
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts  
Majors: Elementary Education (K-6) with 5-8 and TSD certifications, English (Writing), and Anthropology  
Thesis Title: Coincidencias Excepcionales  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

MICHELLE GINART  
Honors Track: Cognitive Science  
Majors: Secondary Education and Mathematics  
Thesis Title: Expectations, goal orientation, and other factors affecting student success in mathematics  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Natalie Obrecht and Dr. Amy Learmonth

PHILLIP GOROKHOVSKY  
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts  
Major: Broadcast Journalism  
Minor: Film Studies  
Thesis Title: Life After William Paterson  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

JAIME HALL  
Honors Track: Independent  
Major: Elementary Education with middle school endorsement and Integrated Math and Science with a concentration in Environmental Science  
Thesis Title: Recycled Dreams  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Rodger-Sachs and Dr. Susan Dinan
JENNIFER HASTINGS
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Majors: Art and Anthropology
Thesis Title: Travel Log
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

SARAH MARIE HASTINGS
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: The Effect of spirituality on coping with stress
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

SAMUEL ELLIOTT JAVITCH
Honors Track: Music
Major: Jazz Performance (Piano)
Thesis Title: Keith Jarrett: A brief overview of his solo improvisational concerts
Thesis Advisor: Dr. David Weisberg and Dr. Jeffrey Kresky

JASON D. KROBATSCH
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Major: Communication (Public Relations)
Minor: Theatre and Comedy
Thesis Title: Short Plays
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

JASMINE LAO
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: The Relationship Between Animal Assisted Therapy and Perceived Stress in College Students
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

ASHLEY LEMONCELLI
Honors Track: Social Sciences
Major: Psychology
Thesis Title: Prescriptive Gender Stereotypes for Attractiveness: High Standards Keep Women Down
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Haines and Dr. Neil Kressel

BRIANA LICHTENBERGER
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: Procrastination through social media and its effects on GPA
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

ANUSHKA LOBO
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: Non-Prescriptive Use of ADHD Medication and Self-efficacy
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

MATTHEW LOUIE
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: Relationship Between Video Games and Violence
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

SAMUEL KETCHIN LOWRY
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Major: Music Management (Classical Piano Concentration)
Thesis Title: Welcome to Another World
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

REBECCA LUBITZ
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: “The Relationship Between Stress at Work and Burnout Among Registered Nurses”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

REX C. MAGBANUA, JR.
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: Effect of Music Intervention on Stress Perception in College Students
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella
SARA BELLA MANGANO
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: Personality, Self-Efficacy, and Happiness
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

CHRISTINE MARSHALL
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Majors: Secondary Education and English (Literature)
Minor: English (Writing)
Thesis Title: Reap
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

SAMANTHA MERCADO
Honors Track: Social Sciences
Major: Communication Disorders
Minor: Women and Gender Studies
Thesis Title: “Second and Third Wave Feminist Theory on Sexualization and Empowerment”
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Carole Sheffield and Dr. Neil Kressel

HARRY METZLER
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Major: Popular Music
Thesis Title: Parkway Divide
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

DANIELLE NICHOLS
Honors Track: Life Science and Env. Ethics
Major: Environmental Science
Minor: Political Science
Thesis Title: Food for Thought: Potential Agricultural Adaptations to Climate Change in Ethiopia
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Karen Swanson

TRISHIA OMANA
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: Alcohol Consumption and Stress Levels in College Students
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

ASHLEY OVERA
Honors Track: Music
Major: Music Management
Thesis Title: WPU Songwriters for a Cause: Event Execution and Evaluation
Thesis Advisors: Dr. David Philp and Dr. Jeffrey Kresky

JAZZMINE PAZ
Honors Track: Humanities
Major: Biology
Thesis Title: Small Town Girl Living in a Patriarchal World
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman

ELIZABETH POPOLOSKI
Honors Track: Business
Major: Accounting
Minor: Economics
Thesis Title: Factors Affecting Absenteeism in Generation Y at Work
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Bela Florenthal and Dr. Mike Chao

JENNIFER POQUETTE
Honors Track: Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology
Major: Psychology
Thesis Title: “Information Processing in a Patient with a Cerebrovascular Neurologic Injury”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bruce Diamond

MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Major: Jazz Studies
Thesis Title: Life of Pi Suite—Music & Storytelling
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

ANDREA ROMERO
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: Burnout in Nursing Faculty Members
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella
LACHELLE ROUSE  
Honors Track: Social Sciences  
Majors: Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Minor: Psychology  
Thesis Title: Juror Bias and the Insanity Defense  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Neil Kressel

DIANE C. SEGRETO  
Honors Track: Social Sciences  
Major: Legal Studies  
Minor: Economics  
Thesis Title: How Well Are Children’s Rights Protected in the U.S. and Abroad?  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Michael Principe and Dr. Neil Kressel

DALLAS SMITH  
Honors Track: Nursing  
Major: Nursing  
Thesis Title: Academic Procrastination and Problematic Internet Use  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

MEGAN STEFANSKI  
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts  
Majors: Secondary Education and English  
Thesis Title: Witched  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

NICOLE STONE  
Honors Track: Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology  
Major: Psychology  
Thesis Title: The Effects of Mindfulness Meditation on Executive Functioning, Mood and Physiology  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bruce Diamond

MELISSA SWAIN  
Honors Track: Business  
Major: Marketing  
Thesis Title: College Students’ Food Purchasing behaviors: residents vs. Commuters  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bela Florenthal

DENISE SY  
Honors Track: Nursing  
Major: Nursing  
Thesis Title: Relationship Between Stress and Mobile Video Gaming  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

SNEHA TAMMAREDDY  
Honors Track: Biopsychology  
Major: Biology  
Thesis Title: Modification of Acute Stress Induced Alcohol Consumption by Cannabinoid Receptor CB2 Ligands  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Emmanuel Onaivi and Dr. Robert Benno

MIZUKI TANAKA  
Honors Track: Nursing  
Major: Nursing  
Thesis Title: The Effect of Exercise on Stress  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella

MEGHAN TROILO  
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts  
Majors: Secondary Education (K-12) TSD and English (Writing)  
Thesis Title: A Collection of Thoughts Before Daybreak  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

RYAN WALSH  
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts  
Major: Media Production  
Thesis Title: Eleven  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

AYSIA R. WHITE  
Honors Track: Business  
Major: Accounting  
Thesis Title: Millenial Satisfaction with Customer Service  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Bela Florenthal and Dr. Mike Chao
HONORS WEEK AT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

Each spring, the Honors College showcases the work of students who are completing one of the Honors College tracks, and recognizes the faculty and staff members who have contributed to their success. Congratulations to all of the outstanding individuals who are being recognized during Honors Week 2015!

About the Honors College at William Paterson University...

The University Honors College is a place where academically gifted students explore new ideas and engage in intellectual and creative collaborations with experienced and dedicated members of the faculty. Honors students are offered a comprehensive educational experience that brings together academic, residential, social, and cultural experiences. Approximately 400 students are actively participating in the Honors College in Honors sections of General Education courses and/or one of the eleven Honors Tracks. Each fall, about 100 new students enter the Honors College, and about half of those live in the Honors Learning Community in High Mountain East, one of the newest residence halls on campus.

Students in the Honors College pursue a disciplinary major and an Honors track. The track may parallel the major, relate to the major, or be very different from the major. Although the various tracks have different requirements, each track culminates in a thesis or significant research or creative project that the student presents to the University community. The two oldest tracks, Biopsychology and Humanities, were established in 1976. The Honors Program was established in 2000, and was expanded into the University Honors College in 2005. The current tracks include: Biopsychology, Biology, Cognitive Science, Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology, Humanities, Independent, Life Science and Environmental Ethics, Management, Marketing, Music, Nursing, Performing and Literary Arts, and Social Sciences.

Kathleen Waldron, President