The Honors Club welcomed guest speaker, Tim Malone, at the Lunch in the Lounge on Tuesday, November 6th. Tim, an Honors first year student, is a cancer survivor! He shared his story and message of hope to all present. I recently had the opportunity to speak with him about his experiences.

In high school, Tim was always very active. He was the lead percussionist in the band and had a rigorous course load of honors and AP courses that kept him busy. His demanding schedule was interrupted sophomore year however, when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Despite efforts to stay in school while undergoing chemotherapy treatments, Tim eventually decided that homeschooling would be the best option for him. He worked with several tutors to complete his curriculum requirements, and never gave up on the work or his commitment to the drum line and band members, proving his strength and dedication.

Despite all the obstacles he faced, Tim maintained a positive outlook. He was determined to run his life and not let the cancer take over. He shared that his upbringing and faith kept him focused on moving forward. Tim believes that everything happens for a reason and he never questioned anything he went through; he knew in some way it would serve a purpose. He says the experience made him grow up quickly, but taught him to appreciate what really matters in life.

Today, Tim is cancer-free and is working hard to share his message of hope and raise cancer awareness. He was the student event chair at “Relay for Life” in his high school and is eager to get involved with the program at the University. We look forward to hearing about all of his accomplishments!

The Honors Club and Pioneer Players Sponsored a trip to New York City to see The Phantom of the Opera on Friday, October 26th. Tickets were sold at the Office of Campus Activities for only $18.00 and sold out in a matter of minutes!
Fall Coat Drive

The annual Coat Drive sponsored by the Honors College, Honors Club, and WPU United Way, has come to an end! Members of the Honors Club delivered the proceeds to the children of the Headstart Program on Tuesday, November 27th.

Headstart is a program that provides both social and developmental services to low income families and their children. Donations were gratefully accepted and put smiles on many young faces!

Honors Students distributing Coat Drive donations (from left to right) Eric Dolan, WP United Way President, Cindy Antunes, Honors Club Vice President, Caitlyn Soklaski, Honors Club Philanthropy Chair, Meg Stefanski, Honors Club Secretary, and Rebecca Wance, Honors Club President.

Lunch in the Lounge

The Honors Club held its second Lunch in the Lounge on Tuesday, October 9th. This time around, the topic was studying abroad! Guest speaker, Cinzia Richardson of the Office of International Students, spoke about all of the opportunities and programs offered both nationally and internationally to the William Paterson Community. Those that attended learned of the unique programs offered to compliment majors and minors as well as help fulfill general education requirements. Cinzia also spoke of the scholarship and financial aid options available to students that choose to study abroad.

As pizza was passed around, honors students including Miranda Van Dunk that have studied abroad spoke of their exciting and unique experiences as well as answered questions and shared tips and advice!
Track Time!

We will resume our examination of Honors Tracks by taking a closer look at the Social Sciences Track. This program incorporates the disciplines of psychology, political science, sociology, and anthropology, giving students the opportunity to discover their interrelation in the contemporary world.

Those interested in the program can choose to examine concepts such as religion, family, work, aggression, conflict, and the legal system in the context of the above disciplines. This track encourages meaningful research in the social sciences. It is the hope that at the completion of their thesis projects, students will be able to present their findings to the public as well as at scholarly conferences.

The Social Sciences track allows for flexibility when it comes to choosing research topics. Past projects have included the examination of racial profiling at airport security, the consequences of dating violence for college women, and the adoption of Asian children by non-Asian parents. Students interested in the Social Science track may contact the track director, Dr. Neil Kressel, at kresseln@wpunj.edu. Additional information concerning track courses and requirements is available on the Honors College website at http://www.wpunj.edu/honors-program/. Be sure to check out senior thesis presentations in the spring to find out if the Social Sciences Track is right for you!

Explore the world through the social sciences!

Halloween Fun

The Honors Club, Honors College, and Residence Life sponsored an evening of Halloween fun on Saturday, October 27th. Students enjoyed great foods and festive crafts as well as sporting creative costumes for the occasion!
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Did you know?

William Paterson Honors is on the web! The Honors College website is updated on a weekly basis. Be sure to visit it and our Facebook page regularly for important dates, Willy P. weekend information, and Honors Club project updates at http://www.wpunj.edu/honors-program/.

Meet the Mascot!

The Nursing Track has proudly welcomed a furry-friend to the team! Otto, a Jack Russell puppy and the track’s new mascot, has delighted many with his charm and has brought smiles to many faces!

Honors Nursing Students with Otto the Mascot