HONORS WEEK 2012

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

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

12:30—5:00
UC 168 A/B


7:00 — 10:00 P.M.
Library Auditorium

Presentations by students in the Performing and Literary Arts Track. Reception follows.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

12:30 — 5:15 P.M.
UC 168 A/B

Presentations by students in the Music, Life Science & Env. Ethics, Performing & Literary Arts, Marketing, Independent, and Humanities Tracks. Lunch will be will be served.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

12:30 — 3:15 P.M.
UC 168 A/B

Presentations by students in the Social Sciences and Nursing Tracks.

Please see the following pages for the full schedule and more information about the presenters.

HONORS WEEK KICK-OFF EVENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 — UC 168/AB

Please join us for lunch beginning at 12:15 p.m.
Student Presentations begin at 12:40 p.m.

Two Honors seniors, Brian Messenger and Nalani DeMarco-Clisset, have been selected to present their thesis projects during this year’s Honors Week Kick-Off event on Tuesday, April 17 in UC 168.

Brian, a native of Prescott, Arizona is a Jazz Performance major and is completing the Honors Music Track under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Kresky. Brian’s thesis, “Performance Adaptations for Solo Jazz Guitar Looping,” was supervised by Dr. Tim Newman and Dr. David Weisberg.

In addition to receiving the Honors College scholarship, Brian is a recipient of the William Paterson Trustee scholarship, the Music Talent scholarship, and the 2012 Music Faculty scholarship. Brian has made the Dean’s List each semester throughout his college career. During his junior year, Brian participated in the Study Abroad program and studied at University of Leeds in England.

Nalani DeMarco-Clisset, a native of Niwot, Colorado, is a Jazz Studies Vocal Performance major and completed the Honors Independent Track under the direction of Dr. Susan Dinan. Her thesis, “Exploring the Creative Process,” was supervised by Dr. David Weisberg.

She is a recipient of the Honors College scholarship, William Paterson Trustee scholarship, and the Music Talent Trustee Scholarship. In addition to being on the Dean’s List, Nalani serves as a student representative on the William Paterson Board of Trustees. She is also a Resident Assistant, a Peer Health Advocate, and is the recipient of the Campus Activities and Student Leadership Award.

Thesis presentations continue on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons in UC 168 A/B. Please see the following pages for more information.
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Music Track |
| 12:40 | Brian Messenger  
Music Track | 1:00 | Jessica Sikora  
Life Science & Env. Ethics Track |
| 1:05  | Nalani DeMarco-Clisset  
Independent Track | 1:25 | Melissa Mayer  
Performing & Literary Arts Track |
| 1:30  | Heidi Rogers  
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Biopsychology Track | 2:00 | Janelle Downes  
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| 2:00  | Jordan Storms  
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Humanities Track |
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Humanities Track |
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**Tuesday, April 17 — 7:00 p.m. — Cheng Library Auditorium**

*Presentations of students completing the Honors Performing & Literary Arts Track*

Julie Minicozzi  
Jenna Semeraro  
Corrine Carr  
Erin Sterbinsky  
Jacqueline Segal  
Morgan Lawson  
Nathan Giroux  
Alaina Blekicki  
Jessica Pizarro  
Dania Moheisen  
Anthony Gobeille  
Lauren Cucci  
Kristen Pettet  

— Reception follows in the Friends Lounge —
THOMAS J. ALGER
Honors Track: Marketing
Majors: Marketing and Professional Sales
Thesis Title: From Links to Leads: Exploring Social Media As a Sales Tool
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Raj Agnihotri

ISABEL ANREUS
Honors Track: Humanities
Major: English
Thesis Title: Every Man Drowns Differently
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Martha Witt

KRISTA AVERILL
Honors Track: Humanities
Majors: Mathematics and Elementary Education, Teacher of Students with Disabilities
Thesis Title: Fragmented
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman

ALAINA BLEKICKI
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Major: Communication (Public Relations)
Minor: English (Writing)
Thesis Title: Take Me Along
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

CORRINE CARR
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Major: Art (BFA)
Thesis Title: Dune
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

MICHELA CLOVIS
Honors Track: Humanities
Majors: Political Science and Communication
Minors: French and Legal Studies
Thesis Title: Reconciled Identity: living with a multicultural background in America
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman

REBECCA COUPER
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: Pet Therapy and Stress in College Students
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry

LAUREN CUCCI
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Major: Communication (Theater & Comedy)
Minor: Anthropology
Thesis Title: Group
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

VINCENT D’ANTONIO, JR.
Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Psychology
Thesis Title: What Factors and Influences Affect the Decision a Person Makes in Vehicle Purchasing
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth

STEPHANIE DELAOSA
Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Psychology
Minor: Philosophy
Thesis Title: Is Morality Universal? A cross cultural examination of moral attitudes
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth

NALANI DEMARCO-CLISSET
Honors Track: Independent Track
Major: Jazz Studies (Vocal Performance)
Thesis Title: Exploring the Creative Process
Thesis Advisor: Dr. David Weisberg

KIMBERLY DEN HEYER
Honors Track: Humanities
Majors: Elementary Education (K-5,5-8) and History
Thesis Title: Coming to the United States
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman
ELISA DI BIANCO
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: HIV/AIDS Knowledge and Perceived Risk and its Impact on HIV/AIDS Testing
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry

AURA-MARIA GARCIA
Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Psychology
Minor: Women’s and Gender Studies
Thesis Title: Effects of television on children’s food preferences
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth

JANELLE V. DOWNES
Honors Track: Marketing
Major: Business Administration Marketing
Minor: French
Thesis Title: The Impact of Foreign Language Skills on Marketing Expatriates
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Susan Godar

JENNETTA GEORGE
Honors Track: Independent Track
Majors: Mathematics and Music
Thesis Title: Knot Theory and its application
Thesis Advisor: Dr. David Miller

MICHAEL DYKHOUSE
Honors Track: Marketing
Major: Marketing (Business Administration)
Thesis Title: Social Media in Management
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bela Florenthal

NATHAN GIROUX
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Major: Jazz Studies
Thesis Title: Relationship between musical and literary composition
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

LAURA FOREMAN
Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Communication Disorders
Thesis Title: A Multi-factorial View of How Hearing Impaired Children Acquire and Develop Literacy Skills with an Emphasis on Sign Language
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth

ANTHONY GOBEILLE
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Major: Art BFA
Thesis Title: Snoah
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

AMANDA GAETANO
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: In college students, what is the relationship between alcohol use and religiosity?
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry

DAVID AARON IACOVIELLO
Honors Track: Music
Major: Music Education
Minor: Philosophy
Thesis Title: [...] (Redacted)
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Jeffrey Kresky and Dr. John Link

POONAM GANDHI
Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Exercise Science
Thesis Title: The Exercise Effects on Self-Esteem
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth

KRISTAL CANDACE LANGFORD
Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Psychology
Minors: Communication Disorders and Sociology
Thesis Title: First Language Awareness: Word Associations in Second Language Acquisition
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Amy Learmonth and Dr. Justina Ekeocha
MORGAN LAWSON  
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts  
Major: Art BFA  
Thesis Title: Hellbent  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

CHRISTINA NIOTIS  
Honors Track: Nursing  
Major: Nursing  
Thesis Title: Among college students, what is the relationship among sleep quality and the factors GPA, age, and gender  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry

MELISSA MARIE MAYER  
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts  
Major: Communication  
Thesis Title: Pieces of Me  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

KELLY NUZZO  
Honors Track: Cognitive Science  
Majors: Elementary Education/Special Education (K-5) and Psychology  
Thesis Title: Recall Tests at Elementary School Level: Implications for Teaching Methods  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth

BRIAN MESSENGER  
Honors Track: Music  
Major: Jazz Performance  
Thesis Title: Performance Adaptations for Solo Jazz Guitar Looping  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Tim Newman and Dr. David Weisberg

MICHELLE ANNE PALMIERI  
Honors Track: Social Sciences  
Major: Psychology  
Thesis Title: An appeal to have a revised scale to test teachers attitudes towards ASD  
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Thomas E. Heinzen and Dr. Neil Kressel

JULIE MINICOZZI  
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts  
Major: English (Writing)  
Thesis Title: The Benefit for Closure  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

AMANDA PAUL  
Honors Track: Nursing  
Major: Nursing  
Thesis Title: Academic major affect on stress and coping  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry

DANIA MOHEISEN  
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts  
Majors: English (Literature) and Secondary, Education, History  
Thesis Title: A Life  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

CATHERINE PAUL  
Honors Track: Nursing  
Major: Nursing  
Thesis Title: Diabetes perception and lifestyle  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry

TENZIN K. NELUNG  
Honors Track: Nursing  
Major: Nursing  
Thesis Title: Nutritional Knowledge and Healthy Diets  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry

KRISTEN PETTET  
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts  
Major: Communication (Broadcast Journalism)  
Minor: Political Science  
Thesis Title: The Missing Piece  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari
JESSICA PIZARRO
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Major: Art BFA
Minor: Art Studio
Thesis Title: Things from Strings
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

CARLA RAINLEY
Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Philosophy
Minor: Psychology
Thesis Title: In support of determinism
Thesis/Project Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth

TOMIKO RENDON
Honors Track: Biopsychology
Major: Biology
Thesis Title: Stress levels in the BTBR T+tf/J and C57BL/6J mouse and the Role of Vasopressin in Mediating Stress Responses
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robert Benno

HEIDI ROGERS
Honors Track: Biopsychology
Major: Biology
Thesis Title: CD38 Levels in the Hypothalamus and Cortex of BTBR and C57 BL/6J Mice
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Eileen Gardner

AMANDA RUPPEL
Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Majors: Mathematics and Secondary Education
Thesis Title: Math Anxiety
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Amy Learmonth

GREGORY JOSEPH SCHMIDT
Honors Track: Humanities
Major: History
Thesis Title: Emerging Cryptozoology and Social Necessity
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman

JACQUELINE SEGAL
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Majors: Elementary Education (K-5), Teacher of Students with Disabilities and English (Writing)
Thesis Title: Annie and Cara Take on the Camp
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

JENNA SEMERARO
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Majors: Elementary Education (K-5) and English (Literature)
Thesis Title: Kiera’s Big Move
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

JESSICA LEE SIKORA
Honors Track: Life Science & Env. Ethics
Major: Environmental Science
Thesis Title: An analysis of mammal recognition and perception of abundance: implications for an indigenous management program with a Waorani community in the Amazon of Ecuador
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Karen Swanson

MICHAEL STARRETT
Honors Track: Independent Track
Major: Philosophy
Thesis Title: The Necessity of a system of formal logic in the American legal system
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Ben Vilhauer and Dr. Stephen Thompson

ERIN STERBINSKY
Honors Track: Performing & Literary Arts
Majors: English (Literature) and Secondary Education
Thesis Title: Broadcasting Fables: A Poetry Collection
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari

JORDAN C. STORMS
Honors Track: Independent Track
Major: Biology
Minor: Math
Thesis Title: Identifying and Determining Patterns Within Populations and Communities of Fungi
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Kendall Martin
Shannon Tarolli
Honors Track: Humanities
Major: Psychology
Thesis Title: Diagnosing Psychological Disorders: Cultural Considerations and the Effects of Globalization
Thesis Advisors: Dr. John Peterman and Dr. Kathleen Torsney

Rebecca Van Vugt
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: Does the amount of exercise a college student gets affect their level of fatigue?
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry

Helaine Terhune
Honors Track: Humanities
Major: English and Secondary Education
Thesis Title: Religious Pluralism
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman

Jennifer A. Van Wyck
Honors Track: Humanities
Majors: History and Elementary Education
Thesis Title: The Puritan Family: Religion Lived
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Suzanne Bowles

Caressa Valdueza
Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: Risk for Depression and Migratory Grief among Recent Immigrant College Students
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christina McSherry

Joseph G. Whitaker
Honors Track: Social Sciences
Major: Philosophy
Minors: Political Science and Legal Studies
Thesis Title: Are relationships using new modes of technology as satisfying as face to face interactions?
Thesis/Project Advisor: Dr. Neil Kressel

Melissa Zolla
Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Majors: Biology and Secondary Education
Thesis Title: Teaching Using Learning Style Methods: Will Students Learn More if They Learn About Themselves?
Thesis/Project Advisor: Dr. Ronald Verdicchio

A special welcome to the students who are participating in the Pioneer Overnight Program!

It is our pleasure to welcome twenty high school seniors who are visiting us this week as part of the Pioneer Overnight Program hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. While on campus, the prospective William Paterson students will have the opportunity to interact with current Honors students, spend the night in High Mountain East, attend Honors classes and Honors thesis presentations, and participate in Honors Week festivities.

The Honors faculty, staff and current students welcome you and hope that you have a great experience during your visit at William Paterson University!
HONORS WEEK AT WILLIAM PATERSO 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. For the 2012 Honors Week Kick-Off event on Tuesday, April 17, Brian Messenger and Nalani DeMarco-Clisset have been chosen to represent the outstanding work of Honors College students.

Presentations by all the Honors students who are completing their thesis projects continue throughout the week, which culminates in a banquet on Wednesday evening, April 18, recognizing the graduating Honors students and their parents, as well as all the Honors students, and faculty and staff who are involved in the Honors College. Congratulations to all of the outstanding individuals who are being recognized during Honors Week 2012!

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 350 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. There are currently eleven Honors tracks: Biopsychology, Cognitive Science, Humanities, Independent, Life Science and Environmental Ethics, Management, Marketing, Music, Nursing, Performing and Literary Arts, and Social Sciences.