



## HONORS COLLEGE NEWS

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*Dr. Barbara Andrew*

### **Message from the Honors Dean**

Winter solstice is Friday, December 21, at 5:23 p.m., just about when our semester ends. That means it is time to think about: **SUMMER JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS!** I know that might not be how you expected that sentence to end, but the semester break

is the best time to start planning your summer work. Some of you may wish to take summer courses. Others of you already have summer jobs. Consider the summer as a good time to start or to continue developing your professional experience.

If you need ideas about summer jobs or internships, make an appointment with the Career Development Center. They can review your resume and help you find opportunities. They can provide you with a career aptitude test to help you figure out what kinds of jobs or internships best suit you. Honors will host an Honors Hangout in February about internships. Or, make an appointment to talk with me or Jan about your particular situation.

The semester break is a good time to do some planning. Make sure you are on track to finish your degree. Think about your personal goals and how your coursework fits in with them. A good exercise is to write down where you want to be ten years from now. Then, write down where you will need to be in your career and personal goals five years from now to get to your ten-year goals. Then, write down what you need to have accomplished two years from now to get to your five-year goals. Finally, write down what you need to accomplish in the next year to get to your two-year goals. It is easier to get where you want to go if you provide a road map, or a list of timed goals for yourself.

If that all sounds like too much, you might spend a couple of hours over the semester break thinking about what course work you want to take over the summer and fall. Whatever you decide, Honors is here to help you.

I hope you have a wonderful break and a joyous holiday season!

With best wishes,  
Dean Andrew



**Honors alum, Michael Blizzard, '07 spoke during the Honors Coat Drive Reception on Tuesday, December 11 in Hobart Manor. Blizzard founded the Coat Drive in 2006. He currently serves as Vice-President of the Alumni Executive Council.**

### **Coat Drive volunteers recognized**

The Honors College hosted a reception to recognize members of the William Paterson community who assisted with the 2018 Coat Drive. Thanks to everyone's support, we were able to collect a record 406 coats for the families at Passaic Family Head Start.

University President, Richard Helldobler, Robert Seal, Chief of Staff to the President and Board of Trustees, Interim Provost, Sandra DeYoung, and Co-Coordinator of Civic Engagement, Associate Provost Jonathan Lincoln and Ms. Donna Minnich Spuhler, were among the members of the University administration who were present at the event to honor and congratulate the individuals who devoted their time and efforts to helping others.

Honors graduate, Michael Blizzard, '07, was also present and gave brief remarks from his perspective of being the organizer of the first Honors Coat Drive back in 2006 when he served as president of the Honors Club.

Several students who conducted their own "mini-coat drives" and donated to the Honors Coat Drive were present along with their families. Those students received certificates, as did WP shuttle bus driver, Terrence Mickens, who helped this year and in previous years by loading and unloading the donations, and transporting the students and donations to Head Start.

The names of many other students who assisted with the coat drive were also announced. Please see page 2 for more photos and a complete listing of student volunteers.

## Special thanks to the following individuals for assisting with the 2018 Honors College Coat Drive!

Mini-Coat Drive student organizers pictured with University President Richard Helldobler (right), and WP Alum, Michael Blizzard, '07:



**Gina DiCristo**



**Cassandra Soto**



**Rachel Polzer**

**Not present for the ceremony:**  
**Jesse Norman**



**WP shuttle bus driver, Terrence Mickens, was recognized for going above and beyond to assist with the project.**

**Students who assisted with loading and unloading, sorting, counting and packing donations:**

Theresa	Abou-Daoud
Melanie	Afuang
Shaina	Arias-Garcia
Elliot	Bernard
Chloe	Borthwick
Angel	Branch
Joseph	Butz
Nancy	Bzadough
Isabella	Cacciottolo
Abigail	Campbell
Jeet	Chatterjee
Dillon	Conroy
Seth	Cohen
Jonathan	Dabie
Abigail	DeBel
Curren	Devico
Sierra	Fields
Griffin	Fink
Anthony	Finnen
Lily	Fritsch
Shawn	Gaffney
Patrick	Gannon
Johnny	Gittings
Matthew	Holmes
Adam	Kneebone
Desiree	McCray-Clark
Emily	McQuaid
Julianna	McVeigh
Alberto	Oliart
Anna	Onday
Ryan	Shinall
Alexander	Velasco



**Charles Faulkner was one of the January 2019 Honors graduates who presented his Honors thesis research to the campus community on Wednesday, 11/28.**

## Six students present their Honors research

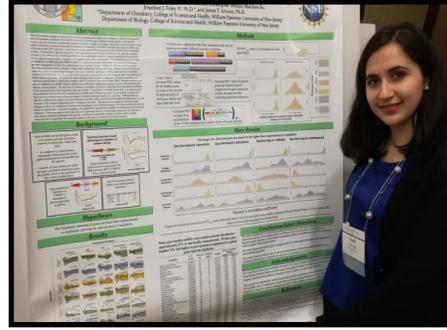
Students planning to graduate from William Paterson University in January, 2019 presented their Honors thesis projects during "Honors Night" on Wednesday, November 28.

Each of the students who completed an independent senior project had the opportunity to spend about 15 minutes discussing their work and taking questions from the audience. A large crowd of faculty, staff, students, and the families of the presenters were in attendance.

Congratulations to the following students who completed an Honors Track this semester and plan to graduate in January 2019: **Noel Bota**, Social Sciences Track, supervised by Dr. Neil Kressel; **Charles Faulkner**, Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Track, supervised by Dr. Bruce Diamond and Dr. Randi Ona; **Kayla Huntington**, Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Track, supervised by Dr. Bruce Diamond and Dr. Randi Ona; **William Smolen**, Music Track, Supervised by Dr. Lauren Fowler Calisto and Dr. Diane Falk Romaine; **Robert Spangler**, Humanities Track, supervised by Dr. K. Molly O'Donnell; and **Melanie Ventura**, Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Track, supervised by Dr. Bruce Diamond and Dr. Randi Ona.

Plans are underway for Honors Research Week, April 8-12, when approximately 90 students who are completing one of the ten Honors tracks and graduating in May and August 2019 will present. More details and a complete schedule of presentations will be published in March.

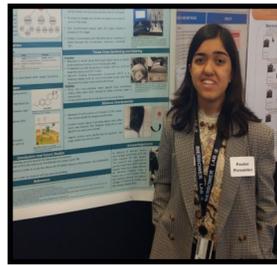
**Honors students participate in research opportunities**



*Left: Dean Barbara Andrew and Reem Eldabagh attended the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in Boston in November. (Right) Reem Eldabagh presented her research, "Systematic Characterization of Adjacent Gene Co-regulation in Fungi at the National Honors Conference.*



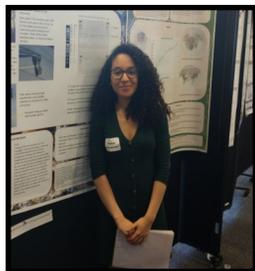
**Alan Abboud**



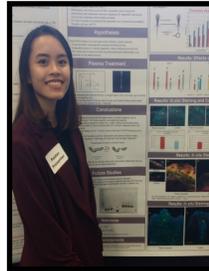
**Elika Moallem**



*(Above) Pictured are many of the students who attended the New Jersey Society for Public Health Education (NJ SOPHE) Research Conference. Dr. Naa-Solo Tettey accompanied the students. The Honors College was represented by Khizar Siddiqui, Hasmin Llamoca, Janaat Begum, and Joel Jimenez.*



**Zabrina Gallzoa**



**Maria Holganza**

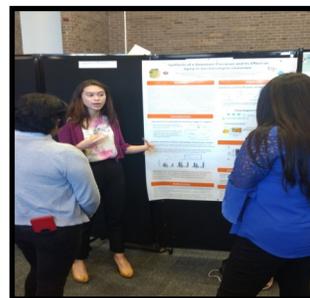


**Sal Abreu**

*(Left) Pictured are many of the students who attended the 10th Annual Garden State-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (GS-LSAMP) Research Conference at Rutgers's University in North Brunswick in October. Dr. Joe Spagna, Director of the Honors Biology Track accompanied the students.*



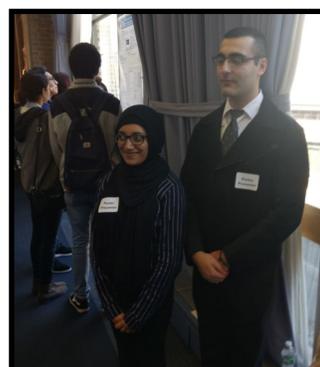
**Dylan Lewin**



**Katrina Holganza**



**Marisa Angelucci (left) and Lauren Poletti**



**Jannat Begum (left) and Belal Almoallem**



*First Year History Student, Maxwell Johnson, (left) presented his research on the Crusades at the 13th annual Moravian College Medieval Studies Conference on December 1.*

## Honors Club activities



*(Top) As part of the University-wide Latin Heritage Celebration in October, the Honors Club hosted a taco bar and viewing of the movie, "Mi Familia." Following the movie, the group discussed pertinent issues that impact the Latinx community.*

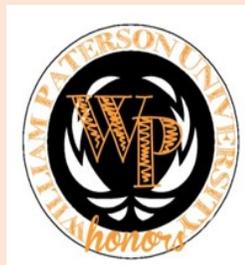
*(Below) The Honors College Club hosted a distress event during the first week of December. Dr. Judith Broome demonstrated stress relieving yoga techniques, and students enjoyed coloring Mandalas. Healthy snacks were served and prizes were given.*



## Honors Class Field Trips



**The Freshman Clusters  
took various trips  
throughout the  
semester.**



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