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HONORS COLLEGE NEWS

Special Edition—Summer 2017

WELCOME Honors Class of 2021!

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The Honors College is pleased to announce that 104 new students will be joining Honors during the upcoming fall 2017 semester. Many of these students have already been on campus, participating in summer orientation sessions and visiting various departments.

“It has been a pleasure meeting with the new Honors students,” said Dr. Barbara Andrew, Executive Director of the Honors College. “They all seem really enthusiastic about beginning their academic careers at William Paterson, and we’re equally excited about having the opportunity to work with them.”

In addition to meeting the Honors College staff, the first year students and transfer students will be learning more about their fall class schedules, the Honors College requirements, and the expectations for their next four years at William Paterson. They will also be introduced to Honors Mentors who will help guide them through the transition from high school to college.

“This year we are focusing on expanding the Honors Mentoring program,” added Andrew. “Having current Honors students who volunteer as mentors and share their own knowledge and experience helps the new students get a head start on learning what it takes to be successful in college. We really value the mentors’ expertise in this area.”

The following pages contain more information about the Honors Mentoring Program and the profiles of many of the current Honors students who have volunteered to participate.

Save the Date!

Honors College students are invited to meet the University President, Dr. Kathleen Waldron, at the Honors College Fall Reception on Thursday, 9/14 from 4:00—5:30 p.m. in Hobart Manor. Be sure to watch for more information about this and other Honors events that are being planned during the Fall 2017 semester!

Meet the Honors Mentors!

Each year, we invite exemplary Honors students to serve as mentors to incoming students to help make the transition from high school to college a little easier. Each mentor is assigned 4-5 new students and is asked to reach out to share their first-hand knowledge about the academic and social aspects of college, as well as information that pertains to students in the Honors College. In addition to offering personal advice to new students, when their schedules allow, Honors mentors attend orientation, assist at move-in, and attend various Honors events with new students throughout the year. Following are the profiles of many of the Honors Mentors for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Emily Adia

Major:
Nursing

Honors Track:
Nursing

Resides on campus

Interests: Filipino American Cultural Entity, Student Nurses Association, reading, music, and traveling

Email: adiae@student.wpunj.edu



Melanie Afuang

Major:
Nursing

Minor:
Health Studies

Honors Track:
Nursing

Resides on campus

Interests: Student Nurses Association, FACE, Honors Club, tennis, and singing

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Benjamin Berth

Majors:
Secondary Education and English Writing

Minors:
Creative Writing and Theater & Comedy

Resides on campus

Interests: Firefighting, writing, poetry reading, video games, working out, casual sports, and tabletop games

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Michele Boyle

Class of 2020

Major:
Financial Planning

Minor:
Mathematics

Honors Track:
Humanities

Resides off campus

Interests:
Tennis

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Nejesea "NJ" Brown

Major:
B.F.A. Studio Art

Minor:
English writing

Honors Track:
Performing and Literary Arts

Resides off campus

Interests: Greek Life (Lambda Tau Omega Sorority, Inc.), Student Government Association, creating comics and logos, peer leadership

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More about NJ:

She is a manager at Campus Activities and also serves as a peer leader. Nejesea knows how to get people involved on campus.

Bridget A. Charlton

Major:
Communication Disorders & Sciences

Minor:
Spanish

Resides on campus

Interests: Music, socializing, going to the city, reading, writing, cooking, trying new foods, hiking, and ice skating

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Bridget's Advice:

"College is a huge balancing act. I've gotten very good at organization and time management, so if that's something you struggle with, I'm always willing to help."

Hannah Comia

Class of 2019

Majors:
Music Classical Performance(Piano)
and Pre Med Track

Minors:
Chemistry and Jazz Voice

Honors Track:
Music

Interests: President of ΣAI, Member of William Paterson Chamber Singers, Jazz Vocal Ensemble, and FACE. Also interested in photography and music collaboration.

Email: comiah@student.wpunj.edu



Morgann Duncan

Major:
Athletic Training

Honors Track:
Cognitive Science

Resides off campus

Interests: Secretary of Athletic Training Club

Favorite Sports: Track & Field and football

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More about Morgann:

Morgann is a barista at Starbucks! She also enjoys learning about new treatments in the Athletic Training Room and at the physical therapy clinic in which she works.

Mfon Essiet

Major:
Communication Disorders & Sciences

Resides on campus

Interests: EBONEE Club, SABLE Club,
and community service

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More about Mfon:

"Community service for me usually revolves around children or feeding/clothing the needy. In high school, I played volleyball and I usually play at the Rec Center for fun during 'Friday Night at the Rec'. My hobbies are work, writing, community service, sports, and hanging out with friends."

Zoey Gibbs

Class of 2019

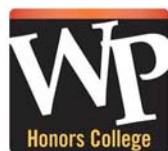
Major:
Nursing

Honors Track:
Nursing

Resides off campus

Interests: Sewing, cooking, and reading

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Hannacy Gurbisz

Majors:
Elementary Education and Integrated Math and Science

Resides on campus

Interests: Distance Running, hiking, painting, art,
community Service, cooking, and baking

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Advice from Hannacy:

"As a resident and student of William Paterson University, I have learned quite a bit about this school and how it works. I am always happy to answer any questions or help guide people in the right direction!"

Abryanna Hernandez

Majors:
Education K-12 (TSD endorsement)
and Mathematics

Resides on campus

Interests:
Greek Life (Theta Phi Alpha),
National Panhellenic Conference

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hernandez65@student.wpunj.edu



Joanne Iglesias

Major:
Nursing

Resides on campus

Interests:
Greek Life (Delta Phi Epsilon), singing,
and playing instruments

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More about Joanne:

Joanne works as a Library Technology Consultant at Cheng Library. She is outgoing and enjoys community service. In high school, she was very involved with the music program and also played JV tennis.

Cayleigh Keenan

Majors:
Elementary Education (K-8) and Mathematics

Resides on campus

Interests: Softball, soccer, hiking, and anything outdoors

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More about Cayleigh:

She works as a desk assistant on campus.

Andrew Masefski

Majors:
Accounting and Finance

Honors Track:
Business

Resides on campus

Interests: Resident Assistant, President of the Rugby Team, SGA Representative

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More about Andrew:

Andrew enjoys philosophy, reading, fitness, politics, anime, professional wrestling, hiking, nature, traveling, and meeting new people!

Gabriel Morton

Major: Nursing
Minor: Health Studies

Resides off campus

Interests: Community service, Honors Club, Student Nurses Association, Filipino American Cultural Entity Club

Email: mortong1@student.wpunj.edu



More about Gabriel:

"I am a Filipino-American lover of food and TV series". I find myself indulging in various cafes around NJ/NY as well as watching several Netflix series and YouTube videos out there. I have competitively danced urban choreography for more than 10 years along the East Coast and in California, and have met thousands of people from all across the country. I love to travel and experience different places and different cultures. My main goal aside from finishing school is to learn from my mistakes and to be happy with my many experiences and future endeavors. I am looking forward to mentoring any student who is eager to grow and have fun experiences."

Karisa Quimby

Class of 2020

Major:
Biology

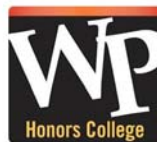
Minor:
Psychology

Honors Track:
Biology

Resides off campus

Interests: Pre-SOMA Club, Future Health Professionals, Biology and Biotechnology Club

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Erik Lascano

Class of 2019

Major:
Political Science

Minor:
English

Honors Track:
Humanities

Resides off campus

Interests: Cooking, baking, Mock Trial Association, and anything outdoors

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Erik's advice:

"The most important part about college is learning to be autonomous so you can have fun and enjoy your college experience, and still graduate and succeed at meeting your academic goals."

Shereen Matera

Major: Biology (Animal Phys. & Beh.)

Honors Track: Biology

Resides off campus

Interests: Pre-Student Osteopathic Medical Association, Tau Sigma NHS, National Society for Leadership and Success, personal training, and hiking

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More about Shereen:

Shereen is the project coordinator for Jersey Cares and practices veganism. She has a three-year-old son and plans on becoming an orthopedic surgeon in the future.

Kate Panitz

Major:
Legal Studies

Minors:
Psychology, Economics, and Political Science

Resides off campus

Interests: Greek Life (Omega Phi Chi Sorority Inc. and Phi Theta Sigma Law Fraternity), Mock Trial Association, and community service

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More about Kate:

Kate works in the Honors College office.

Christina Sakelakos

Major:
Athletic Training

Honors Track:
Performing and Literary Arts

Resides on campus

Interests: VP of Athletic Training Club, writing, singing, playing guitar, and ukulele

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Meagan Trozzo

Majors:
Business Management and Business Marketing

Minor:
Professional Sales

Honors Track:
Business

Resides off campus

Interests: Community Service (Soup Angels Soup Kitchen Nyack, NY), former WPU softball player, reading, Professional Sales Club, exercising, pilates, and hiking

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More about Meagan:

She is an assistant manager at "Sixty5 On Main" restaurant in Nyack, NY



Sara Zammit

Major:
Communication Disorders & Sciences

Minor:
Anthropology (Linguistics)

Honors Track:
Cognitive Science

Resides on campus

Interests: Honors Club, NSLS, NSSHLA

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More about Sara:

Sara has served on the executive board of three clubs. She is 21 years old and will earn a Bachelor's degree next spring. She has been accepted to the Communication Disorders Master's program at WP beginning in the fall 2018 semester.



Erika Ureta

Class of 2019

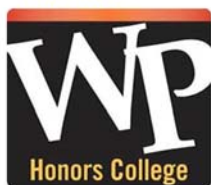
Major:
Biology (Pre- Physical Therapy)

Honors Track:
Humanities

Resides off campus

Interests: Teacher for Vacation Bible School, piano/guitar player for CFLI church, volleyball, basketball, and soccer

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Abbey Zollo

Class of 2020

Major:
Communication (Public Relations)

Resides off campus

Interests: Bowling, writing, radio, social media activity/studies, and health

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Ashley Velasquez

Major:
Nursing

Honors Track:
Nursing

Resides off campus

Interests: Playing ukulele and drums

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More about Ashley:

She volunteers at Hackensack Meridian Hospital.



Meet a Mentor! Additional Mentors

- Heidi Ahmed
- Briseyda Bravo
- Reem Eldabagh
- Gem Polius
- Estefania Sanchez
- Jackie Scordo



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