

# WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY



## HONORS COLLEGE NEWS

Summer 2019



Dr. Barbara Andrew

### *Message from the Honors College Dean*

There is a great deal that sets the Honors College at William Paterson University apart including our rigorous academic standards, our student-centered culture, our research tracks which culminate in thesis projects presented to the university community, our high retention rates, and so much more.

In their junior and senior years, Honors students at William Paterson complete a research or creative project, some of which are pictured here. Students work one-on-one with faculty to get the direction and mentoring they need. Many students mention this faculty relationship as a highlight of their undergraduate experience and the hallmark of the Honors College.

Honors College students attend conferences and make presentations across the country. This year, distinguished students presented at the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference, American Psychological Association, and regional public health conferences. Many of our students also participate in local conferences, such as the Biology and Chemistry Symposium and the Phi Sigma Tau conference.

Honors students work closely with exceptionally dedicated and talented peers and mentors. They learn about the global and historical backgrounds and current circumstances of diverse groups of people, recognizing the interconnected nature of today's world.

Community is central to the WP Honors College experience. With our small, interactive classes, students receive individual attention, and collaborate regularly with professors and peers. We are truly a small college within the larger William Paterson University community.

### Alumni Accomplishments

Check out all the awesome things our alumni are up to!

**Jacqueline Segal**— Performing and Literary Arts Track 2012 – Ramapo College— Masters of Science in Educational Technology

**Miguel Rodriguez**— Performing and Literary Arts 2015 – Masters in Music Education – Towson University

**Michelle Ginart**— Cognitive Science Track 2015— Masters in Educational Leadership and Instruction – The College of New Jersey

**Rachael Segal**— Performing and Literary Arts Track 2016 – J.D. From Rutgers University Law School

**Nicole Napolitano** – Business Honors Track 2017— Masters in Business Administration—William Paterson University

**Emily Moore**—Cognitive Science Track 2017—M.S. in Communication Disorders—William Paterson University

*We love getting updates about our former Honors students! If you have an accomplishment to share with us, please email us at [honors@wpunj.edu](mailto:honors@wpunj.edu).*



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# Honors Week

A record number of over 90 students presented at Honors week held April 8-11! Students from the ten tracks presented their senior projects to family members, track directors and professors, and other guests.



*Morgann Duncan, Cognitive Science Track student, speaking at the podium.*



*Clinical and Neuropsychology Track presenters.*



*Business Track Director, Dr. Chao, pictured with Business Track students.*



*Luisa Gallego-Zuluaga, Biology Track student, presents her research to the audience.*



*Performing and Literary Arts Track pictured with Dr. Cioffari and Dr. Cammarata.*



*Nursing Track students pictured with President Helldobler and Nursing Track Director, Dr. Nocella*



*Students in the Social Sciences Track pictured with Interim Director, Dr. Raghavan, and President Helldobler.*

# May 2019 Commencement Ceremony



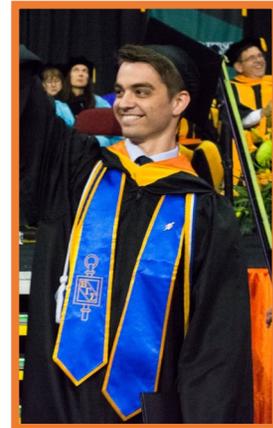
*Student Trustee, Andrew Massefski (Business Track), shakes hands with President Helldobler.*



*Nursing Honors students, Micah Mangundayao and Markie Serafini, hold their caps with a fellow graduate.*



*Joseph Saulenas (Humanities Track) waves to the camera.*



*Robert Wolfe (Business Track) is all smiles on the stage.*



*Jackie Scordo (Business Track) holding the flag for the Cotsakos College of Business.*



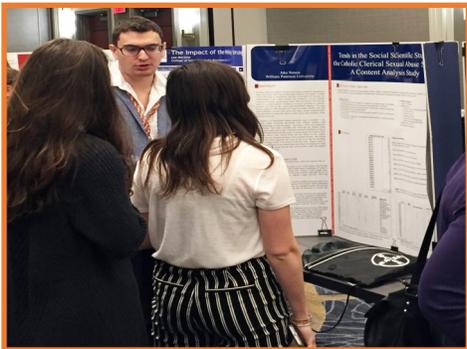
*Caroline Chambers (Humanities Track) smiles at the camera.*

## **Thirty Honors students present their research in Baltimore**

Over thirty Honors students made the trek to Baltimore to present their research at the Northeast Regional Honors Conference in mid-April. This was the largest group to present to date. Congratulations on a job well done to all presenters!



**Anna Guarino, Keira White, and Yongki Lu**



**Jake Simon**



**Morgan Theobald**

## **Students recognized at the Awards Ceremony**

On May 13, Honors students who successfully completed their tracks, along with students recognized by the various colleges and departments, walked the stage in Shea Auditorium to receive awards for their academic success. They took pictures and shook hands with President Helldobler while their families and friends cheered on from the audience.



*Stephen Pale (Bass), Nicholas Dekens (drums), and William Gorman (keyboards) playing jazz music.*



*Track Directors (left to right), Drs. O'Donnell, Nocella, and Learmonth, sitting on stage.*

### **Honors Tracks**

*Honors students enroll in a research or creative performance track. Track courses provide many-sided reflection on social issues and problems, and/or intellectual or scientific issues and problems. The courses develop sophisticated and complex problem solving skills necessary to do deep research or sophisticated creative projects. Following is a list of the Honors Tracks and Directors:*

**Biology-** Dr. Joseph Spagna

**Business-** Dr. Chen-Ho (Mike) Chao

**Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology-** Dr. Bruce Diamond

**Cognitive Science-** Dr. Amy Learmonth

**Global Public Health-** Dr. Marianne Sullivan

**Humanities-** Dr. Krista (Molly) O'Donnell

**Independent-** Dr. Barbara Andrew

**Music-** Dr. Lauren Fowler-Calisto

**Nursing-** Dr. Jill Nocella

**Performing and Literary Arts-** Dr. Philip Cioffari

**Social Sciences-** Dr. Neil Kressel

**For more information please visit: [www.wpunj.edu/honors](http://www.wpunj.edu/honors)**

## **Sign Up for Handshake!**

The Career Development Center has switched their job and internship portal from Trailblazer to Handshake! There are over 800 job listings, from companies such as Apple and Deloitte, available on Handshake! Additionally, there are features that recommend jobs that fit your experience and interests and allow you to upload your resume and request appointments with Career Development. To access Handshake, log in to WPConnect, click on the Student's tab, and find the Handshake link underneath the Campus Life subheading.