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HONORS ANNOUNCEMENTS – 8/31/26

Hello Honors Pioneers! The first full week of classes has begun! Quick reminder that the add/drop period ends this Wednesday, 9/2. Contact honors@wpunj.edu or call us at 973-720-3657 for any help you may need.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

First New to Honors Meeting

One of the requirements for first year Honors students is to attend three “New To Honors” meetings during the Fall 2026 semester. The first round of meetings will take place **August 31-September 9**. Several meeting options will be available to fit everyone’s schedule. If you have yet to sign up for one, refer to a previous email sent from Honors@wpunj.edu with a link to sign up for a meeting time and more information.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday Service - Earn Low Level CE Credit

Saturday Service at Father English will be held this Saturday, 9/5 from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Father English has moved back into it’s newly remodeled building at 435 Main Street in Paterson. Duties will include assisting clients, stocking shelves, and accepting food deliveries. Please use this link to sign-up: [Father English Sign-Up](#). More details will be sent to your WP email address on Thursday, 9/3. Note that limited transportation is available from campus on a first come, first served basis.

HONORS STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Honors Course with Short-Term Study Abroad Opportunity in Greece

Enroll in the Spring 2027 Honors Course HON 3990: Ancient Roots, 21st Century Citizens (1 credit) with a Spring Break trip to Greece to visit Athens and the Acropolis, the Temple of Apollo at Delphi, the ancient theater of Epidaurus and more! The course meets on Fridays from 10:00-10:50 a.m. and includes a trip to Greece during Spring Break, March 13-20, 2027. The student fee is \$1600 and includes lodging, required in-country travel costs, some meals, and activity and museum fees. The following costs are NOT included: roundtrip airfare, passport fees, and insurance. Seats are limited. Reserve your spot with a \$200 deposit due by October 15, 2026. See the attached flyer below. For more information, email honors@wpunj.edu.

Honors Brazil Trip Spring 2027

The Honors College is also going to Brazil for this upcoming Spring 2027 semester! Enroll in the Spring 2027 Honors Course HON 3990: Writing Brazil: A Creative Nonfiction Journey (3 credit) with an end-of-semester 3-week trip to Ilhéus, Brazil from May 12 to June 2, 2027. The course meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00-12:15 p.m. and is open to second, third, and fourth year students only. Participants will collaborate with students from Universidade Estadual de Santa Cruz (UESC) through workshops, volunteer opportunities, and cultural activities. The student fee is \$2300 and includes hotel, daily breakfast + additional meal, and all field trips. Airfare is not included in the student fee. Students must purchase their own airplane tickets. Seats are limited. Reserve your spot with a \$200 deposit due by October 15, 2026. See the attached flyer below. For more information, please email honors@wpunj.edu.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attend Club Fair!

Club Fair will be held tomorrow, 9/1 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at Zanfino Plaza (outside the Student Center). Stop by to get information about campus clubs and organizations. Be sure to look for the Honors Club! The Honors Club is a great way to get involved on campus and serve in leadership roles. There are currently openings on the Executive Board and many ways to be involved in general membership. Stop by and find out how to join!

URCA: The NCHC Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity

The URCA is accepting student research, essays, or creative work! Submission is free and open to all students of any discipline. This is an opportunity to expand your resume or grad school application with a publication and share your work with an interdisciplinary national audience. Use this [link](#) to submit your work by September 1, 2026. For questions, please email the URCA editorial team nchc.ureca@gmail.com.

HEAR FROM YOUR PEERS! (Dalisha, Jacob, Preston, Rory, Sarah, and Salma)

Each week, the Honors College Peer Leaders provide tips for ways to help you have a successful semester. Honors Peer Leaders are upper division students who serve as a support network for other Honors students. Although they work with many first-year Honors students, assisting them with the successful transition from high school to college, all students in Honors can benefit from their knowledge and experience. Please visit [Peer Leaders!](#) to learn more.

Peer Leader Tip of the Week – Time Management is Key!

As college students, one of the most important skills to master is managing your time effectively. The beginning of a new semester is a great time to get in the habit of using a time management tool that works for you! There are a number of options such as a physical planner, a digital calendar, a reminder app, a to-do list, and more! Find what works for you and stick with it!