

HONORS WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS - 10/6/25

Cognitive Science Honors Track Party

The Cognitive Science Honors Track is hosting a get-together, this Thursday, October 9th during Common Hour, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. in Science Hall East 2019. Cognitive Science track students, potential students, and faculty are invited to join to learn more about the track and socialize with others interested in cognitive science. Snacks will be provided.

Italy Course Time Survey

The Honors College is trying to find the best time for the Italy Short-Term Study Abroad course for students who want to go on the Spring Break trip to Italy. If you are interested in going on the trip, please take this <u>survey</u> by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10th to select the class times that would work best with your Spring 2026 course schedule.

SPRING 2026 REGISTRATION – OCTOBER 15TH

Honors Course Permit Requests

Priority Registration for the Spring 2026 Semester is October 15th. All Honors courses require a permit prior to registration. To request a permit, email honors@wpunj.edu, make the subject of the email 'Permit Request,' and write your name, your student ID number (855), the name and title of the course, and the CRN. Please send permit requests as soon as possible to ensure a smooth registration process.

Priority Registration Drop-In Advisement

Professional Advisor, Kelsey Kozak, will be hosting Drop-In Advisement sessions for Honors students to assist them with any questions they may have before priority registration on October 15th. Stop by the Honors Office, Raubinger 207, on Thursday, October 9th between 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. or Monday, October 13th between 12:15 – 1:45 p.m. to speak to Ms. Kozak. This is a great opportunity for Honors students to get assistance

making their Spring 2026 schedule, get their pin for registration, or discuss their 8-semester plan. No appointment is necessary.

ALL-COLLEGE MEETINGS

Envision Your Honors Experience – TONIGHT in BALLROOM A!

Earn Honors All-College Meeting credit by attending the first Honors Club meeting of the semester **TONIGHT** (Monday, 10/6) from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in **University Commons Ballroom A**. Join us to find out about available E-Board positions for Honors Club, learn about senior Honors research projects, and make vision boards. Pizza will be served.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Coat Drive

The 19th annual Honors Coat Drive sponsored by the Honors College and the Honors Club is now underway! Our goal is to surpass last year's numbers (450 coats and hundreds of hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens)! There are several ways for students to get involved and earn LOW-Level CE credit, and students can also earn HIGH-Level CE credit by hosting your own Mini-Coat Drive. Please visit this link to find out more information about all the ways that students can participate. Feel free to email honors@wpunj.edu if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of this signature Honors event!

Open House Volunteers Needed on Saturday 10/18!

Student volunteers are needed to serve as University Open House Ambassadors on Saturday, 10/18. The available hours are 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Students who work from 1.5 - 2.5 hours will receive Low-Level Honors CE Credit and students who work for the full 5 hours will receive High-Level CE credit.** Responsibilities include giving directions and escorting prospective students and their families to various locations on campus. If you are interested, please use this <u>link</u> to sign up, and Admissions will contact you with more information.

Next Saturday Service Opportunity will be on 10/18

The next Saturday Service opportunity at the Father English Food Pantry will be on

Saturday, 10/18 (there is no Saturday Service on 10/11). Please watch for a link to sign-up for 10/18 in next week's Honors Announcements.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Somers Book Discussion

You're invited to a special event in New York City on Friday, November 21 at 7 p.m. — a book discussion with legendary sports radio host Steve Somers, moderated by Professor Nick Hirshon. The event will take place at Marymount Manhattan College and is part of the Student News Live series. Steve will be discussing his new memoir, *Me Here, You There*, and this is a great opportunity to engage with a prominent media figure and connect with other students interested in journalism, sports, and storytelling. Registration is required due to limited seating. Seats are first come, first served. Use this <u>Eventbrite link</u> and enter the access code: WILLYP25. Transportation is not provided, so please plan accordingly. Carpooling may be an option. If you're interested, please register soon to secure your spot!

HONORS CLUB

The Honors Club is looking for freshman and sophomore representatives to join the executive board. Representatives will share ideas from their class, assist in planning Honors Club activities, and regularly attend meetings. If you are interested, email Angela Marcucilli marcucillia1@student.wpunj.edu no later than Monday October 13th at 6:00 p.m.

HEAR FROM YOUR PEERS! (Angie, Owen, Preston, Rory, Sarah, and Thays)

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 <u>Peer Leaders!</u> to learn more.

Peer Leader Tip of the Week - Find the Right Study Environment for You!

The environment that you study in affects how productive you can be and the overall quality of the work that you get done. This is why it is extremely important to find an

environment that best suits you and your studying needs. It is important to ask yourself questions about your preferences. Do you need silence or does a noisy environment work better for you? Does being around other productive people motivate you? Are there distractions, such as people or devices that are going to prevent you from being able to focus? Evaluate your answers to these questions and then try out different spots across campus, your home, or other places, until you find what works best for you!