

Showcasing the work of students who are completing one of the tracks of the University Honors College

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

UC 168 A/B

LUNCH AT 12:15

12:30—5:30

Presentations by students in the Performing and Literary Arts, Social Sciences, Music, and Independent Tracks.

7:00 — 9:00 P.M.

Cheng Library Auditorium

Presentations by students in the Performing and Literary Arts Track. Reception follows.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

10:00 — 3:30 P.M.

UC 168 A/B

Presentations by students in the Humanities, Cognitive Science, Business, Biopsychology, Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology, and Life Science and Environmental Ethics Tracks.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 — 1:30 P.M.

UC 168 A/B

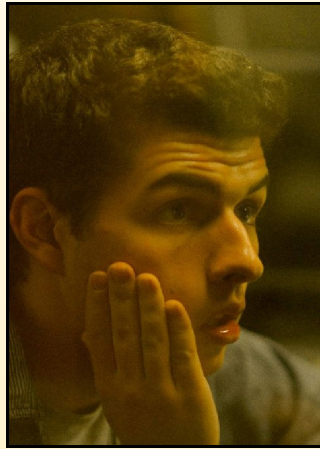
Presentations by students in the Nursing Track.

Please see the following pages for the full schedule and more information about the presenters.

HONORS WEEK KICK-OFF EVENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 — UC 168 A/B

Please join us for lunch beginning at 12:15 p.m.
Student Presentations begin at 12:30 p.m.



Eric Dolan

Three Honors seniors, Eric Dolan, Ashley Lemoncelli, and Eric Zolan, have been selected to present their thesis projects during this year's Honors Week Kick-Off event on Tuesday, April 14 at 12:30 p.m. in UC 168 A/B.

Eric Dolan is a Broadcast Journalism major and is completing a Media Studies minor. He is also completing the Performing and Literary Arts Honors Track. His thesis, "The Art of the Interview," was supervised by Dr. Philip Cioffari. In addition to the Honors Scholarship, Eric is the recipient of the Trustee Scholarship, Rubin Scholarship, and he was awarded the Best Talent Maltese Award in 2012 and 2014, and was named Exemplary Volunteer for Passaic County United Way in 2013. Eric's future plans include creating poignant, socially conscious, and beautiful media.

Ashley Lemoncelli is a Psychology major and is completing the Honors Social Sciences Track. Her thesis project, "Prescriptive Gender Stereotypes for Attractiveness: High Standards Keep Women Down," was supervised by Dr. Elizabeth Haines. In addition to the Honors Scholarship, Ashley was awarded the New Jersey Psychological Association Undergraduate Student Researcher Award in 2013. Ashley plans to attend graduate school and pursue experimental research.

Eric Zolan is a Jazz Performance major who is completing the Honors Music Track. His thesis, "Compositions of Duke Pearson," was supervised by Dr. Tim Newman. Eric received the Honors Scholarship, Trustee Scholarship, A.L. Rubin Scholarship, and the Music Talent Scholarship. He was also named a Foundation Annual Scholar and Music Department Scholar. His future plans include performing and teaching music internationally.

Thesis presentations of all the students completing one of the tracks of the Honors College continue on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 14-16, in UC 168 A/B, and in the Library Auditorium on Tuesday evening, 4/14. Please see the following pages for the complete schedule and more information.



Ashley Lemoncelli



Eric Zolan

Tuesday, April 14

University Commons, 168 A/B

12:30pm	Eric Dolan
1:00pm	Ashley Lemoncelli
1:30pm	Eric Zolan
2:00pm	Samir Egusquiza
2:15pm	Samuel Javitch
2:30pm	Ashley Overa
2:45pm	BREAK
3:00pm	BREAK
3:15pm	Jake Drappi
3:30pm	Samantha Mercado
3:45pm	Diane Segreto
4:00pm	BREAK
4:15pm	Alexander Alvarez
4:30pm	BREAK
4:45pm	Jennifer Desai
5:00pm	Jaime Hall
5:15pm	Evan Gerry
5:30pm	Paige Rainville

Wednesday, April 15

University Commons, 168 A/B

10:00am	Jasmine Wood
10:15am	Jazzmine Paz
10:30am	Katherine Bender
10:45am	Eman Al-Jayeh
11:00am	Samantha DiMeglio
11:15am	Michelle Ginart
11:30am	LUNCH
11:45am	Manar Awad
12:00pm	Elizabeth Popoloski
12:15pm	Melissa Swain
12:30pm	Aysia White
12:45pm	BREAK
1:00pm	Nicole Earley
1:15pm	Lachelle Rouse
1:30pm	Alec Degraaf
1:45pm	Erin Connor
2:00pm	BREAK
2:15pm	Devon Atkinson
2:30pm	Sneha Tammareddy
2:45pm	Nicole Stone
3:00pm	Jennifer Poquette
3:15pm	Danielle Nichols

Thursday, April 16

University Commons, 168 A/B

10:00am	Trishia Omana
10:15am	Rebecca Lubitz
10:30am	Sara Mangano
10:45am	Briana Lichtenberger
11:00am	Anushka Lobo
11:15am	Sarah Hastings
11:30am	Emily Brower
11:45am	LUNCH BREAK
12:00pm	Dallas Smith
12:15pm	Andrea Romero
12:30pm	Mizuki Tanaka
12:45pm	Denise Sy
1:00pm	Rex Magbanua
1:15pm	Matthew Louie
1:30pm	Jasmine Lao

Tuesday, April 14 — 7:00 p.m.

Library Auditorium

Bria Barnes	Jason Krobatsch
Sarah Dinetz	Samuel Lowry
Eric Dolan	Christine Marshall
Gregory Farkas	Harry Metzler
Joshua Forrest	Miguel Rodriguez
Kelly Ginart	Megan Stefanski
Phillip Gorokhovsky	Meghan Triolo
Jennifer Hastings	Ryan Walsh

Track Key

Biopsychology

Clinical Psychology
and Neuropsychology

Cognitive Science

Humanities

Independent

Life Science and Env. Ethics

Business

Music

Nursing

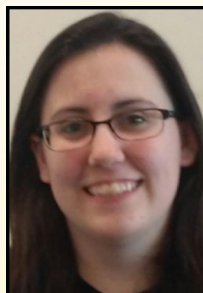
Performing and Literary Arts

Social Sciences



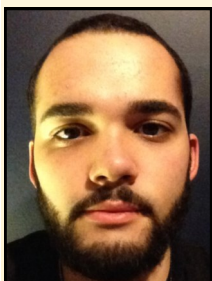
EMAN AL-JAYEH

Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Communication Disorders
Minor: Anthropology
Thesis Title: *The Effects of Bilingualism on Executive Functions*
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Natalie Obrecht and Dr. Amy Learmonth



EMILY BROWER

Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: *Self-efficacy in Older Adults in Long-term Care Facilities or Senior Centers*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



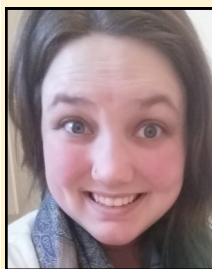
ALEXANDER ALVAREZ

Honors Track: Social Sciences
Majors: Legal Studies and Economics
Thesis Title: *Class Integration of Public Schools*
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Michael Lewis Principe and Dr. Maria Villar



PAIGE RAINVILLE

Honors Track: Independent
Majors: Elementary Education and Spanish
Thesis Title: *The Transformation of a Community*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Ronald Verdicchio and Dr. Susan Dinan



DEVON ATKINSON

Honors Track: Biopsychology
Major: Biotechnology
Thesis Title: *The Use of Bifidobacterium longum to Alleviate Autistic-Like Symptoms in the BTBR T+tf/j Mouse*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Robert Benno



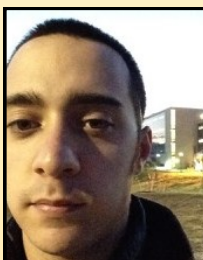
ERIN CONNOR

Honors Track: Biopsychology
Major: Biology
Minor: Psychology
Thesis Title: *Role of Adrenal Corticosterone on Mediating the Inflammatory Pain Response in BTBR T+ tf/J Mice: An Animal Model for Autism Spectrum Disorder*
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Jeung Woon Lee and Dr. Robert Benno



MANAR AWAD

Honors Track: Business
Majors: Accounting and Finance
Thesis Title: *Breaking Barriers: How to Reduce Non Profit Organizations' Struggle for Awareness and Increase Financial Prosperity*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bela Florenthal



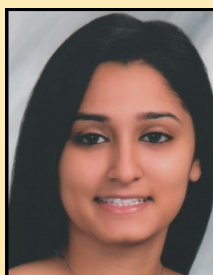
ALEC DEGRAAF

Honors Track: Biopsychology
Major: Psychology
Thesis Title: *Identifying Expression of C-fos, Serotonin, and Norepinephrine in Response to Noxious Stimuli*
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Jeung Woon Lee and Dr. Robert Benno



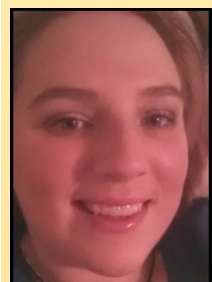
BRIA CHERELLE BARNES

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Majors: Early Childhood/ Elementary Education and English Writing
Thesis Title: *An Original Anthology: Part One*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



JENNIFER DESAI

Honors Track: Independent
Major: Public Health
Minor: Business Administration
Thesis Title: *Sleep Deprivation Among College Students*
Thesis Advisors: Dr. William Kernan, Dr. Corey Basch, and Dr. Susan Dinan



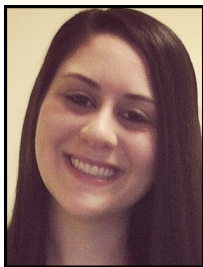
KATHERINE E. B. L. BENDER

Honors Track: Humanities
Majors: History and Anthropology
Minor: Psychology
Thesis Title: *Invisible Violence and the Subjugation of a Nation*
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Ruth Maher and Dr. John Peterman



SAMANTHA DIMEGLIO

Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Major: Psychology
Minor: Health Studies
Thesis Title: *Type A Personality and Procrastination*
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Natalie Obrecht and Dr. Amy Learmonth



SARAH DINETZ

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Majors: Popular Music and English (Writing)
Thesis Title: *Strung Along* (novel excerpt)
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



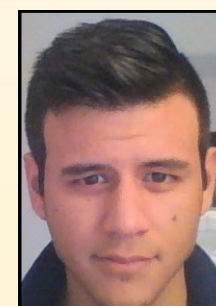
JOSHUA FORREST

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Majors: Popular Music and English
Thesis Title: *One Song, Three Stories*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



ERIC DOLAN

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Major: Broadcast Journalism
Minor: Media Studies
Thesis Title: *The Art of the Interview*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



EVAN GERRY

Honors Track: Independent
Major: Environmental Sustainability
Thesis Title: *A dendro-archeological study of historic structures from Rockland County, NY*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Nicole Davi and Dr. Susan Dinan



JAKE DRAPPI

Honors Track: Social Sciences
Major: Psychology
Minor: Professional sales
Thesis Title: *Descriptive Menu Labels in Upscale Restaurants*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Neil Kressel



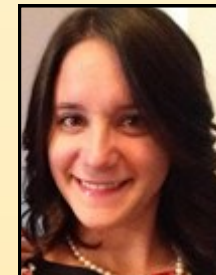
KELLY ANNE GINART

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Majors: Elementary Education (K-6) with 5-8 and TSD certifications, English (Writing), and Anthropology
Thesis Title: *Coincidencias Excepcionales*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



NICOLE EARLEY

Honors Track: Business
Major: Marketing
Thesis Title: *College Students' Attitudes Towards Mobile Marketing*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bela Florenthal



MICHELLE GINART

Honors Track: Cognitive Science
Majors: Secondary Education and Mathematics
Thesis Title: *Expectations, goal orientation, and other factors affecting student success in mathematics*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Natalie Obrecht and Dr. Amy Learmonth



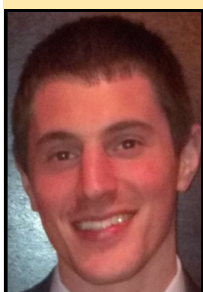
SAMIR EGUSQUIZA

Honors Track: Music
Major: Sound Engineering
Thesis Title: *Winter (Composition for Solo Marimba)*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. David Weisberg and Dr. Jeffrey Kresky



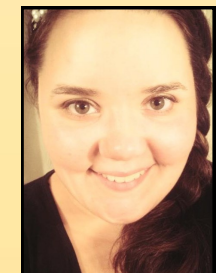
PHILLIP GOROKHOVSKY

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Major: Broadcast Journalism
Minor: Film Studies
Thesis Title: *Life After William Paterson*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



GREG FARKAS

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Major: Business
Thesis Title: *Adding Perspective*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



JAIME HALL

Honors Track: Independent
Major: Elementary Education with middle school endorsement and Integrated Math and Science with a concentration in Environmental Science
Thesis Title: *Recycled Dreams*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Rodger-Sachs and Dr. Susan Dinan



JENNIFER HASTINGS

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts

Majors: Art and Anthropology

Thesis Title: *Travel Log*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



BRIANA LICHTENBERGER

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Procrastination through social media and its effects on GPA*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



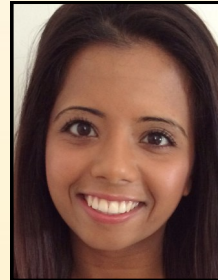
SARAH MARIE HASTINGS

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *The Effect of spirituality on coping with stress*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



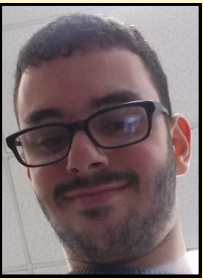
ANUSHKA LOBO

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Non-Prescriptive Use of ADHD Medication and Self-efficacy*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



SAMUEL ELLIOTT JAVITCH

Honors Track: Music

Major: Jazz Performance (Piano)

Thesis Title: *Keith Jarrett: A brief overview of his solo improvisational concerts*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. David Weisberg and Dr. Jeffrey Kresky



MATTHEW LOUIE

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Relationship Between Video Games and Violence*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



JASON D. KROBATSCH

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts

Major: Communication (Public Relations)

Minor: Theatre and Comedy

Thesis Title: *Short Plays*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



SAMUEL KETCHIN LOWRY

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts

Major: Music Management (Classical Piano Concentration)

Thesis Title: *Welcome to Another World*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



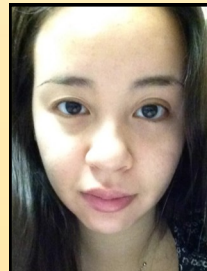
JASMINE LAO

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *The Relationship Between Animal Assisted Therapy and Perceived Stress in College Students*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



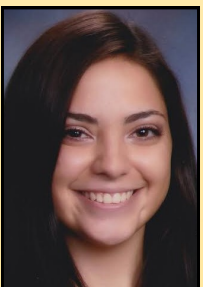
REBECCA LUBITZ

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *"The Relationship Between Stress at Work and Burnout Among Registered Nurses"*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



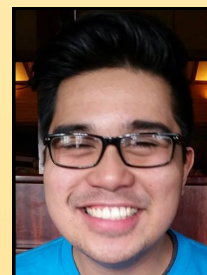
ASHLEY LEMONCELLI

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Major: Psychology

Thesis Title: *Prescriptive Gender Stereotypes for Attractiveness: High Standards Keep Women Down*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Haines and Dr. Neil Kressel



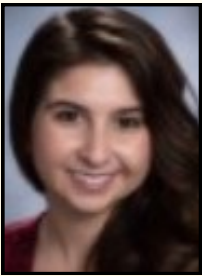
REX C. MAGBANUA, JR.

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Effect of Music Intervention on Stress Perception in College Students*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



SARA BELLA MANGANO

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Personality, Self-Efficacy, and Happiness*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



CHRISTINE MARSHALL

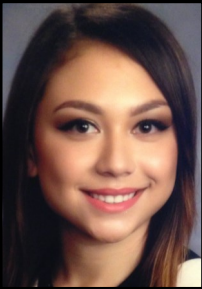
Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts

Majors: Secondary Education and English (Literature)

Minor: English (Writing)

Thesis Title: *Reap*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



SAMANTHA MERCADO

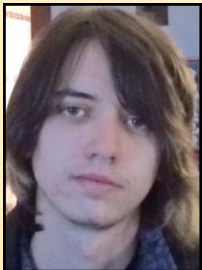
Honors Track: Social Sciences

Major: Communication Disorders

Minor: Women and Gender Studies

Thesis Title: *"Second and Third Wave Feminist Theory on Sexualization and Empowerment"*

Thesis Advisors: Dr. Carole Sheffield and Dr. Neil Kressel



HARRY METZLER

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts

Major: Popular Music

Thesis Title: *Parkway Divide*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



DANIELLE NICHOLS

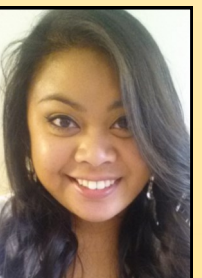
Honors Track: Life Science and Env. Ethics

Major: Environmental Science

Minor: Political Science

Thesis Title: *Food for Thought: Potential Agricultural Adaptations to Climate Change in Ethiopia*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Karen Swanson



TRISHIA OMANA

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Alcohol Consumption and Stress Levels in College Students*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



ASHLEY OVERA

Honors Track: Music

Major: Music Management

Thesis Title: *WPU Songwriters for a Cause: Event Execution and Evaluation*

Thesis Advisors: Dr. David Philp and Dr. Jeffrey Kresky



JAZZMINE PAZ

Honors Track: Humanities

Major: Biology

Thesis Title: *Small Town Girl Living in a Patriarchal World*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman



ELIZABETH POPOLOSKI

Honors Track: Business

Major: Accounting

Minor: Economics

Thesis Title: *Factors Affecting Absenteeism in Generation Y at Work*

Thesis Advisors: Dr. Bela Florenthal and Dr. Mike Chao



JENNIFER POQUETTE

Honors Track: Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology

Major: Psychology

Thesis Title: *"Information Processing in a Patient with a Cerebrovascular Neurologic Injury"*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bruce Diamond



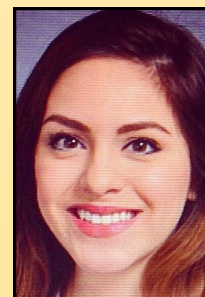
MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts

Major: Jazz Studies

Thesis Title: *Life of Pi Suite– Music & Storytelling*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



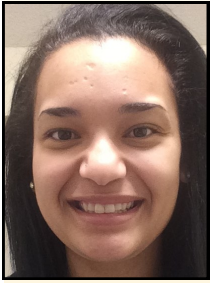
ANDREA ROMERO

Honors Track: Nursing

Major: Nursing

Thesis Title: *Burnout in Nursing Faculty Members*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



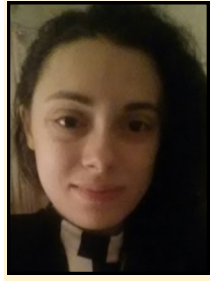
LACHELLE ROUSE

Honors Track: Social Sciences
Majors: Criminology and Criminal Justice
Minor: Psychology
Thesis Title: *Juror Bias and the Insanity Defense*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Neil Kressel



DENISE SY

Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: *Relationship Between Stress and Mobile Video Gaming*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



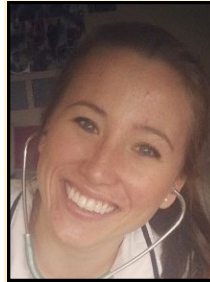
DIANE C. SEGRETO

Honors Track: Social Sciences
Major: Legal Studies
Minor: Economics
Thesis Title: *How Well Are Children's Rights Protected in the U.S. and Abroad?*
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Michael Principe and Dr. Neil Kressel



SNEHA TAMMAREDDY

Honors Track: Biopsychology
Major: Biology
Thesis Title: *Modification of Acute Stress Induced Alcohol Consumption by Cannabinoid Receptor CB2 Ligands*
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Emmanuel Onaivi and Dr. Robert Benno



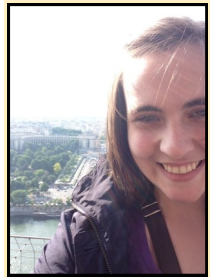
DALLAS SMITH

Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: *Academic Procrastination and Problematic Internet Use*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



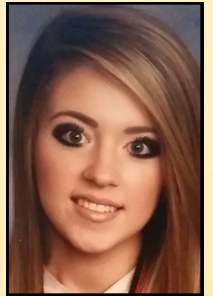
MIZUKI TANAKA

Honors Track: Nursing
Major: Nursing
Thesis Title: *The Effect of Exercise on Stress*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Jill Nocella



MEGAN STEFANSKI

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Majors: Secondary Education and English
Thesis Title: *Witched*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



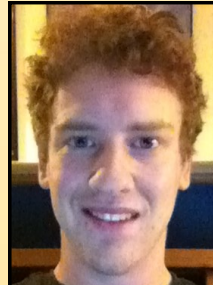
MEGHAN TRIOLO

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Majors: Secondary Education (K-12) TSD and English (Writing)
Thesis Title: *A Collection of Thoughts Before Daybreak*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



NICOLE STONE

Honors Track: Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology
Major: Psychology
Thesis Title: *The Effects of Mindfulness Meditation on Executive Functioning, Mood and Physiology*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bruce Diamond



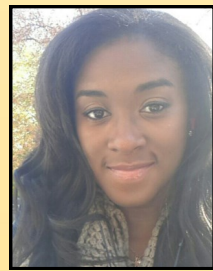
RYAN WALSH

Honors Track: Performing and Literary Arts
Major: Media Production
Thesis Title: *Eleven*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Philip Cioffari



MELISSA SWAIN

Honors Track: Business
Major: Marketing
Thesis Title: *College Students' Food Purchasing behaviors: residents vs. Commuters*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Bela Florenthal



AYSIA R. WHITE

Honors Track: Business
Major: Accounting
Thesis Title: *Millennial Satisfaction with Customer Service*
Thesis Advisors: Dr. Bela Florenthal and Dr. Mike Chao



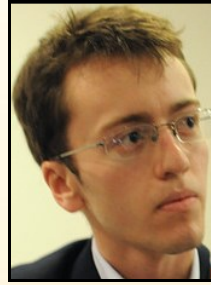
JASMINE WOOD

Honors Track: Humanities

Major: Biotechnology

Thesis Title: *Healing and Healthcare*

Thesis Advisor: Dr. John Peterman



ERIC ZOLAN

Honors Track: Music

Major: Jazz Performance

Thesis Title: *Compositions of Duke Pearson*

Thesis Advisors: Dr. Timothy Newman
and Dr. Jeffrey Kresky

HONORS WEEK AT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

Each spring, the Honors College showcases the work of students who are completing one of the Honors College tracks, and recognizes the faculty and staff members who have contributed to their success. Congratulations to all of the outstanding individuals who are being recognized during Honors Week 2015!

About the Honors College at William Paterson University...

The University Honors College is a place where academically gifted students explore new ideas and engage in intellectual and creative collaborations with experienced and dedicated members of the faculty. Honors students are offered a comprehensive educational experience that brings together academic, residential, social, and cultural experiences. Approximately 400 students are actively participating in the Honors College in Honors sections of General Education courses and/or one of the eleven Honors Tracks. Each fall, about 100 new students enter the Honors College, and about half of those live in the Honors Learning Community in High Mountain East, one of the newest residence halls on campus.

Students in the Honors College pursue a disciplinary major and an Honors track. The track may parallel the major, relate to the major, or be very different from the major. Although the various tracks have different requirements, each track culminates in a thesis or significant research or creative project that the student presents to the University community. The two oldest tracks, Biopsychology and Humanities, were established in 1976. The Honors Program was established in 2000, and was expanded into the University Honors College in 2005. The current tracks include: Biopsychology, Biology, Cognitive Science, Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology, Humanities, Independent, Life Science and Environmental Ethics, Management, Marketing, Music, Nursing, Performing and Literary Arts, and Social Sciences.

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