

# The Honors Report

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## Where is Spring??



Bethany Hafer's Snowman on her door

### *Times, Dates and Other*

**Mar 4 (Wed):** Career Services  
Resume workshop in Reighard Hall

**Mar 6 (Fri):** Spring Break begins  
after last class.

**Mar 16 (Mon):** Classes resume.

**Mar 18 (Wed):** Career Services  
Internship workshop in Reighard Hall

**Mar 28 (Sat):** Bus trip to New York

**Apr 7 (Wed):** Career Services  
Interviews workshop in Reighard Hall

**Apr 11 (Sat):** Accepted Student  
Open House

**Apr 25 (Sat):** Honors and Awards  
Convocation

**Apr 26 (Sun):** Spring Banquet

**May 5 (Tues):** Finals Begin

**May 9(Sat):** Commencement



## **!Birthdays!**

Birthday greetings to our students  
celebrating their arrival on this earth  
during late February and March:

Alex Kaltenbaugh Feb. 23

Jeremy Varner Feb. 24

Joshua Larson Feb. 28

Noah Li Mar 2

Steve Bromley Mar 3

Miranda Twardowski Mar 4

Erika Peiffer Mar 8

Jessica Taylor Mar 10

Nikki Wolford Mar 11

Andrew Ha Mar 15

Keegan Worley Mar 15

Samantha Stonehill Mar 19

Jason Iyobhebhe	Mar 19
Taylor Lagler	Mar 20
Aubrey Morris	Mar 22
Sean Strange	Mar 23

Remember your friends on their special day!

## Dr. Downey's Spring 2015 Office Hours:

**Monday, Wednesday, & Friday**  
**9:30 a.m. – 12 Noon**

Other times available by appointment! Call: 872-3571. Dr. Downey's office hours may be subject to change at times.

### **2015 SSHE Summer Honors Program going to Norway**

West Chester University of PA is the sponsor of the 2015 SSHE Summer Honors Program in May. The program will take place in Norway. A total of 28 Honors students from the 14 PASSHE schools will be chosen from applications submitted to their home school. Chosen to participate from MU are Lindsay Harrison and Christine Persun.

### **Bus Trip to New York City!**

The Honors College has secured a coach for the spring bus trip to New York City. The trip is planned for Saturday, March 28, 2015. Seats on the bus will be offered first to those students who have completed the required community service projects and who are active in the HCSA.

The bus to NYC will pick up students at the SMC at 7:15 am and depart for the theatre district in New York City at 7:30 am. A bagged breakfast will be provided by the Honors College for all trip participants! You will have the day to roam around the city but a favorite spot is the M&M gift store close to the theatre district. The bus will pick students back up at the same drop-off location as in the morning for the return trip to MU. The bus

will depart the city at 7:00 pm for the return trip to MU. You will be responsible for purchasing your meals in New York.



### **Workshops with Pizza**

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## Senior Spotlights



**Ann Kovacs**

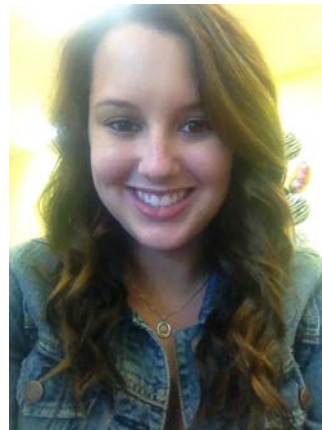
While at Millersville, I have been involved in a wide range of activities. I am a member of the Honors College, the Math Club, and the Track and Field team. I was named captain of the track team my junior year and was asked to be a captain again for my senior seasons. For track, I throw the hammer! I also am a student supervisor at the Millersville Library and am currently an intern for Planning, Assessment, and Analysis here at MU. I am a Mathematics major with concentrations in both Statistics and Actuarial Science. I am currently in the process of writing my thesis on parametric vs nonparametric estimation of Kaplan-Meier curves using R under the supervision of Dr. Delray Schultz.



**Emily Lazar**

I majored in Speech Communication with an option in public relations and minor in Marketing, while concurrently enrolled in the

Honors College. Outside of the classroom, I am an active participant in Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) events and meetings, and I was the Public Relations Chair and Board Member of the Honors College Student Association (HCSA). For two year, I was a resident assistant in the resident halls and met a lot of amazing and talented peers. Through my skills and diligent work ethic, I held internships at Millersville University Office of Visual and Performing Arts and **WTF**, the Harrisburg NPR and PBS affiliate. Also, I administered my own qualitative research with Broadway and theatre professionals about the development of original scripts and movie screen plays into musicals and plays. In October 2014, I presented my research at the Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Association Conference. Currently, for my Honors Thesis, I am conducting research on effective marketing channels on college campuses for the Office of Visual and Performing Arts. I am so thankful for all of the opportunities and education provided at Millersville University with the Honors College.



**Jordan Weller**

Hi, my name is Jordan Weller and I am graduating in May. I am a psychology major with a marketing minor. I plan to attend graduate school in the fall for School Counseling but haven't decided where yet. After graduate school, I want to be an elementary school counselor. While at Millersville I was a part of the Honors College Student Association as well as Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology.

The best part about my time at Millersville was the wonderful friends I made and the amazing times we had over the last four years.

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**John Coleman**

John has been a large part of the broadcasting department at Millersville University. He was the vice president of MUTV for two years, and

is currently the president of the organization. Coleman is also a part of the National Broadcasting Society where he was treasurer for three years. In April, John will be going on a week's long trip to Las Vegas as part of the Sony Internship experience. His documentary about MUTV is one of three finalists in a nationwide student competition. John is also the choir director for the John Newman Association on campus.



**Bonnie Gallagher**

Angela DiAscro

My name is Bonnie Gallagher and I will be graduating with a Bachelors in Science Education in Early Childhood Education. I will also be receiving Education Foundations (EDFN) Departmental Honors for my honors thesis. The topic I choose was Looping, also known as Multi-Year teaching. This is when a teacher purposefully stays with group of students for more the one school year. I became a member of the honors fraternity Delta Phi Eta my Sophomore year, which gave me the opportunity to work with the local Girl Scouts, Relay for Life and the Claire House. I have met many people through the Honors College and through Delta Phi Eta especially the one person I have been attached to since day one, my dear friend Ang. After graduation I hope to be getting a job teaching here in Pennsylvania or in Virginia where I can be close to my family. I have enjoyed my time greatly while being here at Millersville and I am very thankful for all the opportunities I have received.



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### **Angela DiAscro**

I am a graduating chemistry senior with a minor in mathematics. I have been active in the MU ACS student chapter since my freshman year, which has allowed me to attend the National ACS Convention in New Orleans two years ago, and the upcoming convention in Denver. Last summer, I spent 10 weeks conducting nanoparticle research at the University of Oregon as part of their Research Experience for Undergrads (REU) program. I am a part of the honors fraternity, Delta Phi Eta and I have lived with my freshman roommate, Bonnie Gallagher, whom I met through the Honors College for all four years of my attendance at Millersville. I will be going to graduate school for a Ph.D. in environmental chemistry.



### **Emily Neideigh**

I am an environmental biology major with minors in criminology and environmental chemistry. I am finishing up my thesis and was able to present this research at the Entomological Society of America's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting in Portland, OR this past fall. In the summer of 2013, I was fortunate enough to be selected as one of the two PASSHE Honors Summer Study Abroad participants to represent Millersville while traveling to London, Salzburg, Vienna, Venice, and Rome. As for what the future holds, I'm not sure yet, but I know it'll be an adventure!

### **PASSHE Honors Student Development Conference (April 13):**

We finally received word that the Honors Student Development Conference will be in Harrisburg on Monday, April 13. Any interested students should speak to Rachel. We can bring no more than a dozen students but want to include a good cross section of Honors student leaders and leaders to be.