

The Honors Report

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Homecoming 2014

The theme of the Homecoming 2014 parade was *Wonders of the Sea* and the Honors College Student Association float depicted the world of Spongebob Squarepants and his company of companions in Jellyfish fields!



The entire cast of the Honors College float!



Erin Madison and Rachel Kunicki led the group in the parade, carrying the Honors College banner.



A few of the jellyfish before the parade!



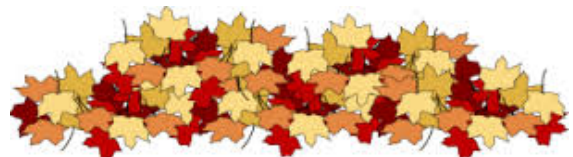
All the main float characters



Jellyfish in the parade!



Our bubble blowers provided some very great visual effects!



Times, Dates and Other

Nov 25 (Tues): Thanksgiving Recess begins after last class.

Dec 1 (Mon): Classes resume.

Dec 07 (Sun): Fall Recognition Banquet – Lehr Dining Room

Dec 8 (Mon): Last day of classes

Dec 9 (Tues): Finals Begin

Dec 14 (Sun): Commencement

**!Birthdays!**

Birthday greetings to our students celebrating their arrival on this earth during November and early December:

| | |
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| Angela DiAscro | Nov 10 |
| Johana Reynoso | Nov 11 |
| Corey McCarthy | Nov 15 |
| Elizabeth Quinn | Nov 16 |
| Katelyn Murphy | Nov 17 |
| Shane Kacskos | Nov 20 |
| Eden Hirtzel | Nov 22 |
| Chris D'Imperio | Nov 23 |
| Natalie James | Nov 30 |
| Andrew Wolins | Dec 2 |
| Kat Bailey | Dec 3 |
| Haley Poust | Dec 3 |
| Brook Dobbs | Dec 6 |
| Julianne Metz | Dec 8 |
| Delaney Costante | Dec 8 |
| Shane Billbrough | Dec 9 |
| Cara Discavage | Dec 9 |
| Amanda Dziedzic | Dec 10 |
| Alyssa Bingaman | Dec 11 |
| Tabitha Brobston | Dec 11 |
| Emily Cuthbert | Dec 15 |
| Michael DeCaria | Dec 17 |
| Kelly Brieva | Dec 17 |
| Joe Roehm | Dec 17 |

Remember your friends on their special day!

Honors College Student Association

The Honors College Student Association encourages all freshmen to become involved in this organization as it is for YOU! Officers for the 2013-2014 year are:

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| President: | Rachel Kunicki |
| Vice-President: | Brittany Tomes |
| Treasurer: | Jessica Butts |
| Secretary: | Katelyn Murphy |
| Community Service: | Christine Persun |
| Fundraising: | Corey McCarthy |
| Special Events: | Chris D'Imperio |
| Public Relations: | Zach Cober |
| Historian: | Jo Caruso |
| Mentor Chair: | Sean Strange |
| Membership Retention: | Bryan Diem |
| Alumni Chair: | Lindsay Harrison |

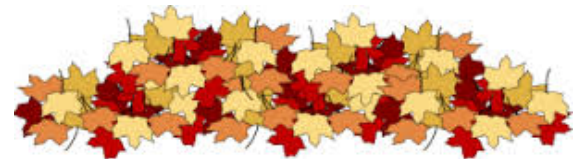
Dr. Downey's Fall 2014

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

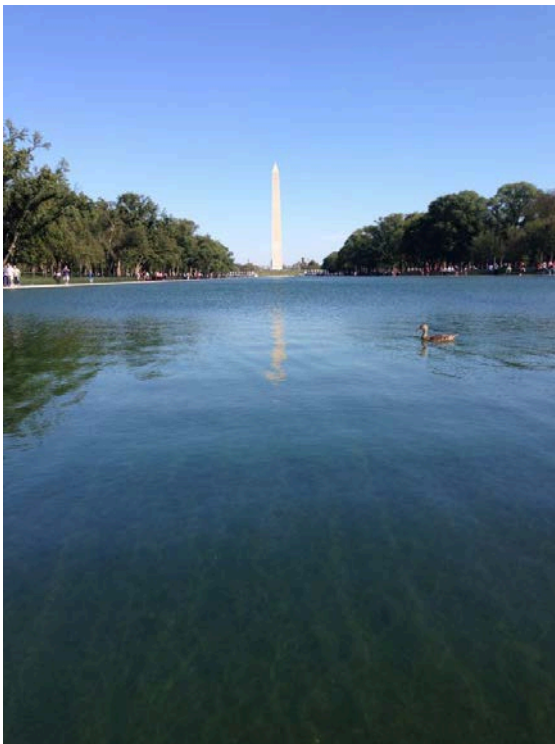
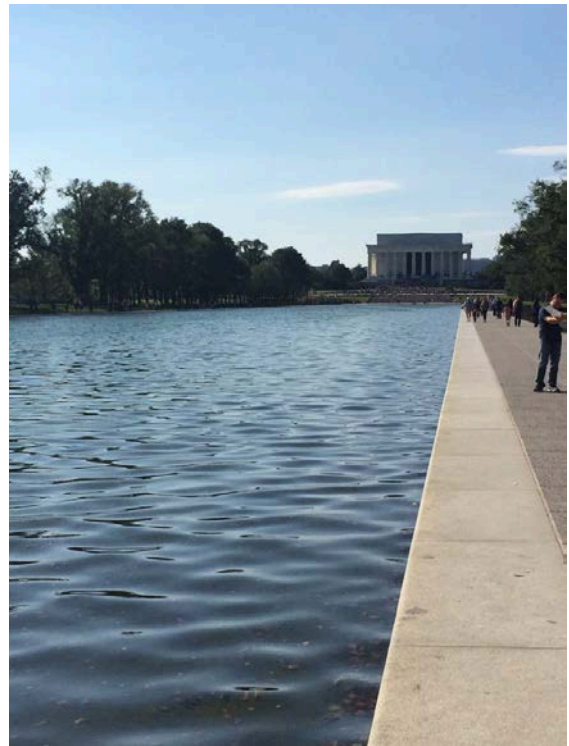
9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

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



Washington, DC Bus Trip

Approximately 75 students got up at the crack of dawn on October 25 to climb aboard a bus for the trip to Washington! Breakfast was given to all the bleary eyed trip goers and by the time they arrived in Washington, their eyes were wide open!



Update in Computer Labs Student Printing at MU

Effective Date: August 18, 2014

Lab Update: Students will be charged for printing in the computer labs.

Student Impact: Students will receive an allocation of prints twice a year. After they use their allocation, they will be charged for prints

through their Marauder Gold account. For more details, please refer to the following website –

<https://wiki.millersville.edu/display/ittac/Printing+in+Campus+Labs>

Benefits: Millersville University will be a greener and more sustainable campus.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Help Desk at 871-2371, or email help.desk@millersville.edu

Given this new printing allotment for students, it has been decided that students will **NOT** be able to print items at Franklin House if a student goes over their printing allotment in computer labs on campus. Budget constraints warrant this decision by Dr. Downey.

UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE THESIS/CREATIVE PROJECT WORKSHOP

A thesis workshop was held October 15 at Franklin House with Dr. Downey. Approximately 20 people attended the workshop to review the process, options and expectations, and nature of supports for people currently engaged in a thesis/creative project. Students planning to begin their thesis are reminded to submit their Thesis Prospectus form to Barb for Dr. Downey's review. That form is online and also in the Honors office.

Franklin House Availability

The Franklin House first floor conference room and lounge area is available for UHC student use during regular school days from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. This is primarily a reading and study area (and a student work area). Everyone is free to use the space for study or meetings. If you wish to schedule a group meeting please contact Barb in advance. Please be aware we are not able to make the

copier or supply room materials available for student use.

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.



Fall Recognition Banquet

The Fall Recognition Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 7 beginning at 11:45 am. For all our new students, the recognition banquet is a time when graduating seniors are recognized and students who have achieved high academic standings are also recognized. It promises to be a very special event. Mark your calendars now and look for your invitation to come in the mail!

Scenes from October 2014

October is a beautiful time of the year and brings many occasions to celebrate the season. From the turning of the leaves, the harvesting of crops, and exploring the local countryside.....to Halloween fun.....October is a great month at the 'Ville!



The 3 Candy Rappers of Reighard!



Jo Caruso, Christine Persun, Zach Cober, Jose Urena, Bryan Diehm, and Andrew Wolins hiked around Chickies Rock park.



Brandi Deaven ready for Halloween!



Andrew & Bryan



2015 SSHE Summer Honors Program going to Norway

West Chester University of PA will sponsor the 2015 SSHE Summer Honors Program next May. The program will take place in Norway next spring. A total of 28 Honors students from the 14 PASSHE schools will be chosen from applications submitted to their home school.

**Pennsylvania State System
of Higher Education
2015 Summer Honors Program
and
West Chester University
of Pennsylvania
present**

**“Nobel” Ideas from Norway:
Peace and Environmental Awareness
May 25, 2015
to
June 8, 2015**

The brochure and application are attached.

Director’s Corner

You know the old song, and the message that “little things do mean a lot.” If you take care of the little things, my 102 year old grandmother told me, the rest will take care of itself. Hard as it is, there is a wisdom in this observation. Or as they sing in “Frozen”: sometimes just “let it go!”

It has been a very busy fall semester! We have just come through Registration and everyone is looking forward to Thanksgiving, papers and assignments due, and then final exams. In the rush and flurry, let’s give thanks for the gift of just being. We have had a number of successful programs this fall, including Day of Caring, the Homecoming Parade, the

Beideman Program, a trip to Washington, DC, etc. We now are starting to look forward to the spring semester and events and opportunities on the horizon. Chief among them is a trip to New York in late March. We will also be selecting students to participate in the summer 2015 PASSHE study and travel program to West Chester. In December a half dozen Honors students will graduate, and a much larger number in May. Ah, the thesis!

As the pace quickens over the next few weeks, don’t forget to find the time to step aside from the routine, even if you can’t quite “let it go.” I hope to see all of you at the December 7 Recognition Luncheon. Who knows, we might even break into song!

*All the best,
Dennis B. Downey*

