First Place - Homecoming 2016

A chilly and blustery day for the parade this year, but Honors alums and current students joined Dr. Downey on the porch of Franklin House to watch HCSA members come down the street portraying paparazzi, reporters, and celebrities as Hollywood came to MU!

Zach Dodson as a gladiator!
**Times, Dates and Other Items of Importance:**

**Nov 22 (Tues):** Thanksgiving Recess begins after last class

**Nov 28 (Mon):** Thanksgiving Recess ends. Classes begin at 8:00 am

**Dec 4 (Sun):** Fall Recognition Banquet

**Dec 12 (Mon):** Last day of classes

**Dec 13 (Tues):** Final Exams begin

**Dec 17 (Sat):** Final Exams end

**Dec 18 (Sun):** Commencement, End of fall term.

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**!Birthdays!**

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

- Noah Stitely Nov. 3
- Stefanie Mangir Nov. 3
- David Wuestner Nov. 7
- Bridget Murray Nov. 7
- Hannah Gorin Nov. 8
- Jackie Pixley Nov. 9
- Quinn Minnich Nov. 9
- Julia Walters Nov. 14
- Corey McCarthy Nov. 15
- Elizabeth Quinn Nov. 16
- Katelyn Murphy Nov. 17
- Rachel Laughlin Nov. 17
- Tim Sakowski Nov. 19
- Lauren Ledder Nov. 19
- Eden Hirtzel Nov. 22
- Gabrielle Gieringer Nov. 23
- Erin Fagan Nov. 27
- Dustin Hornberger Nov. 29
- Natalie James Nov. 30
- Andrew Wolins Dec. 2
- Haley Poust Dec. 3
- Lucy Wiker Dec. 3

Brooke Dobbs Dec. 6
Jennie McIntyre Dec. 7
Delaney Costante Dec. 8
Shane Billbrough Dec. 9
Cara Discavage Dec. 9
Amanda Dziedzic Dec. 10
Alyssa Bingaman Dec. 11
Gloria Zavala Dec. 11

Remember your friends on their special day!

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**Dr. Downey’s Fall 2016 Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:30-11:30 am.

Other times available by appointment! Call: 871-7552. Dr. Downey’s office hours may be subject to change at times.

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**2017 SSHE Summer Honors Program**

Mansfield University of PA Honors Program will sponsor the 2017 SSHE Summer Honors. The destination for 2017 is Belize. As soon as more information is received, we will pass it along. If you are interested in applying for the summer Honors program, watch your email and then complete the application that will be forthcoming. You must have completed over 30 semester hours of coursework at MU and be returning to MU in the fall of 2017 to apply for the program.
Thanksgiving Break is just a couple of weeks away now. November 22 will be here before we know it! Break begins after the last class on November 22 and classes will resume on Monday, November 28.

More Homecoming pictures!

Students with the Philly Phanatic!

Dr. Downey in the parade with our students!

Parade Chairman Jaclyn Belew with Sara Howell. Congratulations on earning the MU Float First Place Award this year!!!!
Fall Recognition Banquet
The fall banquet will be held on Sunday, December 4 in the University Room of the Bolger Conference Center. The banquet is to recognize seniors graduating in December as well as recognizing those students who have achieved high academic honors. A special guest speaker will be at the banquet. An invitation to all Honors students will be forthcoming early in November. Please send the response card back to the Honors College office prior to the deadline date.

Special Events by HCSA
Honors College students have been taking a break from their fall semesters with some fun HCSA Special Events! In September over 40 students had the chance to go to Sky Zone and do activities from jumping on trampolines to playing dodgeball.

The October event was at Field of Screams, where students celebrated Halloween weekend with tons of scary attractions! Stay tuned for another special event before the semester ends!

Director’s Corner
The PASSHE Summer Study and Travel Abroad has as its 2017 destination the nation of Belize. Carrying Honors credit and with all expenses paid for the two selected participants, this program is one of the great ‘perks’ for Honors students. It is part of our institutional commitment to promote study abroad, and to have Honors students experience something of the ‘world beyond.’ All Honors students who are in good academic standing, have contributed to and provided leadership to the MU Honors College, and have completed no fewer than thirty total credits are eligible to apply. Please review the enclosed information and attend the information session when it is announced. We anticipate an application deadline of early December for a final selection of two students and two alternatives in January. The application is included in the newsletter.

Dennis B. Downey
Director

The group at Field of Screams, October 29th!