

# The Honors Report

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**Spring 2017!**  
**Welcome Back!!**



## **NEW YORK CITY on APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>!!!**

The bus trip to New York City will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Tickets have been secured for the Broadway hit show CATS!!!!

**Those students who have been active participants of HCSA during the first semester and completed the community service requirements will be the first students offered the chance to sign up for this bus trip.**

Cost for this bus trip will \$22.00 payable to Barb in the Honors College office. \$2.00 to the bus driver and \$20.00 for your ticket to CATS. These tickets are NON-Refundable. If you sign up for the trip and show, you will be required to pay even though you may decide to back out at the last minute. **NO REFUNDS.** So, plan accordingly when thinking about going to NYC on April 1st. Show time for CATS is at 2:00 pm. The show will be in the Neil Simon Theatre in New York. Stay involved with HCSA!!



## **HCSA Toys for Schreiber Pediatrics!**

HCSA members donated toys during late November and early December for the children at Schreiber Pediatric Center. Response was overwhelming with donations and by the wrapping paper held here in the picture, was a very festive time for the children! Well done!!



## **Senior Spotlights!**



## **Alex Paul**

I have truly done many things while at Millersville. In my sophomore year, I was an OL for so many great Honors College freshman, some of whom I am best friends with. Then in my junior year I went abroad for the whole year and had the

greatest experience ever. I traveled for most of it! It has instilled many values in me! One of which is it always remain happy because everything will work out! I truly appreciate Millersville and every opportunity it has given me. The Honors College included. Those who are seniors will always remember FeBarbruary!

*Times, Dates and Other Items of Importance:*

**Feb. 14 (Tues):** Valentine's Day!

**Feb 25 (Sat):** HCSA Formal

**March 10 (Fri):** Spring break begins after last class.

**Mar. 12: (Sun):** Daylight Savings begins.

**Mar. 20 (Mon):** Classes resume. Spring arrives!

**Apr. 1 (Sat):** Bus trip to NYC, CATS Broadway Show

**Apr. 9 (Sun):** Palm Sunday

**Apr. 16 (Sun):** Easter

**Apr. 30 (Sun):** Spring Recognition Banquet



### **!Birthdays!**

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

Jeff Calabro	February 5
Nicholas Russell	February 7
Shelby Fuller	February 9
Amanda Vergara	February 14
Michael Lockwood	February 15
Hellen Brievea	February 16
Nikolas Reckner	February 18
Lisa Shaffer	February 20
Abigail Breckbill	February 22
Justin Carter	February 22
Alex Kaltenbaugh	February 23
Amanda Mooney	February 28
Josh Larson	February 28
Miranda Twardowski	March 4
Bryce Rinehart	March 7
Elizabeth Fultz	March 8

Remember your friends on their special day!

## **Dr. Downey's Spring 2017**

### **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.

## **HCSA Spring Formal**

The HCSA spring formal will be held on Friday, March 3, 2017 in the Lehr Dining Room of the Bolger Conference Center. HCSA Vice-President Jan van der Veken is in charge of the formal. Decorations have been ordered for the special event and more information will be forthcoming via the email listserv in the days ahead.

## **Six Weeks til Spring!**

Yes, that furry little groundhog Phil saw his shadow on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA on February 2.



While we patiently wait for warmer, sunnier days, we also need to remember to turn our clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11. Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 12 which will bring that much desired one hour longer of daylight in the evening!





## Senior Spotlights!



**Brittany Tomes**

BA French /BA Spanish  
Graduating May 2017

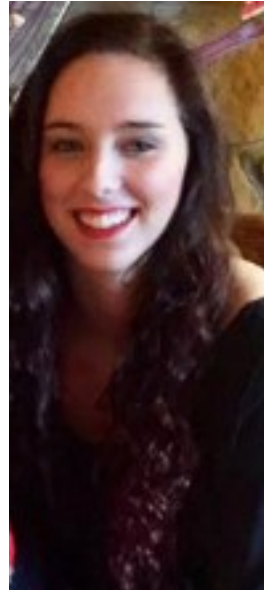
Fundraising Chair of HCSA 2013-2014  
V.P. of HCSA 2014-2015  
V.P. of Moose Ultimate Frisbee 2014- 2015  
Studied Abroad at l'Universite de Caen Basse-Normandie,  
France 2015  
President of MU French Club 2016-2017  
French Tutor  
Student Assistant / Event Assistant at Office of Global  
Education 2016-2017



**Jo Caruso**

In my time at MU, I have worked for two years as a Resident Assistant, and I have also been privileged with the roles of Orientation Leader and Office Research Assistant to the Office of the Provost. In extra-curricular activities, I have shown commitment to the MU Honors College by taking on leadership roles such as HCSA Historian Chair and President of the HCSA.

Academically, in addition to University Honors, I am also attempting to receive Departmental Psychology Honors with an undergraduate thesis concerning video games and processing speeds in children. I am truly grateful to Millersville and to the Honors College for offering me invaluable leadership positions and academic opportunities, as well as fostering a community of scholars from which I have forged some of my most impactful friendships.



**Carolyn Eskin**

While at MU, I have studied Sociology with a concentration in Criminology, as well as minored in Psychology. I completed my first research project as well as assisted faculty with research. I am currently finishing my University and Departmental Honors thesis on the topic of perceptions of college sexual assault victims based on gender stereotypes. I will hopefully be attending either Marymount University or George Washington University in the fall of 2017 to continue my education in Forensic Psychology.





## Mentor Event

A mentor event with alumni mentors is being planned for Wednesday, March 1. Several alumni mentors will be on a panel discussion beginning at 4:00 pm in the University Room of the Bolger Conference Center. A light reception will be available during the panel discussion. All Honors students are encouraged to attend this discussion to meet and ask questions of your alumni mentors.

Following the panel discussion, a dinner for the alumni mentors and ALL Honors students will be held in Lehr Dining Room. Invitations will be forthcoming to all students and we ask that you reply via email to Barb to sign up for the dinner! This is your opportunity to speak with MU Alums who are giving of their time and talents to bring information to you.

## PASSHE Student Leadership Conference 2017

The PASSHE student leadership conference for 2017 is being held at the Dixon Center in Harrisburg on April 3, 2017. The MU Honors College is the host school for the conference this year and Grace Smoot along with Anne Mitzel are the co-chairs of the committee planning the event for this year. Two MU vans have been reserved to transport MU Honors students to the conference. Lunch will be provided by the Chancellor's Office at the Dixon University Center. Dr. Prahbu, Provost of Millersville University is the guest speaker for the conference. There will also be breakout sessions for the students attending the one day conference. Students interested in attending the conference should contact Grace Smoot at [grsmoot@millersville.edu](mailto:grsmoot@millersville.edu) or Anne Mitzel at [aemitzel@millersville.edu](mailto:aemitzel@millersville.edu). Space is limited so contact Grace or Anne at your earliest convenience.



## Senior Spotlights!



### Jose Urena

My name is Jose Urena, and I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics. As a member of the Honors College Student Association, I participated in United Way Day of Caring, Mini-THON, and the Millersville Halloween Parade. I also had the opportunity to travel to New York City and attend the Broadway Musical 'Once'.

My undergraduate research began at Millersville University in the fall 2015 semester under Dr. Steven M. Bonser. Our work aims to synthesize dibenzenesulfonyl and 2-sulfobenzoyl diaziridine analogues in order to study their chemical reactivities and produce a series of pharmaceutically active drug candidates. My undergraduate education at Millersville University gave me the opportunity to participate in a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where I worked under Dr. Jefferson Chan in a 10-week summer program to develop a novel, silicon-based photo-caging group with drug delivery applications. I currently serve as President of the American Chemical Society (ACS) Student Chapter at Millersville University where I collaborate with supervisors and students to plan effective social, outreach, and fundraising activities to foster university and community



interest in chemistry. Our student chapter will be attending the ACS National Meeting & Exposition in San Francisco, CA during the month of April to present chemistry research and network with the chemistry community.

After I graduate in May 2017, I will complete a Master of Science degree program in Food Science with the hopes of studying food chemistry, sensory evaluation, and enology as I pursue my ultimate goal of obtaining a Ph.D. in Food Science followed by an industrial career in R&D or product development.



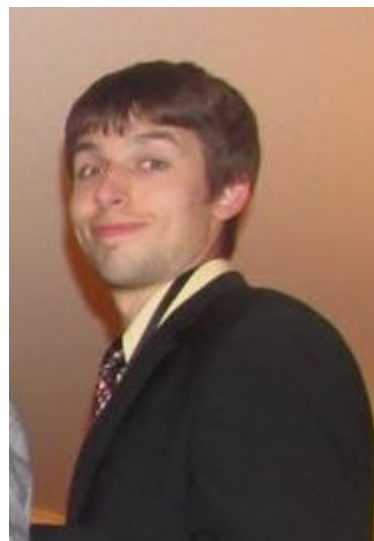
## Senior Spotlights!



**Stefanie Mangir**

I am a dual early childhood and special education major. I am currently student teaching in an intervention pclassroom and will move over to a first grade classroom in March. My time here at Millersville has offered me tremendous opportunities. I have had the pleasure of participating in many organizations, such as the Honors College Student Association (HCSA), Early Childhood Organization (ECHO), Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), and Student Alumni Association (SAA). In my junior year, I served as president of SAA and was able to participate in the organization of many exciting events on campus, including the aMUzing Race and I <3 MU Week. I also served as an orientation leader specifically for the

honors college. This allowed me to lead forty incoming students as they began their journey here. As my time at MU is coming to an end, I am very thankful for the opportunities and unforgettable experiences this university has provided me. I am proud to say I have been an “Alum from Day One.”



**Derick DeCamp**

Over my four years at Millersville University, I have been involved, to varying degrees, in different clubs and organizations, with HCSA being one of them. I was the secretary of the John Newman Association (JNA) my junior year and I continue to lead two groups for the JNA. In regards to academics, I received the outstanding junior psychology major award and joined Psi Chi in the spring of my junior year. I have presented my research at various conferences and will be presenting at this year’s Eastern Psychological Association Conference. Finally, I would like to thank all of those who have helped me and extended their friendship to me these past four years, it has been an honor and a pleasure.