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Dr. Thyrum's Spring 2019 Office Hours:

Monday: 11-11:45 am - Franklin House
Monday 1:10-2:40 pm - 120 Luek (1st & 3rd Mondays)
Tuesday: 10:00-10:45 am - 120 Luek Hall
And 12:15-1:00 pm – 120 Luek Hall
Wednesday: 10:00-11:30 am – Franklin House
Thursday: 10:00-10:45 am – 120 Luek Hall
Friday: 10:00 am-11:45 am – Franklin House

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

Director's Corner

April 16 will be a notable day at MU! "Made in Millersville" (MiM), a celebration of student scholarship and creativity", runs from 8-4 in McNairy Library. Please come out for an hour or two and listen to talks, hear a creative presentation, or view posters. This is a great way to get ready for working on your honors thesis. I'd love to know if you are presenting so I can stop by your session! As you've heard in prior announcements, MiM needs volunteers to help with setting up, running the conference, and then tearing down the day after. Please help out and earn service credits. In addition, MU Admissions is holding an Honors recruitment event where ambitious high school juniors will be coming to our campus to attend MiM, lunch and learn about the Honors College, and then take a tour of campus. We are also in need of our honors students to help with the recruitment lunch on April 16. Let us know if you can help. Thank you!
Best wishes, *Dr. Thyrum*



Thesis Workshop

The spring thesis workshop will also be held on Tuesday, February 12 at 4:00 -5:15 pm in Rm 108 Luek Hall with Dr. Thyrum, faculty from our Library, and students who have completed the thesis. All Honors students must attend a thesis workshop so you can learn how to approach the thesis, how to request a thesis adviser, how to set up the thesis and other important information. **This workshop is required for sophomores**, but all students are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be on hand for participants!!



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Thesis Q & A Session

Dr. Thyrum will be hosting a Thesis Q & A session (formerly known as the "Thesis Jam Session") on Tuesday, Feb 12 from 12:05-1:05 pm in Rm 118 Luek Hall. **This session is for students currently working on (or just beginning) their thesis** and is a time to come together to share common questions/answers with regard to working on the thesis. Please come to discuss your thesis experience and ask questions!

Franklin House

Franklin House is available for all Honors students during the day as a place to unwind between classes. We offer a quiet environment with comfortable furniture for small group gatherings. If student employees are not utilizing the computer work stations, Honors students are free to use the computers. There is a small refrigerator on the first floor with beverages and snacks available for students while studying.



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 “Fall 2018 MU Honors Students” (FB)
 “Millersville HonorsCollege” (FB)

Honors College Communication

Please make it a habit to check your Millersville email every day. The Honors College, your professors, and other MU Offices will send you important messages. The Honors College relies heavily on email as a way to disseminate important information. In addition, if you use Facebook, please “friend” Millersville HonorsCollege and Honors College Student Association at Millersville and ask to join “Fall 2018 MU Honors Students”. We have an Instagram page and Twitter account you can follow as well - “Ville_Honors”. Remember, these are great ways to stay on top of the latest news and announcements!



New York City Bus Trip Update!

After several attempts and numerous negotiations, we are happy to announce that tickets were secured for the 2:00 pm matinee performance of “Waitress” on Saturday, March 30, 2019!

Details of the trip include a coach picking up Honors students at 7:15 am on the morning of March 30th, breakfast on the coach for all students attending, arrival in New York City around 10:30 am with drop off points at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural History. From there, you will be on your own until you meet Dr. Thyrum in front of the Brooks Atkinson Theatre, located at 256 W. 47th Street. You will then receive your ticket for the musical.

Please note that, if you sign up for the trip, you are required to attend. Do not sign up and then decide at the last minute that something else came up and you no longer wish to go on the trip or attend the musical. The cost of the trip to you will be \$22.00 CASH payable to Barb in the Honors College office of Franklin House.



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Honors College Community Service Requirements

Serve the public good – give back – civic engagement!

Along with Honors College benefits comes responsibilities. MU's Honors College, like many Honors Colleges at similar institutions, requires students to complete community service - a total of six (6) community service events/projects for the academic year. You can split the community service events across two semesters (3 each semester), or, if you are energetic and volunteer for events sponsored by the University, other campus organizations, the Honors College, or the HCSA (which all can count for your Honors College community service), you can do more than 3 per semester – but you must ultimately complete 6 events per year. Each event you complete must be a minimum of 1 hour in length to receive credit. Even if an event lasts a few hours, you receive 1 credit for that event. In order to receive credit, submit the Community Service confirmation form (available in Barb's office, at Reighard Lobby check-in desk, and through email) after you complete the service event and obtain the supervisor's signature on the form.



!Birthdays!

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

Feb. 9 Benjamin Perlis
 Feb. 16 Hellen Brieva
 Feb. 18 Nikolas Reckner
 Feb. 21 Phoebe Tanis
 Feb. 22 Abigail Breckbill
 Feb. 24 Hannah Jackson
 Feb. 25 Jacqui Stewart

Feb. 28 Amanda Mooney
 Mar. 06 Daniel Irwin
 Mar. 07 Bryce Rinehart
 Mar. 10 Kelsey Heckert
 Mar. 10 Kyle Johnson
 Mar. 14 Ryan Hartman
 Mar. 15 Owen Wallace

Remember your friends on their special day!

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society



MU is in the process of revitalizing its chapter of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP), an Honor Society that was founded in 1897. PKP is the nation's oldest and most selective multidisciplinary collegiate honor society and can found on over 300 campuses.

Next month, we will be sending out invitations to join to MU juniors (top 7.5%) and seniors (top 10%). If you receive an email invitation, please give it serious consideration by responding, completing the membership form, and attending the initiation ceremony on April 7. The organization offers benefits, in addition to looking great on a resume. There are numerous resources, scholarships and fellowships for graduate study that are available to its members. Question? Contact Dr. Thyrum

**Spring 2019 Important Dates -
Honors College Events and Meetings**

FEBRUARY:

- February 4 - Registration for Summer classes begins (No TAP # needed)
- February 5 - Meet & Mingle: Donuts with Dr. Thyrum & Brooke – Reighard 7:45am**
- February 10 - HCSA General Membership meeting at 7:30 pm SMC 18**
- February 12 – THESIS DAY**
- Honors College Thesis Workshop – 4 – 5:15 pm (required for sophomores/2nd yr students to help prepare for starting a thesis) – Luek 108
 - Thesis Q & A Session – 12:05 (for students who are beginning the honors thesis or working on the thesis – come and ask questions about the thesis & requirements) – Luek 118
- February 14 – Application for undergraduate Spring degree due to Registrar by 4:30 (advisor, dept chair, and Dr. Thyrum signatures required)**
- February 23 - HCSA Fundraiser – Sugar Bowl Delivery – 5 pm**

MARCH:

- March 2 – HCSA Formal – 7 pm - Lehr Dining Room – Gordinier**
- March 3 - HCSA General Membership meeting at 7:30 pm SMC 18**
- March 5 – 4-5 pm – “Applying to Graduate School Session” with Drs. Thyrum, Taylor, and Primus – SMC 118**
- March 5 – Fall Web Schedule online; TAP #s available starting today from your advisors & Dr. Thyrum for Fall Registration**
- March 9 -17 – Spring Break
- March 22 – HCSA Social Event***
- March 25 – PASSHE Honors Student Development Conference at Dixon Center, Harrisburg 8:00-4:00 pm**
- March 28 – Honors College Ice Cream Social: Registration Q and A - Reighard Lobby 4:00-5:30**
- March 30 – UHC Spring Bus trip to NYC – Broadway play “Waitress”**

APRIL:

- April 3 - Honors Priority Registration for Fall ‘19 courses (see advisor or Dr. Thyrum for TAP #)
- April 5 – Last day to withdraw from a class & receive a W grade
- April 7 - Phi Kappa Phi, Nat. Honor Soc., induction in Lehr – 3 pm**
- April 7 - HCSA General Membership meeting at 7:30 pm SMC 18**
- April 11 –Elizabethtown College Ware Lecture – dinner at 6 pm with Honors students at Etown; lecture at 7:30 pm**
- April 16 - Made in Millersville Conference – 8-4 pm Ganser– UHC students volunteer, present or attend**
- April 18 – Dr. Wubah’s Inauguration as MU’s 15th President – 11 am – all are invited to attend!
- April 27 –HCSA Social Event – Turkey Hill Experience***
- April 28 - HCSA General Membership meeting at 7:30 pm SMC 18**

MAY:

- May 5 – Honors College Spring Recognition Banquet – 1 pm – Lehr Dining Room in Gordinier**
- May 6 - Last day of classes
- May 7-11 - Finals
- May 11– Commencement
- May 17 – Spring ‘19 grades are available via MAX after 4:30 pm

***HCSA Social Events - sign up through Social Chair – 1st preference given to students who attend a minimum of 2 HCSA General Membership meetings**



Spotlighting Seniors



Timothy Keebler

Tim Keebler will be graduating in May with a degree in Meteorology and minors in Mathematics and Heliophysics & Space Weather. During his time at Millersville, he served as a representative in the Honors College Curriculum Committee, as well as officers in the AMS and Submersible Research Team clubs on campus. His favorite memory was working with the UWKA research aircraft in the fall of 2017 conducting meteorological research using ground-based instrumentation and copiloting a flight. After graduation, Tim plans to pursue a PhD in space physics.

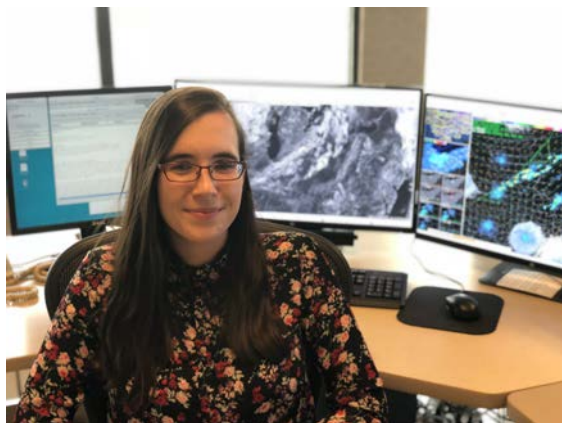


Timothy Sakowski

My name is Timothy Sakowski. I am from Maryland, and am currently a senior going for a BS in Geology with a minor in Mathematics. I am in the Honors College. This past spring semester, I was awarded the MU-MUSE Grant in order to do research during the summer. My research involved looking at core drilled from different sites around Pennsylvania, and then identifying the natural fractures from the induced fractures. After that, I organized all the natural fractures in order to see if I could find any correlation with the different types of fracture, the depth they were located at, and the lithology (rock type) they exist in. Once I finished gathering my data, I was able to identify some fracture patterns, and then presented it at the Geological Society of America's Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. After college, I hope to get a job in the environmental section of geology, and eventually get my Masters.



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Mary Gilbert

Mary Gilbert will be graduating in May with a degree in Meteorology and minors in Environmental Hazards & Emergency Management and Mathematics. During her time at MU she was a dedicated member of the Millersville chapter of the American Meteorological Society as well as the International Association of Emergency Managers. Her favorite memory was working diligently to receive the Ernest F. Hollings scholarship in the spring of 2017, which allowed her to conduct severe weather research and work at a National Weather Service forecast office. After graduation, Mary intends to pursue a career as an operational forecaster.



Inauguration of Dr. Wubah



Dr. Daniel Wubah, 15th President of Millersville University

Dr. Daniel Wubah will be inaugurated as the Fifteenth President of Millersville University on Thursday, April 18, 2019. Any student who is not in class is invited to attend the inauguration at 11:00 that morning on the Quad.

Dr. Wubah and his spouse, Dr. Judith Wubah, came to MU on July 1, 2018 to begin his tenure as the fifteenth President of Millersville University.

Dr. Wubah has been very supportive of the Honors College and Honors students. It is our hope that Honors students will attend the inauguration.