



# THE HONORS REPORT

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# SAVE THE DATES

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## Thesis Workshop for 2nd year students

10/3  
4:45 - 6pm  
SMC 18

## Thesis Day Q&A for 3rd and 4th year students

10/3  
12:15 - 1pm  
SMC 18

## Homecoming Parade

10/14  
8am  
Franklin House

## Open House

10/21  
9 - 10:30am  
Basketball Courts

## HCSA Meeting

10/15  
7pm  
SMC

## Halloween Registration Party

10/22  
TBH

# WELCOME BACK!

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Welcome back, Marauders! We hope you had a great summer and are adjusting to a new semester. We want to welcome our returning students and extend a warm welcome to our first years! The Honors College has exciting things planned for this school year and we hope you'll join us for all the fun. Above are some important dates to keep in mind, and more information still to come. We can't wait for another amazing year here at the Ville!



# STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

By: Mandi Laudenslager



**Emma Einheber**

## **Q: What is your major and why did you pick Millersville?**

I am a sophomore, majoring in Interactive and Graphic design.

Millersville wasn't my original choice, but after visiting I felt like I could really see myself here. The active community was something that peaked my interest, since I love getting involved. I just found myself wanting to be a part of this community!

## **Q: What do you love about your major?**

I love being creative and learning about the process of design-work. I've been creating my whole life, but I love learning how to critically problem solve. I also really like meeting other people in my major and getting to see their designs unfold.

## **Q: Favorite thing about the honors college?**

I love community building. The Honors College helped me freshman year to find my fit and meet others. I am also the art and design mentor in the Honors College and I love being able to support and help the upcoming freshman. It's something I wish I would have had when I started in the Honors College.

## **Q: What are some of your interests?**

I love to sing and listen to music. I also love making playlists. I like to hang out with my friends in my free time, too. I've recently been getting into traveling and exploring different cities. I also just discovered a love for working out! I'm always staying active!

## **Q: What other activities you are involved in on campus?**

I am currently the director of public relations on the MU Activities Board. We plan a lot of the events on campus! I am also currently a part of Millersville's new Acapella group called *Ville Harmonics*! It's a very supportive group of people that love creating music together. I love being a part of something bigger than me and I encourage others to find a place here on campus like that.

## **Q: Do you have any advice for freshman in the Honors College?**

As I've stated before its really important to find something bigger than yourself and reach for it. I saw this quote on Pinterest which read "feel the fear and do it anyway." I think this is super important because growth happens when you challenge yourself, and you never know what doors will open for you if you just show up!



# WELCOMING DR. WOLFGANG

By: Mandi Laudenslager

**We are so excited to welcome Dr. Charlton Wolfgang to the Honors College! Get to know our new director in this interview.**



## Q: Tell us a little bit about yourself!

My name is Charlton Wolfgang, I grew up in Bucks County, north of Philadelphia. I have been married for just over 30 years to Amy, who is a kindergarten teacher in one of our local elementary schools in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District where we live. We have one daughter, Sophia, who is 13 years old and is in 8th grade. We have a 2-year-old yellow lab named Nikki, who is one of the funniest dogs I have ever met! I enjoy watching Doctor Who (Matt Smith is my favorite doctor!) and listening to Scandinavian Symphonic Metal. We attend the Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church in Jonestown in northern Lebanon County.

## Q: When did you come to Millersville and how long have you been here?

I started teaching at Millersville as an adjunct professor in the Masters in Gifted Education program in 2013, specifically teaching the Clinical Practicum course. I became affiliated with Millersville a few years prior to 2013, however, when I was part of the team that brought the Gifted Education graduate programs back out of hiatus. I taught the practicum course for two years while I taught High School Honors Biology and was the Gifted Coordinator for the school district (I spent approximately 15 years teaching and coordinating gifted education). I left the school district in October 2014 to become the Science Curriculum and Instruction Consultant for STEM at Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (IU13). I worked there for 9 months until I was hired as a tenure-track Professor of Gifted and STEM Education in the Early, Middle, and Exceptional Education (EMEE) department at Millersville. So, I have worked at Millersville a little over 10 years but have been a tenure-track/tenured professor for just a bit over 8 years. My current titles are Associate Professor of Gifted and STEM Education, Coordinator of the Gifted Education Graduate Programs, and Director of the University Honors College.

## Q: What is your educational history?

I graduated from Christopher Dock Mennonite High School in 1989 (class of '89, we're so fine!) and graduated from Messiah College (it was still a college back then) in 1993 with a Biology/Pre-Med degree. I took the MCATs but decided that I was no longer interested in pursuing medicine as a career, so I dabbled in sales and retail management for a few years. I went back to college to earn a post-baccalaureate secondary education teaching certification and began teaching 7th grade Life Science at Manheim Township Middle School in 1997. After three years I switched to teaching gifted education. Around this time I began working on my Masters degree and earned a Masters of Science Education at Lebanon Valley College in 2002. A few years later I decided to earn my Ph.D., so I enrolled at Drexel University in Philadelphia. I graduated from Drexel in 2013 with a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Development and Learning Technologies, while also earning my Principal's Certificate and Assistant Superintendent Letter of Eligibility.



# WELCOMING DR. WOLFGANG

By: Mandi Laudenslager

## Q: What's your favorite thing about the Honors College so far?

This is an easy one! The students, of course! I am absolutely enjoying the opportunity to interact with the Honors College students from the many different majors represented in the HC, to learn about their research interests and other passions, as well as to get to know them socially through the many events that we offer.



## Q: Favorite place to Travel?

This is a tough one, because I travel a lot and I love to travel. At last count I think that I have visited 31 different countries and I have met interesting people and seen amazing sights in all of them. The country that I keep coming back to, however, is Iceland. The scenery is like nowhere else in the world, it's so easy to navigate by car (there are fewer people who live in Iceland than live in Lancaster County), the air is always cool with relatively low humidity (I don't like hot, sticky summer weather!), Icelandic hotdogs and ice cream are amazing, you can stand between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates at Thingvellir, and the active volcanoes are awe-inspiring. In 2021 I was able to hike up the mountains to be near the Fagradalsfjall volcano; we were able to see, hear, and smell it actively erupting from our vantage point on the nearby mountain. Combined with the driving wind and rain, it was an experience like no other!

## Q: What other hobbies are you interested in outside the Honors College?

Besides traveling, I enjoy planning my next travel adventure, playing basketball, watching British television shows and movies, listening to symphonic metal music, exploring and experimenting with new technology, and reading/watching science fiction and fantasy.



## Is there anything else you want us to know about you?

I am thrilled to be the new Director of the Honors College and I am excited to see what the next few years will bring as we work together to make the Honors College experience the best that it can be for our students!

**Dr. Wolfgang is an Associate Professor of Gifted and STEM Education and in the Department of Early, Middle, and Exceptional Education. You can find him in 200 Franklin House or contact his email [charlton.wolfgang@millersville.edu](mailto:charlton.wolfgang@millersville.edu).**

# OUTSIDE THE HONORS COLLEGE

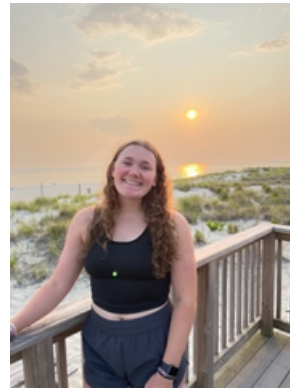
By: Tatum Dolan

**Millersville University offers a variety of clubs for students to get involved in around campus. By joining a club, you can meet like-minded students with similar interests! Millersville offers Academic and Professional organizations, Art and Culture clubs, Greek Life, Multicultural clubs, Service and Civic Engagement, Spiritual Organizations, Sports and Leisure programs, and University Sponsored clubs.**



**Katherine Pelagatti**

- ~ Millersville Swim Team
- ~ Conestoga Outdoors Club
- ~ PreHealth Club



**Claire Weaver**

- ~ Kappa Delta Pi
- ~ Millersville Swim Team
- ~ Letters of Love



**Mandi Laudenslager**

- ~ Expressions Dance Team
- ~ HERS Campus
- ~ Honors Report Editor



**Karina Hossain**

- ~ Biology Mentorship Program
- ~ Pre-Health Club
- ~ Honors Report Writer



**Emma Einheber**

- ~ VilleHarmonics
- ~ University Activities Board
- ~ Honors College Students Association

**The Honors College encourages all students to get involved around campus!**

Learn more about the clubs and organizations that Millersville has to offer by going to:  
<https://www.millersville.edu/ucm/files/cut-sheets/studentorganization-cutsheet.pdf>



# BOOK QUOTES OF THE WEEK

By: Karina Hossain

Books can take us places we have never been to and allow us to learn a lot about ourselves. Many students in the Honors College are avid readers. Here are a few inspiring quotes chosen this week from popular books!

**"Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same."  
- Emily Bronte, *Wuthering Heights***

**"There is truth in stories... if you believe only in fact and forget stories, your brain will live, but your heart will die."  
-Cassandra Clare, *Lord of Shadows***

**"To the stars who listen—and the dreams that are answered."  
-Sarah J. Maas, *A Court of Mist and Fury***

**"Life is a one-way, there is no return trip. What are you waiting for?"  
-Penelope Douglas, *Corrupt***

**"There are things in life so valuable that you must risk the pain of losing them for the joy of briefly having them."  
-Emily Henry, *Book Lovers***

**"You'll learn that the best rewards come with the biggest consequences. Because nothing that great is given for free."  
-Lauren Asher, *The Fine Print***

**"Treat your body carefully. Take care of it. Don't let anyone abuse it, and don't abuse it yourself. Every inch of your skin I made diligently; months I slaved over you. You are my masterpiece."  
-Christina Lauren, *Love and Other Words***

**"The same substance composes us—the tree overhead, the stone beneath us, the bird, the beast, the star—we are all one, all moving to the same end."  
-P.L. Travers, *Mary Poppins***

**"What if I fall?"  
"Oh but my darling, what if you fly?"  
-Erin Hanson**



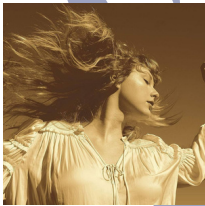
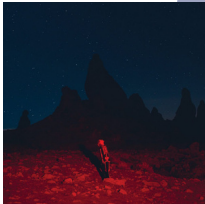
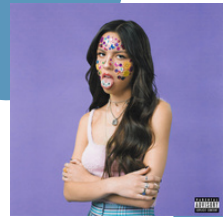
# WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

By: Briana Pollock

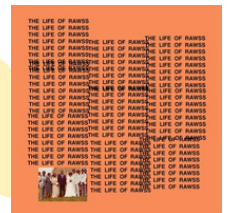
Music is a big part of daily lives from across the world. Music brings people together and can be embraced in many ways, whether it is dancing, singing, or just listening while studying. Music has many benefits, such as helping people focus or making studying for an upcoming exam more enjoyable. Below are some songs/ albums that students in the Honors College are enjoying recently!



Clara Burnell, a freshman sports medicine major and member of the Honors College, listens to a variety of music and podcasts. Clara's top three artists are **Noah Kahan, Phoebe Bridgers, and Olivia Rodrigo**. In fact, Clara loves Noah Kahan's music so much that she recently got a tattoo inspired by a lyric in his song, False Confidence.



Abby Bond, a freshman sports major in the honors College has been listening to many songs recently. Her top picks are **Kiss It Better by Rhianna, Waves by Kayne West, and has Fearless by Taylor Swift!**



Briana Pollock, a pre medicine major and member of the Honors College, also has favorite music choices. Her top songs right now are **Play It Again by Luke Bryan, Last Night by Morgan Wallen, and Lights by Ellie Goulding!**

