

# The Honors Report

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## **Dr. Thyrum's Fall 2018 Office**

### **Hours:**

**Monday: 10-11:30 am - Franklin House**

**Monday 1:10-2:40 pm - 120 Luek Hall**

**Tuesday: 1:00-2:00 pm - 120 Luek Hall**

**Wednesday: 10:00-11:30 am – Franklin House**

**Friday 11:00 am-12:00 pm – 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**

Greetings!

I hope everyone is having a great start to your semester. It's hard to believe that Fall Break is around the corner. Thank you to everyone who came out for our September events, including the Opening Picnic, Ropes Course, Stepping Stones to Success Session, and the DC trip!

Be sure to see your academic advisor in your major sometime after Oct 5, when Spring '19 TAP #s will be available. Feel free to consult me, as well, to discuss your progress in the Honors College and possible spring honors courses you might select. To assist with registration questions, we will have an Ice Cream Social on October 25 in Reighard Lobby. Brooke Shimer (our Peer Mentor) and I will be available to discuss registration, course selection, and to share TAP #s (although we want to be sure you have spoken with your academic advisor).

Check out our October, November, and December calendar (at the end of this newsletter) ....we have some exciting events planned!

*Best, Dr. Thyrum*

## **HCSA Officers for 2018-2019:**

President: Kelly Czmar

Vice-President: Hellen Brieva

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Treasurer: Erin Jones

Historian: Olivia Medina

Chair Persons:

Fundraising: Meaghan Schulman

Special Events: Lauren Davis

Public Relations: Kristen Hart

Community Service: Maggie Schenfelt

Mentor/Mentee: Jacqui Stewart

Membership Retention: Brooke Shimer

Alumni Relations: Peter Gray

Please give these officers/chairpersons your support this year!!

## **Honors College**

### **Opening Reception - 2018-2019**

Our Opening Reception was held on August 29 at 4:00 pm in the Ford Atrium of McComsey Hall. MU's new President, Dr. Daniel Wubah and his spouse, Dr. Judith Wubah were both in attendance and greeted students, Dr. Thyrum, other faculty, and administrators. Thanks to all students who came out for this lively event! Dr. Wubah was very impressed with our students' enthusiasm as well as the questions students asked him.





## **!Birthdays!**

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

Leah Freeman	Oct. 1
Hannah Miller	Oct. 1
Joseph Wright	Oct. 2
Haley Lathrop	Oct. 2
Kasidy Bidelspacher	Oct. 5
Taylor Bemisderfer	Oct. 6
Shawn Hower	Oct. 6
Maddie News	Oct. 14
Meagan Schulman	Oct. 16
Lindsey Diamond	Oct. 18
Maggie Schenfelt	Oct. 23
Kaitlyn Pekarik	Oct. 28
Anna Corrieri	Oct. 30
Jillian Gammon	Nov. 1
Noah Stitely	Nov. 3
Brooke Shimer	Nov. 5
Laura Olchewsky	Nov. 5
Peter Gray	Nov. 6
Bridget Murray	Nov. 7
Hannah Gorin	Nov. 8

Remember your friends on their special day!

## ***Day of Caring 2018***

Day of Caring 2018 was held on Saturday, September 8 beginning at 7:00 am with the delivery of a bagged breakfast to Reighard Lobby for all who participated. Once again, the Honors College had the largest group (115) of participating students in Day of Caring 2018!!



Honors College students participating in Day of Caring 2018

### **Fall Recognition Banquet**

The Fall Recognition Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 9 beginning at 1:00 pm. The time was changed to accommodate those students who attend religious services in the morning so they could also attend the banquet. 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 (with delicious food). Our guest speaker will be Dr. Kat Walsh, a faculty member from Social Work and the leader of MU's Faculty Senate. Mark your calendars now and look for your invitation to come in the mail!

### **Washington, DC Bus Trip!!!**

The Honors College sponsored the fall bus trip to Washington, DC on Saturday, September 22. The bus dropped students off at the National Mall for the day and returned to pick them up at 5:00 pm for the return trip to MU. A bagged breakfast was provided for all participants that day.



Washington Monument



Emily Holmberg, Kristen Hart, and Susan Lloyd decided to go see the White House on this trip!

### **Franklin House**

Franklin House is available for all Honors students as a place to unwind between classes. We offer a quiet environment with a love seat and chairs 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.



## 2018 PASSHE Summer Honors Study Abroad

Indiana University of PA Honors Program sponsored the 2018 PASSHE Summer Honors Study Abroad in Vienna and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Anne Mitzel and Cross Truesdell represented MU on this trip. Cross gave a presentation at the PASSHE reunion for all Honors Directors and students from the summer program at the Dixon Center in Harrisburg on September 24.



In case you don't know, MU pays for two Honors College students to attend the PASSHE Summer Honors Study Abroad each year. The trip is in May-June (approx. 3 weeks) and students receive 3-6 credits for the experience. Applications are accepted late in the Fall semester (typically in December....stay tuned for next summer's program information) but rumor is the trip is going to Poland in summer 2019!

## 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 newly created Twitter you can follow as well - "Ville\_Honors". Remember, these are great ways to stay on top of the latest news and announcements!



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## Annual Ice Cream Social!

Please join Dr. Thyrum in the Lobby of Reighard Hall for the annual ice cream social on Thursday, Oct. 25 - 4:00 – 5:30!! Come to the lobby with your friends, make yourself an ice cream sundae with all the toppings, socialize a bit, and talk to Dr. Thyrum and Brooke Shimer (our Peer Mentor) about registering for Spring 2019 courses!! Dr. Thyrum will have Honors TAP #s available for registration.



## Homecoming 2018 – Oct. 13

Homecoming will be here before you know it!! October 13 is the date for the Homecoming Parade and **freshmen are required to participate in the parade** as part of the Honors Freshman Experience. Send Barb an email to sign up to march in the parade. If you are participating in some other way for the parade, please email Barb so you can receive credit for participation.  
[Barbara.erdman@millersville.edu](mailto:Barbara.erdman@millersville.edu)

HCSA will coordinate the creation of an Honors College Float for the parade, which will reflect this year's theme, "Pennsylvania Proud". This year's float will portray the TV show "The Office", which is associated with Scranton, PA.

The morning will begin with your breakfast at Franklin House again with Bagels, Blueberry Muffins, fresh fruit platters, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, and Hot Tea. Breakfast will be set up in Franklin House by 6:30 am for all parade participants!! Kelly Czmar, President of HCSA, will have Franklin House unlocked and open for all parade participants prior to the group heading to the Penn Manor High School to get lined up for the parade.

Any students who are not participating in the parade should consider coming to Franklin House to watch the parade!



2017 Homecoming Parade Participants

## Change in Community Service Requirements for Fall 2018

The Honors College requires that all of our students complete a total of six (6) community service events/projects for the academic year. You can split the community service events across two semesters for 3 each semester, or, if you are energetic and volunteer for events sponsored by the University, other campus organizations, the Honors College, or HCSA, you can do more than 3 per semester – but you must 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 will receive 1 credit for that event.

### Priority Registration

Priority Registration for ALL Honors students begins at 8:00 am on Wednesday, October 31. Set your alarm clocks so you are up that morning. Make sure you have met with your major adviser and received your TAP number. Then you will be ready to register for courses for the spring 2019 semester! Freshmen - some of you will be pre-registered for certain courses in the spring semester, including ENGL 241H and COMM 100H. **DO NOT WITHDRAW** from these courses. ENGL 241H is a required course and should be completed in the spring of your 1<sup>st</sup> year.

**Happy Halloween!!!**



### Thesis Question & Answer Session

Dr. Thyrum will be hosting a Thesis Question & Answer session on Thursday, November 8 from 12:05-1:05 pm during the common lunch hour. It will be held in the conference room of Franklin House. **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 questions!

### Thesis Workshop

A thesis workshop will also be held on Thursday, November 8 at 4:00 pm in Luek Hall, Room 108 with Dr. Thyrum. 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 on hand for participants!!

### *Times, Dates and Other Items of Importance:*

#### OCTOBER:

- October 3 – Registration for Winter classes begins at noon (No TAP # needed)
- October 5 – Fall Break begins after last class
- October 5 – TAP #s available starting today from your advisors & Dr. Thyrum for Spring Registration
- October 8 and 9 – Fall Break
- October 11 – PA Historical Reception/Lecture – 5:30 pm 230 N. President Ave., Lancaster, PA LancasterHistory, 5:30 pm – Reception in Ware Commons followed by the lecture in Ryder Hall. Keynote Address: “Thaddeus Stevens, Disability and the Enduring Struggle for Civil Rights” **SPEAKER: Thomas K. Gilhool, Esq**
- October 13 – Honors College Homecoming breakfast in Franklin House and Homecoming Parade
- October 21 - HCSA General Membership meeting – 7:30 pm SMC 24

- October 25 – Honors College Ice Cream Social: Registration Q & A - Reighard Lobby 4:00-5:30 pm
- October 27 – HCSA Social Event - Cherry Crest Farm
- October 31 – Honors Priority Registration for Spring '19 courses (see advisor or Dr. Thyrum for your TAP #)

#### NOVEMBER:

- November 2 – last day to Withdraw from a fall course
- November 5 – Honors College Study Abroad Opportunities and Benefits – Reighard Lobby – 7:30 pm
- November 8 – Honors College Thesis Q and A Session – 12:05 Common Hour in Franklin House (FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON or BEGINNING THE THESIS)
- November 8 – Honors College Thesis Workshop - 4 pm (required for sophomores/2<sup>nd</sup> year students to help prepare for starting a thesis)
- November 11 - HCSA General Membership meeting – 7:30 pm SMC 24
- November 20-25 Thanksgiving Break, classes resume on November 26
- November 30 – HCSA Fundraiser – Sugar Bowl Delivery – 7 pm

#### DECEMBER:

- December 2 - HCSA General Membership meeting – 7:30 pm SMC 24
- December 9 –Honors College Fall Recognition Banquet – 1 pm – Lehr Dining Room in Gordinier
- December 10- Last day of classes for fall semester
- December 11-15 Finals
- December 16 – Commencement
- December 21 – Fall '18 grades are available via MAX after 4:30 pm