

The Honors Report

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Welcome back to the 'Ville *2017-2018*



Miller and S'Ville – The MU Swans!!!

Freshman Orientation Meeting

Dr. Downey and Dr. Thyrum met with the new Honors freshmen class on Friday, August 25, 2017. Several HCSA officers were also present to provide assistance and give the incoming freshmen information about HCSA. Our thanks to HCSA members who made sure the freshmen bags were delivered and handed out to all present!!

HCSA Officers for 2017-2018:

President: Taylor Payne
Vice-President: Alyssa Cannistraci
Secretary: Hannah Campbell
Treasurer: Shelby Fuller
Historian: Sean Domencic
Chair Persons:
Fundraising: Brooke Dobbs
Special Events: Lauren Davis
Public Relations: Kristen Hart
Community Service: Rachel Laughlin
Mentor/Mentee: Kelly Czmar

Give these officers/chair persons your support this year!! Come out to the first HCSA meeting on Sunday, September 3 at 7:30 pm in the SMC, Room 18. Go find out when is being planned for the year and get involved!!!

Honors College Opening Reception 2017-2018

The Honors College opening reception will be held on Wednesday, September 6 at 4:00 pm in the Ford Atrium of McComsey Hall. Mentors are encouraged to meet up with their mentees and attend the reception with them.

Times, Dates and Other Items of Importance:

Sept. 3 (Sun): First HCSA Meeting in SMC, Room 18 at 7:30 pm

Sept. 4 (Mon): Labor Day – No Classes.

Sept. 5 (Tues): Last day to Drop/Add a course by 11:59 PM.

Sept. 6 (Wed): Honors Opening Reception for all Honors students! Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall. 4:00 pm

Sept. 9 (Sat): Day of Caring

Sept. 10 (Sun): Mentor/Mentee Event at Ropes Course

Oct 6 (Fri): Fall recess begins after last class

Oct 11 (Wed): Classes resume 8 am

Oct 14 (Sat): Homecoming parade –
“Celebrating Animation”

Oct. 28 (Sat): Bus Trip to Washington, DC

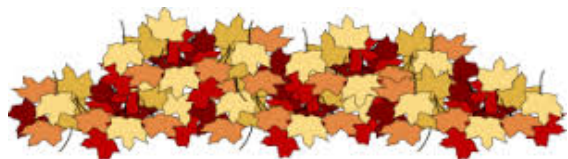


!Birthdays!

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

Poushali Ghosh	Sept. 2
Rachel Hentnick	Sept. 4
Patrick Maher	Sept. 8
Annie Tepe	Sept. 13
Ginger Bradbury	Sept. 16
Liam McTigue	Sept. 16
Emmali Montgomery	Sept. 16
David Thompson	Sept. 19
Katie Wenrich	Sept. 20
Sarah Huyen	Sept. 21
Rebecca Paglia	Sept. 21
Edwin Sanchez	Sept. 21
Zachary Whelpley	Sept. 24
Kayla Smith	Sept. 25
Iyla Stebbins	Sept. 28
Christopher Higgins	Sept. 30
Kyle Brady	Oct. 1
Joseph Wright	Oct. 2
Haley Lathrop	Oct. 2
Brandon Johnson	Oct. 4
Brianna Hornberger	Oct. 14
Maddie News	Oct. 14
Katie Newcamp	Oct. 16
Meagan Schulman	Oct. 16
Zach Mansfield	Oct. 17

Remember your friends on their special day!



Dr. Thyrum's Fall 2017

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: 1:30-3:00 pm – Franklin House

Wednesday: 3-4:00 pm – 120 Luek Hall

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.

Fall Recognition Banquet

The Fall Recognition Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 10 beginning at 11:45 am. 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. Mark your calendars now and look for your invitation to come in the mail!

Alumni Tidbits

Sarah Barnes '17 is teaching 7th grade Math in Allen Middle School of West Shore School District

Ed Hirtzel '17 will be attending St. Mary's College of California for her MFA.

Lindsay Harrison '16 is attending graduate school at Mississippi State University.

Joseph Receveur '16 is attending graduate school at Michigan State University.

Felicia Guarriello '14 is now working at the NOAA (Nat'l. Oceanic & Atmospheric

Administration) in Silver Spring, MD after receiving her Masters in Atmospheric Sciences from Texas A&M

Day of Caring 2017

Day of Caring 2017 will be held on Saturday, September 9 beginning around 7:30 am. It will run until noon that morning and is the biggest community service event of the year. It is also a required event for the Freshman Year Experience.

Washington, DC Bus Trip!!!

The Honors College is sponsoring the fall bus trip to Washington, DC on Saturday, October 28. One coach has been secured for the trip which will begin by leaving the SMC at 7:30 am. The bus will drop students off at the National Mall for the day and return to pick them back up at the drop off point by 5:00 pm for the return trip to MU. A bagged breakfast will be provided for all students who sign up for the trip. The trip will only cost you \$2.00 payable to Barb in the Honors College Office in Franklin House. That \$2.00 fee is to secure your seat on the bus and will then be given to the bus driver for his/her tip. You can explore various points of interest in Washington for the day, purchase your own lunch somewhere and then meet back up with Dr. Thyrum at the drop off point for the return trip. Please pay your \$2.00 to Barb at the office in Franklin House.



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.

2017 SSHE Summer Honors Program

Mansfield University of PA Honors Program sponsored the 2017 SSHE Summer Honors this year.

"The Challenges of Development: Politics and Culture in Belize"



Jason Iyobhebhe with the lizard on his shoulder in Belize.



Jason Iyobhebhe and Grace Smoot in Belize.

take me. I wish you the best as you start the new semester, continue your journey of finding your “true self”, and make the most of this very special opportunity...MU’s UHC!

Best, Elizabeth A. Thyrum, Ph.D.

Dean’s List for Spring 2017

The following Honors students were named to the Dean’s List for academic achievement during the spring 2017 semester:

Orientation Leaders for 2017

OL Group Leaders this year included Teonta Aviles, Kristen Hart, Sean Domencic, and Anne Mitzel, Orientation Manager.



Director’s Corner

Greetings to all new and returning UHC students! I can’t tell you how honored and excited I am to have this opportunity to work with our exceptional group of Honors students from varied disciplines and backgrounds. I am looking forward to collaborating with faculty and staff across our university to advance our already strong program, which Dr. Downey has worked tirelessly to build over his 11 year tenure as Director of UHC. Dr. Downey and I met regularly this past summer so that I could learn about the varied aspects of the Honors College. I’d like to thank Dr. Downey for his support and generosity of time during this transition.

I encourage all UHC students to stop by Franklin House or Luek Hall to say “hello”. I’m looking forward to meeting and getting to know you. Thirty-five years ago (that makes me sound really old!), I was a freshman at MU and a student enrolled in MU’s relatively new University Honors Program. I never realized, back then, how being part of an Honors Program would impact me or where it would

Jaelyn Belew
 Connor Billings
 Alyssa Bingaman
 Kyle Brady
 Abigail Breckbill
 Kelly Brieva
 Brittany Brown
 Hannah Campbell
 Kelly Czmar
 Megan Davis
 David Deighan
 Brooke Dobbs
 Sean Domencic
 Liz Dulac
 Jocelyn Elzer
 Meghan Epler
 Abbey Ford
 Mary Gilbert
 Samantha Gillis
 Maria Glotfelter
 Matthew Gormley
 Riley Grimes
 John Haberkern
 Bethany Hafer
 Luke Haldeman
 Rebecca Heller
 Rachel Hentnick
 Kelley Hershey
 Chris Higgins
 Brianna Hornberger
 Rachel Hubbs
 Sarah Huyen
 Jason Iyobhebhe
 Erin Jones

Tim Keebler
 Maria LaSpina
 Stephanie Leedom
 Jarrod Lloyd
 Susan Lloyd
 Michael Lockwood
 Patrick Maher
 Krista Mamet
 Zach Mansfield
 Seth Martin
 Taylor Michael
 Bryanne Minnella
 Quinn Minnich
 Anne Mitzel
 Emma Montgomery
 Amanda Mooney
Dean's List continued:
 Bridget Murray
 Katie Newcamp
 Lauren Ostopowicz
 Emily Ott
 Taylor Payne
 Jackie Pixley
 Julia Puia
 Elizabeth Quinn
 Samantha Raum
 Niko Reckner
 Chris Rice
 Bryce Rinehart
 Edwin Sanchez
 Elizabeth Siebold
 Tyler Smith
 David Thompson
 Cross Truesdell
 Miranda Twardowski
 Jan van der Veken
 Julia Walters
 Allison Wambach
 Adam Weiner
 Jamie Wittick
 Ben Zwolan

Congratulations to all our students for their hard work!

Mentor/Mentee Event



A special Mentor/Mentee event has been set up for those mentors wishing to begin the year with something different in a mentor/mentee event. So...the Honors College set up a date/time for the mentors/mentees Ropes Course run by Dr. Gordon Nesbitt of the Wellness Dept. The event will be held on Sunday, September 10 from 1:30-4:30 pm and then Dr. Thyrum will be providing pizza and soda in the lobby of Reighard Hall at 5:00 pm for all who participate in this event.



Homecoming 2017

Homecoming will be here before you know it!! October 14 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
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!! Taylor Payne, 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.