Welcome back to the ‘Ville 2018-2019

Miller and S’Ville – The MU Swans!!

Freshman Orientation Meeting
Dr. Thyrum will meet with the new Honors freshmen class on Friday, August 24, 2018 at 12:30 pm. The location will be announced on the Orientation schedule. Several HCSA officers will also be 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!!

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 to all…..Welcome to our incoming freshmen and welcome back to our returning students! I hope you had a wonderful summer and are excited for the new school year. For those of you who haven’t met me yet, I am the Director of the Honors College and also a professor in the Psychology Department. I am here to help represent the Honors College to our University’s students, faculty, and administrators; and more importantly, I am here to advise and support you throughout your journey in the Honors College. We have a great calendar of events set up for this semester. I encourage you to become as involved in the Honors College and the Honors College Student Association as you would like. Take advantage of all that we have to offer as a way of making the most of your experience here at MU! My office hours are included in this newsletter. Please stop by Franklin House (or Luek Hall) sometime to say “hi” and chat or to introduce yourself. I look forward to a great semester with you!

Best, Dr. Thyrum
HCSA Officers for 2018-2019:
President: Kelly Czmar
Vice-President: Hellen Brieva
Secretary: Susan Lloyd
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!! Come out to the first HCSA meeting on Sunday, September 23 at 7:30 pm in the SMC, Room 18. Go find out what is being planned for the year and get involved!!

Honors College Welcome Picnic!
The Honors College is sponsoring a welcome picnic for all Honors students on Sunday, August 26 starting at 5:00 pm in the Reighard Lobby and lawn area of Reighard Hall. Any Honors student is welcome to come and enjoy a picnic supper with each other! Dr. Thyrum will be present as well!!

Honors College Opening Reception 2018-2019
The Honors College Opening Reception will be held on Wednesday, August 29 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. This is a great opportunity to meet other students in the Honors College, MU’s new President, Dr. Thyrum, other faculty, and administrators.

Times, Dates and Other Items of Importance:

Aug 26 (Sun): Welcome Picnic at Reighard Hall
Aug 27 (Mon): Classes Begin
Aug 29 (Wed): Honors Opening Reception for all Honors students!
Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall. 4:00 pm
Sept. 3 (Mon): Labor Day – No Classes.
Sept. 4 (Tues): Last day to Drop/Add a course by 11:59 PM.
Sept. 8 (Sat): Day of Caring
Sept. 14-15: Parent & Family Weekend
Sept. 16 (Sun): Mentor/Mentee Ropes Course Event–Pizza in Reighard
Sept 22 (Sat): Bus Trip to Washington, DC
Sept. 23 (Sun): First HCSA Meeting in SMC, Room 18 at 7:30 pm
Oct 5 (Fri): Fall recess begins after last class
Oct 10 (Wed): Classes resume 8 am
Oct 13 (Sat): Homecoming parade – “Pennsylvania Proud”

!Birthdays!
Birthday greetings to our students celebrating their arrival on this earth during Mid-August, September and early October:
Cedrick Kazadi Aug. 13
Anthony Mason Aug. 17
Becky Elms Aug. 19
Lydia Shaloka Aug. 25
Jarrod Lloyd Aug. 26
Riley Grimes Aug. 30
Poushali Ghosh Sept. 2
Samantha Gambino Sept. 4
Annie Tepe Sept. 13
Ginger Bradbury Sept. 16
Liam McTigue Sept. 16
Rachel Wiest Sept. 18
Brianna Progar Sept. 20
Sarah Huyen Sept. 21
Rebecca Paglia Sept. 21
Emily Bishop Sept. 24
Zachary Whelpley Sept. 24
Annelise Lorentzen Sept. 25
Kayla Smith Sept. 25
Iyla Stebbins Sept. 28
Christopher Higgins Sept. 30
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

Remember your friends on their special day!

**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). Mark your calendars now and look for your invitation to come in the mail!

**Day of Caring 2018**
Day of Caring 2018 will be held on Saturday, September 8 beginning around 7:00 am with the delivery of a bagged breakfast to Reighard Lobby for all who participate. It will run until noon that morning and is the biggest community service event of the year. It is also a required event for freshman as part of the “Freshmen Year Experience”.

**Washington, DC Bus Trip!!!**
The Honors College is sponsoring the fall bus trip to Washington, DC on Saturday, September 22. 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 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, on George Str. across from the library, 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 and microwave on the second floor.
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. They will give a presentation on
Nov. 5 about their study abroad experiences.
In case you don’t know, MU pays for two Honors
College students to attend the PASSHE Summer
Honors Study Abroad each year. Applications are
accepted late in the Fall semester (typically in
December….stay tuned for next summer’s
program information).

Orientation Leaders for 2018
OL Group Leaders this year included Teonta
Aviles, Kristen Hart, Bryanne Minnella,
Orientation Managers, and Samantha Ferguson,
Bailey Knipe, Joshua Marzak, and Maggie
Schenfelt, Orientation Group Leaders. We are
proud of the work you are doing for the incoming
students!

Dean’s List for Spring 2018
Congratulations go out to the following Honors
students were named to the Dean’s List for
academic achievement during the spring 2018
semester:
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
Maria Glotfelter
Riley Grimes
John Haberkern
Bethany Hafer
Luke Haldeman
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
Zach Mansfield
Seth Martin
Taylor Michael
Bryanne Minnella
Quinn Minnich
Anne Mitzel
Emma Montgomery
Amanda Mooney
Bridget Murray
Katie Newcamp
Lauren Ostopowicz
Emily Ott
Taylor Payne
Julia Puia
Niko Reckner
Chris Rice
Bryce Rinehart
Edwin Sanchez
Elizabeth Siebold
Cross Truesdell
Jan van der Veken
Julia Walters
Allison Wambach
Adam Weiner
Jamie Wittick
Mentor/Mentee Event

A special Mentor/Mentee event has been set up for those mentors wishing to begin the year with something different. So….the Honors College set up a date/time for the mentors/mentees Ropes Course, run by staff who work with Dr. Gordon Nesbitt of the Wellness Dept. The event will be held on Sunday, September 16 from 2:30-5:00 pm and then Dr. Thyrum will be providing pizza and drinks in the lobby of Reighard Hall at 5:00 pm for all who participate in this event. Sign up today!

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 ask to join “Fall 2018 MU Honors Students”. We have an Instagram page you can follow as well “Ville_Honors”. Stay tuned for an MU Honors College Twitter account which we plan to create this fall. Remember, these are great ways to stay on top of the latest news and announcements!

Homecoming 2018

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

HCSA will coordinate the creation of an Honors College Float for the parade, which will reflect this year’s theme, “Pennsylvania Proud”.

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.
Change in Community Service Requirements for Fall 2018

There will now be a total of six (6) community service requirements for all Honors students. This is an Honors College requirement; to remain in good standing in the Honors College, you need to complete this requirement. 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, the Honors College, or HCSA, you can do more than 3 a semester – but you must complete 6 per year. Each event you complete must be a minimum of 1 hour in length to receive credit. Events could last a few hours, and you still receive 1 credit for that event.

Fall 2018 Important Dates –
Honors College Events and Meetings

AUGUST:
August 24 – Honors College Freshman Mtg - SMC Rm24
12:30 – Mandatory for all incoming Honors Freshmen
August 26 – Honors College Student Picnic - Reighard Lobby – 5pm, with outside games
August 27 – First day of classes
August 29 – Honors College Opening Reception in Ford Atrium - 4:00 pm

SEPTEMBER:
September 3 – Labor Day – University Closed
September 8 – Honors College Day of Caring (7:15 am to noon; mandatory for freshmen)
September 16 – Mentor/Mentee Ropes Course 2:30-5:00 pm with pizza to follow in Reighard Lobby
September 19 – Meet & Mingle: Donuts with Dr. Thyrum and Brooke Reighard Hall 8-10 am
September 20 – Honors College Session - Stepping Stones to Success – Reighard Hall 8 pm
September 22 – UHC Fall Bus trip to Washington, DC
September 23 – HCSA General Membership meeting 7:30 pm SMC 24
September 28 – Disability Public Policy Conference – Winter Center
September 28 – HCSA Social Event - Sky Zone - 7:00

OCTOBER:
October 3 – Registration for Winter classes begins at noon (No TAP # needed)
October 5 – Fall Break begins after last class
October 8 and 9 – Fall Break
October 8 – TAP #s available starting today from your advisors & Dr. Thyrum for Spring Registration
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. (award-winning civil rights attorney, former Secretary of Educ for the Commonwealth of PA; J.D. Yale Law School)
October 13 – Honors College Homecoming breakfast in Franklin House and Homecoming Parade
October 21 – HCSA meeting 7:30 pm SMC 24
October 25 – Honors College Ice Cream Social: Registration Q and A - Reighard Lobby 4:00-5:30 pm
October 27 – HCSA Social Event - Cherry Crest Farm trip
October 31 – Honors Priority Registration for Spring’19 courses (see advisor or Dr. Thyrum for 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 (FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE THESIS)
November 8 – Honors College Thesis Workshop – 4 pm (required for sophomores/2nd year students to help prepare for starting a thesis)
November 11 – HCSA 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 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