

The Honors Report

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Busy Spring in Honors College

March 21, 2016 Beideman Mentor Reception/Dinner

On March 21, Honors students were able to meet and greet a dozen professional mentors, some of whom are MU Honors College graduates. Mentors present included Mr. Paul Beideman '71, Sarah Darling Dillon '12, Alyssa Leister '12, Thomas Rutledge '08, Dr. John Osborne, Professor Emeritus of History, Ms. Cassandra Pettis Karamanos; Esq., Dr. Gary Miller, Research Biologist and USDA Officer, John Eshleman, M.D.; Pulmonary Specialist, Rev. Luke Harbaugh '08, Dr. Ella Hoover Musser, Asst. Superintendent of Cocalico School District. Dr. Prabhu, Provost, Dr. Aminta Breaux; Vice President for Development, and Dr. John Anderson, President of MU were also in attendance.

Thesis Workshop

The spring thesis workshop was held on March 16, with Dr. Downey doing the workshop for about 34 Honors students.



Cookies as always are a special treat no matter when you get them!!

*Times, Dates and Other
Items of Importance:*

April 24 (Sun): Spring Recognition Banquet – 11:45 am

May 2 (Mon): Last day to change a pass/fail grade to a regular grade. Last day of regular classes for spring.

May 3-6 (Tues-Fri): Finals

May 7 (Sat): Commencement

May 11 (Wed): Final grades due by faculty for spring.



!Birthdays!

Birthday greetings to our students celebrating their arrival on this earth during April and May:

Tim McGee	Apr 2
Maria LaSpina	Apr 2
Adam Neideigh	Apr 5
Rose Fisher	Apr 7
Betsabe Hernandez	Apr 9
Sean Hamilton	Apr 12
Zach Cober	Apr 14
Alyssa Cannistraci	Apr 17
Hadassah Stoltzfus	Apr 21
Alexis Chin	Apr 21
Lizzy Wahba	Apr 24
Elizabeth Schaeffer	Apr 24
Cora Bartsch	Apr 26
Michael Duncan	Apr 26
Grace Smoot	Apr 28
Brittney Brown	Apr 28
Christine Persun	May 1
Kelley Hershey	May 7
Gillian Good	May 7
Leo London	May 7
Joseph Greeby	May 8
Rachel Kunicki	May 11
John Schoenewald	May 13
Bryanne Minnella	May 15
Tim Keebler	May 17
Elizabeth Reidenbaugh	May 18

Matthew Gormley	May 19
Amber Dienner	May 24
Payton Campbell	May 25
Peter Sitarik	May 25

Remember your friends on their special day!

Dr. Downey's Spring 2016 Office Hours:

**Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9:30 am-12:00 pm**

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

PASSHE Student Leadership Conference

The PASSHE student leadership conference will be held at the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg on Monday, April 11. This year the conference will be hosted by Shippensburg University of PA. The following students will be attending the leadership conference: Jo Caruso, Bryan Diem, Zach Cober, Jan van der Veken, Ben Zwolan, Anne Mitzel, and Grace Smoot!

HCSA Elections

HCSA held elections at the April 3rd meeting. Absentee ballots are still being counted before the new officers for 2016-2017 can be announced!!

Mentors for Next Year!!

It is not too late to volunteer as a mentor to an incoming Honors College freshman for next fall! If you would be interested in serving as a mentor to an incoming freshman, please send Barb an email with your name, major, and activities you are interested in so that you can be paired up with a similar student in major and activity interests. Sara Howell has been serving as the Mentor Chair for HCSA this year and has done a wonderful job of promoting activities for both mentors and mentees!!

New York City Bus Trip

There were 45 energetic Honors students who showed up at 7:00 am on Saturday, April 2 for the trip to New York. Our thanks to Bryan Diem and his cohorts for delivering the bagged breakfasts to the coach and to everyone on board!! Dr. and Mrs. Downey were hosts for the trip but Dr. and Mrs. Prabhu also were surprise guests!! All in all, it was another great trip to NYC and the play was enjoyed by all who attended!



Joy Thames and Elizabeth Siebold



Shelby Fuller in the park!

of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disability in Pennsylvania

The Honors College sponsored this conference in the Bolger Conference Center, Millersville University, 9:00 am to 3:45 pm, with a post conference film forum till 5:00 on Monday, March 28, 2016.



**Statewide Disability History Conference:
Finding Our Ways: Insights into the History**



There were over 200 people from many state agencies on disabilities in attendance. Honors employee Patrick Maher was instrumental in taking all incoming reservations for the conference. Bryan Diem assisted Patrick with putting conference packets together for all registrants and Rachel Kunicki supervised other Honors students at the registration tables that morning. A big thank you going out to students who assisted at the conference and received community service credit for that day.

2016 Spring Recognition Banquet

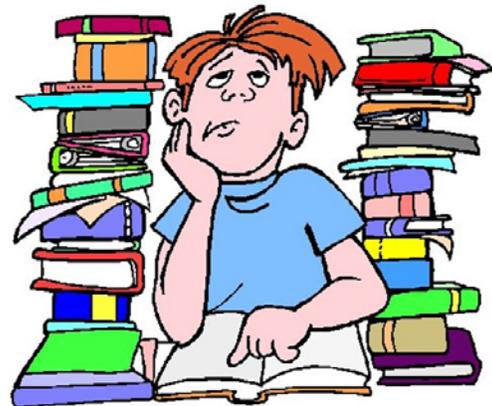
By now, all students should have received their invitation to the Spring Recognition Banquet to be held in Lehr Dining Room of the Bolger Conference Center on Sunday, April 24. Seniors, you are allowed to invite your parents and other family members to your senior banquet!! If you wish to have them attend, please send Barb an email with their full names for name tag purposes! All other students should either send back the response card or email Barb to reply back for attending the banquet. Students who have earned high academic achievements will also be recognized for their hard work!! Our graduating seniors for May 2016 will include Amanda Barton, Pineal Bekere, Jordan Card, R. Paul Clemmer, Lindsay Harrison, Rebecca Hayes, Shane Kacskos, Rachel Kunicki, Megan McAuliffe, Kelsey Miller, Joe Receveur, Laura Saltzman, Leah Schwartz, Jeremy Varner, and Nikki Wolford!

HCSA Special Event for April

The special event for the month of April will be another trip to **Spooky Nook!** This time (with the help from Honors student Sondos) I was able to rent two turf fields for us to use on **Friday, April 29th from 6-7pm**. One field will be set up for soccer and the other field will be set up for flag football! I'm planning on have two teams play soccer while two teams play flag football, and about halfway through the hour we will switch. This will allow everyone the chance to try out both sports! If you would like to attend please email me at jtbelew@millersville.edu! Also be sure to include whether or not you can be a student driver! This is the last special event of the semester and it falls on the weekend before finals start! This will be a great way to take a break from studying and spend time with your friends before summer vacation :) This event is the Friday after the spring banquet!!!

Franklin House Open for Study

If you need a quiet place to study for finals, Franklin House is available Monday through Friday between 8:30am-4:00 pm. There are several areas a student can relax and study in comfort so drop on in!



Pictures from the Beideman Reception/Dinner



Mr. Paul Beideman



Dr. Downey giving introductions



Dr. John Anderson



Dinner group



Jo Caruso and Zach Cober presented little tokens of appreciation from the Honors College to guests.



Rev. Luke Harbaugh '08, Alyssa Leister '12, and Sarah Darling Dillon '12 with students.