

The Honors Report

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December 2015 Graduation



Lauren Kriebel, Mary Paul, and Erin Runyon celebrate their graduation with close friend Leah Schwartz! Congratulations ladies!!



Guest speaker Dr. Diane Umble

Fall Recognition Banquet

The Fall Recognition Banquet was held on Sunday, December 6 with special guest speaker, Dr. Diane Umble, Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. President Anderson stopped in to say a few words of congratulations to our graduating seniors being recognized that day; Lauren Kriebel, Mary Paul, and Erin Runyon.



Dr. McPherson presented students with their awards



President Anderson



Students recognized for academic achievement included Joseph Asbury, Alyssa Bingaman, Hannah Campbell, Alexis Chin, Brandi Deaven, David Deighan, Elizabeth Dulac, Samantha Gillis, Maria Glotfelter, Jason Iyobhebhe, Joshua Larson, Leo London, Krista Mamet, Zach Mansfield, Seth Martin, Quinn Minnich, Katie Newcamp, Lauren Ostopowicz, Elizabeth Quinn, John Schoenewald, Roy

Stetler, David Wuestner, Rachel Ashmore, Sarah Barnes, Emily Cuthbert, Derick DeCamp, Sara Howell, Ivanny Jacome Ottati, Alexander Kaltenbaugh, Stefanie Mangir, Brett Morgan, Olivia Ober, Peter Sitarik, Kelsy Snavely, Jose Urena, Elizabeth Wahba, Cody Youse, Shannon Barns, Pineal Bekere, Jessica Butts, Jordan Card, Rebecca Hayes, Lauren Kriebel, Rachel Kunicki, Taylor Lagler, Julianne Metz, and Laura Saltzman. Our heartiest congratulations to our graduating seniors Lauren Kriebel, Mary Paul, and Erin Runyon.

*Times, Dates and Other
Items of Importance:*

Feb 11 (Thurs): Last day to apply for undergraduate spring graduation

Feb 27 (Sat): HCSA Formal in Lehr Dining Room, Bolger Conference Center

Mar 7 (Mon): Fall 2016 class schedule available online

Mar 7 (Mon): Spring Break!!!

Mar 14 (Mon): Classes resume



!Birthdays!

Birthday greetings to our students celebrating their arrival on this earth during January and February:

Megan Davis	Jan 5
Samantha Raum	Jan 5
David Deighan	Jan 7
Paul Clemmer	Jan 8
Harry Betz	Jan 9
Brandi Deaven	Jan 17
Mary Gilbert	Jan 19
Ashley Wells	Jan 19
Emily Wessel	Jan 19
Ryan Lower	Jan 22
Joy Thames	Jan 30
Rita Laychock	Jan 30
Kyle Welker	Feb 3

Gabriella Portelles	Feb 3
Jordan Card	Feb 4
Laura Cray	Feb 4
Amy Weber	Feb 8
Shelby Fuller	Feb 9
Maggie Wallner	Feb 10
Rebecca Hayes	Feb 11
Shannon Barns	Feb 11
Katie DeLuca	Feb 13
Amanda Vergara	Feb 14
Lisa Shaffer	Feb 20
Brittany Tomes	Feb 20
Abigail Breckbill	Feb 22
Justin Carter	Feb 22
Alexander Kaltenbaugh	Feb 23
Jeremy Varner	Feb 24
Amanda Mooney	Feb 28
Joshua Larson	Feb 28

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.

Honors College

Student Association

The Honors College Student Association encourages all freshmen to become involved in this organization as it is for YOU! Officers for the 2015-2016 year are:

President:	Jo Caruso
Vice-President:	Bryan Diem
Treasurer:	Ben Zwolan
Secretary:	Elizabeth Siebold
Community Service:	Emily Wessel
Fundraising:	Brandi Deaven
Special Events:	Jaclyn Belew
Public Relations:	Joshua Larson
Historian:	Kevin Goldfinger
Mentor Chair:	Sara Howell

Membership Retention: Jan van der Veken
 Alumni Chair: Zach Cober

Thank you!!!

A HUGE thank you going out to Dr. McPherson for spending the fall semester with all of us here at the Honors College. Her time with us gave Dr. Downey the chance to finally take his sabbatical and get his current research project off the ground!



Dr. McPherson did enjoy her time with all of us ----



Escape Room Lancaster!

Students had the opportunity to attend Escape Room Lancaster as the December special event on either December 4th or 5th. The groups of students were locked inside a room and given one hour to solve the clues in order to get themselves out! This trip served as a great team building exercise and gave everyone a break from studying for finals! The group that went on Saturday the 5th solved the clues in record time!

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 information below comes directly from Shippensburg regarding students registering for the conference.

Participation: The conference budget can accommodate up to ten student participants per Honors Program/College. If you have more than ten students who would like to attend, please let us know, and we will determine if we can include them after conference registration concludes.

Registration: Registration will take place through the following Survey Monkey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9RNVQ7G>.

If you are interested in attending the student leadership conference, please contact Jo Caruso, President of HCSA and let her know. Registration on the Survey Monkey link must be completed prior to Friday, February 26.

Format: The conference format will be similar to previous years' conferences. There will be three sessions (two in the morning and one in the afternoon), with three-to-four concurrent panels during each session. The panels will be formatted as presentations or group discussions, and the students who participate on the panels will select the format. There will also be a poster session.

Panel Topics: We have identified twelve panel topics, and students who are interested in presenting at the conference can sign up to participate on a panel when they complete their conference registration through the Survey Monkey link. The panel topics are:

- Honors on Campus
- Honors in the Community

- Honors Alumni Relations
- International Honors Service Projects
- National Honors Opportunities
- Honors Study Abroad
- Promoting Your Honors Program
- Honors Mentor Programs
- Student Involvement in Developing Honors Curriculum
- Making the Transition from Classroom to Career
- Presenting PASSHE as a Unit

After registration closes on February 26, Shippensburg University will assign students to panels and send out the finalized panel assignments as soon as possible so that students can prepare their presentations. Please note that when Shippensburg is making panel assignments, they will try to ensure that participating Honors Programs/Colleges are represented as equitably as possible on the conference program.

Registration for students participating will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Dixon Center and the conference will conclude by 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided on site.

New York City Bus Trip

Tickets for a Broadway play have been purchased for the New York City bus trip on April 2, 2016. Please note that if you sign up for this trip, it will cost you \$22.00 this time and you will automatically be put down for a ticket for the show. If you are not able to attend on that day, you will forfeit any monies paid by you. This is due to the cost of the tickets for the show. There will only be one coach to NYC on that day. Total number of seats and tickets will be 53 to students. The comfortable coach will depart the SMC at 7:30 am on Saturday, April 2. All students going on the trip will receive a bagged breakfast and must be in front of the SMC by 7:15 am. Dr. Downey will be the trip host this time. Once in NYC, you will be taken to a drop off point in the theatre district. This drop

off point is the same place the coach will pick you back up at 6:45 pm for the return trip to MU. The coach will depart at 7:00 pm from NYC. You will have time prior to the play to do things on your own. Dr. Downey will let you know exactly what time you will need to be at the theatre so everyone can enter the theatre in one group. Dr. Downey will pick up all the tickets at the will call window.

You will be seeing the play at the Barrymore Theatre on 243 West 47th St. in New York.

HCSA Elections

It will soon be time for election of officers in the HCSA for next year! If you are thinking of running for an office for next year, please see one of the current officers whose role you are interested in pursuing for next year. Find out exactly what their responsibilities entail and talk with them. HCSA is YOUR organization and needs your help to keep it active in many projects!!

Mentors for Next Year!!

The time has come 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!! Our heartiest thanks to Sara for a job well done!



HCSA Formal

Plans are moving forward for the HCSA formal to be held in the Lehr Dining Room of Bolger Conference Center on Saturday, February 27. The refreshments have been ordered for the affair, as well as decorations. HCSA V.P. Bryan Diem is in charge of the formal. Tickets are \$5.00 each and a time will be set up for ticket sales in the Franklin House. If you wish to bring someone who is not an Honors student, you may do so, just purchase their ticket. The formal will be held from 7:00-10:00 pm and you can go to this link to request certain songs to be played!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DDJ2XW6>

Rock Climbing Event

On February 19th, HCSA will be traveling to Spooky Nook for a Rock Climbing event! 20 people can join and attendance is FREE! Email jtbelew@millersville.edu to sign up! The bus will leave at 5:00 PM.

HCSA Notes

Relay for Life will be on February 26th at 5 PM to 5 AM (February 27th). Sign up is \$10 and you can get a free t-shirt by raising \$100. http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16EC?fr_id=73274&pg=entry

Our team name is HCSA. Relay for Life is a lot of fun and counts as a community service event!

Honors College Hosting Disabilities Conference

The Honors College will be hosting the following conference.

Statewide Disability History Conference:
Finding Our Ways: Insights into the History of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disability in Pennsylvania
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

Several students will be needed to assist during the day. More information on volunteering will be forthcoming.

Beideman Initiative

Plans are being formulated for a dinner for ALL Honors students to meet and greet various mentors from MU Alumni, faculty, and local business people who are interested in mentoring Honors students. The mentoring event is being sponsored by the Beideman Initiative and the Honors College. Zach Cober and his committee are working with Dr. Downey on the planning of the afternoon/evening events. A reception will precede the dinner at 5:30 pm in the University Room of the Bolger Conference Center and the buffet dinner will begin at 6:15 pm in the Lehr Dining Room.



PASSHE 2016 Summer Honors Program

Congratulations to Zach Cober and Betsabe Hernandez for being chosen to represent the MU Honors College at the 2016 PASSHE Summer Honors Program in Spain. Our best wishes for a successful outcome to this program!