

The Honors Report

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Spring at the 'Ville



Zach Whelpley, President Anderson, and Bryce Rinehart enjoyed a late afternoon flight with their drones over campus. President Anderson even allowed Zach and Bryce to fly his super drone!

C.O.U.R.A.G.E. Group Colloquium

On Tuesday, May 2nd, the student group C.O.U.R.A.G.E. sponsored a colloquium on immigrants and refugees in Lancaster County at the Ware Center in downtown Lancaster. The speakers involved in this event gave educational insight into the history of immigration and seeking refuge in this county. Lancaster community leaders also spoke and shared their own personal stories about going through the process of coming to and settling in Lancaster County. Refreshments were served after the event. Honors students involved in this event included Bryan Diem, Dustin Hornberger, Kelsy Snavely, and Elizabeth Quinn. Dr. Aaron Porter is the faculty adviser of this student group.



Times, Dates and Other Items of Importance:

May 7 (Sun): Spring Recognition Banquet

May 8 (Mon): Study day

May 9-12: Final Exams

May 13 (Sat): Commencement

May 29 (Mon): Memorial Day



!Birthdays!

Birthday greetings to our students celebrating their arrival on this earth during May-early September:

Julia Puia	May 6
Kelley Hershey	May 7
Leo London	May 7
Joe Greeby	May 8
Adam Weiner	May 8
Jocelyn Elzer	May 10
Cross Truesdell	May 12
Benjamin Wesley	May 12
Bryanne Minnella	May 15
Tim Keebler	May 17
John Haberkern	May 18
Matt Gormley	May 19
Ashley Christenbury	May 24
Payton Campbell	May 25
Peter Sitarik	May 25
Connor Billings	May 29
Noelle Shellenberger	June 3
Erin Jones	June 6
Lauren Ostopowicz	June 12
Sondas Hassan	June 13
Stephanie Leedom	June 15
Trent Soto	June 16
Jeremy Garling	June 21

Joe Asbury	June 27
Krista Mamet	July 3
Jackie Buck	July 7
Ben Zwolan	July 9
Carolyn Eskin	July 13
Jaclyn Belew	July 20
Taylor Michael	July 20
Jamie Wittick	July 25
Taylor Payne	July 30
Zachary Dodson	August 3
Carlynn Adams	August 5
Bethany Hafer	August 7
Matt Hafer	August 7
Kristen Hart	August 7
Lauren Shouey	August 8
Kelly Czmar	August 13
Hannah Campbell	August 16
Brett Morgan	August 20
Trish Wardle	August 22
Angel Robinson	August 23
Jarrod Lloyd	August 26
Riley Grimes	August 30
Poushali Ghosh	September 2
Rachel Hentnick	September 4

Remember your friends on their special day!

Dr. Downey's Spring 2017

Office Hours:

**Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9:30-11:30 am.**

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

Spring Recognition Banquet 2017



Students attending the spring banquet



Senior Sara Howell with family members



Distinguished guest speaker, Dr. Dennis B. Downey!



Senior Brittany Tomes with her parents and Sean Hamilton



Erin Jones, Mary Gilbert, and Tim Keebler



Dr. Prabhu giving remarks

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The spring recognition banquet was held on Sunday, May 7 in the Lehr Dining Room of the Bolger Conference Center. The Honors College recognized graduating seniors along with other Honors students who have achieved overall high academic GPA's. Dr. Downey was the guest speaker at this banquet. Those seniors recognized at the banquet include: Rachel Ashmore, Joshua Bard, Sarah Barnes, Jessica Butts, Jo Caruso, McKenzie Chiola, Zach Cober, Emily Cuthbert, Derick DeCamp, Bryan Diem, Carolyn Eskin, Katherine Geating, Andrew Ha, Betsabe Hernandez, Eden Hirtzel, Sara Howell, Ivanny Jacome Ottati, Natalie James, Stefanie Mangir, Corey McCarthy, Alex Paul, Christine Persun, Peter Sitarik, Kelsy Snavelly, Sean Strange, Brittany Tomes, Jose Urena, Elizabeth Wahba, and Cody Youse. Students recognized for their academic achievement included Jacqueline Buck, Kelly Czmar, Sean Domencic, Meghan Epler, Abbey Ford, Elizabeth Fultz, Sarah Hagen, Sarah Huyen, Stephanie Leedom, Jarrod Lloyd, Susan Lloyd, Nikolas Reckner, Noelle Shellenberger, Devin Tipton, Cross Truesdell, Julia Walters, Adam Weiner, Tancy Wenrich, Gloria Zavala, Abigail Breckbill, Sarah Brubaker, Erin Fagan, Gabrielle Gieringer, Matthew Gormley, Luke Haldeman, Tim Keebler, Maria LaSpina, Amanda Mooney, Emily Ott, Jacquelyn Pixley, Bryce Rinehart, Tyler Smith, Grace Smoot, Hadassah Stoltzfus, Jamie Wittick, Alyssa Bingaman, Hannah Campbell, Alexis Chin, David Deighan, Elizabeth Dulac, Mary Gilbert, Maria Glotfelter, Jason Iyobhebhe, Erin Jones, Joshua Larson, Krista Mamet, Zachary Mansfield, Seth Martin, Quinn Minnich, Lauren Ostopowicz, Elizabeth Quinn, Rachel Ashmore, Sarah Barnes, Jessica Butts, Emily Cuthbert, Derick DeCamp, Bryan Diem, Sara Howell, Stefanie Mangir, Brett Morgan, Ivanny Jacome Ottati, Peter Sitarik, Kelsy Snavelly, Jose Urena, and Elizabeth Wahba.



May Commencement, 2017

The Undergraduate Commencement will be held on **Saturday, May 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., on Chryst Field at Biemesderfer Stadium.** **Rehearsal will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 4:00 p.m. in Pucillo Gymnasium for those participating in either or both ceremonies.** Those who have placed rental or purchase orders for regalia with Darlene Hunsberger at the University Store will be contacted by her directly by email when their orders arrive. All Honors College graduates will also pick up their various colored cords at the bookstore for commencement.

Reighard Hall RA's for Fall

The following students have been chosen as the RA's for Reighard Hall for 2017-2018:

Elizabeth Dulac, Liam McTigue, Isela Mendez, and Zach Whelpley. Please wish them well.



Orientation Leaders for Fall Orientation

The following students have been chosen to be Orientation Leaders (OL) for orientation during August 2017. They will be leading groups of incoming freshmen during the orientation process.

Tee Aviles, Sean Domencic, Jason Iyobhebhe, Kristen Hart, and Bryanne Minnella.

HCSA Officers and Executive Board for 2017-2018

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

Congratulations to all students willing to give of their time and talents to continue the excellence of HCSA!

More Banquet Pictures 2017



Senior Sarah Barnes



Senior Ivanny Jacome Ottati



Seniors Corey McCarthy, Stefanie Mangir, and Emily Cuthbert



Senior Lizzy Wahba with Dr. Downey and her dad



Drs. Prabhu and Downey with graduating seniors

Director's Corner

As my tenure as Director of the University Honors College comes to a close, and as we await word of a replacement, I want to thank the past and current students who have made my efforts so enjoyable. When I interviewed for the job I said that the "purpose of the director is to direct." I have tried to do that, and to improve the program in ways that benefit the students. I want to reiterate my thanks for Barb, Dr. Prabhu, and for the countless people who have assisted in this effort. Alumni like Paul Beideman and colleagues like Amy Dmizak, among many others, have been instrumental. I thank my faculty colleagues too! You will find below an incomplete list of some of our accomplishments this year. This list serves as a testament to the vitality and ingenuity of the Honors College as a flagship program, the most dynamic living and learning community on campus! Good waves and good tunes on the path ahead. *Tanks for all, dbd*

University Honors College 2017

Director's notes of UHC activities and accomplishments 2016-7

1. Important modification in curriculum approved and implemented
2. Once again largest single group participating in annual Day of Caring
3. Schreiber Pediatric Center as designated charity; HCSA raised funds and donated time and talent; active involvement with client/children.
4. UHC and HCSA support numerous other service activities so students fulfill service requirements
5. Largest and most active Living and Learning Community on Campus
6. UHC organized and hosted annual PASSHE Honors Student Development Conference, Dixon Center 4/3
7. Day trips to Washington D.C. and New York City (Broadway and 'Cats')
8. Profile: of 210 total, 55 UHC students have GPA above 3.8; vast majority above 3.6; 31 UHC students scheduled to graduate in May with successful defense of thesis
9. Offered several thesis workshops, registration workshops; customary luncheons, etc.

10. Very successful Beideman Mentorship Initiative programs
11. University Research Newsletter will be published in June
12. Additional fund raising and nurturing benefactors
13. AWS Initiative (research, curriculum, internships) in development
14. HCSA sponsored numerous service and social events to complement academic climate
15. UHC website undergoing updates and expansion
16. UHC collaborative with internal and external groups on several academic and community education symposia
17. Substantial increase in available scholarship funds for incoming students
18. Director advised 200+ Honors students, and History students too
19. COURAGE Policy research working group sponsored several events