

# The Honors Report

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## **Spring has Arrived!**

Spring formally arrived on March 20 but many of us are wondering where??? With all the snow storms, squalls, etc., it sure does not feel like spring out in 'Ville Land!!

## **Dr. Thyrum's Spring 2018 Office Hours:**

**Monday: 10:45-11:45 am - Franklin House**

**Monday 1:10-2:40 pm - 120 Luek Hall (first and third Monday of the month)**

**Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00-10:45 am – 120 Luek Hall**

**Wednesday: 9:30-11:30 am – Franklin House**

**Wednesday: 3-4:00 pm – 120 Luek Hall**

**Friday 10:00 am-11:45 am – Franklin House**

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

## *Times, Dates and Other Items of Importance:*

**Apr. 4 (Wed): Priority Registration begins at 6:00 am for Fall 2018 courses**

**Apr. 6 (Fri):** Last day to withdraw from a class and receive a W. Deadline for making up an Incomplete Grade for Fall 2017 or Winter 2018.

**Apr. 7 (Sat):** Accepted Student Open House

**Apr. 9 (Mon):** PASSHE Student Leadership conference, Dixon University Center

**Apr. 14 (Sat):** Honors Bus Trip to New York City!

**May 6 (Sun):** Spring Recognition Banquet

**May 13 (Sat):** Graduation!

## *Director's Corner*

It's hard to believe our academic year is coming to a close. Hang in there and give it your best over the upcoming month. Hard work and perseverance, as you know, pay off! I hope you will join us on May 6 at our Spring Recognition Banquet. Our graduates have accomplished a great deal during their time at MU and will be moving onto wonderful new opportunities including graduate school, new jobs for our graduates, and even work abroad funded by a Fulbright scholarship. If you will be a returning student in the fall, perhaps you will use this summer to make some progress on your thesis, complete an internship, or even shadow a professional in your chosen field? Summer is a great time to make some headway in these areas. Thank you for a great first year! It's been great getting to know you all and I look forward to next year...

*Best, Elizabeth A. Thyrum, Ph.D.*



## Spotlighting Seniors



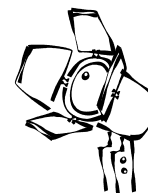
### Hannah Campbell

I am a Senior Secondary Social Studies Education major with a minor in Athletic Coaching, and will be graduating Summa Cum Laude with History Departmental Honors in May. In my time at Millersville I have tried to be as involved as possible, on campus and within the community. I have been a four-year member of community service organizations including Mini-THON and Circle K, and as a volunteer tutor with the Millersville Study Buddies. Millersville offers so many wonderful opportunities for professional development and I have been lucky to have taken part in this. As a member of the MUPCSS I have been to conferences in New Orleans and Washington D.C. and have helped to organize the Social Studies conferences at Millersville. I am also fortunate to have received two research grants for an independent research study in Europe, which was a wonderful, life changing experience. I am currently the Secretary for the Honors College Student Association, which has allowed

me to become more active in the Honors College and feel even more involved in our Honors community. I will be completing my second research project, my honors thesis this semester, along with my final semester of student teaching. Overall, my experience at Millersville for the past four years has been so fulfilling, and the Honors College has been a huge part of that.

Without it and all the wonderful friends I have made and people that I have met I do not think my time at Millersville would have been quite the same!

After college, I hope to have a teaching job and begin my career in education. After a couple years of teaching experience, I would like to earn both my Masters and Doctorate in Education and become a school administrator.



## Spotlighting Seniors



### Seth Martin

After joining the Honors College in my second semester, I participated in activities like the book drive, the Day of Caring, and a few other Honors College-associated events. I briefly joined the Pre-health/Aesculapian Society and maintained weekly involvement with my youth group and church. Summer 2016 found me starting a research project on the turtle shell that continued the rest of my time at

MU and culminated in a thesis project. In Fall 2016, I joined our church youth chorus, and I've continued every year since. That semester, I also applied for and received the first of a number of research grants. In April 2017, I presented my research at Made in Millersville, and in May our lab traveled to the Society of Developmental Biology meeting in Baltimore, where I delivered another poster presentation. Plans are to present at Made in Millersville 2018 as well as at the national meeting of Experimental Biology in San Diego at the end of April.

Regarding my future plans, I anticipate taking a gap year before entering medical school in late 2019. My long-term goal is to serve the Amish and Mennonite community as a family physician.



## Spotlighting Seniors



My name is Lauren Ostpowicz, and I am a chemistry major with a math minor graduating this May. While at Millersville University I worked as the Liaison and Primary Editor for

Made in Millersville's Conference Proceeding Journal, as a Student Tour Guide for the chemistry department, and as a Peer Tutor for all chemistry classes. Also at Millersville, I serve as the Secretary for the American Chemical Society's Student Chapter, and I dance for Expressions Dance Company. I also got involved with a research project and was able to publish in the Made in Millersville Journal and in the Royal Society for Chemistry's online journal, *ChemSpider*. Gaining research experience at Millersville helped me get the opportunity to conduct research at Rutgers University in the summer of 2017 with funding from the National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF REU). My research projects were presented at Made in Millersville, the University of Maryland Baltimore County's Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Chemical and Biological Sciences, and the National American Chemical Society Meeting and Exposition. After graduation, I plan on attending graduate school this upcoming fall, and my top two choices are Virginia Tech and the University of Arizona. After both visitation weekends, I will decide on the best doctoral program that fits me. My goal is to obtain a PhD in analytical chemistry with an environmental application, and with that degree, I would like to become a professor at a primarily undergraduate institution, like Millersville.



## **!Birthdays!**

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

Tancy Wenrich	April 1
Maria LaSpina	April 2
Rose Fisher	April 5
Sarah Hagen	April 8
Sean Hamilton	April 12
Austin Cooper	April 12
Samantha Berdel	April 13
Meghan Epler	April 15
Alyssa Cannistraci	April 17
Sean Domencic	April 17
Hadassah Stoltzfus	April 21
Alexis Chin	April 21
Susan Lloyd	April 23
Julia Park	April 25
Grace Smoot	April 28
Brittney Brown	April 28
Julia Puia	May 6
Kelley Hershey	May 7
Leo London	May 7
Adam Weiner	May 8
Jocelyn Elzer	May 10
Adam Loving	May 10
Cross Truesdell	May 12
Benjamin Wesley	May 12
Sydnee Barley	May 15
Bryanne Minnella	May 15
Tim Keebler	May 17
John Haberkern	May 18
Becca Proulx	May 22
Ashley Christenbury	May 24
Olivia Medina	May 28
Connor Billings	May 29

Remember your friends on their special day!!



## **Spotlighting Seniors**



### **Brooke Dobbs**

I am graduating in May with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics with the options in actuarial science and statistics, along with a minor in economics. While at Millersville I have been involved in HCSA, Mini-THON and Alpha Xi Delta. I have serviced on the HCSA board as fundraising chair for two years. I was also fundraising chair for Mini-THON for two years then vice president this past year. I also was philanthropy chair, assistant financial vice president, and financial vice president for Alpha Xi Delta. After graduation I plan on taking the first two actuary exams.

## Spring Recognition Banquet

The Spring Recognition Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 6 in Lehr Dining Room beginning around 12 noon until 1:30 pm. Dr. Michael Jackson will be the guest speaker for the spring banquet. Invitations will soon be going out in the mail. Seniors, you can bring guests to your banquet if you are graduating in May!!!

are free until you must return to the drop off point for the return trip to MU.

## Address for fall 2018

If you are moving off campus or out of Reighard Hall for next fall, please send an email to Barb at [Barbara.erdman@millersville.edu](mailto:Barbara.erdman@millersville.edu) and provide your new campus mailing address!!! Our records need to be updated each year. Thank you!



## New York City Bus Trip

The bus trip to New York City and the play *Phantom of the Opera* is FULL!!! It only took 4 hours after the notice to sign up went out to fill that coach!! Everyone who goes on the trip will be given a bagged breakfast from the Honors College. The coach will be in front of the SMC at 7:15 AM and Dr. Thyrum will be there to check you onto the coach. The coach will depart for New York City at 7:30 AM arriving in NYC around 10:30 AM. The drop off point in NYC for the day is at the Winter Garden Theatre area. You must return to this same spot by 6:15 PM to board the coach for the return trip to MU. **You must also be at the Majestic Theatre at 245 West 44<sup>th</sup> St. by 1:30 PM** to meet Dr. Thyrum and to get your ticket for the matinee performance of *The Phantom of the Opera*. Dr. Thyrum will be picking up all tickets at the will call window that day. After the performance, you