

# The Honors Report

April 2019

Volume XXXIII, No. 6

On the web at <https://www.millersville.edu/honorscollege/>

## Dr. Thyrum's Spring 2019

### Office Hours:

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

**Monday 1:10-2:40 pm - 120 Luek Hall**

**Tuesday: 10:00-10:45 am - 120 Luek Hall**

**And 12:15-1:00 pm – 120 Luek Hall**

**Wednesday: 10:00-11:30 am – Franklin House**

**Thursday: 10:00-10:45 am – 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.

### A New Way to Earn Honors Credits:

Great news.....on March 16, 2019, MU's Faculty Senate approved a proposal that will allow students in the Honors College to receive honors credit for completion (with a B- or better) of 500 level courses. If you are interested in enrolling in a graduate course (500 level course), you first should consult with your academic advisor. Then, you will need to seek permission to register for the course from the course's instructor. If the instructor agrees to admit you to the course, the instructor and you will need to complete and sign two forms: a "Permission to Register" form (you cannot register for the course through MAX) and 2) an "Honors College Graduate Credit" form. If you'd like to discuss possible graduate courses, feel free to make an appointment with Dr. Thyrum so we can discuss your options. This is a valuable, new option for honors students. Successful completion of a graduate course can look great on transcripts, resumes, as well as graduate school applications.



## New York City Bus Trip

A total of 51 Honors students and guests traveled to New York City on Saturday, March 30, 2019. They departed MU on an Executive Coach around 7:00 am, bagged breakfast in tow, and saw the play "Waitress" on Broadway! Here are a few pictures of the trip:



Meagan Schulman and Brooke Shimer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



## PASSHE Student Leadership Conference - March 2019



### Honors Students at Dixon University Center

Eight current and future leaders in the HCSA presented at the annual Honors Student Leadership Conference on March 25, 2019 at the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg, PA. Dr. Thyrum attended the Honors Directors' meeting while our students participated in the leadership conference, but everyone was able to have lunch together. Our thanks to Jordan Traut for driving a university van full of students as well as Dr. Thyrum for transporting some students also. Kristen Hart and Jordan Traut were in charge of coordinating our students in the creation of their presentations for the conference. An interesting, exciting day for our students as they interacted with other honors students from across the PASSHE system!

### Honors College Community Service

Honors students are volunteering to assist at the Admissions Spring Open House April 6. There will once again be the student activities fair from 8:00-10:00 am on both days. The Honors College and HCSA will share a table at the fair and have information available for prospective students. Other students will assist Dr.



Taylor Michael's favorite musical "Waitress"! She was the first one to sign up for the trip!

Thyrum during the Honors College Information Sessions on both days at noon as well. Sign up to help with these events next year and receive community service credits

### **All Honors College Students Attend, Present, and/or Volunteer with Made in Millersville**

On April 16, we have student volunteers assisting at a special luncheon for local prospective high school students during the Made in Millersville (MiM) day! Recruiting efforts are ongoing to bring in students looking to fulfill their goals in college. MiM still needs students to volunteer to assist with set up on April 15, the day of the event itself on April 16, and tear down on April 17. Sign up at the link Dr. Thyrum sent out via email. All Honors College students should plan to volunteer, present, and/or attend MiM.



### **!Birthdays!**

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

Apr. 01 Caidan Rowe  
Apr. 02 Maria LaSpina  
Apr. 02 Allison Rake  
Apr. 04 Maggie Ross  
Apr. 08 Sarah Hagen  
Apr. 08 Victoria Pappas  
Apr. 11 Kevin Santopadre  
Apr. 12 Halee Decker  
Apr. 13 Samantha Berdel  
Apr. 15 Meghan Epler  
Apr. 17 Sean Domencic  
Apr. 17 Michael Skros

Apr. 21 Kate Graham  
Apr. 22 Claire Robinson  
Apr. 23 Susan Lloyd  
Apr. 25 Julia Park  
Apr. 28 Justine Lemon  
Apr. 29 Leilani Smith  
May 3 Jacob Higley  
May 6 Julia Puia  
May 8 Adam Weiner

Remember your friends on their special day!



### **Franklin House**

Franklin House is available for all Honors students during the day as a place to unwind between classes. We offer a quiet environment with comfortable furniture 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 on the first floor with beverages and snacks available for students while studying. Stop by to study, unwind, and make/take a spring decorative, foam egg (1st floor conference room).



## 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 Honors College Student Association at Millersville and ask to join “Fall 2018 MU Honors Students”. We have an Instagram page and newly created Twitter you can follow as well - “Ville\_Honors”. Remember, these are great ways to stay on top of the latest news and announcements!



### Follow us on



“Ville\_Honors” (Twitter and Insta)  
 “Fall 2018 MU Honors Students” (FB)  
 “Millersville HonorsCollege” (FB)

### Spring 2019 Important Dates - Honors College Events and Meetings

#### APRIL:

**April 3 - Honors Priority Registration for Fall ‘19 courses (see advisor for Dr. Thyrum for TAP #)**

**April 5 – Last day to withdraw from a class & receive a W grade**

**April 7 - Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society, induction in Bolger/Gordinier**

**April 7 - HCSA General Membership meeting at 7:30 pm SMC 18**

**April 11 –Elizabethtown College Ware Lecture – dinner at 6 pm with Honors students at Etown; lecture at 7:30 pm**

**April 16 - Made in Millersville Conference – 8-4 pm Ganser– UHC students volunteer, present or attend**

**April 27 –HCSA Social Event – Turkey Hill Experience\***

**April 28 - HCSA General Membership meeting at 7:30 pm SMC 18**

#### MAY:

**May 5 – Honors College Spring Recognition Banquet – 1 pm – Lehr Dining Room in Gordinier**

**May 6 - Last day of classes**

**May 7-11 - Finals**

**May 11– Commencement**

**May 17 – Spring '19 grades are available via MAX after 4:30 pm**

## Honors College Student Highlights

A new section of our newsletter will be featuring Honors students with current accomplishments. If you want to submit a little blurb about what you have done recently, please send Barb an email. Here are a few recent submissions:

**Tara Petrosky** has a starring role in the play “Almost Maine.” It is directed by Tony Elliott and this is his last show before retiring in May!

Our own **Jacob Dickens** played the role of Warner in MU's production of “The Lottery” the last weekend of March!

Congratulations  
 on your  
**Achievement**



**Adam Weiner**

“I am very proud and humbled to announce I have been named this year's recipient of the Tim Samaras Memorial Scholarship in Research Meteorology. Created by the Central Iowa Chapter of the National Weather Association just 3 years ago in honor of a distinguished and well-known figure in severe weather research and tornado studies, this achievement marks a milestone in my undergraduate career. Never would I have imagined that my hard work and dedication to meteorology would culminate in my recognition as someone comparable to Tim Samaras.

I accepted the award on March 28 at the Severe Storms and Doppler Radar Conference in Ankeny, Iowa, which allowed me to network with Midwestern meteorology students and professionals, meet with a potential graduate school advisor, and learn research methods which can apply at my internship this summer at the National Weather Service in Raleigh, NC.

I am also very excited to announce that I finished off the regular season of WxChallenge, the North

American collegiate weather forecasting competition, in 2nd place for my category nationally. This required accurately forecasting for 10 cities total across the US, each for 2 weeks, throughout the fall and spring semesters. This accomplishment will be recognized in the form of a trophy to be displayed in the MU Weather Center.

I cannot express enough the joy of seeing my hard work and dedication finally pay off; it was not an easy road to attain these achievements. While the end result of constant diligence, discipline, and dedication to one's studies are often unclear at the start, it will eventually be rewarded, and only then will you realize what you were truly working towards. However, you cannot stop there. Keep up the diligence, discipline, and dedication and reach for the next achievement every day.” Congratulations go out to Adam!



Congratulations to **Nicole Stolarski**, **Meagan Schulman**, and **Jordan Traut** on being 3 of 10 students who have earned MUSE grants for funding their summer 2019 research efforts. They have each received a \$5,000 grant!

Our hearty congratulations to December '18 Honors College graduation, **Erin Jones**. She has won the prestigious Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence from PASSHE (only one student from the entire state system receives this award).

Erin also made it to the final stage of the Barry Goldwater Fellowship competition AND Erin was a 2017 Hollings Undergraduate Scholar for Meteorology Majors.

### **Honors Option in the Major**

Did you know that you may earn honors credit for up to two courses in your major? Create a plan with the instructor of the course for enriching the course and bringing the course to honors level work. Then complete the “Honors Option in the Major” form that is posted on the Honors College website and also available in Franklin House. Both you and the instructor sign the form and attach a description of the plan for enriching the course (e.g., extra paper, readings, project, presentation, etc....the sky is the limit for how you can enrich a course). Consider enriching the course in a way that may lead to or contribute to your honors thesis. The form is due back to Franklin House by the end of the second week of the semester that you are enrolled in the course. If you have questions, feel free to ask Dr. Thyrum.



### **Address for Next Fall**

The time has come to update mailing records at the Honors College. Please send an email to Barb at [Barbara.Erdman@millersville.edu](mailto:Barbara.Erdman@millersville.edu) with your new address for fall 2019 here at MU. Thank you!!

### **Spring Recognition Banquet**

Invitations will be coming out in the very near future for the 2019 Spring Recognition Banquet! The banquet will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 1:00 pm in Lehr Dining Room of Bolger Conference Center. The special guest speaker will be our own President, Dr. Daniel Wubah. Watch for your invitation in the mail. *If you are a graduating senior, please remember that you may invite your family members and your thesis adviser to the banquet. Barb just needs full names of your guests for name tag purposes.*

