

THE HONORS REPORT

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2019

A Warm
MARAUDER
WELCOME!

Greetings to everyone!

We hope you're all excited to start off the 2019-20 school year.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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| Freshmen Move-In Day & Living Learning Community Picnic | Wed., August 21 |
| Honors College Scavenger Hunt & Brunch - 10 am | Thurs., August 22 |
| Freshman Orientation | August 22- August 25 |
| Ice Cream Social + Lawn Games 6:30 pm - South | Sun., August 25 |
| Fall 2019 Classes Begin | Mon., August 26 |
| Honors College Opening Reception 4 pm - Ford Atrium | Wed., August 28 |
| Day of Caring | Sat., September 7 |
| Mentee/Mentor Bowling - 8 pm | Sun., September 8 |
| Donuts w/ Dr. Thyrum & Peer Mentor Michael - 8 am | Tues., September 10 |
| Honors College Required Freshmen Meetings - 7 pm (1st yr students are required to attend one) | Wed., September 25 |
| | Mon., September 30 |
| | Tues., October 1 |

Full Calendar has been emailed and posted on FB

UPCOMING EVENTS DESCRIPTION

LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY PICNIC (8/21)

At 6:00 p.m., after everyone is moved in, Housing will be holding a catered picnic for Living Learning Community (LLC) students and their families in Lehr Dining Room - Gordinier Hall. Students will receive a special LLC t-shirt.



FIRST EVER HC SCAVENGER HUNT (8/22)

We're excited to hold our first Honors College Scavenger Hunt! Everyone will meet in front of the South Village 4th Fl Study Lounge at 10:00 a.m. Then, we will all walk to SMC 24 for brunch (commuters should meet at SMC 24). After brunch, everyone will be split into scavenger hunt teams. The goal of the scavenger hunt is to decipher clues that will take you to different locations on our campus. After the scavenger hunt is complete, a special gift bag from the Honors College will be handed out to all participants.

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION (8/22-8/25)

Download the **GUIDEBOOK** app to access a complete orientation schedule!

Special thanks to the honors orientation leaders to make this possible!

Our HC Orientation Meeting will be held 8/23 from 12:30-1:30 in SMC 24. This meeting is a mandatory part of your Freshmen Orientation. Grab lunch and then come to SMC 24.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL/LAWN GAMES (8/25)

Everyone is welcome to come to an Honors College ice cream social we are holding the evening before classes officially start at 6:30 p.m. under the large tent in front of South. We will also be playing lawn games!

UPCOMING EVENTS DESCRIPTION

HONORS COLLEGE OPENING RECEPTION (8/28)

Please come to McComsey Hall - Ford Atrium at 4:00 p.m. to our annual Honors College Opening Reception. There will be refreshments and many guests attending, including other honors students, faculty, and administration. This is a great opportunity to meet new people at MU! Mentors - please bring your mentees to this fun event.



DAY OF CARING (9/7)

The Day of Caring is MU's biggest community service event of the year! Before the event, everyone will receive a t-shirt to wear. We will start the morning with a bagged breakfast in South and then proceed as a group to the event's kick-off in SMC Marauder Courts. From there, we will break into groups, get on school buses, and be taken to various sites around nearby Lancaster.

Last year, our students helped set up a music festival in downtown Lancaster, cleaned up a baseball diamond and a cemetery, played games with residents in a retirement community, among other types of service. Completion of this event will count towards the Honors College community service requirement, which is a minimum of 6 service or volunteer events (each at least one hour in length) per academic year.



MENTEE/MENTOR BOWLING (9/8)

As a way for mentees/mentors to become acquainted with each other, the Honors College has booked an evening at Leisure Lanes Bowling! The HC will pay for two games of bowling (starting at 8:00 p.m.) and Leisure Lanes will provide free rental for bowling shoes. Even if your mentor (or mentee) can't make it, still consider coming out for this fun evening!

UPCOMING EVENTS DESCRIPTION

DONUTS WITH DR. THYRUM & PEER MENTOR MICHAEL (9/10)

Stop by Tuesday morning in the fourth floor South Study Room to grab a donut, enjoy hot chocolate, view our freshmen picture boards, and chat with Dr. Thyrum, the Director of the Honors College, and Peer Mentor Michael Skros (8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)

FRESHMEN HC REQUIRED MEETING (9/25), (9/30), & (10/1)

All freshmen are required to attend ONE mandatory Honors College Freshmen Meeting in the South Great Room at 7:00pm. This meeting is for both residential and commuter students and will go over the Honors College curriculum, expectations, and strategies for being successful in your first semester in college. Dr. Thyrum, Michael Skros, and other upperclassmen will run these meetings. Attendance will be taken.

HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (HCSA)

HCSA is a student run organization that provides social and service opportunities for students in HC, as well as all MU students. HC students are encouraged (but not required) to participate in this organization.

ALL MEETINGS ARE IN SMC 18 @ 7:30 PM:

September: 22nd, October: 20th, November: 17th, & December: 8th

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL '19-'20 HCSA BOARD MEMBERS!

- President
 - Meagan Schulman
- Vice President
 - Brooke Shimer
- Treasurer
 - Laurel Blanchard
- Secretary
 - Alyssa Coutts
- Community Service Chair
 - Jeremiah Shillingburg
- Fundraising Chair
 - Jess Whittemore
- Public Relations Chair
 - Michael Skros
- Community Building Chair
 - Phoebe Tanis
- Special Events Chairs
 - Madison Whitcomb & Elyse Clay

WORDS FROM DR. THYRUM

Office Hours:

Monday: 11-11:45 am – 200 Franklin
and 1:10-2:40 pm - 120 Luek;

Tuesday: 1:00-2:00 pm - Franklin;

Wednesday: 10:00-11:45 am – Franklin;

Friday 11:00 am-12:00 pm – Franklin

or by appointment OR any other time I'm around



Greetings to our incoming freshmen ... and welcome back to our returning students! I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready for the new school year. For those of you I haven't met yet, I am the Director of the Honors College, have been a professor in the Psychology Department for the last 25 years, and am an MU alum (1986) and graduate from our Honors College. I help represent the Honors College to our University's students, faculty, and administrators. Also, I advise and support you throughout your journey in the Honors College. As you can see in this newsletter, we have a great calendar of events set up for this Fall semester. Take advantage of all that we have to offer as a way of making the most of your experience here at MU! Please stop by Franklin House (or Luek Hall) sometime to say "hi" / chat / introduce yourself. My office hours are listed above on this page. I look forward to a great semester and meeting you soon! Best, Dr. Thyrum

Communication

Be sure to check your Millersville e-mail daily! Soon we will release an Honors College D2L page with helpful information about our requirements and expectations as well as a LinkedIn page.

If you haven't done so yet, please send a friend request to us on facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/millersville.honorscollege>. When you do so, we can then add you to the "Fall 2019 Honors Group" page. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter at "Ville_Honors". These are great ways to stay current with our events and announcements.

ADVICE/TIPS FROM OUR STUDENTS

Get involved! Even if it's only one club that you feel interest in, being involved in anything is a good idea! Pay attention to the Ville Daily emails and posters around campus because there are fun things happening all the time and it's **TOTALLY** worth it to go. Invest in a planner that you can keep track of assignments in for YOUR organization style. I recently got the perfect planner and it changed my organizational habits and made my life 10x easier!!! Be actively involved in class. It gets super hard but trying your best to even pay attention goes a long way with professors. Trust me!!! - Taylor Michael (Senior, Psychology Major)

I would recommend writing a weekly schedule with all assignments on it due sometime during the week and then, as the week goes on, completing the assignments that are crucial to get done. - Jared Cohen (Sophomore, Psychology Major)

Go to your professors' office hours at least twice a month or whenever you don't understand anything. Find healthy ways to deal with stress, e.g, the SMC gym, a sport or any hobbies. Ask for help whenever you need it. Don't spend your money on things you don't need. - Cedrick Kazadi (Sophomore, Computer Science Major)

"I think one of the biggest things for me has been learning that I can't do it alone. I didn't really start enjoying college until I actually got out of my room and started making friends. It made me more confident in my work and in talking to classmates that I don't know, and it made me more willing to ask for help when I needed it. I think it's really important to make connections and branch out whenever possible." - Isaac Stottlemoyer (Junior, Communication Studies Major)

Invest in a whiteboard and a pair of rain boots. Whiteboards give you lots of space to write things out or to solve problems, and rainboots make the walk across campus so much better when it's pouring. Collaborate often. Study with friends and think through problems together. Especially for History of Ideas, meet with your group and plan your arguments before going to class. Make time for fun too. Take a break from studying to enjoy the whole college experience and to get to know people around you. Utilize different facilities, like Park City or Lancaster, to get off campus once in a while. - Jess Whittemore (Junior, Chemistry Major)

Ask people who are older than you about your major and which professors to take. Try and schedule classes that are back to back so your day is done faster. - Ryan Hartman (Sophomore, Math Education Major)

Don't buy textbooks at full price. Look online to rent them or get them for free through a library. - Jadon Barnett (Sophomore, Language and Culture Studies)

Utilize your mentor. I did not have consistent contact with my original mentor so Jeff Calabro offered to be mine. I expressed to him my worries about taking a mandatory course, Music & Culture, since I have never played an instrument or took interest in music. I told him I was going to drop the course due to frustration. Jeff told me to wait a second, ran upstairs, and came back with a ukulele. He proceeded to play Beyonce songs in different scales that I had to learn and taught me all the other terminology. Needless to say, I got an A on an exam that I was sure I was going to fail. I couldn't have done it without my mentor Jeff, and Beyonce. - Lindsey Diamond (Sophomore, Psychology Major)

SUMMER 2019 HAPPENINGS

MUSE SCHOLARSHIP SUMMER RESEARCH EFFORTS

The MU Mentored Undergraduate Summer Experience (MUSE) allows students to receive funding for conducting research with a faculty member. Students from all majors, who are in good academic standing, and have completed at least 33 hours of college coursework may apply. Next year's applications are due February 7, 2020. This year, Honors College students' Nicole Stolarski, Taylor Chambers, Jordan Trout, and Meagan Schulman earned the MUSE scholarship.

"My project will focus on determining the potential impacts of climate change on lightning frequency in Lancaster, Chester, and York Counties. The first part of the project will include a data analysis to determine what types of storm systems lead to lightning events in the studied areas. These data will then be used to develop a lightning climatology which will include lightning frequency. The second part of the project will involve observations and data collection through past launches of weather balloons. This provides key atmospheric variables during specific storm dates and intensive observing periods. The project will conclude with a comparison of the observed data with the climatology and an analysis of the climatology for potential impacts of climate change." -Nicole Stolarski (Junior, Meteorology Major)

"My summer research investigates the occurrence of flood stories in ancient literature from various cultures in geographic locations across the globe, and the continuation of the universal Deluge archetype throughout the centuries and into the modern times. I will be using this research for my honors thesis, and so, have broken my summer into two independent studies. The first focused on various translations of the Epic of Gilgamesh, which incorporates a flood story and was written in humanity's first written language in 5,000 BCE. My second independent study consists of a literature review where I locate flood stories from ancient and modern cultures. Currently, I am working with various Native American nations to attain more accurate English translations of some of their flood stories, so my work is inclusive and representative as much as possible. Exploring the universal archetype of the flood is valuable because it illuminates our shared humanity across time and space-it has proven to be an abiding concern of the human race for millenniums." -Jordan Traut (Senior, English Major)

"I interned and did research at the National Museum of Bermuda for 3 weeks under the direction of Dr. Maxwell. While there, I did research for my Honors college thesis and learned museum conservation.

My research is about privateering and pirates in Bermuda under King James and his son Charles I."
- Meagan Schulman (Senior, Atlantic World Studies)



SUMMER 2019 HAPPENINGS

PASSHE STUDY ABROAD 2019

Each year, two students from each of the PASSHE Honors Colleges attend a special Summer Honors Study Abroad Program. The Director of the Honors College along with the Honors College Curriculum Committee chooses two of our students to represent MU on this trip. Students' academic records, standing in the HC, and submitted essays with interest and rationale for participating in the program are reviewed. Honors College students with 30 or more credits of college coursework are considered. This summer, Jordan Traut and Kristen Hart traveled to Poland from May 12 to June 5 to take two academic courses and make other exciting memories!

"The most memorable experience I had while on the trip was our bus breaking down at night. As we were driving through Slovakia, headed to Hungary from Poland, I was thinking to myself about how beautiful the rolling hills and forests were, and how I wished we were spending time in this country. Suddenly there was a mini-explosion-like sound from the back of the bus and we had to pull over in an out-of-season ski resort. While the rest of us were watching from inside the resort restaurant; ordering interesting dishes (I had rabbit) in our best Slovakian (which was horrible judging by the waiters' faces), my roommate actually helped the bus driver fix the bus on her own! After our pleasant delay, we shared ghost stories and family drama stories all the way to Hungary. I was most surprised about how quickly all of the students on the trip befriended one another like we were all from the same honors college. Before the trip ended, we were already making plans for a PASSHE honors study abroad reunion." - Jordan Traut (Senior, English Major)



SUMMER 2019 HAPPENINGS

MURLEY SURF INTERNSHIP SUMMER RESEARCH EFFORTS

This research is granted under the Murley SURF program after the Department of Chemistry received a donation to place two undergraduate students in a vigorous summer fellowship. Junior, Jess Whittemore was selected based upon GPA, exceptional standing within the Department of Chemistry as well as her personal statement and research proposal outlined in her application.

"My name is Jess Whittemore and I am an undergraduate chemistry student specializing in gas-phase reactivity on the decomposition of cooking oils. Humans spend most of their time indoors yet remain unaware of the chemistry that takes place around them. Gaseous molecules in these environments react with thin films on surfaces, such as cooking oil remaining on a stovetop, and form products that can be hazardous to our health. Everyday human activities, including breathing and cleaning, influence these reactions, changing air composition. Modifying past-related studies allows us to develop a new method of experimentation that utilizes infrared spectroscopy- a technique that analyzes changes in chemical bonds- to observe cooking oil supported on a mesh grid. This adaptation releases gas into a controlled environment, or reaction chamber, containing the sample and allows us to monitor decomposition occurring in real time. This work applies directly to indoor air quality as results will allow for the prediction of air composition changes based upon human activity and ultimately improve indoor environments."

"I am working with Dr. Daniel Albert, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, on this project. Dr. Albert teaches me numerous techniques for analysis, challenges me to problem-solve and has truly shown me how to be a better chemist. None of this would be possible without his guidance and the support from the Department of Chemistry."

- Jess Whittemore (Junior, Chemistry Major)

