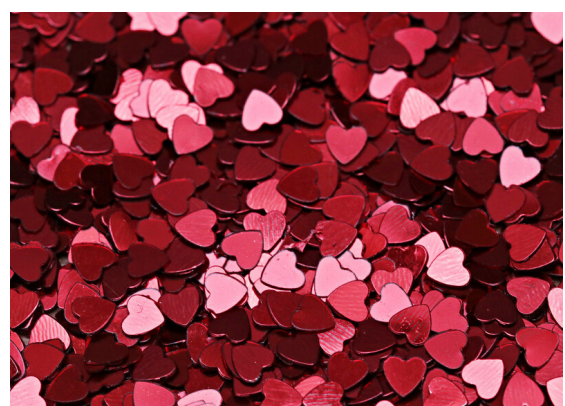


THE HONORS REPORT

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020



Welcome back everyone!
Have an amazing spring semester- start the year strong!
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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Honors Housing Room Selection - 6pm in South Great Room.....	Feb. 5th
Elizabethtown Honors Collaboration - 5 pm in Old Main Dining Room.....	Feb. 6th
Resume Rescue Workshop - 6-7 pm in South Great Room.....	Feb 11th
Thesis Day - Q & A at 12:05pm in Luek Hall - Rm 118.....	Feb. 13th
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HCSA Formal Dance.....	Mar. 6th
Spring Break.....	Mar. 11th – Mar. 17th
Made in Millersville.....	Apr. 14th
New York City Bus Trip.....	Apr. 18th
Phi Kappa Phi Induction (National Honors Society) - 3 pm.....	Apr. 19th
Spring Honors College Recognition Banquet - 1 pm.....	May 3rd

ELIZABETHTOWN- IMMERSION IN JAPANESE CULTURE

On February 6th, the Millersville Honors College will be hosting an event for Elizabethtown Honors College students to attend. This event will shine light on Japanese culture, and will include a Japanese themed meal, a student speaker, and a special musical performance. The meal will take place in Gordinier (Old Main Dining Rm) and will include special Japanese delicacy food items. Also during the event, Millersville Honors College senior, Jordan Traut, will speak about her semester long Japan Study Abroad experience. Lastly, a very exciting musical performance will take place at the Winter Center featuring Yamato Japanese drummers. Information about sign-ups came out via email and FB!

"RESUME RESCUE" WORKSHOP AND RESUME REVIEWS

On February 11th from 6:00-7:00pm in the South Village Great Room, Margo Sassaman, from ELCM, MU's career management center, will be speaking about resumes in the workshop "Resume Rescue". "Resume Rescue" is for students and aims to explain how having a professional resume is **critical** for obtaining job, internships, scholarships, grants, and more. The event will cover the importance of building your resume and the ways in which you can create one for yourself. Also, after Resume Rescue, there will be *one-on-one sessions* to help you build, critique, and/or improve your resume.

- 1) Tuesday, February 25th from 12:05-1:10pm in the South Great Room
- 2) Wednesday, February 26th from 4:00-5:00pm in Franklin House
- 3) Thursday, March 5th from 12:05-1:10pm in the South Great Room

Sign ups for these one-on-one sessions will be held through email. WE WANT ALL HONORS STUDENTS TO HAVE A GREAT RESUME!!

MENTORING PROGRAM PLANS

The Honors College has received a \$1000 grant from the Office of Experiential Learning & Career Management to further develop and implement our 2020-2021 Peer Mentoring program. Improvements will include more structure for mentors and a new mentoring space in the Franklin House. Beth Roberts, Michael Skros, and Dr. Thyrum will be designing the new program during the spring semester and over the summer. All honors students are encouraged to sign-up to be a mentor to one of our Fall 2020 freshmen! More details about the program will be announced later in the semester. Consider signing up to be a mentor for one of next year's new Honors College freshman. It is definitely a worthwhile and meaningful experience!

THESIS DAY

On Thursday, February 13th, a Thesis Q&A will be held in Luek Rm 118 from 12:05 pm to 1:05 pm. This Q&A is aimed towards helping those students who are currently in the process of starting to plan, working on, or writing their thesis/creative project and are looking for some additional help with any concerns or questions they may have come across. Also, anyone who has not yet begun their thesis/creative project and is interested in knowing more, or wants a bit of guidance on how to even begin the process, can attend the Thesis Workshop. It will be held on the same day from 4:00-5:15pm in Luek Hall, Room 200, and will provide an in-depth discussion about the process of starting one's thesis. Library faculty, along with Dr. Thyrum, present information about the steps of working on a thesis or creative project. Although anyone interested may attend, **all second year honors students who have not yet attended a Thesis Workshop are required to attend this workshop** to jumpstart their focus on finding a thesis topic and advisor.

EPPIIC VALUES- PROFESSIONALISM



Millersville University Honors College emphasizes the importance of the university's EPPIIC value of PROFESSIONALISM by promoting academic excellence. The Honors College takes advantage of many of Millersville's opportunities to help students grow and develop career skills through discovery and leadership. Required service activities encourage students to pursue connections within and outside of the university and practice their leadership skills. Workshops are provided to assist students with research that may apply to their future careers. Members of the Honors College strive to maintain an academic excellence through honors credits, 3.0 GPA during freshman and sophomore years, 3.2 GPA during junior and senior years, and a senior thesis or creative project. Through these opportunities, Millersville University honors students are better prepared for life outside of college and a successful career. This way, students learn the importance of professionalism even before they enter the field.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

PASSHE STUDY ABROAD

Introducing the 2020 PASSHE Summer Honors Study Abroad Program: Spanish Culture, Arts, & Technology! Summer of 2020, holds an amazing opportunity for two honors students! The PASSHE Summer Honors Study Abroad program will be taking a trip to Spain, sponsored by Clarion University. Honors students from different universities in the PASSHE system will travel to Spain to spend time together exploring Spain and learning about Spanish culture. This incredible opportunity would be great for any major! The best part is, Millersville will pay for two honors students to go, including the cost of airfare, hotels, food, travel, and 6 college credits!

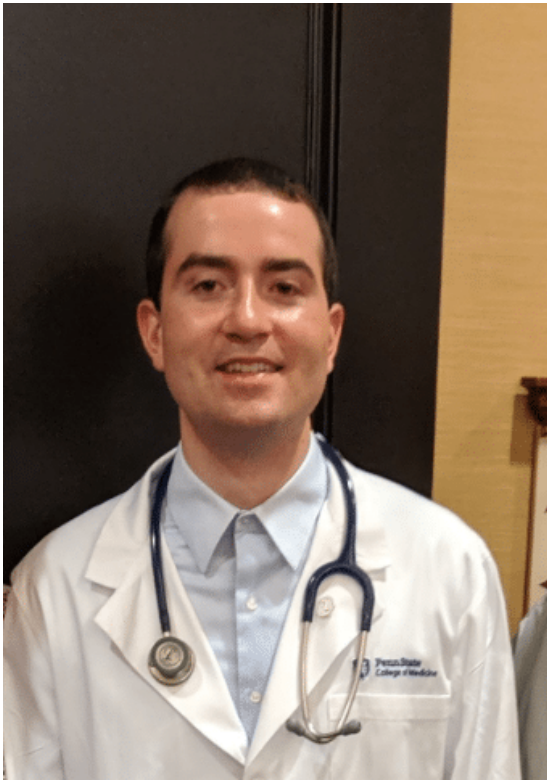
Students will go to Madrid and Alcala de Henares from May 16 to June 6, 2020. Two courses, worth three credits each, will be offered. The courses are Spanish: Culture, Arts & Technology as well as Discovering Design. The class in culture will feature the study of the history and culture of Spain, including studying literacy and historical texts, art, music, film, and architecture. This experience includes incredible culture exposure and travels around Spain! Discovering Design is a course that introduces students to the world of applied design and innovation. Students will gain skills in problem-solving, observation, and designing.

In order to qualify, interested students should have a minimum of 30 credits at Millersville that have been earned by December 31, 2019. Students must have been in the Honors College for at least two semesters and plan to return to Millersville and the Honors College for the Fall semester in 2020. It is expected that students be in good standing with the Honors College. By noon on Friday, February 7, 2020, students should have submitted the application to Franklin House, including the 2-4 page prompted essay. If you would like to say hola to an incredible experience in Spain, contact Beth Roberts to fill out the application today! Don't miss the life-changing opportunity to explore culture, to learn valuable skills, and to meet many new people!



HONORS ALUMNI

Seth Martin



"I graduated in Spring 2018 with a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Biochemistry. After college, I spent one gap year working full-time as a nursing assistant at Fairmount Homes in Ephrata, PA. I am currently training to be a family physician with a focus on serving the Amish and Mennonites. At the moment, I am in medical school at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, PA. I started in July, 2019. I am enrolled in the Family Medicine 3+3 Program, which will allow me to finish medical school in three years and move straight into three years of residency, also in Hershey."

"I think my favorite Honors College course was the 1-credit Botany elective I took with Dr. Hardy and just two other students. We tracked and presented the development of important food plants (corn, soybeans, and kidney beans). I'm pretty sure we did more than 1 credit's worth of work, but it was great to learn in a small group setting—and I learned how to use Photoshop, a very useful skill for my undergrad research."

"My words of advice: Always do your best, because you never know what skills or knowledge you may need later. In my experience, the good foundation I laid in classes, like organic chemistry and immunology, makes it so much easier to handle the high-intensity medical school curriculum."