



# THE HONORS REPORT

## SUMMER ORIENTATION

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# Fall 2024 Events Calendar\*

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## August

8/21 LLC Freshmen Move in	South Village 1-5pm
8/22 Brunch/Scavenger Hunt	Franklin House 11am-1pm
8/25 Walk Your Schedule <b>MANDATORY</b>	Franklin House 1pm
8/28 Welcome Café	Gordinier 3:30-5:30pm

## September



9/7 Hershey Park Trip	SMC 10am
9/14 Day of Caring <b>MANDATORY</b>	SMC 8am
9/16 1st Year Meeting <b>MANDATORY</b>	South GR 3:15-4:15
9/18 1st Year Meeting <b>MANDATORY</b>	South GR 6-7:00pm
9/22 Ice Cream Social	South GR 7pm

## October

10/8 Thesis Day	SMC 118 12:15-1pm
10/19 Open House	Franklin House 8:45-11:45am
10/27 Registration Social	South GR 7pm



## November / December

11/9 Open House	Franklin House 11am-1pm
12/? Holiday Party	TBD



\*Dates and times are subject to change. A finalized calendar will be sent out in late August with updated and/or any additional events.



# Meet the Honors College Staff



**Dr. Wolfgang**  
**Honors College Director**

My name is Charlton Wolfgang, I grew up in Bucks County, north of Philadelphia. I have been married for almost 31 years to Amy, who is a kindergarten teacher in one of our local elementary schools in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District where we live. We have one daughter, Shea, who is 14 years old and is in 8th grade. We have a 2-year-old yellow lab named Nikki, who is one of the funniest dogs I have ever met! I enjoy watching Doctor Who (Matt Smith is my favorite doctor!) and listening to Scandinavian Symphonic Metal. We attend Lifeway Church in Jonestown in northern Lebanon County.

Besides traveling, I enjoy planning my next travel adventure, playing basketball, watching British television shows and movies, listening to symphonic metal music,

exploring and experimenting with new technology, and reading/watching science fiction and fantasy.



My name is Kereah. I may not look like it, but I'm 32. I've been married for 11 years and have 2 kids, ages 9 and 6. I don't have any pets (though I really want a cat!). I consider myself to be an extroverted introvert who has well over 20 tattoos and 7 piercings. My favorite things outside of my family are singing, writing, reading, and traveling. I've been to 3 different countries (Peru, Ecuador, and Costa Rica) and hope to add many more to the list.

I'm also a writer and editor who works for freelance authors and publishing companies. I'm an avid gamer who loves all things horror, but can never say no to most RPGs. I, too, enjoy Doctor Who (yay Matt Smith!) but spend most of my free time watching anime or reading manga. Throughout the year, my husband and I attend several conventions, and yes, I cosplay. Of course, I also love spending time with my husband and kids – they always come first.



**Kereah Keller**  
**Admin Assistant**





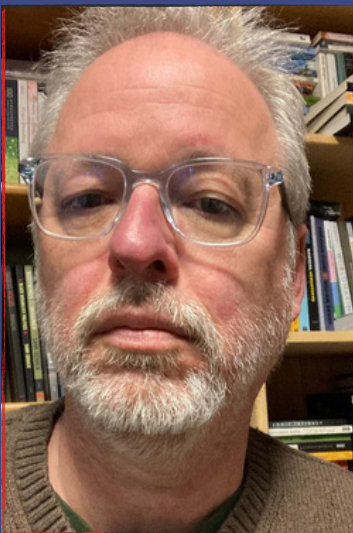
# Meet the Honors Professors

Dr. A. Nicole Pfannenstiel is a student-centered educator advocating for student-centered teaching and OER adoption. She has published a textbook OER, freely sharing this peer-reviewed work to reduce cost of attendance for students completing undergraduate courses. She recently published an edited collection on inclusive teaching practices, centering pedagogical approaches that strive to include all learners in the higher education classrooms.

She is a digital rhetoric scholar who studies videogames and play, digital writing, content strategy, and the use of videogames in the classroom. Her work focuses on learning through and with technology, blending rhetorical theory, digital rhetoric and multimedia learning theory. Her work centers on human experiences with and through technology as we find enjoyment, learning, and community through technology tools.



**Dr. A Nicole Pfannenstiel**  
English & World Languages

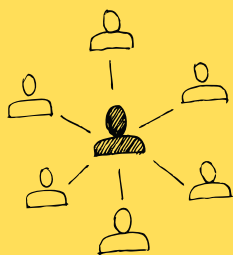


**Dr. Greg Seigworth**  
Communication & Theater

Dr. Greg Seigworth, known to student as “Dr. Greg,” is a professor in the Digital Communication and Cultural Studies concentration in the Department of Communication and Theatre. With 31+ years at Millersville as a professor, Dr. Greg has taught widely across courses focused on social media influence, algorithmic culture, gender and communication, digital activism, philosophies of communication & control, and more. Most likely, Honors students will encounter Dr. Greg in the COMM 100 Public Speaking honors course. Students can get Dr. Greg to go off on long tangents by talking about their favorite musical artists, social media controversies, and the latest news events. Dr. Greg likes to travel internationally, especially to Nordic countries like Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden. He is also a big “fan” of Estonia and Iceland.



# Advice from Current Students



Don't be afraid to try new things. I thought I would always be on campus for my college career, but I had the opportunity to go abroad! It's wild how much a person can change over the course of 4 years, so enjoy the ride.

-- Julia G, '25

Try not to spend all your time in the dorms. Don't be afraid to go to events alone and meet new people.

-- Sophia A, '27

Do not stress about your thesis in your first year. You will figure it out when the time comes. Take this time to enjoy your classes and time at Millersville!

-- Rebecca B, '24

Take advantage of living in the LLC! The other freshman honors students are in the same boat as you, so get to know them! Make study groups with the students in your honors classes or just hang out in the lounge together!

-- Emily D, '26

Stay focused, set goals for yourself, and hold yourself accountable. Don't be afraid to ask for help; everyone needs guidance, especially in a new environment. You *are* capable.

-- Julia H, '27

Time management is key! Make sure you stay on top of your work; don't let it pile up or save it till the last minute. It will save you a lot of trouble in the future. Also, make sure you take time for yourself to have fun and have the full college experience. Grades are important, but you can find a healthy balance.

--Noelle H, '24

Take advantage of the wonderful professors you are assigned; they are there for you and understand how it feels to be an honors freshman!

-- Richie D, '27

Attend all of your classes. It might be tempting to skip, but it's not worth it.

-- Kyla P, '26



# A New Path to Tread

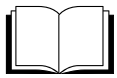
*Adjusting to college life can often be difficult. Here are some safe and effective ways to help manage stress and change.*



Take a long shower



Go to Central Market



Read a book



Listen to music



Go for a walk



Spend time with friends



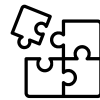
Practice meditation



Watch a movie



Write a story



Work on a puzzle



Clean



Take a nap



Paint your nails



Drink herbal tea



Sit outside



Bake or cook



Visit Park City Mall



Get a massage



Paint or draw



Go to karaoke



# On-Campus Resources to Take Advantage of

There are so many places, people, and services available on Millersville's campus that a lot of students aren't aware of. Here are a few that we highly encourage you to take advantage of. And the best part? They're all FREE!



## Franklin House Library

We have a collection of the most common books used in Honors Courses. Rent them for FREE and save yourself money!



## Career Center

They assist students in finding jobs, internships, and interviews. Plus, they help you prepare for them ahead of time.



## Writing Center

Work with tutors on papers, projects, or speeches at all levels of writing. Or become a tutor yourself.



## Peer Advisors

These Honors College students offer advice and help with schedules, conflicts, and any other issues you might have with professors or other students.



## McNairy Library

The library is now open 24 hours a day. There's an online database to access all kinds of information. And, of course, a Starbucks inside!



## The Hub

It is a safe place for you to gather and build community. They offer meals, a quiet place to study, and someone to talk to if you need it.



**1**

**Earplugs**

**An Umbrella & Rain Boots**

**2**

**3**

**A Portable Charger**

**A Sewing Kit**

**4**

**5**

**An Electric Kettle**

**A Stain Remover Stick**

**6**

**7**

**A Shower Caddy**

**A Mini Vacuum**

**8**

**9**

**Reusable Food Storage Containers**

**A Small Tool Kit**

**10**





# Mentor / Mentee Program

The Mentor/Mentee Program pairs an incoming freshman with an upper-class student of a similar major to help you transition to Millersville.



The Mentor should reach out in the summer and will be available to answer any questions about classes, dorm life, or campus that you might have.

Once on campus, the Honors College hosts a number of events, including a Mentor/Mentee Walk-Your-Schedule, so that you can meet others in your area of study and learn where your classes are.



Mentors will also be someone you can go to throughout your college experience to talk with, receive advice from, or hang out with at Honors College events.

## Day of Caring

The Day of Caring is a Millersville University tradition; for more than 20 years, students have taken a few hours out of their day to give back to Lancaster and the surrounding community.



The Honors College is proud of our students' participation in the annual event.

On this day, our students meet for breakfast, are assigned to an Honors College group, and listen to MU President Dr. Wubah's speech before being transported to their given spot.



The day not only allows the students to complete a portion of the yearly community service hours but also provides the opportunity to interact and get to know the other Honors College students.



# Picking Apart the Honors Thesis

“Thesis” might sound daunting and scary, but it’s not. Whether it’s restoring a dress from the 1800’s, writing a collection of short stories, or tracking tornado patterns in Lancaster County, the possibilities are endless.

## What is the Thesis?

The thesis is a formal research paper which contains an appropriate element of original research, **or** a comparable creative project suitable to your academic discipline or area of expertise.

In short, the thesis is a project or paper on a topic of your choosing based on your major.



## Why do a Thesis?

- It’s required to graduate from the Honors College
- It gives you the chance to demonstrate what you’ve learned in your field of study
- It makes you stand out on your resume and as a job candidate

## Things to Remember

- **You** get to choose the topic and type of research you want to write about or the type of creative project you want to complete for the thesis. Choose something that *you* are interested in.
- Not every thesis will look the same. While there are some students who have written sixty, seventy, or eighty-page research papers, that doesn’t always fit each student and their goals. Be sure to identify a topic that is manageable and reasonable for your skillset.
- You will work closely with a thesis advisor -- a professor you’ll choose that you respect and have good rapport with. Your thesis advisor will work with you and guide you throughout your research and project, offering scholarly expertise and experience in your chosen field.

