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**The Honors Report is looking to feature Honors College students' accomplishments! Please submit your "Points of Pride" or nominate a friend to be featured, so we may acknowledge and celebrate these achievements! Reach out to Dr. Thyrum or Kereah Keller with your ideas.**

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# January

**Fri, 20** – *Open House and Meet our new Admin Asst.*, Franklin House @ 8:45-11:45 am

**Fri, 27** – *Movie Night*, 4th Fl Study Lounge, South @ 7 pm

**Sun, 29** – *HCSA general meeting*

**Tue, 31** – *Commuter Lunch*, Franklin House @ 12:15-1 pm

# February

**Thurs, 9** – *Thesis Day*

Thesis Q and A for 3rd/4th years

Luek Rm 118 @ 12:05-1 pm

Thesis Workshop for 2nd years

Luek Rm TBD @ 4-5:15 pm

**Sun, 12** - *Super Bowl Party* - HCSA, South Great Rm (TBD)

**Sun, 19** – *HCSA general meeting with Valentine Bingo*

**Mon, 27 - March 6** – *Resume Week* - Resume Building Session with ELCM - Feb 27 at 4 pm on Zoom

# March

**March:**

**Fri, 17** – *Mentoring Communities Day* (activities - TBD)

**Sun, 19** – *HCSA general meeting*

**Sat, 25** – *NYC Bus trip*

**Tue, 28** – *Registration Social* - South Great Rm @ 7 pm

# April

**April:**

**Wed, 5** – *Priority Registration* for honors students @ 6 am

**Sun, 16** - *Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society induction* @ 3 pm

**Sun, 16** – *HCSA general meeting*

**Sat, 22** – *HC Recognition Banquet* - Lehr Dining Rm, Gordinier @ 1 pm

## SAVE THE DATES!

### **Honors Report Interest Meeting** Friday, Jan. 20th 2:15pm Franklin House

Interested in becoming a Report Writer? Come enjoy some snacks and learn more about it.

### **Open House** Friday, Jan. 20th 8:45am - 11:45am Franklin House

Stop by to meet the new Honors College Administrative Assistant, Kereah Keller, have a donut, and pick up some Honors College goodies.

### **Honors College Movie Night** Friday, Jan. 27th 7:00pm South 4th Floor Study Room

Enjoy a movie, some popcorn, and snacks!

### **Spring Semester Honors by Contract Deadline** Friday, Feb. 10th

Contracts for Honors by Contract are due by the end of the 4th week of the semester.

### **Made in Millersville Application Deadline** Friday, Feb. 17th

Made in Millersville is an opportunity to present research and projects. The 2023 conference takes place on Tuesday, April 11th.

### **Resume Week** Monday, Feb. 27th - Friday, Mar. 3rd

Experiential Learning and Career Management and the Honors College will offer incentives for students to attend a workshop on Zoom on Feb 27 at 4 pm and to send in their resumes for constructive criticism.

## THANK YOU TO FALL HONORS PROFESSORS

The Honors College would like to thank the professors who taught Honors courses in the Fall 2022 semester. These professors go above and beyond to help students reach academic success.

*Thank you to Fall 2022 Honors professors!*

- **Dr. Jane Clipman - Development of the Child and Adolescent**
- **Dr. Roberta Craven - Introduction to Film**
- **Dr. Samuel Earman - Physical Geology**
- **Dr. Christine Filippone - History and Aesthetics of Photography**
- **Dr. Heather Girvin - Family Violence**
- **Dr. Richard Glenn - Constitutional Law: Federalism and Separation of Powers**
- **Dr. Jessica Hughes - Fundamentals of Speech**
- **Dr. Katarzyna Jakubiak - English Composition**
- **Dr. Tanya Kevorkian - Indians and Colonists in PA**
- **Dr. Baoling Ma - Calculus 1**
- **Dr. Clarence Maxwell - Explorations in the History of Ideas**
- **Dr. Hannah Osborn - Psychology of Racism**
- **Dr. Carla Rineer - Explorations in World Literature**
- **Dr. Karena Rush - Happiness and Well-Being**
- **Dr. Kenneth Smith - Principles of Microeconomics**
- **Dr. Zenaida Uy - General Physics Seminar**

interview by Claire DeVinney

**Kereah (kuh-ray-uh) Keller is the new Honors College Administrative Assistant. Kereah grew up in Pottstown, PA. She has a Bachelor's degree in English as a Second Language and a Master's degree in English & Creative Writing. Kereah is available to advise students regarding academic and personal issues, as well as general college questions. She can be reached in her office on the second floor of Franklin House or by email at [kereah.keller@millersville.edu](mailto:kereah.keller@millersville.edu). Welcome to Millersville, Kereah!**

**Q: What do you like to do in your free time? Any hobbies or favorites?**

A: "I love video games, especially RPGs. Fire Emblem: Three Houses is a big one for me right now. I play a lot with my husband as well. We do everything from Legend of Zelda to Phasmophobia to Outlast. I'm also really into anime. I like reading manga and watching anime—again, a lot of times with my husband, since we share similar interests. I'm also a writer. I've been writing since I was about five years old. I have several books that are self-published and a couple that I am looking to get signed by an agent."

**Q: What made you interested in this job?**

A: "I've had a lot of jobs in administration, especially in education. I worked for Derry Township School District for four years, and I really enjoyed the classroom setting. I spent the last year doing marketing online for IU13, so I was able to work a lot from home. The reason that I reached out to Millersville was because my former position would not allow me to go full time, and my husband is a stay-at-home dad for our two kids, so something that paid more and had better hours is what I was looking for—also something that I was familiar with, so that I could kind of slip into the position and not have too many issues with it."

**Q: You've mentioned your husband and kids. Can you say a little bit about them?**

A: "I have been married for almost 10 years to my husband; we got married in August 2013. His name is Josh. I have two kids. My son is the oldest. His name is Fletcher. He's seven and a half. My daughter is the youngest. Her name is Raven and she's five."



**Kereah Keller**

**Q: What is your favorite thing about Millersville so far?**

A: "I love being able to talk with the students. A lot of people say that I look like I'm 18, so everyone assumes I'm a student, but I like having those connections, like knowing what's going on around campus or being able to share some of my experiences and not feel like I'm talking to fifth graders. Fifth graders are great, don't get me wrong, but at the same time, you can't relate to them the same way that you can with college students."

**Q: What is something that you think is important for Honors College students to know about you to have a good rapport?**

A: "I want to prove myself to be somebody that is trustworthy. Not just with events and planning, but also if they have a question or something personal, that they don't have questions about who to go to for advice. I like using the fact that I look young to my strength. Knowing that I really wanted someone who would mentor me when I was in college, building around that, and being somebody for someone else, so that I could help them that way."

**Scott Anderson is the Information Systems Librarian at the McNairy Library and Learning Forum. Scott is the subject librarian for Business Administration, Computer Science, Economics, Entrepreneurship, and Mathematics. Contact him at [scott.anderson@millersville.edu](mailto:scott.anderson@millersville.edu) or find him on the library website.**



**Scott Anderson**

**Q: Describe one way you have helped a student during a research appointment.**

A: "Thinking about how to approach a research interest; contextualizing their research effort to improve resource selection and terminology."

**Q: What's your favorite book?**

A: "Generally history, a good mystery, and classic literature every now and again. I avoid cookbooks as I have learned good cooks frequently don't follow them anyway."

**Q: Do you have any interesting hobbies? What are they?**

A: "I am a competitive rifleman, and I compete regularly in the area and participate in large regional and national competitions as well."

**Q: Why did you become a librarian?**

A: "I enjoyed the research process as an undergraduate student and found myself helping other students work through the research process. I was considering graduate school for business or law and thought, before I do that, perhaps I should earn a Master of Library Science. It's made doing research ever since much more efficient."

**Q: Current research interests?**

A: "Frameworks for resource sharing by library consortia. Open source software."

**Q: Where would you like to travel?**

A: "Nearly anyplace I haven't already been! Next up is Scandinavia, London, then New Zealand or Japan."

**Q: If you have a pet or pets, share something about them?**

A: "Two dogs; a Bichon Frise (all white) and a Yorkchon (nearly all black). They're quite the handful. They work in tandem and frequently ask for things on behalf of the other."

## RESEARCH TOOLKIT: TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEARCH OF RESEARCH

**It can be challenging to successfully locate appropriate research. Here are a few tips to help you navigate some common research quandaries.**

### Not finding relevant search results?

- Consider synonyms (alternate words with similar meaning)
- Technical terms (the terms used by the field or discipline of which you are focused)
- Be more specific. Instead of "student", try college student, or a specific grade level
- Think about the "where" or "how" your topic happens

### Not locating the type of content needed (article, book chapter, review, dissertation, etc)?

- Usually along the left side, there are options to refine your search results by Source Type.

### Need more research?

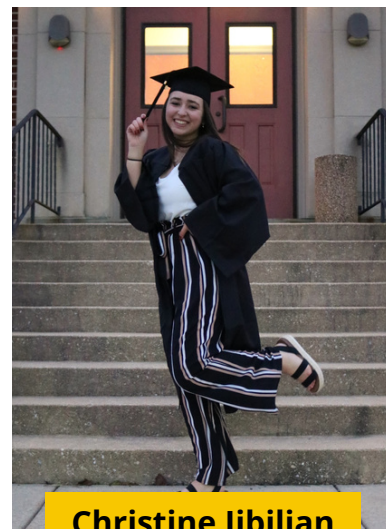
- If you find a relevant article, click on the title (within the result list) and review the keywords and subjects listed. Consider using these terms in your search
- Try a different database

**If you do keep running into issues, remember that the librarians are here to help you and available through online chat, in-person, email, and phone. Use <https://bit.ly/MUasklib> or scan the following:**



**The Honors College graduated six seniors in December. We are excited to recognize them for their hard work and accomplishments during their time at Millersville.**

**Christine Jibilian** is graduating with a major in Psychology. While at Millersville, Christine was involved in HCSA, Navigators, Psychology Club, and Psi Chi Honor Society. She has also been a tutor and peer mentor for the Psychology department. Some of Christine's favorite Honors College memories are the Homecoming Parade and community service events like Sugar Bowl delivery fundraisers, as well as HCSA laser tag, bowling, and corn mazes. After graduating, Christine plans to work full-time for Pennsylvania Counseling Services until next fall, when she will begin a Master's program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling to become a Licensed Professional Counselor. Congratulations, Christine!



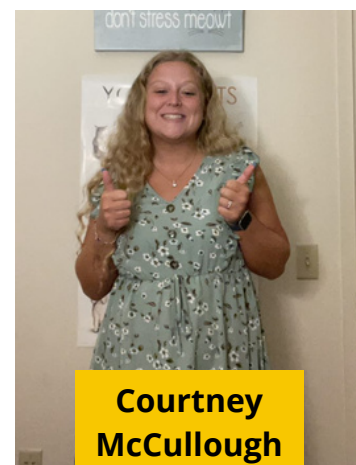
**Christine Jibilian**

**Alanna Bezas** is graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Emergency Management. While at Millersville, Alanna has been involved with MU International Association of Emergency Managers, where she served as vice president, HCSA, where she served as vice president and fundraising chair, CHAARG, Omicron Delta Kappa, where she served as treasurer, intramural sports, and the MU Dance Team. She has also been an Honors College Mentor and Peer Mentor. Some accomplishments that Alanna is proud of are attending three professional conferences, completing two internships, finishing and defending an Honors Thesis, and taking a study abroad trip to Iceland. Her favorite Honors College memories are seeing hard work pay off in HCSA and participating in bus trips to Washington D.C., Baltimore, and New York City. After graduating, Alanna plans to enter the workforce as an Emergency Management Specialist. Best wishes, Alanna!



**Alanna Bezas**

**Courtney McCullough** is graduating with majors in PreK-8th grade Special Education and PreK-4th grade Education, a minor in Integrative STEM Education Methods, and a certification in 7th-12th grade Special Education. Some of Courtney's accomplishments include making the Dean's List every semester and working to complete her Honors Thesis about representations of disabilities in the media. While at Millersville, she worked as an Integrated Studies coach and was involved in the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honors Society. Courtney's favorite Honors College memories are the 2019 trip to New York City and volunteering to clean exotic bird cages at That Pet Place. Her favorite parts of the Honors College were early class registration and building friendships through Honors housing. Courtney says, "These friends have been the best support system throughout my time at Millersville!" After graduating, Courtney plans to find a teaching job in the Lancaster area in either general or special education. She is excited to begin her career in the teaching field. Congratulations, Courtney!



**Courtney McCullough**

**Daniel Foreacre** is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Daniel says of his studies, "My time at Millersville has been far shorter than I would have liked. I transferred from HACC in the fall of 2021 so I have only had the past three semesters here. But in that short amount of time, I have really been impacted by my experiences and the people I've met. The Honors College, and especially Beth and Dr. Thyrum, have been wonderful in helping to direct my thesis work and giving advice on grad school applications. The computer science department has become a second home to me, and the students, staff, and faculty feel like family. More than the degree I will be receiving, the most



**Daniel Foreacre**

important thing I will be taking away from my time at Millersville is these relationships." After graduating, Daniel plans to pursue a Ph.D. in computational neuroscience to research computer models of the brain and their usefulness in informing approaches to artificial intelligence programs. He is excited about this new phase of his education. Best of luck, Daniel!

**Madison Whitcomb** is graduating with Bachelor's degrees in Mathematics and Economics. Madison was a member of the Math Club, where she served as vice president, the Color of Teaching Club, where she served as fundraising chair, the Helping Paws Club, where she served as vice president, and the HCSA, where she served as special events chair and vice president. She also represented the MU student body to the Council of Trustees as the Millersville University Student Trustee and was a research assistant with the Side by Side Program. Madison received several scholarships and awards during her time at Millersville, including the Edna Myers Mathematics Scholarship, the Millersville University Council of Trustees Student Scholarship, and the 2021-2022 Millersville University Marauder of The Year Award. Best wishes for the future, Madison!

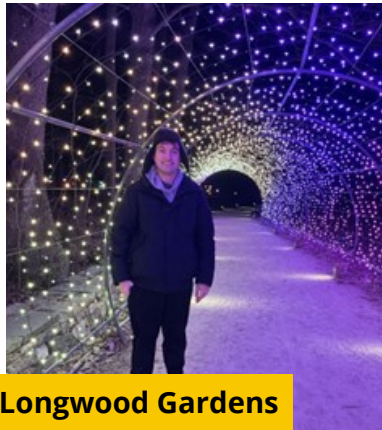


**Madison Whitcomb**

**Congratulations to our Dec '22 graduates!**

**WINTER BREAK FUN**

"This winter break was very relaxing for me (in contrast to the past few months). My family decorated cookies together, watched Christmas specials every day, and visited the Longwood Gardens holiday light show!" - **Elias Peluso (he/him), Robotics and Control Systems major, Class of 2023**



**Elias at Longwood Gardens**

"I traveled along the coast of southern Iceland over the course of eight days. The first picture was taken from a drive into the main city of Reykjavik where I saw the northern



**Kennedy hiking (above), northern lights (below)**

"Over winter break, I got to do many exciting things, such as working for Candy Kitchen, a candy store in Rehoboth, Delaware. I also visited my girlfriend's family and got to spend quality time with my own, visiting them across DE, PA, and NJ. The most exciting thing I did over the break was helping my friends Steven and Sean make a short film in the style of a 1990s Christmas Special about our band, S.L.A.P." - **Joseph Favoroso (he/him), Automation and Robotics Engineering Technologies major, Class of 2024**



**Joseph (center) and friends work on their film project**

lights with my boyfriend. The second picture is of me after we hiked up a mountain while always repping Delta Zeta!" - **Kennedy Ross, Early Childhood and Special Education major, Class of 2024**



"I was working on refreshing all old computers and putting new computers on campus." - **Chandra Dhimal, Information Technology major, Class of 2025**



**Computer lab where Chandra worked**

**Welcome back to campus, Honors College!**

**Let's start the spring semester strong!**