

Honors Program

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More Than \$7,100 Awarded in Grants for Honors Undergraduate Research Projects

SHIPPENSBURG, Pa. – Thirteen students from the Shippensburg University Honors Program have received grants to support their undergraduate research and creative projects during the 2010-2011 academic year. The university's Institute for Public Service recently announced more than \$7,100 would be awarded to Honors Program students.

The students' undergraduate research and creative projects span a variety of fields, including elementary and secondary education, psychology, history, English, theatre arts, human resource management, physics, and biology, and will take multiple forms, including laboratory research, field work, and artistic projects. Funding is provided by the Shippensburg University Foundation.

"The students who have received grants submitted outstanding proposals," said Dr. Kim Klein, director of the Honors Program. "One of the Honors Program's most important goals is to expand our students' intellectual horizons beyond the classroom by promoting participation in undergraduate research and creative projects, and these grants will allow our students to delve into areas of specialized study."

Each of the grant applicants was chosen by the university's Undergraduate Research Advisory Committee based on relevance and significance of topic, adequacy of design and feasibility, likelihood for success, and potential for learning.

The Undergraduate Research Grants Program provides financial support to undergraduate students for research or scholarly activities related to their programs of study to enable them to better understand the scientific process, experience discovery, and develop their analytical and communication skills. The Honors Program grant recipients include:

Angela Darosh, a senior psychology major from Pottsville, \$390, "Association Between Feminism and Academic Self-Efficacy," to analyze information collected from self-report inventories to evaluate the connection between feminist ideology and academic self-efficacy in female college-student populations.

Elisabeth Davis, a junior history major from Chambersburg, \$117, "Saint Michael the Archangel: Interpretations through Time and Space," to study the evolution of the cult of Saint Michael in medieval Europe by comparing medieval Jewish and Christian traditions.

Jennifer Hoover, a junior accounting major from Bedford, \$339, “Characteristics of Self-Insured Manufacturing Companies in Pennsylvania for Workers’ Compensation Liability,” to analyze firm-specific factors that influence the decisions of Pennsylvania manufacturers as they manage their workers’ compensation risk via self-insurance.

Kristen Imboden, a senior education major from Lansdale, \$558, “Leading Reading: Improving Literacy Education in the Dominican Republic,” to research best practices in literacy instruction and implement and evaluate literacy-related strategies in teacher training workshops.

Joey Sauthoff, a senior interdisciplinary arts major from Perry Hall, Md., \$688, "J.B. Priestley, An Inspector Calls," to produce and direct the play “An Inspector Calls” after studying Priestley and the play.

Sara Wlazelek, a senior English major from Kutztown, \$114, “Literacy Sponsorship," to study adolescent literacy practices.

Sara Workman, a senior management major from Lititz, \$565, “Nurse Unionism: Understanding the Reasons behind Strikes,” to study the causes of nurses’ strikes during the past 20 years and analyze the connections between the strikes and the rapidly changing healthcare environment.

The Honors Program at Shippensburg University provides an outstanding undergraduate experience that emphasizes scholarship, leadership, and service. The program is made up of 150 students who are chosen based on academic achievement, intellectual curiosity, and evidence of leadership and civic engagement. Students benefit from small classes, outstanding instruction, exciting research, study abroad, and internship opportunities, and special social and cultural activities. For more information, visit <http://www.ship.edu/honors>.