

The Honors Program Newsletter

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FROM THE HONORS OFFICE, HORTON HALL 104

FEBRUARY 2005

CALENDAR

February

28 - HSO Service Project: King's Kettle Food Bank

5:00-6:30 p.m., 30 E. Fayette Street

Contact Jessica Kreger, HSO Service Committee Chair, at jk7632@ship.edu for more information.

March

1 - Informational Meeting/Lunch on the Honors Seminar in Service Learning

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Century Cafe

Dr. Gene Fiorini will be in the Century Cafe to answer students' questions regarding the Honors Seminar in Service Learning, which will be offered in Fall 2005. Free lunch tickets will be provided for those who attend. See the article on Page 1.

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5:00-6:30 p.m., 30 E. Fayette Street

14-15 - Scheduling for Fall Honors Courses

Contact Sharon Poe at ext.1604 or sapoe@ship.edu with your desired Honors courses. See the notice on Page 4 for more information.

16 - Honors Student Organization Meeting

9:30 p.m., CUB 217

22 - Uncommon Conversations: Anna Deavere Smith

Contact Sharon Poe at ext.1604 or sapoe@ship.edu for more information.

April

1 - HSO Service Project: American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life"

5:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m., Recreation Field

Contact Jess Kreger, HSO Service Committee Chair, at jk7632@ship.edu for more information.

2 - Excitement in Education

8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Shippen Hall

7-10 - Northeast Region of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NE-NCHC) Conference, Pine Barrens, NJ

18 - Honors Program Spring Banquet

6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Tuscarora Room

Honors Students to Create Non-Profit in Service Learning Seminar

During the 2005 - 2006 academic year the Shippensburg University Honors Program will be offering an upper division seminar in service learning.

The two-course sequence is designed to expand on the recently completed International Honors Book Project, which collected and shipped educational resources to schools in the Philippines. During the course, students will create and develop their own non-profit organization. The main goals will be to identify and contact schools in need of educational resources, develop the means to collect those resources, and raise the funds in order to ship the resources to the identified schools.

HON394 will be offered in the Fall 2005 semester and will concentrate on the planning stages of this project. HON395 will be offered in the Spring 2006 semester and will concentrate on the implementation of the project. Since the courses are independent, students will be permitted to sign up for one or the other or both of the courses, depending on their interests. Students from all majors are encouraged to enroll. Many projects will be specifically geared to their individual majors. Students will receive General Education - Category E credit for the courses.

An informational meeting/lunch on the Honors Seminar in Service Learning will be held March 1 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., in the Century Cafe. Dr. Gene Fiorini will be available to answer students' questions regarding the seminar. Free lunch tickets will be provided for those who attend.

If you cannot attend the information session and would like more information please contact Dr. Gene Fiorini at ext. 3008 or Dr. Denise Anderson at ext. 1266.

HSO Sponsors Spring Service Projects

This semester, the Honors Program will be doing a service project at King's Kettle. King's Kettle is a local food bank that assists needy families. It is located next to Maxie's Bar, 30 E. Fayette Street. On Monday, February 28 we will be stocking shelves at 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, March 1 we will be going at 5:00 p.m. to bag groceries and take them out to the families' cars. Volunteers are needed to drive other students to King's Kettle. Each night should take about an hour.

For a second service project, a team will be organized for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life." The relay will be held April 1-2 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m. at the Recreation Field.

If you are interested in participating in either of these service projects, or if you have any questions, please contact Jessica Kreger at jk7632@ship.edu.

Changes Ahead for Honors Newsletter

A new title. A new layout. A featured column. All are coming in the April 2005 Honors Program Newsletter. Check it out!

The April newsletter will be mailed during the week of April 12. Call ext. 1604 or stop by the Honors Office if you do not receive it.

Calling 2005-2006 HSO candidates

Honors Student Organization President Stephanie Rush is now accepting applications for her replacement—and for the other officers' successors as well.

By March 25, Honors students who would like to be candidates for a 2005-2006 Honors Student Organization office (president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer) should e-mail Stephanie Rush with a brief description of why they are a good choice for the position and what they would like to do as an Honors officer.

After all have applied, Honors students will receive an e-mail with the candidate information. Students can then vote by responding to the e-mail by April 4. The new officers must be announced by the third Friday in April, according to the HSO constitution.

NE-NCHC Conference Reps Needed

Four Honors students will attend the Northeast Region of the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in Pine Barrens, NJ on April 7-10. If you are interested in attending, contact Dr. Klein by March 1.

Meet new GA Jennifer Michael

Jennifer Michael joins us this spring, beginning her second semester in the M.S. Communications Studies program. Originally from the Chambersburg, Pa. area, she attained her B.A. in English with a minor in journalism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She worked for two and half years in public relations for Summit Health in Chambersburg before deciding to return to school full-time. Jennifer helps the Honors Program by maintaining the web site, creating newsletters, and working on various other projects throughout the semester.

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NCHC offers Honors Semesters

The National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) offers Honors Semesters to allow honors students from all over the United States the opportunity to gather for learning experiences away from their own campuses.

NCHC semesters offer a full load of transferable college credits that combine field studies, research, internships, seminars, and a carefully-planned living-learning environment that takes full advantage of the resources available at the semester's location.

2005 NCHC Honors Semester

Livable Spaces in Natural Places

May 23-August 12, 2005

Co-sponsors: NCHC and Seattle University

Student teams will develop projects for preservation and planning in Seattle's Chinatown/International District.

For more information on NCHC's Honors Semesters or contact information visit their web site at www.nchchonors.org.

SU Act V Presents Holy Cannoli

BY STACIE WIGHT, HONORS FRESHMAN

Hats off to the brilliant nine that were able to effortlessly capture and entertain their audience. On January 27 and 28 directors Brian Miller and Nick Sallade transformed Old Main Chapel into the stage for a hilarious comedy by John Smitherman, *Holy Cannoli*. Laughter erupted from the audience throughout the entire production, spurred on by the slightly crude humor and boisterous characters. The underlying love story, paired with Scott Hershberger's cross dressing, made for a captivating plot. Honors student, Matt Stern, obviously made for the stage, was comfortable in his character and blew audiences away with his portrayal of Vince, or as he likes to say, "the moron." The other actors, equally as talented, left the audience gasping for air.

THE HONORABLE MENTION

Thanks to **Ashley Cayless, Ryan Blackman, Anna Carlen, Jen Matthias, Michelle Baker, Ashlee Johnson, Meg Dameron, Audrey Weeks, Denise Yarwood, Hillary Fraker, Stephanie Rush, Jenn Bly, Emily Cisney, Erin Harmon, and Kathy Henley** for helping out with Excitement in Education on December 4. A special thanks to **Becky Kreider and Kallie Drenning** who put a lot of time and effort into planning the event.

Thanks to **Shannon Conner, Rianna Alban, and Ryan Blackman** for participating in the University Phonathon February 13-17.

Congratulations to **Nicolas Anspach and Michael Manis** for being chosen to represent Shippensburg University and travel to Paris, France in the 2005 SSHE Summer Honors Program, sponsored by Clarion University.

Pizza with a Prof: Worth Checking Out

BY JESSICA KROUT, HONORS
FRESHMAN
From The Slate

Pizza. Soda. An energetic professor. A casual, laid-back environment.

"Pizza with a Prof," sessions established by the Honors Program, featured Dr. Marcie Lehman on February 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the Franklin Science Center.

While Lehman, a professor in the Biology Department at Ship, was approached by junior Honors student Katie Mayo to participate in the sessions and agreed.

"I think it's important to talk to the students and make them feel comfortable," Lehman said. "When it's more one-on-one, students are more apt to ask questions... In smaller groups, it's easier to get questions answered."

Among the questions asked included, "what happens after undergraduate school?"

Lehman feels that students should start off early as a freshmen or sophomore, planning what they want to do after their bachelor's degree.

"My advice for sophomores and freshmen is not to be afraid to ask

questions and look into what options are out there. It doesn't mean you have to decide, just explore your options," Lehman said.

Students who attended the session found it to be encouraging, yet realistic about what lies in their futures.

"I got to ask more questions about the profession, not just the subject," said junior Lindsay Brightbill.

Lehman encourages students to come talk to her during office hours. Lehman joked with the students, "I'm scary, I know," yet she hopes that the students truly understand just how much she is willing to help them with their future decisions.

Lehman even shared with the students her experiences in deciding her future career, as well as her experiences in undergrad and grad school.

It was not only a time for the students to bond with their professor, but also for the professor to have an opportunity to bond with her students.

"I think sessions like this help me figure out what's important to them," Lehman said. "It helps me realize what questions I should answer."



Dr. Marcie Lehman, left, sits down with students to discuss different options in the biology field.

Don't miss the next Pizza with a Prof!

Thursday, April 7
5:00 p.m.

Dr. Carol Wellington
Computer Science Department

All students are encouraged to attend.

Another Exciting Day with E²

BY JESSICA L. KIRKWOOD,
HONORS PROGRAM GA

On December 4, 2004, the Honors Program paired up with Gear-Up Coordinator Becky Mercado to host Excitement in Education (E²) for the third year in a row. It was a huge success! Approximately 40 students from the Harrisburg School District attended along with many teachers and parents. Excitement in Education is a program that brings middle school students from the Harrisburg School District to Shippensburg University for a day. Students have the chance to attend three classes, eat a pizza lunch, tour the campus, and most importantly, get a taste of what college life is all about.

There were six interactive and creative classes to choose from. Students were able to attend "Cranes of Peace" with Ashley Cayless, "Working Outside the Box" with Ryan Blackman and Anna Carlen, and "Step it Up" with Joel Folkemer and Ashlee Johnson, which included an energetic step demonstration by Dayron Bowers and Anthony Spriggs, two brothers from Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Other

classes offered were "Let's Make a Deal" with Jen Matthias, "Drawing in 3D" with Michelle Baker, and "Japanese Book Binding" with Meg Dameron and Audrey Weeks. Honors students helping out with registration, lunch, and tours were Denise Yarwood, Audrey Weeks, Hillary Fraker, Stephanie Rush, Jenn Bly, Anna Carlen, Emily Cisney, Erin Harmon, Kathy Henley, and Michelle Baker. Thank you for making the day interesting and fun for all involved!

E² wouldn't have been a success if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication of the Honors students and others who participated. A special thanks to the Co-Chairs of E², Becky Kreider and Kallie Drenning, who put in much time and effort in planning the event. They did a wonderful job and have agreed to co-chair E² again during the Spring 2005 semester. Interested students can help out by teaching classes, assisting with registration, serving lunch, and giving tours of campus. The date will be Saturday, April 2. *If you are interested in helping with Excitement in Education, please contact Becky Kreider or Kallie Drenning.*



Top photo: Anthony Spriggs, left, demonstrates stepping to students in "Step it Up."

Bottom photo: Jen Matthias, left, helps students in "Let's Make a Deal."

**Monday, March 14 &
Tuesday, March 15**

Honors Fall 2005 Scheduling

The Honors course listings for Fall 2005 are available on the Honors Program web site at <http://www.ship.edu/~honors/Courses.html>. On March 14-15, Honors students should contact Sharon Poe at ext. 1604 or sapoe@ship.edu and let her know which Honors courses they would like to schedule. If any courses are oversubscribed, students will be given priority based on the number of credits they have earned. *Planning ahead? A tentative schedule of Spring 2006 courses will be listed on the web site soon.*

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