Two weeks after the Spring 2011 semester ended, Addy Virtus and I were off to Millersville University to get started on the Summer Honors Program: The Atlantic World in the Age of Revolution. Our program began with a week of classes at Millersville University. Our first class with Dr. Clarence Maxwell, a native Bermudian, focused on the history of the Atlantic World and the connections that were forged between areas of the world in the past and present. Our second class was a Historical Archaeology class with Dr. Timothy Trussell, who had participated in multiple digs in Bermuda. We spent four days getting our hands dirty at an archeology site where we tried to pinpoint the location of the oldest house in Lancaster County. Three days of rain did not stop us! We found hundreds of artifacts from glass bottles to charcoal to pieces of Redware pottery.

After a week stateside, we were off to Bermuda! We flew in over bright blue water and red coral reefs. Our first day on the island was Bermuda Day. Bermuda Day is their national holiday equivalent to our Fourth of July. We spent the day in the city of Hamilton celebrating with locals from across the island. There was a parade hosted by Hamilton’s official town crier. Our members danced in the street to popular American songs like the “Cha Cha Slide” with one of the district judges of Bermuda. In a single day,

I attended the 2011 PASSHE Summer Honors Program in Bermuda. This experience was by far one of the best that I have had in college. This program allowed me to learn about new academic concepts, learn more about myself and meet a wonderful group of people. This experience enriched my life immensely and I am honored that I was given the opportunity to represent Shippensburg University this year.

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Detailed Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 1 is the deadline for applying for funding of Honors capstone projects. Submit applications to the Honors office, Horton 201. Forms are available on the Honors Program website.

Pizza with a Prof: On Monday, November 7 there will be a Pizza with a Prof at 3:30 p.m. in Grove 201. It will be hosted by Dr. James Benton, Associate Professor of Accounting and Finance and Personal Financial Planning Program Director at Ship- pensburg University. Dr. Benton has worked in various law and accounting practices, and has operated his own financial planning/tax planning practices. Dr. Benton retired from the US Army/Army Reserves as a LTC in the Judge Advocate General Corp. The focus of this session is on personal finance and using basic financial literacy to become wealthy. Please RSVP to Cindy Poe at cmpoe@ship.edu no later than Wednesday, November 2 so we know how much pizza and soda to bring!

Honors Program Information Session: An information session for first-semester freshmen and others interested in applying for admission to the Honors Program for the spring semester will be held Thursday, November 10 at 3:30 in DHC 110. Please spread the word to any interested friends who are not in the Honors Program! Contact honors@ship.edu if you have any questions.

Fundraising Committee Meeting: On Wednesday, November 2 at 3:30 p.m. there will be a Fundraising Committee meeting in Seavers Lounge. Please contact Jackie Maguire at jm2481@ship.edu for more information.

Service Committee Meeting: On Thursday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m. there will be Service Committee meeting in the DHC Fishbowl. Please contact Jane Delmaestro at jd3669@ship.edu if you cannot attend but would like more information.

Reach Out Book Sale: Reach Out will be having a book sale to help support their project in the Dominican Republic. Come support them and buy books on:
• Friday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., in Ezra Lehman Library 205
• Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., in Ezra Lehman Library 205

Tea Party vs. Occupy Wall Street Debate: Honors students are invited to join a debate on Saturday, November 5 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Seavers Lounge. The topic is Tea Party vs. Occupy Wall Street. Read national news coverage from a variety of perspectives to inform yourself about each side’s positions on the issues if you plan to participate in the discussion. For more information, please contact Sarah Antonelli at sa6142@ship.edu.

Pizza with a Prof: On Monday, November 14 at 3:30 p.m. there will be an HSO Meeting in Seavers Lounge.

Deadline for submitting proposals for the 2012 Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference. The call for proposals is available here Call for Proposal NRHC 2012. Note: If you plan to submit a proposal, Dr. Klein must approve it.

National Scholarships Advising Workshop: If you are interested in applying for the Boren or Gilman National Scholarships, please attend this informational workshop hosted by Ms. Mary Burnett, the Boren and Gilman scholarships advisor, on Tuesday, November 8 from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. in SPH 120. Boren scholarships award up to $20,000 to undergraduate students who study abroad in Africa, Asia, Central/Eastern Europe, Latin America, or the Middle East. The Gilman Scholarship is an award for students who have been accepted into a study abroad program and are receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application. For more information about these scholarships please go to http://www.borenawards.org/ and http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program.

Deadline for Applying for Honors Study Abroad Scholarship: Tuesday, November 15 is the deadline for applying for the Honors Study Abroad Scholarship for students studying abroad in Spring or Summer 2012. Submit applications to the Honors office, Horton 201. Forms are available on the Honors Program website.

HSO Meeting: On Monday, November 14 at 3:30 p.m. there will be an HSO Meeting in Seavers Lounge.

Committee Chair/Assistant Chair Meeting: On Wednesday, November 9 at 9:30 p.m. there will be a MANDATORY meeting for committee co-chairs and assistant chairs in the CUB Lounge outside of Room 103. If you absolutely cannot attend, please contact Chelsea Meier at cm4994@ship.edu to schedule a make-up meeting.

Pizza with a Prof: On Tuesday, November 29 at 3:30 p.m., Dr. Rob Lesman of the Modern Languages Dept. will host the next Pizza with a Prof. Dr. Lesman is one of the faculty advisors for the Honors Program’s Reach Out project in the Dominican Republic this year. RSVP to Cindy Poe by Monday, November 28 so that we know how much pizza and soda to bring!
Blacklight Halloween Zumbathon

Thanks to everyone who helped to support the Blacklight Halloween Zumbathon! The event took place as scheduled Saturday, October 22nd, and we had several instructors come in to lead the group for approximately two hours of Zumba. Awards were given out for costumes, and everyone who attended had a great time. We look forward to having the event covered by The Slate.

Reach Out Book Sale

The sale was held in Ezra Lehman Library 205 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4th, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 5th. Reach Out has sold approximately 3,500 children's books and novels for adults. The sale was considered a huge success! Students, faculty, and members of the community gathered to expand their personal and classroom libraries. All proceeds will be used to help to buy school supplies for the Pathways of Learning School in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Reach Out Meetings

If you are looking for more ways to get involved, join us for our weekly meetings, on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Ezra Lehman Library 106. You can also send any questions you have to us at reachout@ship.edu

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Senior Addy Virtus shares her PASSHE Summer Honors Story, continued

allowed the group to experience what it would be like to be an archeologist. This class gave us hands-on instruction and was a wonderful bonding experience for the group. The two classes combined allowed us to get a comprehensive view of the Atlantic world and how Bermuda directly related to Lancaster County. The classes that I took helped to teach me the significance and history of Bermuda; however, I never thought Bermuda would teach me so much about myself. This trip pushed me to do things that I never thought that I would do. It is quite a unique experience to go to a distant place with twenty-seven other people you just met. This allows you to gain new perspectives and fresh ideas. I know this trip taught me to think differently and encouraged me to take risks. An example of this would be that one day we went out on a boat, and we ended up swimming in the middle of the open ocean. That experience taught me I could handle anything. This trip also challenged us all to think differently and step out of the comfort zone that is our own culture. We were forced to become Bermudian for two weeks. I know that this trip helped to increase my fascination with other cultures and has increased my desire to travel the world. Lastly, I met some of the most intelligent, kind and fun people I have ever met. I never expected to make the kind of friends that I did and some of them will be life-long friends. When twenty-seven different people come together for an extended period of time you all get to learn from one another. This is something that I did not expect to occur but I am so glad that it did. My fellow students helped to show me some of the best times I have ever had.

I would not trade this experience for anything, I have gained so much from this program academically and personally and this program has been a highlight of my college career. I am very honored to have been chosen for this program and I have made memories and friends that will last forever.

Junior Miranda Aaron shares her Story, continued

we learned what a close-knit family the island truly was with a unique culture all its own. As the week continued, we spent lots of time covering the island of Bermuda. We went to the forts that were used to defend the island against the thirteen colonies in the Revolutionary War. We entered hidden caves that were used to house smuggled goods that were traded in the 18th century. Dr. Maxwell was able to put his British spin on the history in the Atlantic World classifying Americans as “terrorists” for defying the British in our quest for independence. One of their last days was spent out on a boat where we saw a shipwreck that was from the 18th century. Despite over 200 years in the ocean, the bow of the boat still peaked over the waves as a reminder of the past.

Of course, we could not leave Bermuda without many days at the beach. We snorkeled with parrot fish and an octopus and relaxed on the pink sand. The sandy beaches were a breathtaking site that will not be forgotten. Along with visiting beaches, we experienced more of Bermudian culture with Harbor Nights both Wednesday nights. On these nights, the main street of Hamilton was shut down to allow vendors to showcase their crafts. There were always performers in the street from a dance troupe with girls as young as five to the British regiment marching to drum beats.

The pride the Bermudians had in their country was contagious. It was not long before we too, were singing along to the ever present “Proud to be Bermudian” song that played in the streets. Going away to another country for two weeks is an incredible experience. Not only are you exposed to another place’s culture but you truly get a better grasp of your own.

The Summer Honors Program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Most of us had very little knowledge about Bermuda, even unsure about its location, before the program. We took the risk, applied for the program, and were given the chance to grow academically and as people. The experiences I had and the people I met will forever be with me and I will be always grateful. What could you take from the Summer Honors Program 2012?
What sort of activities would you like to see the Recreation Committee host?

“I think themed Honors movie nights would be cool. They could be themed based on the month or the food could be themed based on the movie itself!”
- Kady Taylor
Honors Senior

“I would love to have trips off-campus such as bowling or a hike!”
- Miranda Aaron
Honors Junior

“I would love to see the recreation committee plan some activities with professors. It would be an interesting way to get to know our teachers! Plus, if they did something like yoga near the end of the semester, it might be a good way to relax before finals.”
- Nicole Nicholson
Honors Freshman

“I enjoy outdoor activities but don’t often enough get the opportunity to participate in them. I would love to see some hiking, backpacking, or water activities offered by the recreation committee.”
- Jarrett (Jev) Voight
Honors Sophomore

“Something interactive like a faculty versus Honors students sports event such as volleyball or kickball would be huge!”
- Dr. Mike Long
Honors Professor

Compiled by Holly Plank
Honors Junior

Honors students participate in mentor-mentee pumpkin carving contest!
Ahoy Mateys!

Students in World of Piracy Seminar take a Voyage to Bermuda

By Jarrett (Jev) Voight
Honors Sophomore

Through a class in the Honors Program, I had the unique opportunity to visit Bermuda with the professor and nine other students. The class was an interdisciplinary seminar focused on the World of Piracy, taught by Dr. Alison Feeney from the Geography/Earth Science department. The trip served to enrich the topics we covered in the class, and allowed us to come into contact with some of the history of what served as an important gateway between the Caribbean and the Old World. Throughout the trip, we shared many memorable experiences, both academic and recreational.

As we first arrived at Bermuda, we could spy the telltale coloration of the many reefs amidst the stormy waves. Not only were these reefs important in securing the island throughout history but also of worldwide significance for being the northernmost coral reefs in the ocean. After landing we caught a glimpse of the historic town of St. George before we ferried over to the dockyard where an old fort housed the National Museum of Bermuda, our host. Upon admittance we were led to a hostel where we would spend the next five nights, and took our first tour of the location which we would be studying. The largest fort on the archipelago, it had been quarried out of the island by prisoners to secure Bermuda after the American Revolution. It now stands as a museum documenting Bermuda’s history. Over the next few days we would look over exhibits, explore the ramparts, poke into the ammunition storage rooms, and just sit by the cannons and watch the ocean.

We completed research that we would use for a latter class project, and we spent much of the trip venturing outside the fort and seeing what the island itself had to offer. We met both locals from the island, and tourists from the cruise ships docked nearby. As the weather grew nicer, our trips took us around the striking landscape. We walked over beaches tinted pink where the surf left behind coral fragments, waded through tide pools which had collected their own small sample of sea life, and climbed over the jagged rocks that overlooked the shore. Then we would return before it got very late, so that we could dine together at one of the nearby restaurants. Another day might take us to the City of Hamilton, to St. George, to the aquarium, to the top of the lighthouse or to the depths of the caves.

We also had the opportunity to explore the landscape underwater. First, we met with an archaeologist who had been cataloging one of the shipwrecks hidden beneath the coral. Later we took a boat out to feed the fish just near another shipwreck still visible above water. Then we went snorkeling where the coral reefs came very near to the surface. The scope of the underwater life stretched beneath us so colorful and diverse, and so close it became a challenge not to touch the corals where the fish carried on unafraid of the explorers above. From our entire trip, this experience will stand out as my fondest and rarest memory.

At last, with a hot and sunny day to bid us farewell, we took leave of the island. We brought with us a multitude of pictures, a handful of notes, and irreplaceable memories. Already, some of the students are looking for ways to apply our newfound resources to the projects in the class and to give the other members of our class and our campus just a glimpse of the amazing things we saw during our stay in Bermuda.

THE BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

Are you considering studying abroad? If you are, plan to attend the next Honors Program National Scholarships Advising Workshop. This workshop is for students who are interested in applying for the Boren Scholarship, and it will be held on Tuesday, November 8 at 3:30 p.m. in DHC 102. The Boren Scholarship supports students who are interested in studying in countries that U.S. students have traditionally not considered for their study abroad experiences. The scholarship is named after David L. Boren. Boren was a U.S. senator for many years, and he is currently the President of the University of Oklahoma. Boren worked to found the scholarships to promote stronger relationships between the U.S. and other countries in the interest of improving American national security.

There are two types of Boren awards. Boren Scholarships are for undergraduate students, and Boren Fellowships are for graduate students. All applicants must be United States citizens and attending an accredited program of higher education. The Boren Scholarships generally support students who are majoring in business, economics, foreign languages, history, international affairs, and social and political sciences. The amount of the scholarship award depends on the time that the student will be studying abroad. Students can receive up to $8000 for a summer study program, $10,000 for a semester abroad, and $20,000 for a full academic year program.

In 2011, 944 undergraduate students applied for the Boren Scholarships, and 152 were awarded, which makes this a highly competitive opportunity. Several Pennsylvania students won Boren awards in 2011. Cody Dickerson, an undergraduate at the University of Pittsburgh, is using his Boren Scholarship to learn the Mandarin language while studying abroad in China; Emily Goshey of the University of Pennsylvania will study Arabic in Morocco; and Courtney Wittekind, of Carnegie Mellon University, will travel to Thailand this year to immerse herself in the Burmese language.

The most important part of the application is an essay that explains how a study abroad experience will benefit U.S. national security goals. The application also includes at least two letters of reference from academic advisors who are able to discuss your qualifications for studying abroad, a transcript, and a language self-assessment. The application deadline for students who plan to study abroad during the 2012-13 year is February 9, 2012.

If you are interested in this scholarship, contact Mary Burnett by e-mail at meburnett@ship.edu or by phone at 717-477-1279. More information may also be found at http://borenawards.org/about.html.

By Janae Delmaestro
When thinking about plans for the weekend, 24-hour math competitions aren’t usually the first thing to come to mind. Movies with friends? Sure. Sleeping all day? A definite plan. Spending 24 hours planning, researching, and composing mathematical equations to present to fellow students? That’s the choice Kayleigh Schreyer, Ben Haun and I (Amanda Schwarz) made on the weekend of September 25th. Actually, Kayleigh is the only one that wanted to do the competition. She’s a bit of a math nerd, who happened to “recruit” me (her roommate) and our friend Ben into doing the competition with her. It’s not that she actually thought we would want to do it; it’s the fact that she needed a team of three, and we were the only friends crazy enough to agree to it. Kayleigh and Ben are Math majors, and I am a Mid-Level Education major with an English track. I was one of only two non-Math majors present, but someone from West Point is majoring in Nuclear Engineering, so he doesn’t really count. To top it all off, we were the only freshman, and Kayleigh and I were two of the six girls. But we’re Honors students, so we were confident that we could handle any challenge the competition could throw at us.

The Cumberland Valley Math Modeling Challenge is a 24-hour competition that has students research a real-life problem and come up with conclusions that we present to a room full of our peers. We could do whatever we wanted during this period as long as we had a well-researched final product by 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Some highlights from our night were five hours of research, midnight pizza and games, watching a movie (“In Bruges”), eating a three-pound bag of gummy bears, getting about four hours of sleep, eating breakfast and finally, finishing the final product with ten minutes to spare.

We must admit that making our presentation to a bunch of juniors and seniors from schools all over the East Coast was a bit daunting. Everyone seemed so experienced, and we were… not. While I can’t talk about the topic, I can say that we all sighed with relief when other teams that did our same topic obtained similar answers to ours. Kutztown, the reigning champion for two years, said that if they lost, they would be happy to lose to us. Unfortunately, we didn’t win, but the fact that we got such high praise from another team was worth everything.

Now that we’ve had time to reflect on our experience (and catch up on some much needed z’s), here is what we recommend: first, you don’t have to be a Math major to take part in the competition. I was able to contribute to the final paper and PowerPoint, something my English-challenged friends couldn’t do. That being said, they completely took over in the Math department. Ben was especially helpful with putting together our graphs. If you do decide to do the competition, bring sleeping bags. Sleeping on tables is not as fun as it seems. Trust me. Finally, the competition is a lot of fun, and it’s really nice to meet new people and learn from older students. So break out those calculators and start planning for next fall’s competition!
Dear Readers,

I have added a few new features to this issue, including the detailed calendar of events, the new monthly national scholarship spotlight, as well as a monthly Reach Out update. Check out these three sections for opportunities for scholarship, service, and community within the Honors Program. Continue to look for new additions to the Honors Chronicle. If you have any ideas for articles, faculty or alumnus spotlight, or something else you would like to see in the Chronicle, please contact me at hp1950@ship.edu. As we start to hit “that time” of the semester when projects and papers start to pile up, I figured I would leave you with some inspiration to walk to class on those cold, dark, snowy (?) days. Stay warm Honors students, and do not procrastinate!

Holly Plank
-Editor

Just as the United States’ Senate is responsible for making laws, representing its constituents, and making sure that the judicial and executive branches don’t overstep their boundaries, Shippensburg University’s Student Senate is responsible for being the liaison between students and administration, approving budgets and allocating resources. Essentially, Student Senate serves the entire university community.

I decided to join Senate because I was looking for an opportunity to meet new people, challenge myself, and enhance my resume for applying to graduate school. Recently I was voted one of Student Senate’s Representatives of the Class of 2013. My duty is to be a connection between the Class of 2013 and the Senate.

Student Senate has a ton of responsibility and senators divvy up what needs to be done so that everything can be accomplished. Thus, there are multiple committees, similar to what the Honors Student Organization is comprised of. Two committees I am a member of are the Extracurricular Activities Committee (ECAC) and the Food Service Committee. ECAC helps instate new clubs on campus by working with the club officers to create their constitutions. The Food Service Committee is responsible for making sure students are satisfied with their food options on campus, and improving them if they aren’t.

Student Senate is a wonderful way to get involved! It’s a great way to meet new students, faculty, and administrators at Ship. You get a ton of leadership experience and learn how to work together with a large group of people; good skills for anyone to learn. If you are interested in running for Senate, stop by the Senate office, CUB 201, and pick up a petition. Campaigning and elections will be in the spring of 2012. If you don’t want to be a senator, that’s ok, because you can still get involved in Student Senate, and “be the change you want to see” in the campus community by joining any Senate committee. For more information, feel free to contact us in the Senate Office, CUB 201.
Come expand your library with the...

Reach Out
Book Sale

E. Lehman Library Room 205

Friday, November 4th
9:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday, November 5th
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- Over 5,000 children’s books
- Plus over 400 novels for adults
- Books used and in great condition
- All books only $1.00 or less!

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