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NCHC Conference 2015: Big Plans in the Windy City

By Dr. Kim Klein, Honors Director

Honors students Kaitlyn Frey, Elizabeth Karper, Megan Lawrence, and John Watts and I represented the Shippensburg University Honors Program at the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Conference in Chicago, Illinois on November 11-15, 2015. This is the annual national conference for Honors Programs and Colleges, and more than 2000 Honors students, faculty, and administrators from around the world participated in the conference. The Shippensburg Honors students were selected in a highly competitive national process to make presentations at the conference. Kaitlyn presented her research project, “The Emergence of Dentistry in Ancient Egypt: The Impact of Social Structure and Diet,” at the research poster session, and Elizabeth and Megan presented “Apple Pie with Alumni: A Recipe for Success in Honors Alumni Relations” at the Idea Exchange. John Watts, the editor of *The Honors Chronicle*, received third prize in the national Honors newsletter contest. Enjoy the students’ reflections on their experiences!

By Kaitlyn Frey, Honors Junior

Attending the NCHC conference was a great experience and allowed me to grow as both as a student and an individual. I enjoyed having the opportunity to share my research on Ancient Egyptian Dentistry with other students during the poster session. At first I was nervous about presenting, but everyone that I talked to was super nice and genuinely interested in my work. I managed to make a lot of new friends during the poster session, which was an unexpected bonus! I look forward to following the work of my new friends from around the country and their future research endeavors.

In addition to presenting at the conference, I also had some free time to explore Chicago, which turned out to be an amazing city. I spent my day visiting the Shedd Aquarium with a fellow PASSHE student from Slippery Rock University. It was really cool relating the things that I have learned about in my biology courses with the animals that I got to see. My favorite part about visiting the aquarium was seeing the beluga whales. I got to watch them interacting with their trainers. Unlike most aquariums that have dolphin shows, the Shedd Aquarium trains whales instead. Overall, visiting the aquarium made a great addition to my trip.

By Megan Lawrence, Honors Junior

Attending the most recent National Collegiate Honors Council Conference was so exciting and beneficial! It was my first time flying, first time to Chicago, and first time attending a national conference. The day after we arrived in Chicago, the four of us attended City as Text, which is where students from all over the country get in groups of three to four and explore different parts of the city. Each group was told to have their own adventure and make their experience in the location unique. This year, there were sixteen different locations in the city and since there were four Shippensburg attendees, we were able to cover a lot of diverse ground. Elizabeth enjoyed walking around the Gold Coast, Kaitlyn viewed famous architecture of the city, and John was thrilled to Hull



Elizabeth Karper, Kaitlyn Frey, Dr. Klein, John Watts, and Megan Lawrence at the NCHC Conference Awards Ceremony.

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The Honors Symposium

By Mackenzie Brouse, Honors Sophomore

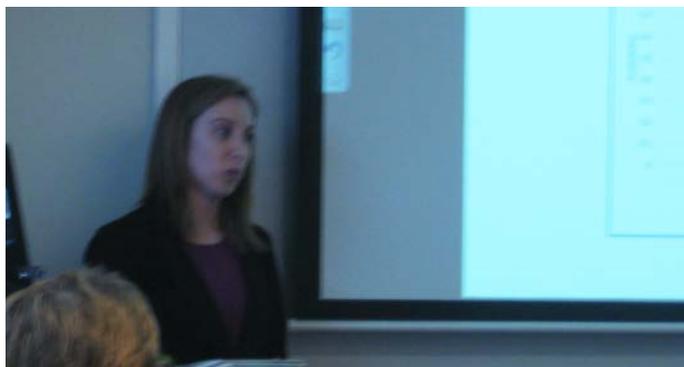
The Honors Symposium is the formal forum where graduating Honors students present their capstone research projects. On Wednesday, December 2, Julie Fuhrman, Evan Raimist, Brooke Clippinger, and Katherine Miller presented their work in the Honors Seminar Room in Presidents Hall. Surrounded by friends, family, and faculty members, each presenter had the opportunity to showcase their efforts from the year. Julie Fuhrman opened the symposium. Julie's project stemmed from her internship at the U.S. Army Materials Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA). She highlighted the three levels of acquisition: detection, recognition, and identification as well as her methodology for creating her model. Next, Evan Raimist presented his project, which originated from an internship with the Living Legacy Foundation. Evan focused on social media outreach to college students to promote awareness for organ donation. Brooke Clippinger spoke about benefits of "smart" pump interoperability, a topic she discovered through her internship with CareFusion. Brooke addressed purpose, national trends, and patient safety and quality improvement as well as her own data analysis and ideas for future research. Katherine Miller closed the program with a moving read of the confessional poems from her self-authored chapbook, "It's Not That Easy." Her chapbook is a collection of twenty-five poems she composed. Congratulations to our December University Honors Program graduates!



Senior Brooke Clippinger, a marketing and management major, presents her Honors capstone project, "Financial Benefits of Medical Device Interoperability in the State of Pennsylvania." Dr. Ronald Taylor served as the faculty advisor for Brooke's project.



Senior Evan Raimist, a marketing and management major, presents his Honors capstone project, "The Use of Social Media and Marketing on College Campuses to Increase Support for a Non-Profit Organization." Dr. Wendy Becker served as the faculty advisor for Evan's project.



Senior Julie Fuhrman, a mathematics major, presents her Honors capstone project, "Standalone Target Acquisition Model." Dr. Luis Melara served as the faculty advisor for Julie's capstone project.



Senior Katherine Miller, an English major, presents her Honors capstone project, "It's Not That Easy: A Chapbook." Dr. Nicole Santalucia served as the faculty advisor for Katherine's project.

House, a settlement house established by Jane Addams in 1889 for recently-arrived European immigrants. My group, comprised of a student from Indiana, Louisiana, and the Netherlands, went to Lincoln Park and the Lincoln Park Zoo. Two things that stick out to me during our adventure was when I “selfied” with a lion and heard plants use Morse Code to “talk” to us!

The day before we flew back to Pennsylvania, the four of us went on an Architectural Boat Tour of Chicago. We relaxed on the boat among people from around the world. The experience was one I won’t easily forget because we were floating up and down the Chicago River listening to a passionate Chicago historian. She described the history of the buildings along the river and why each one was designed the way it was. She repeated that in Chicago, the architects make sure that the new, shiny buildings compliment the historic, ornate ones. I enjoyed touring the city this way so much because I could finally put a name and a purpose behind the buildings that I had been walking next to for several days. 10 out of 10, I would absolutely visit Chicago again!

By Elizabeth Karper, Honors Junior

Representing Shippensburg University’s Honors Program at the NCHC Conference has to be the biggest highlight thus far of my college career. Presenting in the Idea Exchange with Megan about Apple Pie with Alumni was a huge learning and rewarding experience. We felt like we were able to help other Honors directors and students by detailing our program’s alumni relations. Many people described how their university’s alumni relations were just starting, and they were seeking advice on how to do so. Knowing that we can help universities across the country reach out to their alumni and improve their Honors Programs is a wonderful feeling.

After finishing the architecture boat tour, Megan and I darted down the Magnificent Mile to the John Hancock Center. Built in 1970, this 1,128 feet tall building offers 360 degrees of Chicago views from its 94th floor attraction Chicago 360. Being able to look down at all of Chicago was a surreal experience. I was able to see everywhere I had been through the conference, from Millennium Park, to the Gold Coast to Navy Pier. Megan and I were able to explain and show each other where our City as Text groups walked and where certain buildings were. We also decided to partake in the thrill attraction on this floor called Tilt. If you ever want to lean off the edge of a building by more than 45 degrees and look straight down, this attraction is for you! Be sure to look it up on Google. Overall, there was no better way to spend our last evening in Chicago than watching the sun set over the city from higher than a bird’s-eye view and heading off to the NCHC 50th Anniversary Gala to conclude the conference.

By John Watts, Honors Senior

This year’s National Collegiate Honors Council Conference was very auspicious for *The Honors Chronicle*: I’m happy to say that we won third place in NCHC Newsletter Contest, in the Student-Designed Print category. As the editor, I was charged with receiving the award (a difficult and solemn task, of course). After preparing for the event by wearing a bow tie provided by the organizers of the conference, I was presented the award by William Rushton of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and I was further congratulated by the NCHC president, Barry Falk. Suffice it to say, the moment was wonderful, satisfying, and a little bit surreal.

One of the great sessions that I attended was “What Makes a Winning Honors Newsletter?” At this particular panel, judges of this year’s contest, one of whom was last year’s winner, discussed what they looked for in an award-winning newsletter, discussing content and design. In attendance were this year’s winners, and they brought along copies of their newsletter to show their work. I was impressed by the work that my competitors had put into their newsletters, but left the conference with many ideas to put *The Honors Chronicle* back on top!

I consider myself lucky that I got to meet many of the editors of other newsletters, and I saw a lot of great work by Honors students showcased overall. Additionally, I’ve learned a few things that will not only help make our new publication *.hnrs* a better newsletter, but how to strengthen the Honors Program as a whole as well.

That New York State of Mind

By Rachel Smith, Honors Freshman

In order to enjoy a day of cultural immersion, a group of Honors Program students took a bus trip to New York City on October 18. The group consisted largely of freshmen taking Dr. Christine Senecal's Historical Foundations of Global Cultures class, while several upperclassmen were also in attendance. Students were eager to take advantage of the free trip. "I had only ever been to New York once before, so I wanted a new experience with my new friends," said freshman

The main attraction of the Museum of Art. It was a chance to see artifacts as well as famous art. I enjoyed seeing the Egyptian Back said he liked viewing the Jackson Pollack.

After the museum, the High Line and take in the the city was the best part. "I New York," said freshman Shannon

as long as I'm there." Before going home, the group had dinner at Chelsea Market, which was decked out to match the festive time of year. "It was really cool seeing all the Halloween decorations," said freshman Sydney Thorpe.

Overall, the attendees enjoyed the day and would recommend it to future freshmen. "I wouldn't want any freshmen to miss out on the things they can see in the Met," said Belsky. "Some people don't get the chance to go to New York and if you can go for free, you should take advantage of the opportunity," said Thorpe. The annual trip is worthwhile despite the chilly October weather. "It was so much fun, although it was cold, so bring a jacket," said freshman Jeremiah Steigleman.



Honors students enjoying the day in New York City

Victoria Campbell.

day was a visit to the Metropolitan to observe a variety of historical pieces. Freshman Derek Belsky tombs, while freshman Jordan paintings of Andy Warhol and

students had time to walk on the sights. For many, simply being in just liked walking around New Long. "I don't care what I am doing

SAVE THE DATE!
The Honors Spring
General Meeting will
be held on Tuesday,
January 26th at 3:30
in the Tuscarora Room
All Honors students
are required to attend.



*Actual picture taken at the Fall General Meeting. While no context is really necessary for this picture, it was one of the entries for the Instagram Hashtag Contest. This isn't the picture that won, and all people in this picture definitely aren't bitter about it.

THIS is Awesome!

By Nick McClure, Honors Senior

“Take ninety percent of what you know about how the legislative process works and throw it out the window.” These formidable words were spoken to me in September, during my first day on the job in the Pennsylvania State Capitol. While I expected that my participation in The Harrisburg Internship Semester would be informative, there was no way of knowing just how well spending a semester with the state legislature would serve as a capstone to my undergraduate career at Ship. Over the past three months, I have had the privilege to intern with the Office of the House Majority Leader of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, learning an abundance about state government and having the time of my life while doing it.

The Harrisburg Internship Semester, commonly referred to as “THIS,” is one of the best-kept secrets of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education. As a THIS intern, I, along with students from the other thirteen PASSHE universities, worked fulltime in Harrisburg for the past fifteen weeks while also earning fifteen credits. My placement was with the General Assembly; however, other interns worked in a variety of state agencies. These included the Department of Human Services and the Department of Environmental Protection, according to their interests and career aspirations. Although several of the interns, including myself, majored in political science, THIS encourages participation of students from disciplines as diverse as social work, business, and criminal justice. In my role as an intern with the House Majority Leader, State Representative Dave Reed’s office,



Nick McClure (back row, second from left) recognized with other THIS interns on the floor of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

I researched a multitude of issues before the General Assembly and provided briefings to staff members, attended press conferences and rallies in the Capitol, and participated in meetings with advocacy organizations.

In addition to the internship component, THIS includes a weekly seminar and an extensive research and policy paper. The seminar guest lecturers included current and former government officials, lobbyists and advocacy directors, and journalists from several news outlets that cover state government and politics. My policy paper provided me with an opportunity to examine Pennsylvania’s state pension systems in great depth, combining research skills with the ability to communicate policy proposals. Along with the other interns and our resident faculty director, I attended a number of other events, such as fundraisers and exhibit openings in and around Harrisburg and exclusive tours of the Capitol. Our finale for the semester consisted of a trip to Philadelphia to meet and talk with former Governor of Pennsylvania Edward Rendell.

The skills and knowledge I gained, as well as the ability to network with policymakers are several of the invaluable benefits the THIS programs provided to me and provides to Ship students each semester. If you are at all interested in government and public policy, I would highly recommend contacting Dr. Michael Greenburg of the Political Science Department at MEGree@ship.edu to discuss the possibility of participating in this remarkable program.

Final Thoughts from the Editor

It certainly looks a little different, doesn't it? Welcome to the new Shippensburg University Honors Program newsletter: *.hnrs*. I know change is new and scary, but I think you'll like some of the changes. Gone are all the busy shapes, lines, and colors, and illustrations, and what we have now is sleek, accessible, and visually appealing. *.hnrs* was created with a minimalist vision in mind. Where *The Honors Chronicle* was heavily influenced by Piet Mondrian, *.hnrs* has DNA in the work of minimalist artist Anne Truitt and graphic designer Chip Kidd.

However, form follows function. Like *The Honors Chronicle*, *.hnrs* is still committed to bringing the latest Honors Program news to students, staff, and alumni. I look forward to taking this exciting journey with you, dear reader. Please feel free to contact me to tell me what you think of the new design! Your feedback helps make the newsletter better with every issue!

On behalf of the Honors Program and the Media Committee, it is my unparalleled pleasure to give you *.hnrs*.

- John

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Spring 2016 Calendar of Events

January 19: Application deadline for the 2016 PASSHE Summer Honors Program. Submit applications to honors@ship.edu by 11:45 a.m.

January 21: HSO Meeting
6:30 p.m., Presidents Hall MPR

January 26: Honors Spring Reception and General Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tuscarora Room, Reisner Hall. All Honors students are required to attend.

February 3: Junior Capstone Prep Session
11:00-11:30 a.m., Honors Seminar Room, Presidents Hall

February 4: HSO Meeting
6:30 p.m., Presidents Hall MPR

February 5: Deadline for Honors seniors to submit information for the Honors Symposium program to Cindy Poe at cmpoe@ship.edu.

February 12: Honors Scholarship Application Deadline: Partners in the Parks

March 14: Application deadline to travel with Reach Out in January 2017. Submit application to Dr. Gretchen Pierce at gkpierce@ship.edu. The application is available in on the Reach Out page of the Honors Program website.

March 15: Freshmen Advising Meeting
3:30-4:15 p.m., DHC 204
All freshmen must attend in order to be approved to register for Honors classes for Fall 2016. If you cannot attend this meeting, please email Cindy Poe at cmpoe@ship.edu to register for the group makeup session on March 16 or to schedule an individual advising meeting with Dr. Klein.

March 16: Freshmen Advising Makeup Session
12:00-12:45 p.m., Honors Seminar Room, Presidents Hall

March 16: Mentor/Mentee Scheduling/Study Night
9:15 p.m., Lehman Library
Mentors will be available to answer their mentees' questions about registering for fall 2016 classes.

March 17: HSO Meeting
6:30 p.m., Presidents Hall MPR

March 19: Annual Easter Egg Hunt
1:00-2:30 p.m., Student Rec Pavilion
Hosted by the HSO Activities Committee

March 25: Application deadline for Honors summer orientation volunteers. The link to the application will be included in the weekly updates.



April 1: Application deadline for Honors independent capstone project grants for projects to be completed in Summer or Fall 2016. Submit applications to Cindy Poe at cmpoe@ship.edu. The form is available on the Forms page of the Honors Program website.

April 15: Application deadline for the Honors Study Abroad Scholarship for students who plan to study abroad in Summer or Fall 2016. Submit applications to Cindy Poe at cmpoe@ship.edu. The application form is available on the Forms page of the Honors Program website.

April 19: Honors Symposium
2:00-8:30 p.m., CUB and Honors Seminar Room, Presidents Hall. Honors seniors will present their Honors capstone projects. All Honors students are encouraged to attend to learn more about the Honors capstone project process and support the graduating seniors. The program will be attached to the weekly updates in April.

April 26: Honors Program Spring Banquet
6:30 p.m., Tuscarora Room, Reisner Hall
We will honor the graduating seniors, recognize the HSO leaders, and present the annual Honors awards at this year's spring banquet.