In order to inspire participation in the 2016 Presidential Election, students in Dr. Burg's Honors Seminar: Leadership, Social Change, and History, planned and implemented the first-ever Democracy Day. In the seminar, we learned about leadership models, studied famous icons of social change, and participated in the Nobel Peace Prize nomination process. We decided to apply our leadership knowledge and skills to address a problem relevant to Shippensburg students: the lack of voter participation among young people.

On Monday, November 7, Democracy Day took over the Quad, providing students with ways to learn more about the presidential election and celebrate their ability to vote. One focal point of the day was the soapbox: an open forum where professors, students, and leaders in the community were able to voice their opinions and advocate for student voting. Highlights included Shippensburg Mayor Bruce Hockersmith, as well as members of Dr. Santalucia's poetry class, who shared their creative works.

The event also featured a “craft table,” including political coloring sheets and the opportunity for participants to design and create their own democracy-themed buttons. Groups such as the College Republicans and College Democrats provided information regarding different political issues. Students were also able to sign up for rides to the poll.

Overall, the goal of the event was to educate SU students regarding their privilege and responsibility to vote. Based on the great turnout, we achieved our goal. I would like to congratulate all of the students in Dr. Burg's seminar class who worked hard to put on the event: Emily Bach, Eli Bock, Reece Dolbin, Nastassia Foose, Patrick Hiller, Heather Hockenberry, Mary Grace Keller, Ethan Lum, Joseph Naughton, Lucas Smith, and Jenna Walton. Additionally, thank you to all of the students and professors who volunteered to make the day such a success.
No Time for Sleep in Seattle: NCHC ‘17
By Megan Lawrence, Honors Senior

After traveling to the Windy City a year ago, I thought a National Collegiate Honors Council Conference couldn’t get any better, but boy was I wrong! This year, Elizabeth Karper and I journeyed out to the 51st conference in Jet City, Seattle, WA – or as we nicknamed it, the Rainy City. We began our trip early on October 12 and the days flew by, literally, until late on October 16. This year was bigger and better from start to finish. We had a layover in Chicago, which gave us plenty of nostalgia, a few nerves thinking about our more formal presentation, and stronger excitement for the rest of our trip. Once in Seattle, a train carried us from the airport, past several of the famous Washington mountains and through distinctive neighborhoods that looked like they were plucked from a European city, a beach scene, a college town, and a historic Gold Rush town. Each was different from the last, and there was so much to look at that we weren’t Sleepless in Seattle! During our first full day, we again participated in City As Text, which is an NCHC must do, because we split up with students and faculty from all over the country to explore a section of the city and then reconvene with every group to get a true feel for the entire city. As a history lover, I was eager to visit Pioneer Square, which is where the original city was built. The majority of it burnt in an 1889 fire that eventually led to the accidental creation of the Seattle Underground. Taking the tour, I also learned about ghost stories, a Native American robbery, and the oldest restaurant in Seattle. Elizabeth visited Queen Anne’s, which is a fairly wealthy residential neighborhood. The neighborhood has a view that overlooks the entire city, which makes it the most photographed angle of the city. We also visited Pike’s Place Market, where the original Starbucks was opened and where the World Famous Pike Place Fish Market is located. On Friday, Dr. Klein and each of us divided and conquered so that we could attend the most amount of educational sessions on topics ranging from recruitment, student engagement, and alumni efforts. We reconvened partway through the day to give our presentation, “Know Your Alumni: Developing Honors Alumni Relations from the Ground Up!” We presented first in the roundtable session by talking about all of the alumni efforts our Honors Program has started and built over the last few years with limited resources, and then Arcadia University presented about their Honors alumni mentor program. It was an amazing feeling knowing that I was a student during this time of alumni development and growth! I will forever cherish the memories of this trip and of all my experiences in the Honors Program. I look forward to being on the flip side in just a few short months so that I can participate actively and give back as an alum myself!
Symposium Says...
By Jake Gillespie, Honors Junior

On December 13, Honors senior Mary Grace Keller presented her Honors capstone project: “Ship Says No More Video Series.” Her project, like every other Honors Capstone, is the culmination of several months of preparation and hard work. “Ship Says No More” is a campus-wide mission to end sexual assault. Mary Grace used the skills she acquired as a Communications/Journalism major to make a short promotional video, as well as two longer videos to use during campus events and orientation. Mary Grace’s project also involved creating a “how-to” binder, so that the project can be updated every few years. Mary Grace has left a lasting impression not only through her project, but also with her hard work and dedication to both the Honors Program and Shippensburg University. Mary Grace is now a Staff Writer for the Gettysburg Times. The Honors Program wishes her the best of luck at her new job as well as any other future endeavors, and we know you’ll do great things!

Mary Grace presents her capstone project at the fall symposium

Step back in time to the Roaring 20’s. On Wednesday, May 3 we encourage all Honors students to come enjoy food and celebration at the annual Honors Program Spring Banquet to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the 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. It’s going to be a rip-roaring good time!
Guten Tag from Germany

By Paula Bauder, Honors Junior

Studying abroad was always a dream of mine, especially after I started taking German my sophomore year. I researched and found the International Undergraduate Study Program (IUSP) at the University of Marburg in central Germany and I decided that I was going to make this work with the help of the College of Business, German Language Department, the Honors Program and International Office at Ship in the Fall Semester of 2016!

The first half of the semester I took a language class, which I was placed in based on a test that we took once we arrived, as well as a culture class, which included the 40-some people in our IUSP program. In our language class, we were only allowed to speak German. Some of my favorite activities from class included arts and crafts days (where we colored pages or built origami cars and had to make up stories to go along with what we created) and our cooking days (where we went to our teacher’s house and cooked a traditional Hessen/Marburg meal). Our culture class was taught in English and we learned all about German education, political system, history, and traditions. Throughout the semester, this class took our group on three different long-weekend trips: Berlin for German Unity Day, Weimar, and Nürnberg for the opening weekend of the most famous Christmas market in Germany (which was one of my favorite experiences!). Both of these classes took place before the regular semester started at the university so we did not have much contact with German students until the second half of the semester. For the second half of the semester, I took a German conversation class, which focused on improving our conversation skills with skits, games, music (of course we sang German Christmas songs at our Christmas party!), etc. I also took two business classes that will count towards my Marketing major. Overall, I will be receiving just as many credits as if I would have stayed at Ship for the semester and I will still graduate in May!

Marburg is truly a fairy-tale city (this is where the Grimm Brothers are from!). There is a “modern” part of the city with a movie theater and plenty of shopping, but my favorite part was the “Oberstadt.” This was the old part of the city, with typical half-timbered houses, small streets, plenty of old buildings, traditional restaurants, and (my favorite) a beautiful castle on top of the hill. Many weekends were spent exploring the old streets, finding underground bars and small cafes, eating Spaghetti Eis, trying traditional food and drinks (Auflauf and Apfelwein are both wonderful!), paddle boating on the Lahn River through town, and sitting up at the castle on the wall looking out over the beautiful city that we all had come to call a second home. We had a free train pass for the state of Hessen so we took lots of day trips to the surrounding towns, including the city of Frankfurt (which felt like NYC in comparison to Marburg). In brief, my favorite trips with friends include going to a German national soccer team game, Oktoberfest, Prague, Edinburgh, and Paris (each of which have plenty of hilarious and unforgettable memories). And I can’t forget to mention Christmas-time in Germany. It might just be because I love everything about Christmas, but there was something so special about walking around Marburg and surrounding towns at night, with the old streets lined with lights, Christmas trees everywhere, and small, old wooden structures selling hot Glüwein amidst all of the handmade crafts and food stands.

Everyone that I spoke with about study abroad said that it is life changing, and it truly was. I now have friends all across the States, Germany, and the world!

Come join Paula Bauder for an afternoon of German cuisine. She will be discussing her experiences abroad over a German-themed lunch in the Honors Seminar Room on Wednesday, March 29 from 12:00-12:45 p.m.

Guten Appetit!
Reaching Out
By Elizabeth Karper, Honors Senior

Life-changing. Eye-opening. Humbling. That is how I describe my week-long trip with Reach Out. Over winter break from January 8-16, I was in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic with Reach Out members and advisors taking part in what became the best experience of my life. I have been part of Reach Out for four years, serving as the Public Relations committee chair for three years. Reach Out has given me so many great opportunities to develop both professionally and personally, and I know that my heart will still be with this organization as an alumni.

Reach Out is both a club and an international service opportunity. We hold weekly club meetings to prepare for the annual trip in January. The committees work together to fundraise, plan cultural events, and develop curriculum to share with teachers and students at our partner school in the Dominican Republic. This partnership allows for professional development between Shippensburg students and the teachers at the Pathways of Learning School. This year, Honors senior Alyson Poorbaugh completed her Honors capstone project by writing a teaching manual entitled “A Healthy Earth: Teaching Students the Power of Environmental Stewardship Through the Integration of Science.” Each manual is based on the needs of the school.

Arriving and getting settled in Santo Domingo was hectic. As soon as you step out of the airport, you feel the heat and humidity and see traffic everywhere. Traffic laws don’t seem to exist and motorbike drivers weave in and out of traffic, sometimes with four other people on the bike! We settled in quickly at the house and started organizing school supplies and planning how to prepare for teaching at the school. Not only did we have a great manual, but we also had a children’s book to read that was written by Yelena Gulkewicz for her Honors capstone project. The book was called The Nervous Tortilla, and it was written in both English and Spanish, with illustrations included. The next day we were at the school working with the teachers to review the manual and children’s book. The next two days we worked in teams of two people to teach lessons to the students in grades ranging from Pre-K to sixth grade. Aly and I worked together to teach second grade, and although it was challenging to teach rambunctious kids in a foreign language, the whole experience was extremely rewarding. The fourth day at the school was spent on the streets in the surrounding neighborhood cleaning up trash as part of a street clean-up initiative suggested by the teachers. The students were able to see how their efforts, no matter how big or small, impact where they live. The fifth day was for the class field trip! This year we took students to the Botanical Gardens, but past field trips have been to the zoo, an aquarium, and a children’s science museum. It’s a wonderful opportunity to take them somewhere that otherwise they would never get to visit. One moment during the field trip I’ll never forget was when we came across a vast, grass-covered hill and every student dropped their backpacks and immediately started rolling down the hill with pure joy on their faces.

We visited a Haitian community called a batey to understand aspects of race relations in the Dominican Republic. We learned just as much by walking the streets of Santo Domingo and speaking with people as we did teaching in the classroom.

As a whole, Reach Out has taught me so much about myself, the world, and everything in between. We had the opportunity to apply disciplinary knowledge and skills in a foreign country and develop curricula to help Dominican Children, all while learning about ourselves and how to relate to other people. Because of Reach Out, I have been changed for good.
Dear Reader,

Have you ever felt a sensation of being incredibly thankful at the most random of times? It’s 11:03 on a random Tuesday in February and I’m sitting here smiling like a kid on Christmas morning. I’m so fortunate to have been accepted into the Honors Program here at Ship, and even more fortunate to be able to work on this awesome newsletter with my partner in crime, Mackenzie. I’m thankful for Dr. Klein and our fearless former leader John Watts for giving me this opportunity. I’m also grateful for Cindy and the rest of the Honors office staff for doing such a great job and making my job easier. Finally, I’m thankful to everyone reading this passage. After all, without you, these eight pages of hard work would go to waste. I hope you enjoy this edition of .hnrs, and most importantly, read on.

Jake Gillespie

An old saying states that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. As far as the weather goes, I hope that is the case. We’ve had our lion-like snowstorm and now it’s time for some calmer weather. However, the saying doesn’t seem to hold true for Honors students. As evidenced within these articles, these students start out strong and continue to push themselves above and beyond, not just at home, but all over the world. This newsletter features many exciting articles from near and far. Thank you all for the wonderful contributions, past and present, that you have made to the Honors Program. Your accomplishments never cease to amaze us. Now, go continue to take on the world as brave as a lion.

Mackenzie Brouse
March-April 2017

Calendar of Events

March 22-23: Honors Registration for Fall 2017. Contact Cindy Poe at cmpoe@ship.edu.

March 23: HSO Meeting
6:30 p.m., Harley Hall MPR

March 24-March 25, March 31- April 1: Reach Out Book Sale, Mowery Hall

March 27: Priority Registration for Fall 2017 begins

March 29: Global Lunch:
Germany, Hosted by Paula Bauder, 12:00-12:45 p.m.,
Honors Seminar Room

March 30: Apple Pie with Alumni, 5:30-6:15 p.m., Honors Seminar Room

March 31: Application deadline for Honors summer orientation volunteers

March 31: Application deadline for students who plan to study abroad in the summer or fall 2017 semester. Please contact Ms. Mary Burnett, Director of Study Abroad, at meburnett@ship.edu for more information.

April 3: Application deadline for Honors capstone project grants for projects to be completed in Summer or Fall 2017. Submit applications to Cindy Poe at cmpoe@ship.edu.

April 3: Application deadline for Honors mentors, 2017-2018

April 3: PASSHE Honors Student Conference Harrisburg, PA

April 4: Pizza with a Prof: Dr. Kirk Moll,
5:00-5:45 p.m.,
Honors Seminar Room

April 5: Uncommon Conversation with Sherman Alexie, 4:30-5:50 p.m., TBA

April 6-April 9: Northeast Regional Honors Conference Pittsburgh, PA

April 7: Application deadline for 2017-2018 HSO leadership positions

April 8: Annual Easter Egg Hunt
1:00 p.m., Student Rec Pavilion

April 10: Reach Out Arooga’s Fundraiser

April 12: Student Leaders Breakfast Meeting
8:00-8:50 a.m., Honors Seminar Room

April 14: Deadline for graduating seniors to complete the senior exit interview

April 17: Application deadline for the Outstanding Honors First-Year Research Paper Award

April 17: Application deadline for the Outstanding Honors Capstone Project Award

April 17: Application deadline for the Honors Study Abroad Scholarship for students who plan to study abroad in Summer or Fall 2017. Submit applications to Cindy Poe at cmpoe@ship.edu.