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Honors Students Present at NRHC Conference

By Grace Burkholder, Jennifer Coccagna, and Allison Morgan, Honors juniors



Photos Courtesy of Jennifer Coccagna

Above: Dr. Kim Klein, Grace Burkholder, Jennifer Coccagna, and Allison Morgan at the Northeast Regional Honors Conference

On March 27-29, we participated in the Northeast Regional Honors Conference in Annapolis, MD, with a presentation entitled "Embracing Contradictions." This conference is designed to showcase student research and innovative learning.

After submitting our proposals in November on going green in business and green initiatives in the Department of Defense, we were pleased to hear that our papers were accepted as part

of the Corporate Social Responsibility session, and we began to prepare for this exciting new opportunity. As part of our Honors Business and Society Seminar, we started our research on going green and corporate social responsibility. We were excited to share what we had discovered with students and faculty from the Northeast Region and Puerto Rico. As the conference drew closer, we began to wonder: who would we meet, what would we learn? The learning started as soon as we arrived at the banquet the first evening. An excellent speaker, Tom Horton, an author and former *Baltimore Sun* environmental reporter, delivered an engaging speech encouraging students to care about the environment and do what they can to help the world and embrace contradictions. We then had the opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow conference participants at the student social. The next morning, we presented in front of students and

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Honors Alumna Receives Fulbright Grant

By Tyler Miller, Honors graduate assistant

Jenn Bly, a 2008 graduate of Shippensburg University and an alumna of the SU Honors Program, has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright scholarship.

Jenn was offered admission to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program this past February to study and teach in Uruguay from March to November. She is believed to be only the second Ship student to have received a Fulbright grant in the 62-year history of the exchange program.

Jenn is a Shippensburg native, having graduated from Shippensburg Area

Senior High School in 2004. She received her bachelor's degree in English from Ship in May 2008 and is currently pursuing her master's degree in rhetoric and political culture at the University of Maryland-College Park.

"I found out about the Fulbright less than a month before I would have to leave, so I worked frantically to make the arrangements," said Jenn, who's 23. "I can't tell you how excited I am about this opportunity. It's amazing how everything worked out."

Jenn originally applied for the Fulbright in October 2007, hoping to secure an English teaching

Calendar

April

21 - HSO Meeting

3:30 p.m., CUB 217

21 - Honors Read: Saturday led by **Beth Rauch and Dr. Tom Crochunis**

7:30 p.m., CUB 216

24 - Participation Forms Due

Participation forms and HSO committee chair reports are due to Mrs. Sharon Poe in the Honors office, Horton Hall 104.

May

10 - PASSHE Summer Honors Program students arrive at Ship

11-15 - PASSHE Summer Honors Program courses offered on campus

16-31 - PASSHE Summer Honors Program travels to Europe

June

19 - Freshmen Orientation Luncheon

12:00 p.m., Luhrs Performing Arts Center



Photo courtesy of Tyler Miller

Above: Jenn Bly, Honors alumna and Fulbright grant recipient

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Above: Honors juniors Allison Morgan, Grace Burkholder, and Jennifer Coccagna explore Annapolis

faculty. Within our session on corporate social responsibility, two students from the Fashion Institute of Technology explained both viewpoints regarding the use of sweatshops as a means of inexpensive labor. Students presented on topics ranging from Batman and heroes in modern film to the economic crisis.

Presentations like these enabled us to see research in other honors programs. It also allowed us to experience other presentation styles and techniques that we will be able to use in the future.

After the presentations concluded for the day, we explored the historic district of Annapolis and ate at a quaint Thai restaurant. On Sunday morning, we attended a poster session where students explained their research as it applied to their display. They answered questions and led further conversation about their research and findings.

We experienced speeches, dynamic presentations, and poster displays that gave us a variety of outlets for research results. As first-time conference participants, we had an amazing time, and we are eager to participate in future research endeavors.

The Honors Program



Spring Banquet

The Honors Program's annual Spring Banquet was held April 14 in the CUB Multi-Purpose Room. Graduating seniors were recognized along with Honors Student Organization officers and committee chairs. The Honors Faculty Award and Spirit of Honors Award were presented, and the new 2009-2010 HSO officers were announced. Be sure to check out this summer's issue of *The Honors Chronicle* for a complete list of award recipients and new officers.



Speak Out!



We asked the Honors Heroines and History Seminar students...

What challenges do you feel women still face in society?

"Women struggle with the idea of 'supermom.' They feel pressure to be the perfect stay-at-home mom while still maintaining a successful job."



Lindsey Poehlman
Honors senior

By Angela Darosh, Honors sophomore

"Although we've made great strides in terms of social and political achievements, I still think women need to overcome many stereotypes."



Katie Kitner
Honors sophomore

"Although the opportunities exist, women are still less accepted in the world of politics."



Rachel Seike
Honors sophomore

"Take Introduction to Women's Studies and find out!"



Dr. Shari Horner
Honors faculty

"I think women face difficulties with being recognized as intellectual equals with men."



Keri Kimes
Honors junior

HONORABLE ALUM: CHRISTINE LINDSTROM

Shippensburg Graduate Teams Up with Young Life in Sweden

By Angela Darosh, Honors sophomore



Photo Courtesy of Christine Lindstrom

An alumna of the Honors Program, Christine Lindstrom has had quite a fascinating career. Since her graduation in 2002 from Shippensburg

University, her career path has led her to employment with the international organization Young Life in Sweden.

While attending Shippensburg University, Lindstrom was an elementary education major with a minor in Spanish. Her interest in elementary education was sparked through volunteering at her local church as a Sunday school teacher.

“I extremely enjoyed it and thought it was something I probably wanted to do for the future,” Lindstrom recalls.

Currently, however, Lindstrom is not teaching. In fact, she never decided to

teach full time. After graduation, Lindstrom was hired at Avondale Presbyterian Church in Chester County as a church youth director. She continued to work at Avondale for three years until she took a youth ministry position with the organization Young Life.

Young Life, which was originally based in the United States, is now an international organization that reaches out to children in more than 50 countries.

Presently, Lindstrom works for the Young Life ministry located in Uppsala, Sweden. This opportunity to move to Sweden was a

convenient one considering she and her husband, who is a Swedish citizen, had already planned on moving there someday.

Lindstrom’s main role involves developing a new area of Young Life in Uppsala, which gives her many responsibilities on a day-to-day basis. Her job requires her to talk with members of the community as well as to recruit and train volunteer leaders.

Lindstrom also spends time with teenagers from the local school district who take part in the homework help program that Young Life provides. Her favorite part of her job is interacting with others. Lindstrom remarks, “The best part is definitely spending time with people and investing in them and helping them in having better lives and better futures.”

When Lindstrom isn’t working, she enjoys outdoor activities such as walking, hiking, and camping. She also finds enjoyment in spending time with her husband and friends.

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- Christine Lindstrom

Lindstrom’s advice to the students of Shippensburg University is: “Get involved in the community. Even off campus, find volunteer opportunities. I didn’t know how much I was interested in working with teenagers until I started volunteering at a local church in Shippensburg—and it changed everything for me.”

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assistantship in Argentina. Instead, nearly a year later, she was awarded an eight-month assistantship to Montevideo, Uruguay, and a Uruguayan province.

Much of Jenn’s time in South America’s second smallest country will be devoted to English instruction for Uruguayan college students who plan to teach English when they graduate. She will also conduct independent research, complete coursework, or carry out a service project.

Jenn studied abroad in Spain during the spring semester of her sophomore year at Shippensburg and is a conversational Spanish speaker. Her interest in Latin American culture and globalization is what drove her to apply for a Fulbright in South America.

“Jenn’s outstanding undergraduate record of scholarship, leadership, and service shows that she will take advantage of all the Fulbright experience offers,” said Honors Program Director Kim Klein. “She’ll contribute tremendously to the Fulbright program’s goal of fostering intercultural communication and understanding.”

The Fulbright program is administered by the U.S. State Department and is the largest and most admired U.S. international exchange program. Established by congressional legislation in 1946 to “increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills,” the program distributes only 1,500 student

scholarships each year.

“I’m looking forward to learning more about Uruguayan culture and being able to share American culture with the students there,” said Jenn. “I appreciate the support that the faculty at Shippensburg provided during my application process and that my department at the University of Maryland has shown in accommodating my time away.”

Jenn began her studies in Uruguay on March 16 and will return to the University of Maryland to complete her master’s degree when her Fulbright expires in November. Her long-term plans are to pursue a doctorate in rhetorical communication.

Follow Jenn’s adventures abroad by visiting her blog at <http://myfulbright.blogspot.com>.

Students Dodge Breast Cancer through Service-Learning

By Laura Nelson, Honors freshman

The Honors Program's Service Committee held their first ever Pink Week March 16 to 21. The week entailed events to raise awareness about breast cancer.

Throughout the week members of the Honors Program gave their time to help out this cause. They put together information tables at the CUB to reach out to the university community and collect donations by selling pink ribbon merchandise.

On Thursday, March 18, they held a Pink Ladies Boot Camp in the Ship Rec group fitness room where the instructor, Jessica Kalinowski, gave all who participated a healthy workout. All who attended wearing pink were given a raffle ticket and at the end of the workout, two tickets were drawn to win a \$15 gift card to the Ship University Store. (The winners were Kate DiNolfi and Kendra Witgenstein.)

The main event of Pink Week, put together by Dr. Sharnine Herbert's Honors Intro to Human Communications class, was called Dodge Breast Cancer, Raise Awareness Dodgeball Tournament. The

purpose and goal of this project was to put together an event that consisted of giving a service to the community and incorporating a learning and educational experience into the project by utilizing communication skills.

At the start of the event, two speakers educated participants on the importance of finding a cure for breast cancer. The first speaker, Elane Brooks, head of the mammography department at Waynesboro Hospital, focused on the significance of early detection and showed digital films of actual breast cancer. The second speaker was Linda Espenshade, a breast cancer survivor. She spoke about her battle with and recovery from breast cancer. Her story was very inspirational and brought the issue to light from a personal experience.

After the speakers concluded, it was game time and the atmosphere became extreme very quickly. Eight teams of six battled through the round robin stage of competition, but by 5:00 p.m. it was time for the finals. The Dynasty and the Dutch Masters battled back and forth in a best-of-three competition. After some intense

dodge balling, the Dynasty came out on top.

All in all Pink Week was a great success. More than \$300 was raised, with all proceeds benefiting the National Breast Cancer Foundation. I along with the rest of the Honors Intro to Human Communications class would like to give our biggest thanks to all who helped out throughout the week and to the teams that participated in the dodgeball tournament to help make Pink Week a week to remember!



NATIONAL BESTSELLER

Ian McEwan

Author of ATONEMENT

Saturday

HONORS READ!

This month's Honors Read will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 in CUB 217. It will be led by Dr. Tom Crochunis and Beth Rauch and will feature the novel *Saturday* by Ian McEwan. *Saturday* is a book that takes place on a single Saturday and deals with the approaching war in Iraq and the growing pessimism that surrounds it. The main character struggles with his view of the world around him and in turn must address the new reality of the world.

"Dazzling... Powerful... McEwan has shown how we... live today."
—The New York Times

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Pizza with a Prof Welcomes Dr. Allison Watts

By Monika Mironenko, Honors freshman



Dr. Allison Watts, an associate professor in the Department of Management and Marketing, led Pizza with a Prof for the month of March. She attended Bloomsburg University for her undergraduate degree, the University of Pennsylvania for her master's degree, and Temple University for her doctorate degree.

However, she did not go from earning one degree to the next in eight consecutive years. Rather, Dr. Watts developed work experience at several different corporations around the United States; she even got to work overseas in Japan for four years. Dr. Watts is an astute and well rounded professor, and it was nice to be able to interact with her during Pizza with a Prof.

The pizza dinner was relaxed, yet those who attended were exposed to pertinent information they can apply to their lives now and in the future. Among the topics discussed were bailouts, AIG bonuses, and the economic situation in general.

Listening to her helped students see

certain issues with a new perspective. When discussing the current economic situation with the students, Dr. Watts noted that war was no longer an economic stimulator as some people believed it to have been in past wars such as WWII. The military techniques have changed so drastically that the running of a country as a whole does not have to be disrupted in order for a country to fight. This means that numerous jobs for the masses are no longer created.

Neil Lennon, a Shippensburg Honors student attendee, learned a great deal during the conversation. "Pizza with a Prof provided profound insight into the current economic crisis," he said.

Another interesting topic touched upon was savings. A student asked what Dr. Watts, as an associate professor in management/marketing, thought of investing and how one should go about it. She said that investing comes down to each individual's comfort level with risk. It takes knowledge of the market, risk, and a little bit of luck for investment in the market to pay off.

Whether or not a person decides to invest is their own decision; however, Dr. Watts suggested that they should save some money each year. When coming out of college, many graduates get a great increase in pay and do not know how to manage their money.

Dr. Watts gave the students a heads up by giving yet another important budgeting

tip: spend less than you make. This can be hard when one needs to spend money on expensive items such as business attire, a car, and even a mortgage, but heeding this financial advice can help one avoid monetary problems years down the road. Dr. Watts seemed to drive this point home: "Look for experiences that you can *contribute to* and *benefit from* in your professional and personal lives."

Going to Pizza with a Prof helped me realize that this is a great opportunity for students to interact with their knowledgeable professors. It is nice to be able to create relationships outside the classroom and get guidance from successful professors such as Dr. Watts while we have the chance to do so. I would recommend Pizza with a Prof to all Honors Program students.



Top Left: Dr. Watts discusses financial risks

Bottom Right: Students ask Dr. Watts what she thinks about corporate bonuses

Preparing for the Journey

By Allison Morgan, Honors junior, and Amy Harmon, Honors senior



Photo courtesy of Amy Harmon

Above: President Ruud welcomes the PASSHE Summer Honors Program students

On Saturday, April 4, the students participating in the 2009 PASSHE Summer Honors Program flocked to Shippensburg University to learn more about the exciting opportunities before them.

The morning began with an introduction and welcome by President Bill Ruud, followed by additional information presented by Dr. Niel Brasher. The students, who will be traveling to France and Belgium this summer, were then given specific details about the program and were told why the two countries were chosen.

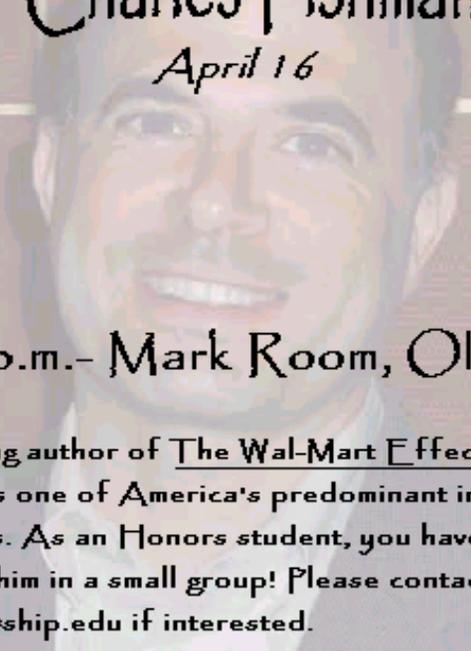
Following the introduction the students participated in mini-classes with their future Shippensburg professors. Before the students head abroad, they will spend a week at Shippensburg University to lay the groundwork for their experiences in France and Belgium. SU professors Dr. Christine Se-

necal, Dr. Cynthia Botteron, and Dr. Mark Sachleben will be teaching courses for the summer program.

New to the program this year, a website will be put in place to allow parents to keep up to date on what their students are doing abroad. Honors senior Nick Ray has designed this website and will be uploading video footage daily so parents can also participate in this program. Nick will also explain upcoming events and activities so the parents will know what their students are doing on a daily basis.

This orientation marks the beginning of an exciting journey for two students from each of the 14 PASSHE schools. They anxiously await their departure in May and are looking forward to learning more abroad.

Uncommon Conversation:
Charles Fishman
 April 16



4:00 p.m. - Mark Room, Old Main

Bestselling author of The Wal-Mart Effect, Charles Fishman is one of America's predominant investigative journalists. As an Honors student, you have the chance to meet with him in a small group! Please contact Sharon Poe at sapoe@ship.edu if interested.

THE HONORABLE MENTION

Congratulations to our spring 2009 graduates: **Riley Cameron, Joshua Capozzi, Kaitlin Dillon, Elana DiPietro, Kelly Dirks, Amy Harmon, Marie Hathaway, Kathleen Ibbetson, Valerie Koontz, Laura Martin, David Miller, Jr., Lindsay Poehlman, Elisabeth Rauch, Nicholas Ray, Nicole Reed, Emily Sattler, Christina Shirk, Nicole Tucker, Stephanie Wroblewski, and Sarah Yoder.**

Thanks to **Elisabeth Davis, Dale DiSalvo, and Scott Karper** for helping with the university open house on Saturday, March 21.

Congratulations to **Valerie Koontz and Ally Morgan** for winning the 2009 APSCUF-Shippensburg University Student Awards.

A big thank you to our graduate assistant, **Tyler Miller**, for all of the work he's done!

A special thanks to all of our 2008-2009 committee chairs and officers.