

The Honors Program Newsletter

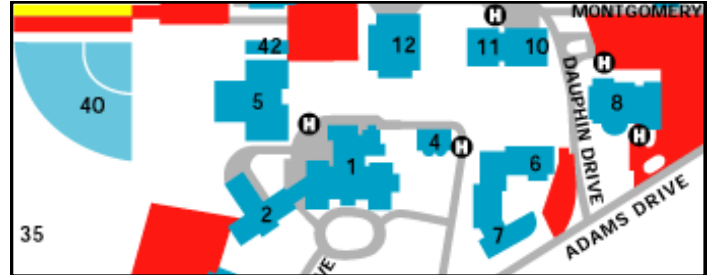
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FROM THE HONORS OFFICE, HORTON HALL 104

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11 – Organizational Meeting for Excitement in Education. Time and place will be announced.

16 – Freshmen Orientation Session and Dinner.
Undergraduate Research Opportunities, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., *DHC 151*.

18 – Pizza with a Prof: Hosted by Dr. Gene Fiorini, Mathematics Department, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., *MCT 258*.

27 – Honors Program Service Project: Rails to Trails Clean Up, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Meet at Horton Hall entrance.

Week of October 6: Honors Program newsletter mailed. If you do not receive your newsletter, please contact Sharon Poe at x1604 or sapoe@ship.edu.

Check the Honors Program website, www.ship.edu/~honors, after August 20 for updates to the calendar.

Letter from the Director and President

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Dr. Kim Klein
Director, Honors Program

Meg Dameron
President, Honors
Student Organization

October application deadline for Undergraduate Research Grants

If you are required to complete a research project for your major, or if you would simply like experience in preparation for a research-oriented field, why not let Shippensburg pay the bill? This fall, students may apply for project funding through the Undergraduate Research Program. The application deadline is early October.

The program is managed by the Institute for Public Service in Horton Hall 207, and is funded by the Shippensburg University Foundation. In 2002, the university awarded a total of \$36,197 in grant money to over 60 projects. Nine Honors students received awards of between \$95 and \$900.

Funding is available for all types of research. According to the institute, the Undergraduate Research Program "has supported laboratory research, field activities, art projects, written works, and computer applications."

Honors students who benefited from the program appreciated the opportunity. Jessica Shultz, a senior Psychology major in 2002-03, received a grant for her group research project, "Maternal Dating Patterns: Adolescents' Perceptions and Attitudes." She said she chose to do a project "because the psych professors here are great to work with, I knew it'd be a valuable experience, and I wanted to have that kind of experience on my resume."

Despite some difficulties, such as having her three group members graduate in December, Shultz "found it to be a rewarding experience." "I found it enjoyable to work with students and go through the process of research...developing surveys, compiling information, doing background research, and finding the results. It's information anyone can use in any major."

A freshmen orientation session on undergraduate research opportunities will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 5:00 pm in DHC 151. Interested students may pick up an application from their faculty adviser in the fall. For more information, visit the program's Web site at www.ship.edu/~ipssp/Undergradres.html.

"Excitement in Education" gets an early start: Help out Nov. 1

The Honors Program and Gear Up will again team up to host the 2003-04 "Excitement in Education," an Honors service activity designed to introduce middle school students to college life, on Saturday, November 1. The Gear Up Program, coordinated by Becky Mercado, will invite 75 Harrisburg-area middle school students to attend the event.

All Honors students are welcome to participate as teachers or staff. Teachers will plan interactive workshops for the middle school students, designed to help them broaden their horizons while having fun with learning. In April 2003, the workshops included "Beboping Through Genetics," "Dice Race," "Mind Matters," "Mummy Art," "The Rewarding Rigamarole of Writing," and "What is Your Sign?" If you are thinking about teaching a workshop but would like some ideas, check out the new "Excitement of Education" Web page, complete with old workshop descriptions, at www.ship.edu/~honors/E2.html.

Honors students are also needed to create the brochure, help with registration, serve lunch, and assist the teachers. Students interested in volunteering as teachers or staff should attend the first informational meeting on September 11.

THE HONORABLE MENTION

Meg Dameron and **Rennae Hillen** returned safely from their SSHE Summer Honors Program trip to Ecuador on June 20. Expect reflections from both of them in the next issue of the newsletter, coming in early October.

Three Honors students--**Ryan Hess**, **Tyler Miller**, and **Ben Sauerwine**--had essays selected for inclusion in *Write the Ship*, the English Department publication of outstanding undergraduate writing. Ryan Hess's entry, "A New View on Camus," won first place and the Editor's Award in the writing competition.

Eat a free "Pizza with a Prof"

This year Honors students will be able to chat with professors about graduate and career opportunities while enjoying a free pizza dinner in the new "Pizza with a Prof" program.

Two programs will be offered each semester. The first host will be the Mathematics Department. Dr. Gene Fiorini will lead a dinner discussion of the math major on Thursday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. in MCT 258. Other departments that will host "Pizza with a Prof" during the 2003-2004 academic year include Teacher Education and English.

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HONORS ABROAD, 2003-2004

For the first time, the Honors Program is sponsoring two Honors Abroad courses in 2003-2004. Dr. Niel Brasher, who is teaching Honors International Relations in spring 2004, is offering a spring break study tour to Paris and Brussels. Dr. John Benhart, who has taught Honors World Geography for many years, is offering an Honors summer course in Austria and Germany. All Honors students are eligible to participate in the courses, and can earn one Honors credit for the spring break course and three Honors credits for the summer course. Small scholarships will be available to help pay the travel costs for two Honors students. Contact the professors for more information about the courses, and contact Dr. Klein for more information about the scholarships.

Spring Break 2004

Dr. Niel Brasher

Honors International Relations Brussels, Belgium and Paris, France

The course will be a one credit one-week spring break study tour that will meet in Brussels, Belgium and Paris, France. The focus will be on European/U.S. economic and security integration and coordination.

In Brussels, students will gain knowledge through meeting with decision-makers and visiting sites. Examples of what we will be doing include:

- Visiting NATO headquarters and having three sessions with NATO representatives.
- Visiting SHAPE headquarters (which houses Supreme Allied Command Europe). Here we will meet with a British Colonel who will provide a one and a half hour slide presentation along with a one hour question and answer period with officers from three countries. A formal lunch at the Officers Club will be included.
- Visiting one of the institutions of the European Union and discussing the latest developments in the EU.
- A visit to the former concentration camp of Brendonk.
- Taking a city tour of Brussels including the interesting political and historical developments of the famous Grand Place.
- Visiting the beautiful medieval town of Brugge.
- Hearing lectures on the history of Belgium and the Evolution of the European Union at The American University.

While in Brussels students will spend time with host families. These host families will all be situated around the northern suburbs of Brussels in two small towns called Alsenburg and St. Genesis-Rhode. In Paris we will stay in an inexpensive hotel.

The cost of the trip (subject to change) is \$1200 and includes airfare, room, admittance fees to different sites, transportation and some meals.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Niel Brasher at 717-477-1714 or cnbras@ship.edu.

Summer 2004

Dr. John Benhart

Honors Environmental Geography Austria and Germany

July 1 – July 24, 2004 (Tentative)

**“Cultural Studies Academy in Cooperation with
Shippensburg University and the University of Salzburg”**

Environmental Geography provides an introduction to environmental conservation. Basic elements of the physical and cultural environments are examined in consideration of the local landscape system of the Austrian Region. There is an emphasis placed on the fundamental relationship of Environmental Geography to the surrounding mineral resources, mountain systems, population distribution, settlement patterns, economic-political activities, flood plains, and land use. Factors of environmental quality and planning in the Austrian Region are related to practices used in the United States.

Extensive field trips will be taken in Austria and Bavaria including the Salzkammergut, Salzburg, Vienna, Munich, and Dachau Concentration Camp, Innsbruck, Werfen Ice Caves and Leichtenstein, the Grossglockner (High Alps and Glacier), Berchtesgaden (Saltmines Obersalzburg and Konigsee) Radstadt, Schladming, Ramsau, the Dachstein Massif, and numerous walking field trips of Salzburg and Grodig. Students will live with Austrian families or in the hotel in Grodig, a suburb of Salzburg where the Cultural Studies Academy has its classroom facilities. Field study of the local Salzburg region will be incorporated in the course. Tentative dates for the three credit course are July 1 – 24, 2004. Please contact Dr. Jack Benhart in Old Main 202 or at Extension 1151 if you are interested in the course. Please send your name, major, home and campus phone numbers, campus address, and home address. Cost, scholarships, and other information will be sent to you if you express an interest in the Environmental Geography course. Optional side trips include Prague and Venice.

Tuesday, September 9

*The Honors
Fall Reception
& General Meeting*

*Old Main Chapel
5 – 6 P.M.*

The Fall Reception is a new event designed to allow students to meet the new freshmen as well as catch up with their old friends in Honors. The biannual General Meeting will provide essential information on Honors activities for 2003-2004.

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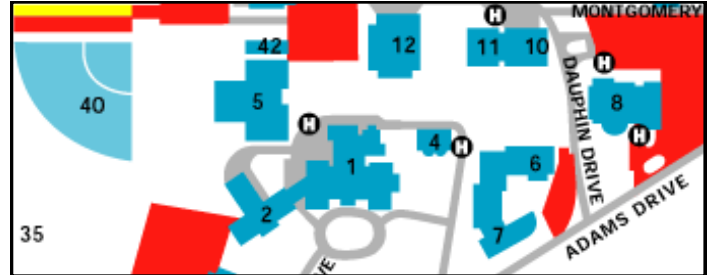
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"Uncommon Conversations"

An author and syndicated columnist. The editor of *Newsweek International*. A former presidential cabinet member. The *Lion King*.

In the 2002-03 year, Honors students met all of these people through Honors' "Uncommon Conversations" program. When important guest speakers come to campus, the university often arranges special question-and-answer sessions with the guest. These intimate sessions are usually limited to 20 to 30 students. Honors students are nearly always invited.

The author and columnist, George Will (right), visited campus in September. Will is a conservative political commentator for NBC as well as a former college professor and Senate staff member.



Photos courtesy of the publicity office.

The editor, Fareed Zakaria, spoke with students in April. In addition to his work with *Newsweek* and *Newsweek International*, Zakaria is an author and a political analyst for ABCNEWS. *Esquire* named him "the most influential foreign policy adviser of his generation."

Andrew Cuomo, who served in the cabinet of President Clinton as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, also came to campus in April. He also served as campaign manager for his father, Mario Cuomo, in his successful run for governor of New York.

The *Lion King* is James Earl Jones (left), the well-known actor and speaker who visited Shippensburg in February. In addition to voicing Mufasa for the 1994 Disney animated feature, Jones also performed in such films as *The Great White Hope* (1970), *Field of Dreams* (1989), and *The Hunt for Red October* (1990), and provided the voice for Darth Vader in the first *Star Wars* trilogy.

Such "Uncommon Conversations" will continue this fall. More information at the General Meeting on September 9.

