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Seniors recognized for "Honors Spirit"

By Allison Morgan, Honors senior



Photo courtesy of Tyler Miller

Above: Emily Sattler, Amy Harmon, Valerie Koontz, receive the Spirit of Honors Award presented by Dr. Kim Klein, Honors Program director

The Spirit of Honors Award is presented annually to the Honors students who best

exemplify the program's commitment to scholarship, leadership, and service. At the 2009 Honors Spring Banquet, seniors Emily Sattler, Amy Harmon, and Valerie Koontz were recognized with this honor. Honors Program director Dr. Kim Klein created the Spirit of Honors Award in 2006 to recognize Honors students' achievements and their contributions to the Honors Program.

In addition to excelling academically, the 2009 recipients were innovative leaders in the Honors Student Organization. Amy Harmon spent her senior year as the president of the Honors Student Organization. As HSO president, Amy oversaw many committees and

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Welcome Honors Class of 2013!

By Angela Darosh, Honors junior, and Allison Morgan, Honors senior

As editors of *The Honors Chronicle*, we would like to welcome you to the Honors Program! The Honors Program offers many academic and co-curricular opportunities that you will be learning about in the coming weeks.

You will participate in intellectually stimulating courses and have the chance to meet personally with Honors faculty. Additionally, the Honors Program hosts Uncommon Conversations, events where Honors students are able to meet with notable guest speakers. In the past, speakers have included authors, athletes, and other professionals. Uncommon Conversations are just some of the benefits of membership in the Honors Program.

We also encourage you to become involved in activities with your Honors peers.

This can be done through participation in the Honors Student Organization (HSO). The HSO is a student-led extension of the Honors Program that promotes scholarship, leadership, and service.

"I strongly encourage you to get actively involved in the HSO," comments last year's HSO president, Amy Harmon. "The HSO benefits the Honors Program, the university, the community, but above all, the students. Active students in the HSO form lasting relationships and share many wonderful experiences.

There is more to being an Honors student than

just academics, and I hope you take the opportunity to get involved with the HSO and take advantage of all the Honors Program has to offer."

By getting involved in the Honors Program and the HSO, students can make the most of their time in the program. We look forward to meeting and working with you in the near future!



Photo by Allison Morgan, Honors senior

Above: The class of 2013 gathers for the first time at the June orientation luncheon.

Calendar

August

29 - Corn Festival

10:00 a.m., Meet on the Lehman Library steps

See the notice on p. 2 for more information.

30 - Orientation Picnic and Game Night

5:00 p.m., Burd Run Pavilion

All Honors students are welcome to attend and meet our new students!

Sept.

1 - Freshmen Orientation Session: Honors Student Organization

3:30-4:15 p.m., Place TBA

8 - Honors Fall Reception and General Meeting

3:30 p.m., Tuscarora Room, Reisner Hall

All Honors students are required to attend.

15 - Election of Honors Capstone Project Forms Due

Honors juniors should submit their forms to Sharon Poe.

15 - Honors Independent Capstone Project Forms Due

Honors seniors should submit their forms to Sharon Poe.

15 - Freshmen Orientation Session: Honors Curriculum I

5:00-5:45 p.m., DHC 206

15 - HSO Meeting

9:15 p.m., CUB 217

29 - Freshmen Orientation Session: Honors Curriculum II

5:00-5:45 p.m., DHC 206

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projects. She also was instrumental in the planning of this summer's PASSHE Summer Honors Program, hosted by Shippensburg University. Amy also co-chaired the Freshmen Orientation committee along with Emily Sattler. Additionally, Emily co-chaired the Excitement in Education committee with Valerie Koontz. She has spent much of her time being a leader and role model to other Honors Program students.

Among her many contributions, Valerie used the Honors capstone class to develop math games that can be used in the classroom. She has presented these games at conferences and used them in her student teaching. She credits the Honors Program for her success with this.

The recipients showed that they had the real "Spirit of Honors" in other ways. They were always first to volunteer to help anyone, and they always strived to make a difference in the Honors Program. "Being involved in the Honors

Program was one of the best decisions I made at Ship," Sattler exclaimed. "I got to know so many great people and have lots of amazing experiences. Getting the Spirit of Honors Award was kind of like the icing on the cake. It was a great culmination of everything that happened over my four years at Ship in the Honors Program."

Koontz, too, was honored by the award. "I loved being in the Shippensburg Honors Program, so receiving the Spirit of Honors Award was a great privilege. It is such a wonderful way to recognize the hard work and achievements of Honors students. I am so fortunate to have received this acknowledgement of dedication to the program."

All three recipients are anxious to start their lives outside of the classroom. Amy Harmon will be working at KPMG, an accounting firm. Both Valerie and Emily will pursue careers as educators. Valerie plans to teach high school math, and Emily plans to teach at the elementary level. We wish all of our winners the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Corn Festival!



Date: Saturday, August 29

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Meet on the Library steps

This year's Corn Festival will be the perfect place to catch up with old friends while making new friends! New Honors students and upperclassmen will have the opportunity to get to know each other while enjoying Shippensburg's annual Corn Festival!



Speak Out!



My best advice is to be outgoing and get involved in everything. You're guaranteed to meet amazing people and find an activity you really love!



Kristen Beddia
Honors senior

We asked the current senior class...

What advice would you give to your fellow Honors students?

Make sure you go to class and study, but enjoy yourself and have fun also. The key is finding the balance!



Dennis Shindle
Honors Senior

Make out a daily plan of what you want to do and how you want to accomplish your goals. I think this is important because if you fail to plan then you plan to fail!



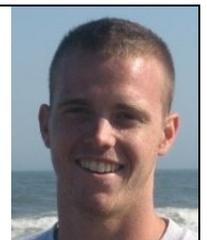
Glenn Burney
Honors senior

Have fun! Time flies by so fast, so try not to sweat the small stuff. Do your work of course, but don't forget where real memories come from.



Michelle Miller
Honors senior

Just live by this quote from General George Patton, "I do as I'm told and I succeed at what I do." Just follow instructions and you'll be fine.



Mark Messick
Honors Senior

HONORABLE ALUM: CHAD SNYDER

Shippensburg graduate uses chemistry degree to innovate daily

By Angela Darosh, Honors junior



Photo courtesy of Chad Snyder

Above: Honors alumnus Dr. Chad Snyder

Honors Program alumnus Dr. Chad Snyder graduated from Shippensburg University in 1991. Since then, Snyder has had a successful and vastly interesting career. He is currently a research chemist in the polymers division at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

While attending Shippensburg University, Snyder majored in Chemistry. "For as long as I can remember, I was interested in chemistry. I remember wanting to be a chemist back in sixth grade," Snyder comments.

During his junior year at Shippensburg, Snyder focused his attention on Physical Chemistry. His senior year, however, he began working with his research advisor on Polymer Chemistry. Luckily, Snyder was able to combine his love for both areas of chemistry when he attended graduate school at Virginia Tech for Physical Polymer Chemistry.

Since 1996, Snyder has been employed at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. While there, Snyder has had various responsibilities including managing many fascinating projects as a group leader.

From 2003 to 2007, Snyder's group

helped to develop the new United States passport. The new U.S. passports include a chip and an antenna which provides the ability to view passports from a distance.

Snyder's group created tests to make sure that the passports were durable, that the chip inside would continue working, and that the information on the chip stayed secure. "As a result of the things we did, the document became a lot more secure," Snyder explains.

Another project that Snyder was involved with was sponsored by the Department of Transportation. Speed control disconnect switches, which are responsible for shutting off cruise control when a driver taps the break, were causing some Ford vehicles to burst into flames. By Snyder's group investigating what was happening and why it was happening, Ford only had to recall nearly seven million vehicles rather than sixteen million vehicles.

Currently, Snyder is out of management and back in the lab. He is doing research on ways to help industry develop more efficient solar devices.

By creating printable, flexible solar devices, larger areas could be covered with energy saving material at a lower cost. Snyder explains that

his favorite part of his job is the research aspect.

"Regardless of whether I'm pleasantly or unpleasantly surprised, it's great. You learn something new either way."

"Figure out the one thing you are most passionate about, and then figure out a way to do it!"
- Chad Snyder

and son.

In closing, Snyder provides the students of Shippensburg University with the following piece of advice: "Figure out the one thing you are the most passionate about, and then figure out a way to do it!"

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Coming soon: Orientation 2009

By Grace Burkholder, Honors senior

This year the Honors Student Organization Orientation Committee has planned more fun and informative activities than ever. Students new to the Honors Program will have many opportunities to get to know each other and the ins and outs of the Honors Program.

Upon arriving at campus on that exciting but slightly nerve-racking first day at Shippensburg, a group of returning Honors students will be on campus to help new students move in, answer any questions, and get students ready for the rest of orientation.

After moving in, orientation plans include a movie night, a game night, an ice cream social, and the Shippensburg Corn Festival. These events will be great

opportunities to get to know other new students and Honors upper-classmen.

The Orientation Committee will also host several Honors Program information sessions during the fall semester. These will give an overview on the benefits and responsibilities associated with belonging to the Honors Program. There will also be roommate problem-solving and stress management sessions.

The Orientation Committee is excited to welcome new students and looks forward to meeting everyone! If you have any ideas for orientation activities or improvements, please contact Grace Burkholder at gb3243@ship.edu! See you all soon at the Honors orientation events and Mentor/Mentee activities!

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