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Honors Celebrates 25 Years at Ship!

By Monika Mironenko, Honors junior



Photo courtesy of Tyler Miller

Honors alumni, student leaders, faculty, and administrators gather for Honors anniversary.

The planning of the event that commemorated the 25th year of a flourishing Honors Program began in the crowded office of Dr. Alison Dagnes in fall 2009. A dozen determined Honors students were present and excited to undertake the task of making the anniversary celebration possible.

The efforts of the planning committee members, Honors staff, and Dr. Dagnes did

indeed pay off, as the evening was a great success. The Honors Program's 25th Anniversary Celebration took place on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Premier Events in Shippensburg. The celebration began with a social hour where approximately 100 Honors alumni, student leaders, faculty, and administrators mingled and reacquainted themselves with one another.

Dr. William Ruud and Dr. Barbara G. Lyman, representatives of the Shippensburg University administration, opened the celebration by welcoming those present. They emphasized the many ways that the Honors Program has enriched teaching and learning at Shippensburg University and highlighted the contributions that Honors students and professors have made to the university during the past twenty-five years.

After dinner, a video presentation of Honors Program highlights was shown. The video, which *See Celebrate* was created by Honors Page 2

Honors Program New Student Orientation

By Angela Darosh, Honors senior

In past years, the Honors Student Organization Orientation Committee has hosted a series of information sessions during the fall semester to help new Honors students make the transition from high school to university life. This year, however, the Honors Student Organization is collaborating with Dr. Kim Klein and various Shippensburg professors and staff to host a new two-day summer orientation to welcome our new students to campus.

The Honors Program New Student Orientation will take place on campus on Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7. Overnight accommodations will be provided at Naugle Residence Hall. As new students arrive on Friday, they will report to registration in Naugle Hall. Then, they will attend a welcome luncheon hosted by Provost Dr. Barbara Lyman at Reisner Hall.

Over the course of orientation, new students will attend a variety of sessions designed to introduce them to the Honors Program and

the university. The sessions will include an introduction to the Honors curriculum, and a class with Honors history professor, Dr. Christine Senecal. Other sessions will introduce students to key components of the Honors Program, including undergraduate research, study abroad, and civic engagement opportunities.

New students will also learn about our very active Honors Student Organization. HSO President Kristen Imboden has *See Orientation* planned a Page 2 teambuild-

Calendar

August

29 - Honors Welcome Back Picnic

6:00 p.m., *Burd Run Pavilion*
All Honors students are welcome to attend and meet our new students!

September

2 - Honors Fall Reception and General Meeting

3:45 p.m., *Tuscarora Room, Reisner Hall*
All Honors students are required to attend.

7 - HSO Meeting

3:30 p.m., *Place TBA*

9 - Finding an Internship Workshop

3:30 p.m., *Place TBA*
Hosted by Ms. Patricia Gochenauer, Career Development Center

15 - Election of Honors Capstone Project Forms Due

Honors juniors should submit their forms to Sharon Poe, Horton 201. Forms are available on the Honors Program website.

15 - Honors Independent Capstone Project Proposal Forms Due

Honors seniors should submit their forms to Sharon Poe, Horton 201. Forms are available on the Honors Program website.

October

6 - University Undergraduate Research Grant Applications Due

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student Brittney Miller, can be viewed on the Honors Program's YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/shiphonors>).

As the evening continued, Dr. Vera Reber, professor emeritus and director of the Honors Program during the mid-1990s, discussed the Shippensburg Honors Program in the mid 90s and the challenges it faced as well as the growing opportunities it provided for its students. Alumni speakers Ms. Robyn Burns (2002) and Ms. Jennifer Bly (2008) discussed their most memorable Honors moments, including participating in the PASSHE Summer Honors Program, and the ways that their Honors experiences prepared them for graduate school and their careers.

Finally, the current director of the Honors Program, Dr. Kim Klein, spoke about future plans for our program, including the creation of an Honors Program Living-Learning Center in the new residence halls and the expansion of

international opportunities for students so that they are prepared to compete and succeed in an increasingly globalized world. She also discussed the exciting possibility of making the transition from an Honors Program to an Honors College.

In response to Dr. Klein's comments, HSO student leader, Addy Virtus, commented, "As a current student in the Honors Program, I am so excited for the prospects of this program growing and expanding. Also, I am very much looking forward to getting involved with more international opportunities through the Honors Program."

During the evening, Dr. Klein received a special musical tribute, including performances by Honors students Ethan Goldbach and Jamie McNulty. As a current Honors student, I see the fruits of Dr. Klein's labor and fully support the recognition given to her. After the tribute, guests grooved to the music of DJ Dr. Mike Long, assistant professor in the Math Department.

For 25 years, the Honors Program has provided its members with unforgettable opportunities to enjoy smaller, more intellectually stimulating classes, participate in exciting international programs, and become involved in enriching service-learning, leadership, and research projects. I was happy to participate in the celebration of such a successful program, the Honors Program at Shippensburg University!



*Photo courtesy of Tyler Miller
Dr. Barbara G. Lyman, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, welcomes those in attendance at the Honors anniversary dinner.*

Thank You Honors Mentors!



The Mentor/Mentee Program is a valuable source of academic assistance and social support for new Honors students. The following upperclassmen are dedicating their time as mentors to our incoming Honors students:

Miranda Aaron, Nathan Barr, Lindsay Berkstresser, Jennifer Bon, Lisa Brehm, Krista Bussewitz, Angela Darosh, Elisabeth Davis, Paul Engelkemier, Joshua Fink, James Flemming, Kathleen Frey, Ethan Goldbach, Kaitlin Hyman, Kristen Imboden, Scott Karper, Katie Kitner, Melissa Koontz, Jacob Lutter, Kathryn Malone, Steven Masel, Chelsea Meier, Abigail Montler, Benjamin Mosior, Michele Muenker, Katherine O'Flaherty, Rachel O'Neill, Holly Plank, Joseph Sauthoff, Ryan Schweikert, Nicholas Spinelle, Rachel Statler, Karli Wagner, and Alexandra Wellington

Orientation, cont'd

ing activity to introduce students to both the HSO as well as many important locations on campus. Later that night, students will enjoy a dinner hosted by Shippensburg University President Dr. William Ruud, salsa dancing lessons with Dr. Jose Ricardo -Osorio, and a movie outdoors.

The Honors Program is proud to present its first annual New Student Orientation. The orientation includes an abundance of exciting and informative activities. New students will be able to get to know each other, Honors upperclassmen who will be volunteering at the event, and Honors professors and staff. The knowledge that students will obtain about both the Honors Program and the numerous opportunities it provides will assist them in taking full advantage of what the Honors Program, and university in general, has to offer.

The Orientation Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students. We are very excited to meet everyone in August!

HSO President Welcomes the Honors Class of 2014!

By Kristen Imboden, Honors senior



Photo courtesy of
Kristen Imboden

Hello Class of 2014! I would like to express my congratulations on successfully completing high school and being accepted into the Honors Program here at Shippensburg University. On

behalf of all the other members of the program, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Honors Student Organization (HSO). I look forward to meeting each and every one of you at the upcoming Freshmen Orientation Session and working alongside you to make this year a successful one!

As incoming freshmen, college can seem a bit intimidating. In order to ease some of your stress, I have asked a few graduating seniors and some of last year's

freshmen for a few words of advice. What do they wish someone would have told them as they entered their first year at Ship?

Here are some of the most frequent responses:

1. Time management is crucial—It is possible to balance a great social life with academics as long as you take the time to plan for each.

2. Be a part of something. Get involved. The HSO is a wonderful way to do this! We have a little something for everyone when it comes to participating in committees (you will hear more about these at orientation). Freshmen are vital sources for new ideas so don't be afraid to contribute! By getting involved in organizations such as the HSO, you meet new people, form lasting relationships, and attain valuable experience and leadership positions.

3. How much you get out of your college experience depends on how much you put into it. This goes for both your education as well as your extracurricular activities. The Honors Student Organization is only as

strong as the students who participate in it, so we always look forward to new members with a fresh perspective! Also, make sure to go to class—attendance is reflected in your grades!

4. Enjoy every moment because in spite of the fact that college may initially seem like a daunting task, it flies by. This is your time for a fresh start, so become the person you've always wanted to be. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, have fun doing it, and learn from them in the end. Take risks and take advantage of every opportunity.

WELCOME TO COLLEGE—the best years of your life (so far)!

As you enjoy the last weeks of summer and prepare yourself for this incredible journey please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at ki1368@ship.edu.

As I mentioned before, I look forward to getting to know each of you and doing my best to make your first year at Shippensburg a great one. Hope to see you soon!

Club Plug

By Jessica Espenshade, Honors junior

I walked into the back room of the Market Cross Pub on a Wednesday night, and it was like stepping into a different world. I was surrounded by enthusiastic people who were all chatting to each other, which in itself is not a strange phenomenon. These people, however, were not speaking English. Oh no, I was surrounded by students and faculty members who were speaking to each other solely in German. Rather than running away, I knew this was exactly what I was searching for.

I have been studying German for seven years, ever since I made the decision in eighth grade. A decision that was based on the fact that I love German candy! Throughout high school I was part of a German Club, and I even thought about majoring in German in college. I decided to major in biology, but I was not willing to quit the language that had become a passion of mine over the years. Shippensburg offered me a way to continue my experience

with German and make some lifelong friends as well.

Throughout my time in the Shippensburg University German Club, I have celebrated Oktoberfest by drinking beer (well, root beer that is). I have gone egg hunting at Osterfest (Easter), and I have played Apples to Apples while watching unique German movies. I have also appeased my sweet tooth by sitting around the table drinking hot apple cider and munching on German cookies while attempting to sing German Christmas carols. Once, I was even fortunate enough to go to Washington, D.C. to see a replica of the Berlin Wall. I have shared all of these wonderful experiences with the other 30 members of the Shippensburg German Club.

The club is comprised of many people with differing backgrounds. Some members grew up in Germany and speak the language fluently, while others cannot speak more German than "Guten Tag." Everyone with

an interest in the German language or culture is welcome. The club offers many activities and plenty of ways to get involved, including meetings, Filmabend (film evening), and special trips.

This club has supported me with my decision to study abroad in Salzburg, Austria, in the fall, and I will be the proud president of this club as soon as I return. German club has a lot to offer, and I hope to see many new faces to make the club even better.



Photo courtesy of Jessica Espenshade
German Club students in front of a mock Berlin wall at the Goethe Institute in Washington D.C.

Honors Student Presents at National Conference in Montana

By Elisabeth Davis, Honors junior

Last fall, in Dr. Carla Kungl's Honors WIFYS class, we were required to write research proposals that could be submitted to an actual research conference. It was optional to actually submit the proposal, although the potential for extra credit was enough to motivate most students to take that extra step. Fortunately for me, I was working on research for Dr. Steven Burg that I was able to use for my proposal. I subsequently submitted to the National Conference of Undergraduate Research, or NCUR. NCUR is an interdisciplinary research conference for undergraduate students, which was held in Missoula, Montana in April 2010.

After my proposal was accepted, I attempted to obtain the funds necessary to attend the conference. The SU Foundation provided me with the funds needed, and Dr. Kim Klein matched it with Honors Program funding. Later, she helped me find the best airline prices online. Without her help, planning for my trip to Montana would have been significantly more complicated.

Throughout the conference there was time allotted for sightseeing. One of the most prominent features of the university is the giant "M." The University of Montana is located on the side of a mountain and is

surrounded by other mountains. There is also a trail that you can hike up to the "M," but it is a steep slope. Missoula offered some

interesting shopping, and there were some historic sites as well. My favorite was the old fort in Missoula, which was a fifteen minute walk away from my hotel. However, the history of Fort Missoula itself is pretty barbaric: the fort housed Native Americans in the 1800s and during the Second World War, it was used as an internment camp for Italians. It wasn't only the Japanese who were interned during the war, Italians and Germans were as well, but not to the same extent as the Japanese.

Presenting research is an honor in and of itself, but presenting at a national

conference is beyond amazing... especially for a college sophomore! You receive a great deal of recognition for your work, but also gain many new experiences that a national conference brings you—from traveling to a new place and meeting new people to learning about the diverse research subjects that others are investigating.

The project I presented was entitled "Les Cheries d'Hitler" and was about the Channel Islands, which are a series of minute islands that lie between Great Britain and France. During WWII, the Germans invaded the islands in an attempt to gain control over Great Britain. My research concerned itself with this period of approximately five years during which the Germans and island inhabitants learned to live harmoniously together.

It was exceptionally interesting to study these historical events because there essentially existed a love-hate relationship between the Germans and their prisoners. The Nazis respected the Channel Island residents and Hitler actually ordered the soldiers to treat the individuals with respect. The Germans, however, could be very cruel to the island inhabitants as well.

Giving a presentation itself can be a daunting experience, though I believe it is easier to present in front of individuals that you do not know. I presented my research at 8 a.m.

and many of the presenters in my panel did not show up. There were approximately five people in attendance to listen to my presentation, one of whom was the moderator. It was disappointing that so few people attended; however, we were able to have a lively discussion about the other presentations.

For me, the best part of the conference was the wide variety of topics that were being covered. Because it was an interdisciplinary conference, there was a wide variety of panels. These panels ranged from dance routines to science lectures. I



Photo courtesy of Elisabeth Davis

The University of Montana in Missoula, Montana

attended some amazing historic panels about everything from early Christianity to the Masons to the Germanic witch trials. It was absolutely fabulous to listen to what other people are doing, and I left several panels feeling as though a whole new world was opened up to me. The presentations also helped me come up with numerous ideas for new research projects.

The keynote speakers at the conference were exceptional. The University of Montana has some magnificent faculty who spoke on a variety of subjects. My favorite speaker was Henriette Löwisch, who is a professor in the communication department. She is originally from Germany and is an internationally acclaimed journalist who has covered stories all over the world, from presidential inaugurations to wars. Her presentation hit close to home because it challenged us to think outside the box and to explore the world around us, rather than stay within our safety zone of academia; to take a stand on the issues that matter, rather than just sit back and ignore difficult subjects. Her talk was full of humor and warmth, and I was truly inspired by it.

The NCUR research conference was a wonderful experience, and I cannot thank the Honors Program and Dr. Klein enough for giving me the opportunity to attend. Without the initial Honors class assignment, I might never have submitted a proposal in the first place. The 2011 NCUR conference will be held in Ithaca, New York and I highly encourage everyone to apply!

Adventure Begins with Simply Running Away from Home!

By Katie O'Flaherty, Honors senior

Bread and cheese, le Français, a multitude of museums, and a new outlook on the world are just a few of the life-changing experiences I have had since travelling to Paris, France for the summer. Though my most significant motivation for visiting here is to take French classes at La Sorbonne, there is still so much outside the classroom to learn. After growing up in suburbia and going to school in the "big city" of Shippensburg, living in the heart of Paris has been more than just a change in scenery. It has opened my eyes to a whole new culture and is a plethora of new knowledge and experiences!

Within the first week of arriving in Paris, I moved in with my host family, a charming Parisian mother and daughter. Even after residing here for almost two months, the speed with which they speak French amazes me. They have had so much patience with my broken French, and I must take this moment to stress that immersing oneself in a language is the optimal method of learning it. There is no escape from hearing it and seeing it everywhere!

The language aside, France itself is incredible. Waking up every morning to see the Eiffel Tower from my window and going down the street to pick up fresh bread or a pastry from the boulangerie is an exclusively French experience. I have particularly enjoyed the excursions set up by Academic Programs International (API). A short plane ride took us to the heart of



Photo courtesy of Katie O'Flaherty

Katie (far right) and fellow students pose in front of the Eiffel Tower.

French Catalonia, an area near the Pyrenees Mountains that forms the border between France and Spain. The picturesque vineyards that covered the mountains overlooked the sea as we explored a market.

On Sundays, the square is full of merchants hawking everything from purses to fresh fish. Nearby is a small medieval walled town called Villefranche-de-Conflent with the Château Fort Libéria, a fort known for its "mille marches," or thousand steps that ascent a mountain. Watching the sun set over the Mediterranean Sea was the perfect ending to each day in such a breath-taking area.

In the city of Paris itself, there are endless things to discover. June 21st, the longest night of the year, was the Fête de la Musique, where all music in Europe is free for a night. Professional and amateur musicians play from the afternoon into the early morning, and all of Paris dances through the streets to

every genre of music. On the average day, there is still music everywhere, on street corners, in parks, and even in the metro.

Paris was quiet while the United States celebrated her birth on July 4th, but on France's national holiday, le quatorze juillet, celebration was in the air again. On the evening of July 13th, a concert was held at Place de la Bastille, the location of the old Bastille prison, which was overthrown to begin the French Revolution in 1789. All across the city, firemen held les bals des pompiers, where there was music, dancing, and lines to

get in until the wee hours of the morning.

Early on July 14th, there was a military parade down the Champs Élysées, complete with horse cavalry, jets, and military bands. For those lucky enough to get close, President Nicolas Sarkozy was shaking hands at the end of the parade as well. Along the walk home, we were surprised by helicopters landing in fields, amusingly marked "pelouse interdit" – please don't walk on the grass!

Studying in France has been an extraordinary opportunity, for both the cultural experiences and linguistic skills that I have gained. If you are ever considering traveling abroad, consider studying in France for a semester. Keep an open mind and before long you will be wondering if you *really* need to go back. After all, adventure begins with running away from home!

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Honors General Meeting

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to campus at the Honors Program's Fall General Meeting and Reception!

Reminder: All Honors students are required to attend the fall and spring general meetings.

Thursday, September 2

3:45 p.m.

Tuscarora Room,
Reisner Hall

**Important
DATE!**

THE HONORABLE MENTION

Congratulations to members of the Honors Program who were recognized at the Shippensburg University Campus Life Awards Program on Wednesday, April 21:

Kevin McCrabb, Honors senior and founder of People Involved Equally, a campus organization dedicated to working with the disabled, received the Shippensburg Community Service and Engagement Award.

JohnPaul Bennett was nominated for the Raider Legacy Award, which recognizes the university's outstanding graduating senior.

Dr. Kim Klein was nominated for the Outstanding Faculty/Staff Advisor Award.

A special welcome to the Honors Program's new graduate assistant, **Aaron Young!**

The Honors Program is now on Facebook and YouTube!

Find us at the following sites: www.facebook.com/shiphonors and www.youtube.com/shiphonors

