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Senior Jazz Honors Student Presents Honors Thesis Project

William Paterson senior Alex Chilowicz, presented his Honors thesis project on Wednesday, December 9 in Shea Auditorium. Despite inclement weather, there was a good turn-out for the event, which, according to Zan Stewart of *The Star-Ledger*, was a "vivid performance marked by aesthetic panache and stellar musicianship." The performance also received a glowing review by David A. Orthmann of *Allaboutjazz.com*.



Alex Chilowicz poses with Dr. Susan Dinan and Jan Pinkston from the University Honors College.

The performance of Stan Getz's *Focus Suite* and other jazz standards featured Chilowicz on saxophone, accompanied by members of the Manhattan School of Music Jazz Philharmonic Orchestra. The performance also featured bassist Steven LaSpina, jazz guitarist Paul Meyers, harpist Kimberly DeRosa, and William Paterson Honors students Billy Test and Arthur Vint. Richard DeRosa, associate professor of music at William Paterson, conducted.

Funding for the project was made possible in part by a grant from the Student Undergraduate Research Program at William Paterson. Chilowicz's public performance partially fulfilled his requirements for completion of the Honors College Music Track, under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Kresky.



Alex Chilowicz with Dr. David Demsey, Director of Jazz Studies at William Paterson University.



Dr. Richard DeRosa conducted a performance by Alex Chilowicz and members of the Manhattan School of Music Jazz Philharmonic Orchestra during Chilowicz's Honors thesis project presentation on December 9, 2009 in Shea Auditorium.



Honors Students Enjoy Trip to Washington D.C. in November

On Saturday, November 14 William Paterson University students, faculty members, and guests traveled to Washington, D.C on a trip sponsored by the Honors Club and funded by the Student Government Association (SGA). The students enjoyed visiting many monuments and museums, and enjoyed the opportunity to visit Arlington National Cemetery prior to returning back to campus on Sunday evening. The Honors Club hopes to sponsor another trip this semester, and suggestions about possible destinations are welcome. (Please see page 3 for photos of the Washington D.C. trip.)

Honors College 4th Annual Coat Drive Was a Success

Honors Students Finish Knitting Projects

The final Knitting Night of the fall semester was held November 17 in High Mountain East. Over 35 scarves were completed and donated to the Passaic County Head Start and to Eva's Village in Paterson. The Honors Club thanks everyone who worked on this project, and encourages everyone to continue working on scarves to donate next fall. Additional Knitting Nights will be held this semester. Please watch for more information.



Rachael Mierzwa, Janna Domenico (standing), and Catherine Paul, Amanda Paul, and Kristina Kosztyo posing with their completed scarves.



Catherine Paul and Amanda Paul hard at work.



Rachael Mierzwa teaches Kristina Kosztyo how to knit.



Janna Domenico gets instructions from Rachael Mierzwa.

Coats And Scarves Donated to Passaic County Head Start

On November 20, Honors students Kristina Kosztyo and Christina Freer delivered approximately forty children's coats and twenty hand-knitted scarves to Passaic County Head Start. While there, they had the opportunity to tour the renovated facility and spend time interacting with a class. The faculty and staff were very appreciative of the Honors Club for the donations, and were pleased that the children would have warm clothing for the upcoming winter season.



Kristina Kosztyo and Christina Freer helped children try on coats donated by the William Paterson community.



Christina Freer visits with one of the children attending the Passaic County Head Start.



Young students enjoying their new scarves.



Happy Head Start students

Hot Chocolate Sale Raises Money for Charity

The hot chocolate sale held December 1 in conjunction with the final coat drive collection was a great success! The proceeds were donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Following the final coat collection, Honors Club president, Kristina Kosztyo, delivered over sixty coats, and approximately twenty knitted scarves, hats, and gloves to Eva's Village. Thank you everyone who contributed to this year's coat drive, knitting nights, and hot chocolate sale. Please keep in mind that there will be another coat drive next fall.



Kristina Kosztyo, Rachael Mierzwa, and Adriana Anguiano volunteering at the hot chocolate sale.



A Festive End to the Semester

The annual Honors Holiday Party was held December 2 in Hobart Manor. Many faculty members and students attended, enjoying one last get together before the semester ended. A special thanks goes out to Leo Sherman, Billy Test, and "surprise" guest musicians who provided live music during the event.



Honors students enjoyed the Holiday Party



Dr. John Peterman chats with Honors senior, Jess Pepe



Honors music students Billy Test (top right) and Leo Sherman (below) entertained the crowd.



Dean Torres-Santos and Honors music student Nalani Clisset surprised the crowd with their own musical number.



Upcoming Events

2 February	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Honors Club Meeting UC 202
9 February	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Peer Advising Lunch UC 168A
18 February	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Honors Club Meeting UC 235
19 February	Friday		Scholarship Brunch for incoming students
23 February	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th Floor Lounge
24 February	Wednesday	12:30-1:45	Valentine's Day Bake Sale Main Street (Outside the bookstore) in the Student Center
9 March	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Honors Club Meeting UC 171A
11 March	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge (Interview strategies with Ms. Sharon Rosengart, Director of the Gloria S. Williams Advisement Center) High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
12 March	Friday		Scholarship Brunch for incoming students
25 March	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Honors Club Meeting UC 202
1 April	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge (Mentor training with Becky Fegeley) High Mountain East, 4th Floor Lounge
6 April	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Honors Club Meeting Raubinger 302
12 April	Monday	TBA	Incoming Students Overnight Program If interested, watch for e-mail with more information
12-16 April	TBA	TBA	Honors Week Watch for details about Thesis Presentations, Banquet, etc.
20 April	Tuesday	12:30 - 1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th Floor Lounge
22 April	Thursday	12:30 - 1:45	Honors Club Meeting UC 171A

Remember to check your university e-mail for important information from the Honors College and Honors Club about additions or changes to the above calendar.

Last Lunch in the Lounge Featured Discussion on Studying Abroad

The final lunch in the lounge of the Fall semester was held Thursday, November 19 during common hour. Ms. Cinzia Richardson, Director of International Students and Scholars, gave information and answered questions about studying abroad. Students interested in studying abroad should contact Ms. Cinzia Richardson at the Center for International Education, located on the lower level of Raubinger Hall.



Ms. Cinzia Richardson (left) visits with Honors students.



Lunch in the Lounge is held at least once a month in the lounge at the High Mountain East Residence Hall.