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A message from the Director...

Many Thanks!

I would like to begin by thanking Jess Pepe for shepherding the Honors College Club through the process of becoming a Student Government Association sanctioned club. Being part of the SGA will improve the club's visibility on campus and allow it access to more resources. The club can now plan events on a larger scale, and Kristina Kosztyo has coordinated a trip to Philadelphia this April that should be wonderful.



(From left to right) Pete Mandik, Tom Gundling, and Joseph Spagna were the featured speakers at Darwin's 200th Birthday celebration held Thursday, February 12th in the Student Center.

I would also like to thank Dave Iacoviello for organizing the celebration of Darwin's 200th birthday. The event featured three faculty speakers, Thomas Gundling chair of the Anthropology department, Joseph Spagna of the Biology department, and Peter Mandik chair of the Philosophy department, and an extended period of questions and discussion. The event was lively and thought-provoking; just the sort of event an Honors College should host.

Thank you to everyone who donated coats to the fall coat drive. Given the economic climate, we collected fewer coats this year than we have in the past, so next year we will expand our outreach to the William Paterson community in order to collect more coats. The children's coats and snow pants were donated to the Passaic County Head Start program, and the adult coats to Eva's Kitchen in Paterson. I would also like to thank everyone who donated socks to the campus sock drive for Covenant House.

This semester will be busy, so please consult the calendar of events. Honors College Club officers have planned a number of social events, including ice skating and ceramic painting, and we will continue to have Lunches in the Lounge, and service projects including the Great American Bake sale with proceeds going to help stop hunger in America. Any student in the Honors College can organize an event, and the Honors Club officers and our office can help you plan it.



Kristina Kosztyo (left), President of the Honors Student Club, and Susan Dinan prepare coats for delivery to various agencies in Passaic County.

Honors Week will take place April 20-24. Students in the Performing and Literary Arts track will perform and read their work on Tuesday evening in Hobart Manor. Students graduating from other tracks will discuss their research projects on both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon in UC 168. All track students and directors are invited to attend the Honors banquet on Thursday evening in the Ballroom. I urge all students to attend Honors Week events. Each student must present his or her research to the University community in order to graduate with Honors, and everyone will benefit from seeing different approaches to the presentations.

Here's to a wonderful spring semester!

Susan Dinan



Three December, 2008 Honors graduates of the Social Sciences Honors Track recently presented their thesis research. Pictured with their thesis supervisors are Erin Burger with Dr. Laura Berness of Psychology; Kelly Patterson with Dr. Maria Villar of Anthropology; and Mayra Gastell with Dr. Neil Kressel of Psychology. Dr. Kressel serves as the Social Sciences Track Director.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ICE SKATING

Saturday, 2/21, Noon
Ice Vault Arena in Wayne (10 Nevins Rd.) Meet in front of HME to carpool. Admission—\$6, Skate Rental—\$3. For more information send an email to: kosztyok@student.wpunj.edu.

KNITTING NIGHT

Learn to knit and make scarves for charity (goal: 2 scarves per person). Wednesday, February 25th, 5:30—6:30 p.m., HME 4th Floor Lounge. Bring: Knitting needles, yarn, crochet hooks. For more information send an email to: mierzar@student.wpunj.edu.

BALLROOM DANCING SOCIAL

Co-sponsored by the Honors College and Ballroom Dance Club, Friday, March 6, 8:00-11:00 p.m., Location TBA

CERAMICS NIGHT

Tuesday, March 24th, 6:00pm-9:00pm in HME G07. \$15.00 per person. For more information send an email to: mierzwar@student.wpunj.edu.

PHILADELPHIA TRIP

Saturday, April 4th
(Please see page 3 for more details)

Attention Performing and Literary Arts Track students

Dr. Cioffari, the Director of the Performing and Literary Arts Track, is on sabbatical this semester. He will be available to meet with current and prospective students at the Honors office on April 20 from 3:30—5:00, and on April 21 from 5:00—6:00 p.m. If you would like to meet with him, please send an email to honors@wpunj.edu indicating the time and day that works best for you.

It's time to start thinking about Fall Registration!

- **Priority registration for the Fall 2009 semester will be held on April 2, 2009.** In order to receive Honors priority registration, you must be in good standing in the Honors College. This means that you must be enrolled in at least one Honors GE Class per semester or be enrolled in an Honors Track. You must also have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- You must be in an Honors course each semester in order to retain your scholarship! *(If you are not yet in an Honors Track and scheduling issues prevent you from taking an Honors GE course, you must stop by the Honors office to get a waiver form. Failure to do so can seriously impact your scholarships and/or compromise your good standing in the Honors College.)*
- If you have declared your major, please contact your advisor in March to discuss your spring classes and obtain your alternate pin number.
- All undeclared Honors students are advised by Dr. Dinan. Please contact her in mid-March at dinans@wpunj.edu to set-up an advisement appointment.
- If you are in an Honors Track you should also touch base with your Track Director in March.
- **You will need your 6 digit alternate pin number in order to register.** Please make sure you have this number PRIOR to April 2nd.
- Please login to WP Connect and make sure you do not have any “holds” on your record that will prevent you from registering. If you do have a hold, do not wait until the day of registration to attempt to resolve it.
- The Honors GE courses that are being offered this spring are listed on page 3. A permit is required in order to enroll in an Honors Course. Permits are issued on a first come, first served basis. Please do not request permits at this time. We will send out a group email as soon as we are authorized to begin issuing permits for the fall semester.

Upcoming “Lunches in the Lounge”



Dr. George Robb (center) spoke on the Study Abroad Program at the February 3 Lunch in the Lounge meeting, along with a student, Kyle Gaffney (left), who shared his experiences in Egypt. Dr. Barbara Andrew spoke on “Philosophies of Love” at the February 19th meeting.

March 5th
Topic: Professor O’Broin will speak on “Gaelic Ireland from St. Patrick to Van Morrison”

March 31st
Topic: Honors Club Meeting

April 16th
Topic: Professor Gooch will speak on “Flannery O’Connor”

April 28th
Topic: Professor Williams will speak on film studies and his experience working with Spike Lee

All “Lunch in the Lounge” meetings are held from 12:30 - 1:45 pm in the 4th Floor Lounge of High Mountain East

Fall 2009 Honors GE Course listing

— ARTS & COMMUNICATION —

COMM 101 – Introduction to Theatre

J. Beal – F 11:00 – 1:40

A wide-ranging and free-wheeling look at theatre in all its aspects from all sides- script, staging, performing, watching, directing, technical work, historical, contemporary, dramatic, comedic, and musical. In short, we try to answer these questions: what is theatre, and why should we care?

ARTH 104-01 – Approaches to Modern Art — TBA

A study of the major movements, individuals and issues in visual art, from its origins in the cave paintings of Altamira and Lascaux through its continuation into the present. The course emphasizes the acquisition of visual literacy in “reading,” analyzing and understanding art. Opportunities to view and interact with original art are emphasized, along with the development of student writing skills.

— HUMANITIES —

ENG 110 – Writing Effective Prose –

P. Cioffari – MW 3:30 – 4:45

Students will write out their life experiences to create compelling, well-crafted essays. Emphasis will be on content, use of language and structure, as well as other elements of style. Time will also be devoted to research, and the development of a research paper.

SPAN 106 – Basic Spanish I & II –

O. DelaSuaree -- MTWR – 2:00 pm

This course offers students the opportunity of completing the university language requirement (6 credits) in one semester by covering the entire first year curriculum in an intensive setting. Cultural activities supplement this unique experience for the exceptionally motivated student.

— MATH & SCIENCE —

ENV 110 – Environmental Foundations — TBA

This course will stress a holistic view of the environment from the viewpoints of several disciplines of the sciences, the social sciences and the humanities.

— SOCIAL SCIENCES —

ECON 201 – Macroeconomic Principles –

J. Chandra — TR 9:30 -10:45

This course will focus on major macroeconomic issues, policies, and problems. Topics will include measurement and determination of the level of economic activity (size and components of GNP, employment, inflation, growth); fiscal policy (government spending and taxation) and monetary policy.

SOC 101 – Principles of Sociology

M. Ellis — TR 3:30—4:15

The course is intended to familiarize students with the major subject areas, methods and concepts of the sociological perspective. The goals are to explore some of the ways in which social scientists and others have attempted to understand social life, and to use this knowledge to add to a sociological framework to the students’ understanding of their world. Students will be challenged to develop their “sociological imaginations” -- to self-consciously imagine themselves as “permanent strangers” in our familiar social world. Students should walk away from this course with a set of analytical tools to better understand complex social problems. Moreover, students should continue to see themselves as problem solvers as they continue to develop a sense of community responsibility while always eradicating social injustice and practicing social equality/justice.

— RACE AND GENDER —

WS 150 – Racism & Sexism

C. Sheffield -- TR, 2:00 – 3:15

In common with standard sections, this course will examine racism, sexism, heterosexism, and classism looking at current laws, historical documents, academic articles, films, and hearing the personal experiences of other students. Engaging the topics, students will read critically, write on complex topics and work at concept development. Such skill development assignments will prepare students for an intensive undergraduate program regardless of major.

Permits for Honors courses will be available in late March. Please watch your William Paterson email account for information about the availability of permits.

Honors Week – April 20-24, 2009

Mark your calendar now and watch for more details about events showcasing the work of Honors students.

- Tuesday, 4/22** Thesis presentations keynote
-- UC 168 A/B -- 12:30 pm
- Tuesday, 4/21** Performing Arts Track presentations
-- Hobart Manor -- 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, 4/23** Thesis presentations
-- UC 168 A/B -- 12:30 pm
- Thursday, 4/24** Honors Banquet
-- Student Center Ballroom -- 5:30 pm



Honors College Club Presents:

“Philly in a Day”

Saturday, April 4th, 2009

Bus Leaves Lot 5 at 8:00am
and arrives back to campus at 7:00pm

Includes: Constitutional Walking Tour, Italian Market- (bring own money for lunch), Museum of Contemporary Art (bring own donation admission fee)

Student tickets on sale: March 9th - \$10

Guest tickets on sale: March 23rd - \$15

Tickets purchased at the Office of Campus Activities- UC 302

For more information contact

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Upcoming Events

3 February	Tuesday	12:30 - 1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
12 February	Thursday	6:00	Darwin's Birthday: Evolutionary Panel Student Center, Multipurpose room
13 February	Friday		SGA Winter Sock Drive Honors College Office or SGA office
19 February	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
21 February	Saturday	TBA	Ice Skating Ice Vault, Wayne ... Pick up in front of HME
5 March	Thursday	12:30 - 1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
6 March	Friday	8:00 — 11:00	Ballroom Dancing , TBA
24 March	Tuesday	6:00	Ceramic Painting Night High Mountain East, classroom G07
25 March	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30	Knitting night High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
27 - 28 March	Friday - Saturday	10:00 - 6:00	Up 'til Dawn Finale
31 March	Tuesday	12:30 - 1:45	Lunch in the Lounge: Honors Club Meeting! High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
3 April	Friday	7:00	Movie Night: National Treasure I & II High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
4 April	Saturday	TBA	Philadelphia Trip
16 April	Thursday	12:30 - 1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
21 April	Tuesday	7:00	Performing & Literary Arts Track Presentations
21 April	Tuesday	12:30	Keynote Honors Thesis Presentation
22 April	Wednesday	TBA	Honors Thesis Presentations
23 April	Thursday	5:30	Honors Banquet
24 April	Friday	TBA	Honors Talent Show
28 April	Tuesday	12:30 - 1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
2 May	Saturday	TBA	Bowling
18 May	Monday	4:30	Honors Convocation Reception and Ceremony Atrium Lobby/Shea Auditorium