

## **HONORS WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS - 9/29/25**

#### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Civic Engagement Kickoff - TONIGHT!**

Enter a raffle for a \$100 gift card to the campus bookstore and other prizes AND earn LOW-Level Honors Civic Engagement Credit by attending the annual Honors Civic Engagement Fair and Coat Drive Kick-Off TONIGHT (Monday, 9/29) from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Free chicken tenders, mac & cheese, and desserts will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m. Come and learn about how to get involved in the annual Honors Coat Drive (kicking off 10/1), hear about various upcoming Honors Civic Engagement Activities, learn about leadership opportunities, and help make packets of warm winter hats and gloves for local preschool children in need!

#### **Saturday Service**

Saturday Service at the Father English Food Pantry with the Honors Club continues this Saturday, 10/4 from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Students who participate will receive Honors LOW-level civic engagement credit. Duties include packaging food, unloading donations, stocking shelves, and general cleaning. Limited transportation from campus is available. If you are interested in participating, please use this link to sign-up: Father English sign-up. We will contact you on Wednesday, 10/1 with more details.

### **ALL-COLLEGE MEETINGS**

#### **Honors Track Information Meeting**

Enter a drawing for a \$100 Gift Card to the University Bookstore and a chance to win other

prizes by attending the Honors Track Information Meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, 9/30 from 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. in the Student Center Multipurpose Room (located near the food court). Students who are not already enrolled in an Honors Track are invited to come and hear from students and faculty members who are involved in the various tracks. Participants who have not yet enrolled in a track will earn Honors All-College meeting credit for attending.

#### **Study Abroad Information Meeting**

The Honors College will be hosting an informational meeting on study abroad opportunities this Thursday, October 2nd, 2025, from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the Honors College Office, Raubinger 207. Join us to learn about the Spring Break 2026 Trip to Italy and other study abroad opportunities, hear from students with study abroad experience, enjoy free pizza, and enter a drawing for a \$100 Gift Card to the University Bookstore and a chance to win other prizes! Students who attend this meeting will earn All-College Meeting credit.

#### **Envision Your Honors Experience!**

Earn Honors All-College Meeting credit by attending the first Honors Club meeting of the semester on Monday, 10/6 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in University Commons Ballroom A. Join us to find out about available E-Board positions for Honors Club, learn about senior Honors research projects, and make vision boards. Pizza will be served.

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Honors Short-Term Study Abroad Opportunity in Italy!**

Honors is offering a short-term study abroad course during the Spring 2026 semester! Students who wish to travel to Italy should enroll in the one-credit course, "Selected Topics: Hidden Histories and Artistic Expression in Italy," where they will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the history and culture of Rome, Florence, and Pisa. The course has an additional fee of approximately \$2300 for travel expenses (not including airfare, which is approximately another \$1000-1500). To learn more about this opportunity, attend the Study-Abroad Meeting on Thursday, October 2nd, from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. and earn All-College Meeting Credit, or email honors@wpunj.edu.

# **HEAR FROM YOUR PEERS! (Angie, Owen, Preston, Rory, Sarah, and Thays)**

Each week, the Honors College Peer Leaders provide tips for ways to help you have a successful semester. Honors Peer Leaders are upper division students who serve as a support network for other Honors students. Although they work with many first-year Honors students, assisting them with the successful transition from high school to college, all students in Honors can benefit from their knowledge and experience. Please visit Peer Leaders! to learn more.

### Peer Leader Tip of the Week - Do Your Research Before Deciding on a Track!

Before deciding what Honors Track to join, make sure to do your research and figure out which one is the best fit for you. We recommend talking to the track directors and other students that are currently enrolled in the track, looking at the course requirements for each one, looking at past Honors Research Week programs to see what students have done their research on, and considering your goals for the future.