

The Honors Report

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Senior Spotlights!



Betsabe Hernandez

Going to Millersville University has been one of the best decisions of my life! I have enjoyed taking interesting classes, joining amazing clubs, and being part of the Millersville University Honors College! I will never forget the spectacular Day of Carings, being part of the PASSHE Honors Summer Program, and going on fun trips to nearby cities with the MU Honors College. I am thankful for the opportunities that I have been given and look forward to a bright and happy future!

Betsabe



Cody Youse

During my time here at MU I have made connections with some unforgettable people. I went on a trip to Hesperus, Colorado during my freshman year Spring Break. I have gone with the College Republicans at MU to CPAC in 2015 and 2016. I was Secretary of the College Republicans in 2014-2015 and President from 2015-2016. The Honors College has provided me with many opportunities as well. Through my research for my Honors thesis about 1960s and 1970s Southern



Rock and Roll music, I made use of a research grant to visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH and the Allman Brothers Museum in Macon, GA in 2016. And, of course, I was able to go on multiple Washington, DC and New York City trips through the Honors College over the years. I am currently student teaching world cultures and psychology at Hempfield High School and my plans for after graduation include getting a teaching job where I live in the Reading area, while possibly pursuing a career in music and traveling with my girlfriend cross-country in my camper-truck during the summers.

NEW YORK CITY on APRIL 1ST!!!



The bus trip to New York City will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Cost for this bus trip will \$22.00 payable to Barb in the Honors College office. \$2.00 to the bus driver and \$20.00 for your ticket to CATS. These tickets are NON-Refundable which means NO REFUNDS. So, plan accordingly when thinking about going to NYC on April 1st. Show time for CATS is at 2:00 pm. The show will be in the Neil Simon Theatre in New York. Stay involved with HCSA!! For those students who have already signed up, there will be a bagged breakfast for you from the Honors College on the coach. The coach will depart MU at 7:30 pm from the area around the corner from the SMC. The point of drop off and pick up in NYC will be the same – Winter Garden Theatre area.

Times, Dates and Other Items of Importance:

- March 10 (Fri):** Spring break begins after last class.
- Mar. 12: (Sun):** Daylight Savings begins.
- Mar. 17: (Fri):** St. Patrick's Day!
- Mar. 20 (Mon):** Classes resume. Spring arrives!

Apr. 1 (Sat): Bus trip to NYC, CATS Broadway Show

Apr. 9 (Sun): Palm Sunday

Apr. 16 (Sun): Easter

Apr. 30 (Sun): Spring Recognition Banquet



!Birthdays!

Birthday greetings to our students celebrating their arrival on this earth during March and early April:

Miranda Twardowski	March 4
Bryce Rinehart	March 7
Elizabeth Fultz	March 8
Jason Iyobhebhe	March 19
Sean Strange	March 23
Christopher Rice	March 25
Allison Wambach	March 29
Rebecca Heller	April 1
Tancy Wenrich	April 1
Maria LaSpina	April 2
Adam Neideigh	April 5
Rose Fisher	April 7
Sarah Hagen	April 8
Betsabe Hernandez	April 9

Remember your friends on their special day!

Dr. Downey's Spring 2017

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

9:30-11:30 am.

Other times available by appointment! Call: 871-7552. Dr. Downey's office hours may be subject to change at times.

Turn the Clocks Ahead!

Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 12 which will bring that much desired one hour longer of daylight in the evening! Turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 11 before you go to sleep!



Senior Spotlights!



Natalie James

- All Campus Musical Organization (AMCO) Spring Musical: Elton John and Tim Rice's *Aida* (Choreographer) - Spring 2014
- Honors College Student Association (HCSA) Freshmen Mentor - 2014 - 2015
- Music Exploration and Mentoring Program (MEMP)
 - Music Education Representative - 2014 - 2015
 - Ambassador - 2015 - 2016
- American Choir Directors Association (ACDA)
 - Secretary - 2014 - 2015
 - Vice President - Fall 2015
 - President - Spring 2016
- Music for Everyone (MFE) Student Scholar - Fall 2015
- MU Music Department Office Receptionist, Programmer, Student Manager - 2014 - 2016
- MU Summer Music Camp Counselor and Faculty - 2014 – Present
- All in all, deciding to study at Millersville for four years has given me opportunities that I never thought would be possible, and I have never been more proud of a decision I have made. Not only have I become a stronger arts advocate in my hometown, but I have been able to share my knowledge of music and musical theater teaching as well as my studies on the singing voice across

the globe. While at MU I have been able to teach and perform in the Dominican Republic, Norway, and Iceland. My Honors Thesis project has also enabled me to gain attention of local performers and has assisted in promoting vocal health for performing artists. Upon graduating I hope to get a job teaching music in a public school, but I also am planning to travel to Australia and England building upon old friendships I have made as well as continuing to share with others the universal language that is music.

- Natalie

PASSHE Student Leadership Conference 2017

The PASSHE student leadership conference for 2017 is being held at the Dixon Center in Harrisburg on April 3, 2017. The MU Honors College is the host school for the conference this year and Grace Smoot along with Anne Mitzel are the co-chairs of the committee planning the event for this year. Two MU vans have been reserved to transport MU Honors students to the conference. Lunch will be provided by the Chancellor's Office at the Dixon University Center. Dr. Prahbu, Provost of Millersville University is the guest speaker for the conference. There will also be breakout sessions for the students attending the one day conference. Students interested in attending the conference should contact Grace Smoot at grsmoot@millersville.edu or Anne Mitzel at aemitzel@millersville.edu Space is limited so contact Grace or Anne at your earliest convenience.



Director's Corner

It is with something of a heavy heart, and certainly with sadness, that I write to you all to let you know that I will be stepping down as Director of the University Honors College at the end of the summer 2017. I want you the students to know before there is any word that spreads across campus. I have told only a few people, and I have been in discussions with the Provost about who would be the best replacement.

This is entirely my decision and it is because of some health issues I have and have been wrestling with for four years. As Jimmy Buffett would say, "I can't run at this pace very long." I also expect that I will retire in December at the conclusion of the fall semester. I have been at the University for 36 years, and I have been Director for the past 10. I have performed a variety of leadership roles at MU, and I remain active in the community and in the business of being a historian. I am grateful for that.

It has been the greatest joy of my tenure at MU to be Director of the UHC, and it is because of you the students. I am very proud of what we have accomplished, and I am very proud of you the Honors students. That comes from the head and the heart. Similarly, I treasure Barb and all she does for all of us. Dr. Prabhu has been unfailing in his support, and that has made all the difference.

Fear not, for I am not going anywhere now. But, come the summer there will be a logical transition that starts to unfold. I will still be around in the fall, and any of you can still come to me if you have problems, needs, uncertainties. I am here for you!

I love the UHC and I love my association with you. Thanks for all you do, and together we will keep on keeping on. See you on the morrow and take care of each other.

Peace, dbd



Spring Recognition Banquet

The spring recognition banquet will be held on Sunday, April 30 in the Lehr Dining Room of the Bolger Conference Center. The Honors College has almost 30 graduating seniors this May, the largest group ever!! These seniors will be recognized along with other Honors students who have achieved overall high academic GPA's. Dr. Downey will be the guest speaker at this banquet so all of you do not want to miss this banquet!! Invitations will be forthcoming in your mailboxes so please respond to attend. Graduating seniors may bring family members, a special person, or a faculty member who has been a mentor to them. Full names are needed for guests for name tag purposes.

Mentor Event

A mentor event with alumni mentors was held on Wednesday, March 1. Several alumni mentors were on a panel discussion beginning at 4:00 pm in the University Room of the Bolger Conference Center. Following the panel discussion, a dinner for the alumni mentors and ALL Honors students was held in Lehr Dining Room.



Panelists with Dr. Downey and President Anderson are pictured above.

Dr. Downey, Mr. Thomas Rutledge '08, Ms. Jennifer Craighead Carey, Esq., Mr. Paul Beideman, Rev. Luke Harbaugh '08, and President John Anderson.



Alumni Panelists with Dr. Susan Luek and Dr. Anderson.



Rev. Harbaugh '08 and Dr. Susan Luek, Professor Emerita from Psychology with Honors students at the dinner.