

THE HONORS REPORT

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- November: a month to remember what we're thankful for
as we approach the end of the semester -

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Priority Registration for Honors College Students @ 6:00am	Nov. 6th
Fall Graduate School Fair	Nov. 7th
Pajama Karaoke Night -McComsey 260 @ 8:00pm	Nov. 8th
HCSA Talent Show - SMC MPR @ 7:30pm	Nov. 15th
HCSA Laserdome Trip	Nov. 23rd
Fall Honors College Recognition Banquet - Lehr Dining Hall @ 1:00pm	Nov. 24th
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 27th – Dec. 1st
Finals Week	Dec. 10 – Dec. 14th

A MESSAGE FROM EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND CAREER MANAGEMENT (ELCM)



Looking for assistance with major/career exploration, an internship, employment after graduation, or graduate school admission? ELCM offers individualized career counseling designed to assist students in exploring majors and careers and developing effective resumes, cover letters, and LinkedIn profiles. Students can meet with a career coach by scheduling an appointment or stopping in during walk-in hours. ELCM also hosts an employer database called **Career Connection**, where students can find full-time, part-time and internship positions. In addition, ELCM hosts a job and internship fair each semester when approximately 150 employers visit campus to recruit students and alumni. Students not able to meet with a career coach during office hours can email their resume, cover letters and graduate school essays to careers@millersville.edu. ELCM is located in the Bedford House, 12 S. George Street, across from the Student Memorial Center. For more information on our services and walk-in hours, visit our webpage or call **717-871-7655**.

ELCM website:

<https://www.millersville.edu/elcm/index.php>

More information about Career Connection:

<https://www.millersville.edu/elcm/career-connection/students-and-alumni.php>

FALL BANQUET (11/24)

The Fall Recognition Banquet will take place on November 24th, 2019 at 1:00pm in Gordinier Hall's Lehr Dining Room. This banquet is held to recognize and award both graduating seniors and students who achieved high academic standings from the prior semester. Parents are welcome to attend to see their senior students receive their Honors College graduation medal. Tasty food will be served during the banquet while our guest speaker, Katy Charles, provides some wise words. Katy is the MU Director of Admissions as well as an MU alum and Honors College graduate. Administrators and professors involved with the Honors College program will also attend the banquet. If you would like to attend the banquet, please RSVP to Beth Roberts at beth.roberts@millersville.edu **before November 15th at 2:00pm.**

The menu will be a hot dinner buffet with Tossed Salad, Beef Tips with Mushrooms, Chicken Marsala, Vegetable Pasta Primavera, Red Skin Oven Browned Potatoes, and French Green Beans. Dessert will be Chocolate Mousse. Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea and Ice Water will be available.



HONORS THESIS LIBRARY

Beth Roberts and Kayla Smith developed a new, user-friendly approach to organizing our theses in Franklin House! There are three bookcases with Honors Theses in the first floor conference room and back sitting room of Franklin House. The theses are organized by discipline, such as Biology, Education, or Psychology, and by publication year. Everyone is welcome to browse or read through them. Just remember to put them back on the shelves once you are done. Whether you are curious to see what topics have already been explored or you would like to gather some ideas, looking at the previous theses is a great way to start planning your own thesis.

WRITING COACHES

We now have writing coaches in Franklin House! If you would like some assistance in putting your ideas on paper, formatting your assignment, or figuring out where to go next with your paper, then our upperclassmen are happy to help. They have already completed Honors courses such as History of Ideas, Speech, World Literature, and English Composition, so they are well prepared to help you write. Writing coaches are available during these times with no appointment necessary:

Abigail Breckbill: Tuesday & Thursday 12:00pm–2:00pm **Bridget Murray: Wednesday 6:00pm–8:00pm**

Phoebe Tanis: Wednesday 4:30pm–6:00pm

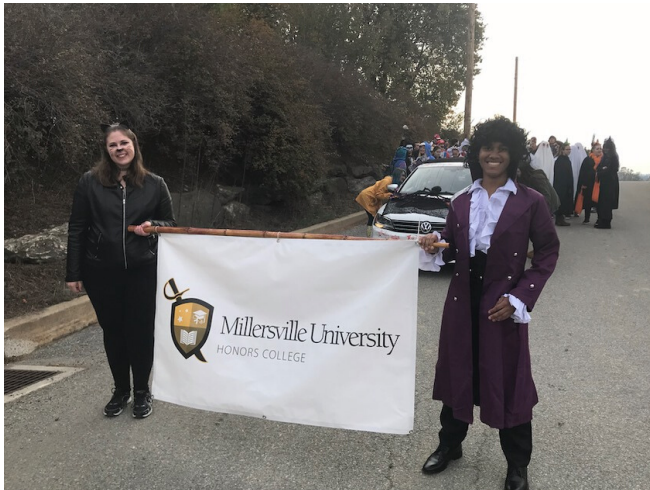
Daniel Irwin: Friday 11:00am–12:30pm

PAST EVENTS – HOMECOMING PARADE

The Honors College had a ton of fun at the Homecoming Parade this year! Thankfully, the rain decided to fall in the afternoon instead of the morning this year. HCSA Special Events Chairs Madison Whitcomb and Elyse Clay decorated Madison's car to fit this year's theme: *A Halloween Monster Mash*. As we moved by the SMC, the announcer complimented us on our costumes!

Congratulations to the winners of the costume contest!

Elias Peluso	–	Jack Skellington
Morgan Towle	–	Cereal Killer
Kaitlyn Leister	–	Spooky Skeleton



REGISTRATION ICE CREAM SOCIAL



On October 28th at 7:00pm, the Fall Registration Ice Cream Social got off to a cool start. With frosty ice cream and TAP numbers in tow, Dr. Thyrum and Peer Mentor Michael Skros advised numerous students on their spring schedules! While many students had questions, others stopped by to enjoy a cold treat with their friends. This event was well attended, and we hope that even more students come out to the registration event in the Spring. Remember to register for classes on November 6th at 6:00am. Michael will also be in the 4th floor study lounge before 6:00am to assist any students who may encounter problems.

ANNOUNCING THE HCSA FUNDRAISER: A WEEK AWAY

On September 22nd, 2019, students of the HCSA voted to support the non-profit organization A Week Away through fundraising efforts this academic year. A Week Away is located in Lancaster County and provides funded respite weeks to families dealing with the effects of life-threatening illnesses. The HCSA desires to raise at least \$1,000 through various fundraising events, including Penny Wars, the upcoming HCSA Talent Show, the Spring HCSA Formal, and Sugar Bowl deliveries, to donate next spring to our chosen organization.



Retrieved from aweekaway.org

The HCSA will be hosting a talent show on November 15th, 2019, 7:30-9:30pm in the Student Memorial Center multi-purpose room. Students are encouraged to attend or perform; there is a \$1 entry fee and an additional \$1 fee for performers. The money that we receive will be donated to A Week Away. Check your email or the Fall 2019 Honors Facebook page for the sign-up sheet. Come support fellow students and showcase your talents!

HCSA SPECIAL EVENTS



The Honors College Student Association provides special event opportunities led by Special Events Chairs Madison Whitcomb and Elyse Clay. These events occur monthly and are promoted to honors students on a first come, first served basis. The events are completely free, but to reserve your ticket you must put down a \$5 deposit, which will be returned to you if you take your ticket to the Banking Center within three days after the event takes place. So far, Madison and Elyse have planned trips to the Wolf Sanctuary in September, and to Cherry Crest Adventure Farm in October.

On September 14th, honors students went on the **Full Moon Tour at the PA Wolf Sanctuary**. Besides seeing wolves, this event was great because the money from ticket sales will go to a good cause. The PA Wolf Sanctuary is a non-profit organization that rescues wolf dogs and wolves with the overall goal of rehabilitating and relocating them. Students who went on the wolf tour had the opportunity to explore the sanctuary and spot wolves, sit around a bonfire, listen to live music, and visit the gift shop.

The second event that took place was the trip to **Cherry Crest Adventure Farm** on October 18th. The farm consisted of a 5-acre corn maze, a pumpkin patch, wagon rides, a petting zoo, and multiple shops and food stops. It was the perfect event for the season!

Lastly, for the month of November, Madison and Elyse are planning a trip to **Laserdome**, an indoor entertainment center with laser tag and arcade games. This event will tentatively take place on Saturday, November 23rd. More information about the event will be released later in November. Stay tuned!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Connor Billings

What have you accomplished during your time in college?

Throughout my time at college, I have participated in multiple programming competitions through the Millersville Coding Club. My team and I even placed first in a competition last year! I have also done independent research with my professor in the field of Artificial Intelligence (which is what my thesis is on). Additionally, I learned to present a research poster last spring and also presented at a conference in Lancaster on an algorithm I use in my research. I have learned tons about Computer Science and have met a lot of people and have gotten to share what I have learned with so many people.



How has the Honors College helped you?

One perk of the Honors College that I have really enjoyed is priority registration. In my sophomore year, I was able to register for some Computer Science electives that filled up so fast that not even all the seniors were able to get into them. I also liked the Honors classes in my freshman year, History of Ideas and English. I enjoyed getting to know some of the other people in the Honors College and liked getting to see them so often.

What are your plans for after college?

After college, I will be starting a full-time Web Development position with a digital marketing company in Harrisburg called WebFX. I also hope to start a family not too long after.

What is some information that you wish you had known as a freshman?

As a freshman, I wish I had known how to properly assess the priorities of school in my life. I really enjoy doing work, but it took me a while to understand that grades only go so far and that there are many other wonderful things to focus on, like clubs, relaxing, and spending time with others.

HONORS ALUMNI



Joseph Asbury

"I graduated from MU and the Honors College in Spring 2018. I majored in computer science and minored in math. I didn't mind what I ended up doing out of college, as long as it was computer-related. I was hired by Guardian Life (an insurance company) as a technology associate. That means I have a computer-related job for three years, and every year I switch to a new team (I'll have a guaranteed position afterwards, too). My first team was the automation team. I programmed automated solutions for manual processes. My second and current team is cloud deployment. I help create our digital infrastructure. I plan on completing technical certifications to advance my career.

"I have too many great Honors College memories to list, but I think my two main ones are the New York trips and our times delivering for the Sugar Bowl. I was never remotely interested in theatre until our NY trip, which made me want to go every year to see another play. And as for the Sugar Bowl, well, what could be better than driving around with your friends delivering pizzas for hours?

"My words of wisdom are ones that everyone says: don't wait until the last minute to start your thesis. Also, don't sit in your room unless you're studying. Because four years isn't that long. Take every opportunity you can to be social."

Alyssa Bingaman

"I graduated in Spring 2018 with a dual major in Early Childhood and Special Education. I am currently a middle school Autism Support teacher at Conestoga Valley SD. I also run an after-school program with a group of our middle school girls called Heart & Sole. We practice for a 5K at the end of our program season through different running activities. We also build understanding and self-advocacy in our participants through lessons that teach about different aspects of their lives (relationships, confidence, challenges, etc.). I am planning to start my Masters degree this summer. I will be pursuing an Applied Behavior Analysis program for my masters.

"As for my favorite memories, I will never forget the days of Reighard hall, hanging out in the lobby and playing card games late at night! **My words of wisdom: be kind and empathetic to others, but don't hesitate to put yourself first too! I don't know if I would be where I am now if I didn't put myself first sometimes!"**

