

Around the Honors Program

Honors Program Welcomes New Director

Hello, Scholars! I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you since I began serving as director of this wonderful Honors Program in January. But for those of you I haven't met and those interested in learning more about me, I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself. In addition to my new role with the Honors Program, I am the journalism program coordinator and an assistant professor of broadcasting and digital media in the Department of Journalism and Public Relations, where I also advise students active in the campus television station, ETV. As a journalist, I worked in broadcast news for more than a decade at NBC and CBS affiliates in the Erie market and as a freelance journalist, where most recently I am a contributing editor at the Erie Reader, the region's alt-weekly source for politics, art and culture. I am also involved in the Greater Erie community, having served on the board of directors for the Film Society of Northwestern Pennsylvania and the Greater Erie Film Office, and working with community organizations like the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network and the Second Harvest Food Bank of NWPA to leverage the skills of Edinboro students for the betterment of the community served by our university. I keep an active research agenda and I'm the author of several articles on the economic impact of community initiatives as well as teaching in the digital age.

Dr. Jones left a great legacy with the Honors Program and for that I am grateful. However, there is work to be done and there are some changes on the horizon. There will be new opportunities to earn HOPs and engage in community service; there will be more courses and contract opportunities for honors students; and beginning with the Fall 2016 semester we will be rebranded as the Edinboro University Honors Program. The brand change was not a decision that was made lightly and it was done with the support of Dr. Robert C. Weber, whose name has been associated with the program for many years. The brand change is the first of many significant steps we will take together in the years to come as we lead the Edinboro University Honors Program toward new horizons.

If you have any questions or if you would simply like to say "Hello," please call or email me, or stop by Earp Hall for a visit. I look forward to working with all the best that Edinboro has to offer.

- Dr. Wertz

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NCHC Call for Submissions

Proposals are now being accepted for the 2016 National Collegiate Honors Council Conference. This prestigious annual conference will be held on October 12th-16th in Seattle, Washington. The theme for this year's conference is "Know Yourself."

All Honors students and faculty are encouraged to submit a proposal to present their academic work at the conference. Proposals can be submitted for the following categories:

- General Sessions
 - ◆ Research-Based Presentations
 - ◆ Innovation and Best Practices in Honors Education
- Poster Sessions
 - ◆ Research and Creative Works
 - ◆ Innovation in Best Practices in Honors Education
- Student Interdisciplinary Research Panels
- Idea Exchange
- Forum on Diversity Issues
- Forum on International Education
- Forum on Research
- Roundtable Discussions
- Master Classes (Performance Classes)



Proposals must be submitted online by March 26, 2016. For more information on the conference or submitting a proposal, please visit the NCHC website at <http://nchchonors.org/annual-conference/>.

Students to Host Shows in Bates Gallery

Each semester, students and groups bring their art work before the Student Art League in hopes of being selected to host a show in the Bates Gallery during the following semester. By winning one of these spots through the competitive juried process, accepted students and groups gain invaluable experience that benefits both their current educational pursuits, as well as their future careers in the arts.

This semester, two Honors students have been selected for this opportunity. Megan Kunst, a senior majoring in Studio Arts-Illustration, will display her work in ceramics from February 20th through the 27th. David Keifer, also a senior majoring in Studio Arts-Illustration, along with partner Erin McCue (non-Honors), will display work on the mediums of wood and illustration from March 19th through the 26th.

Congratulations, Megan and David!

Students Selected for PASSHE Honors Program in Spain

Following a rigorous selection process, two candidates have been selected to represent Edinboro University and the Robert C. Weber Honors Program during the PASSHE Summer Honors Program hosted by Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Savannah Anderton and Stephanie Stevenson will depart for Spain in May for a 13-day pilgrimage from Leon to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. They will join representatives from the other 13 PASSHE universities and engage in a three-credit honors course centered on the idea of bringing together the academic, artistic, spiritual, and physical realms of life through the pilgrimage.

Savannah Anderton

Major: Secondary Biology Education

Year: Sophomore

“I wanted to apply for this trip because the chance to travel to Spain and hike this sacred trail is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me. As a future teacher, I want to soak up the essence of this experience and bring it back to share with my future students someday to encourage them to expand themselves in every way possible.”



Stephanie Stevenson

Major: Early Childhood Education

Minor: Spanish

Year: Junior

“I applied for this trip because I wanted to be able to be immersed in the Spanish culture. As a Spanish minor student, it is so important to actually be around native speakers, and by going on this trip, I hope to get to practice a lot of my language skills even though it is not a language course. I am also excited to get to study with other students of a high caliber.”

Spring Schedule of Events

The scholars of the Honors Program have the opportunity to participate in a number of unique activities to allow for academic enrichment outside of the classroom. The following schedule of events for the spring semester includes enrichment meetings, service opportunities, and more.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, Feb. 17th	8:30 PM	Academic Success & Career Development Speakers: Philomena Gill, Alum Becki Leonard, & Dr. Jim Wertz MANDATORY MEETING	Cole Auditorium
Thursday, Feb. 18th	7:00 PM	What Kind of Openings Do You Have? An Exploration of Parasitology Speaker: Dr. Matthew Foradori ENRICHMENT MEETING	Earp Classroom
Tuesday, Mar. 15th	5:30 PM	Pizza with the Professor: Women and Crime with Dr. Jerra Jenrette ENRICHMENT MEETING	Earp Classroom
Tuesday, Mar. 29th	6:00 PM	Domestic Violence Through a Survivor's Eyes Speakers: Scholar Savannah Anderton and Guests ENRICHMENT MEETING	Earp Classroom
Saturday, Apr. 2nd	9:30 AM	Spring Cleaning SERVICE OPPORTUNITY	Earp Classroom
Monday, Apr. 4th	7:30 PM	Let's Talk About Art? The Do's and Don'ts of Critique Speakers: Letty Cawley & Becky Korff ENRICHMENT MEETING	Earp Classroom
Tuesday, Apr. 12th	8:00 PM	Pecho Kucha: A Look at Edinboro's Underground Art World ENRICHMENT MEETING	Earp Classroom
Thursday, Apr. 21st	7:00 PM	Keep Calm and Love Dogs Speaker: Dr. Irene Fiala ENRICHMENT MEETING	Earp Classroom
TBA	TBA	Tea: An Exploration of Adoration Speaker: Dr. Clint Jones (Mercyhurst University) ENRICHMENT MEETING	Earp Classroom
TBA	TBA	Tea Party with the Honors Director ENRICHMENT MEETING *Honors Floor Only*	Honors Lounge