Kyle Joins the Council of Trustees

The Council of Trustees, who are appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania, consists of twelve people who help govern the university. The council recently gained two new members. The newest is student representative Kyle Hurysz. As a double major in Economics and Political Science he is taking advantage of his time at Edinboro University. He will move forward to represent the student population until his graduation in May of 2020.
Graduating Seniors!

Emma Morgan

What degree will you be earning?
I will be earning a B.S. in Health Sciences with a minor in Psychology.

What are your plans after you graduate?
I will be working at a youth home while looking into Masters and Ph. D. programs that focus on mental health and public policy.

What was the highlight of your Honors Program experience?
The highlight of my Honors Program experience has probably been the trip to the museums in Pittsburgh a few years back.

What are you going to miss about Edinboro University or college in general?
After graduation, I am going to miss the amazing professors that I have met here at Edinboro.

What advice would you give to underclassmen about getting the most out of the Honors Program?
If I were to give some advice, I would recommend taking advantage of the Study Abroad Programs that the Honors Program offers. I was never able to do one, but the experiences I have heard about sound amazing.

What advice would you give to underclassmen about getting the most out of Edinboro University?
To any underclassmen at Edinboro right now, my advice would be to build relationships with people in your major. Whether that be classmates, professors, tutors, etc. It never hurts to have a solid network of people who can help you!
Graduating Seniors!

Niah Laughery

What degree will you be earning?
Geography

What are your plans after you graduate?
In the final interviewing process with a company in Portland Oregon

What was the highlight of your Honors Program experience?
Meeting like minded peers.

What are you going to miss about Edinboro University or college in general?
The tight knit community

What advice would you give to underclassmen about getting the most out of the Honors Program?
Make connections.

What advice would you give to underclassmen about getting the most out of Edinboro University?
Get involved.

Sarah Hazel, Blake Podger, and Megan Pound are also graduating, but were not available at this time.
Enrichment Meetings!

Now that all of the Enrichment Meetings have wrapped up for the semester, here’s what students had to say about a few of them!

"I chose to attend the meeting with Fiala. I chose this meeting because I had her for multiple classes, and I thought it would be cool to interact with her outside of the classroom environment. I liked it, she had so many experiences to share, and we as students got to learn a little more about what she does outside of teaching." - Alize Cherry

"I went to the pizza with a professor meeting. I chose it because I heard from Jake that the speaker lived a very interesting life and was worth listening to. He was right and I absolutely loved it! Getting free food is always a plus too. I think I gained a better idea of what I want to accomplish in college. Having a professor talk about her traveling made me realize I needed to start finding out about study abroad opportunities ASAP." - Jordan Brewer

"I attended Dr. Solberg’s Halloween Horror Night. It was of most interest and was able to fit my schedule. I thought it was excellent! The topic, location, and the time of day all complemented the Halloween season. I like that it was interactive, was based on both fact and opinion, and had both visual and auditory technologies. I learned the history of Frankenstein, including the many movies and children toys derived from the novel written in 1818." - Teresa Shields

Jake and Elena hosted an enrichment meeting where they discussed their experiences as they traveled through Vienna, Austria and Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina last summer.

"I attended the study abroad enrichment meeting and it was so informative! It provided me with a great understanding of the academic and cultural experiences you receive when you study abroad through the Honors Program. -Kim Mosher"
Around the Program...

The Honors Program is working with the Center for Faculty Excellence to develop a Little Free Library on campus. Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that establishes libraries in communities by repurposing furniture. John V Schultz donated the book case (left) that will be used for the project. Several volunteers from the Honors Program will be working to paint the bookcase with an Edinboro themed design. The shelf will be located in what will soon become the Boro Pit just outside of Van Houten Dining Hall.

The Honors Program has many students who are active in the community. Among these is Environmental Science major Kyle Breault, who recently presented research on the effects of leaching (the the loss of water-soluble plant nutrients from the soil) in soil in environments that have varying qualities of rain due to pollution from vehicles. He participated in the Research Symposium at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle. Through his experience, he acquired valuable knowledge in the process of developing and performing experiments.
Contracts and Independent Study Conclusions

An honors contract enriches a non-honors class by establishing an intensive course of study for a deeper understanding of the class. An honors contract also encourages student creativity through application and alternative projects, and close consultation with the instructor.

Geography In U.S. and Canada:

On November 29, 2018, Teresa Shields presented research to her Geography of United States and Canada class. She discussed the French cultural influences of both Quebec and New Orleans Teresa focused on the environment, economy, history, government, and people. She was able to compare and contrast the French influences of Quebec and New Orleans, which provided specific examples of diversity. She enjoyed this contract because it fed her curiosity for the French culture.

Mental Health and Malnutrition:

Kayci conducted a research project surrounding the effects malnutrition can have on the human body, specifically related to eating disorders. She had the opportunity to explore different elements in nutrition, exercise, and recovery plans by talking with girls who have overcome their illness. She gained a better understanding about how eating disorders develop and what one can do to begin to recover from the disease.

Digital Art and the Classroom:

Julia Love concluded that embracing digital technology's impact on contemporary culture is essential for understanding 21st-century students, and giving them the opportunity to critique and reflect on their digital media experience. This knowledge will help them become become critical consumers of our digitized culture. Teaching about media is a huge and necessary responsibility of today's educators. She learned that writing lesson and unit plans are big time and energy commitments, especially when the content is so focused on such an abstract concept like critical thinking. She also learned a lot about how to plan an entire class and theoretically how to get students to achieve goals.
The Honors Program sends students to the annual conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) each year. This past November two students, Julia Love and Jake Trinca, traveled alongside Honors director Dr. Solberg to Boston. The conference hosts students representing universities across the nation as they present original research and learn about other Honors Programs.

Next year the conference will be in New Orleans, and the opportunity to submit a proposal will open up early next semester. All Honors students are encouraged to submit research they’ve done or would like to do. If your research is accepted, the Honors Program will fund your travel.

NCHC offers many valuable opportunities for Honors students. Each day has many different speakers on unique topics that benefits professional development. Additionally, students are encouraged to explore the city and take advantage of being in a new environment and culture while meeting and interacting with Honors students from all over the country.
Shawn Murphy is a senior in the Honors Program majoring in Personal Financial Planning. When it comes to his future field, his intelligence and passion radiates from him. On campus, he found his footing in the newly founded Personal Financial Planner club. He takes advantage of opportunities to develop professionally and network at conferences. Currently, Shawn is working on developing a program that helps teach Edinboro students financial literacy. It should operate similarly to the way the Writing Center does. After he graduates, he’s willing to move wherever opportunity takes him to begin his career. He’s interested in many new possibilities in states like Texas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Michigan, and Minnesota.

Nathan Brennan is a Sophomore in the Honors Program majoring in Journalism and Public Relations. He spends his time by getting involved in extracurriculars through campus media. Nathan hosts a radio show called The Random Hour on 88.9 WFSE - Fighting Scots Radio where he and a co-host. He enjoys the freedom of talking about any topic, ranging from movie reviews to NHL mascots. Apart from this, he is a staff writer for the The Spectator where he writes for the Opinion section and and news sections, helping to tell the story of Edinboro University to the world.