The Honors Program
Celebrates Homecoming!

The Honors Program finished off September by celebrating Homecoming with the rest of the Edinboro student body. This year, the program welcomed 95 enthusiastic freshmen. They showed their dedication by getting involved early in the year to help represent the University in the community.
The first All Honors Meeting of the 2018 Academic Year was a unique opportunity for the Honors Program. Dr. Solberg and the Honors student body welcomed Jim Turturice, the Manager of the Cleveland Clinic Organ Preservation Lab.

Mr. Turturice works with hundreds of transplants a year. For the first time, he was given a large audience to speak to about his extraordinary experiences in his very intense and demanding field. He spoke about Katie, who recently had her story covered by National Geographic. After a 31 hour surgery, Katie became the third recipient of a face transplant from the Cleveland Clinic. A typical transplant risks the possibility of many complications, but Katie’s transplant was far more complicated than the average.

Mr. Turturice then opened up his conversation to a question and answer session. Many students asked engaging questions that allowed him to share more of Katie’s story as well as discuss the day-to-day duties of his job.

Following the event, many students talked to Mr. Turturice personally. He generously offered his contact information and opportunities to shadow him at his job. He spent some more time in Edinboro before driving back to Cleveland for a transplant scheduled at 2AM.
Annually, several of the 14 PASSHE Universities select Honors students to study abroad. To apply, sophomores and Juniors in the Honors Program must submit an academic resume, three letters of recommendation and a copy of his or her valid passport. Last May, Jake Trinca and Elena Tran traveled with 23 PASSHE students and two IUP professors, Dr. Baumer and Dr. Baker, to Austria and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

While on the trip, they took a course that focused on observing past leaders of Austria and how they responded to the challenges of multiculturalism within the last 500 years. In Bosnia-Herzegovina, students explored the Ottoman-Muslim past of the city. The aftermath of the Balkan War in the 1990’s became very apparent as the students traveled through museums and on extensive guided tours.

In addition, the students immersed themselves in the countries’ cultures. They spent time eating foods of the native people and traveling by public transportation as if they were citizens of each place.

Here’s what they had to say about their experience: “It was one of the biggest learning opportunities I’ve ever had. I got to step out of my comfort zone and learn a lot about how other people in the world exist. It will definitely be something that I reflect on with joy. I can’t wait to take the knowledge and perspective I learned into my classroom when I become a teacher.” - Jake

“The opportunity to attend the PASSHE Summer Honors Trip helped me fulfill my desire to experience international travel and immerse myself in cultures different than my own. It was a unique educational and social experience where I gained meaningful skills and knowledge that will be useful in academia and life after Edinboro!” - Elena
Service is a vital component of the Honors Program. Freshman Lizzie Bennett found herself engaged in a unique opportunity of service in Honduras over 2,000 miles away while sitting in her Edinboro dorm room.

Using the app “HelloTalk,” which allows users to talk with native speakers of different languages around the world, Lizzie warded off the “If you don’t use it you lose it” cliché. She was quickly communicating with people in various South American countries to continue developing her fluency in Spanish.

Eventually, she conceived the idea of connecting with the English teacher of her friend in Honduras. With over thirty years of experience in education, the teacher asked Lizzie to join a group forum with his students. On that forum, she dedicates her time to participate in activities that allow her to share her culture and language with students across the globe.

If this idea interests you and you want to participate, reach out to Lizzie at eb172660@scots.edinboro.edu.
Contracts and Independent Studies

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.

**Intermediate Sculpture II:**
Rachel Maly is working with Professor Wegner to develop a project where she intends to write two short stories to accompany her sculptures under the themes of “Return of Power of to Animals.”

**Geography In U.S. and Canada:**
Teresa Shields is working with Dr. Ghosh to conduct a project where she will get to explore her passion for the French culture in the context of Human Geography. She will research the French influence in New Orleans and Quebec.

**Infection Causing Agents:**
Morgyn Sharp is working with Dr. Fulford to research infection-causing agents and how they behave in different environments. She will also explore different methods for preventing the spread of pathogens.

**Mental Health and Malnutrition:**
Kayci Clouse is working with Professor Forringer to write a research paper that connects mental health and malnutrition. She will focus on eating disorders and recovery, healthy exercise and nutrition, and diets that can prevent malnutrition.

**STEM in the Community:**
Sarah Watson is working with Dr. Best to bring local businesses into the classrooms of the Corry Area School District. She plans to integrate real STEM companies with the curriculum of an activity.

**Korean Pop and Confucianism:**
Shayma Musa is expanding upon her past Independent Study with Dr. Matthews by conducting a study to determine whether Confucianism plays a role in the perception of Korean Pop Girl Groups.
Contracts and Independent Studies
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**Digital Art and the Classroom:**
Julia Love is working with Dr. Hanes to develop a project where she will investigate the ways that Digital Art is used in the classroom. She will also explore the ways that classroom management and curriculum has shifted in the modern digital age.

**Beat Writer Simulation:**
Jake Benhart is working with Dr. Raymond to emulate a beat writer for the National Basketball Association (NBA). He will simulate real-world work experience by writing a series of 10 articles for a sports magazine.

**Canines and Mitochondria:**
Leah Pilewski is working with Dr. Foradori to review the scholarly literature and determine the relationships between mitochondria (responsible for energy production within a cell) and aged canines. Additionally, she will be advocating for the importance of antioxidant supplementation in a canine diet.

**The Diet of the Pearl and Pascagoula Map Turtles:**
Under Dr. Lindeman’s advisory, Jelena Vucenovic is studying the eating habits of several species of turtles in the Southeastern region of the United States to determine whether they will soon become endangered.
Shayma Musa is a Junior in the Honors Program with dual majors in Biology with a focus in Pre Med and Journalism. She plans to take advantage of this unique combination of fields by bridging the gap between high-level science and high-quality literature.

In her time outside of academics, she works as a volunteer in the triage unit in Saint Vincent Hospital. There, she learned that the average person lacks basic knowledge in the health industry, something she hopes to changes with her future work.

Shayma is also an avid reader. Her preferences in literature often focus on fiction, but more recently the memoirs of people she admires.

Anna Strnisha is a Senior in the Honors Program. She is majoring in Secondary Education with a focus in Social Studies. As her college career comes to an end, she has made the most of her time at Edinboro by being involved in different organizations.

Anna spent 3 years in Residence Hall Association (RHA), where she was the Vice President. There, she made an impact by attending multiple conferences both at the regional and national level.

Anna is participating with the Tam O Shanters, Edinboro’s dance team for the fourth year. Dancing is a lifelong passion of hers, which she began developing at only two years old.
# Honors Program

**Schedule of Enrichment Meetings**

The following enrichment meetings will be offered this semester. Each student is required to attend at least one enrichment meeting each semester.

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<td>Fundamentals of Paying for College with Barbara Israelson</td>
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<td>Tuesday, September 25th</td>
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<td>Pizza with the Professor with Dr. Fiala (first-come-first-serve basis)</td>
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<td>Wednesday, October 17th</td>
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<td>Budgeting Basics with Barbara Israelson</td>
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<td>Halloween Horror Night with Dr. Solberg</td>
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<td>Distinguished Lecturer Series with Dr. Dixon</td>
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<td>Wednesday, November 7th</td>
<td>6:00 PM</td>
<td>Cultural and Multicultural Introductions with Pertrina Marrero</td>
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<td>Study Abroad With Honors with Jacob Trinca and Elena Tran</td>
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