

Around the Honors Program

PASSHE Students Study Abroad: The Road to Santiago

Annually, each of the 14 PASSHE Universities select two honors students to study abroad. Last May, students travelled to Spain to hike a 190 mile section of the historic Camino de Santiago, starting in Leon and ending in Santiago de Compostela.

The trip was sponsored by Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The Camino de Santiago is the pilgrimage to the Cathedral at Santiago, where legend has it the remains of an apostle of Jesus-- Saint James-- lie. Along the route, students took part in classes centered around analyzing classic Spanish texts that pertained directly to the Camino.

Junior secondary biology education major Savannah Anderton and senior early childhood education major Stephanie Stevenson were selected to represent Edinboro.

"This trip changed my life." Anderton said. "It taught me how to reach deep, find grit, and develop humility. I learned the extent of my ability. I am so deeply thankful to the Honors programs and the PASSHE system. I believe that, because of this trip, I will be a better teacher, student, and person."

"Walking the Camino was one of the most difficult and amazing experiences I have ever had. It taught me perseverance, courage, and fortitude. On the Camino I learned more than I ever could have in a classroom in the states. I wouldn't trade the experience for the world and I would do it again in a heartbeat." Stevenson added.

Anderton and Stevenson reflected on their experience at an enrichment meeting on Monday, October 17 to an audience of honors students in the Earp Hall Classroom.

This year, Mansfield University is hosting the PASSHE Honors trip to Belize. The six credit course offered is entitled "Politics and Culture in Belize." Students will spend 5 to 6 days at Mansfield and 15 days in Belize. Applications and additional information are forthcoming.



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Meet the Staff

Melinda Bernosky: Office Manager

Melinda is the Office Manager in the Honors Office. She's worked at Edinboro University for 30 years, starting her career at age 25. For many years, she worked in the Dean of Professional Studies office, moving to the Dean of Science, Management and Technologies office, and from there she moved to the office of University Planning, Institutional research, and Continuous Improvement. She then worked in the Office of Institutional Research, moved to Admissions for a short stint, now working in both the Honors Office and Information Technology Services (ITS).

Melinda is the wife of Kenny Bernosky and mother of two, both of whom attended Edinboro University. Melinda graduated from Edinboro in 2011 with a BA in Anthropology.

Letty Cawley: Office Employee

Letty is a junior art education major and bird enthusiast from Washington, PA. She is the President of the Art Ed club and Chair of the Mentoring Committee. She has plans to minor in Wood Studio Furniture. In her spare time, she plays piano, hangs out with her bird and several close groups of friends, and enjoys dank memes. Letty has worked in the Honors Office for 2.5 years, making her the senior most student employee.

Steph Stevenson: Office Employee

Steph is a senior early childhood education major. She is the social chair of Phi Sigma Pi, president of the Early Childhood Club, treasurer of Circle K, a member of Student PSEA and National Society of Student Leadership and Success, and serves on the Student Leadership Advisory Council, and is an active member in the Honors Program. Recently, she designed the Pen Pal literacy initiative, where honors students write to third graders at Cambridge Springs Elementary School. In her free time, Steph enjoys working out, traveling, spending time with children, and binge watching One Tree Hill.

Savannah Anderton: Office Employee

Savannah is the newest member to the Honors Office staff and is a junior secondary biology education major. She is an active member of the EU Honors Program and former Honors Scholar, received the PASSHE Honors trip to Spain, serves as a Highland Ambassador, and is the student representative on the Council of Trustees. She plays, among other instruments, the electric bass guitar and the Appalachian dulcimer. She enjoys a wide variety of activities, including hiking, cooking, knitting, and spending time with her loved ones.

Shannon Conner: Honors Scholar

Shannon is a junior geology major with a minor in physics. In her tenure as Honors Scholar, Shannon hopes that her expertise will help expand the depth and breadth of knowledge for Honors students. Shannon most enjoys the diverse backgrounds and majors of the Honors program and the close knit community created by this diversity. In her leisure time, she enjoys hiking, reading, and drawing.

Carmela Battista: Honors RA

Carmela is a junior psychology student. She is from East Stroudsburg, which she describes as "the land of Wawa and soda." Outside of class, she enjoys reading fiction and assembling jigsaw puzzles in addition to guiding and counseling her residents.

Honors Students Present at NCHC in Seattle

After submitting proposals to the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC), three Edinboro Honors students were selected to present their research in Seattle, Washington, at the 50th annual NCHC Conference held October 12-16.

The NCHC conference provided each presenter the opportunity to represent the Edinboro University Honors Program and gain experience in research presentation.

Junior art education major Letitia Cawley presented “The Elements of Self-Portraiture,” where she studied the works of three historically influential printmakers: Kathe Kollwitz, Emil Nolde, and Albrecht Durer. In her own words, she “sought to understand how each used simple elements of art to portray themselves through self-portraiture.” To explore their works, Cawley created three self portraits from the same picture, each reflecting the individual artist’s utilization of the elements of art to make the style their own

Senior animation major Logan Erdner presented “Principles of Animation Driving Fine art.” His presentation featured guided research in experimentation with the psychology of movement and the principles of animation. He created works of art that have a feeling of movement or the passage of time in an attempt to “connect and correlate the fields of animation and fine art.”

Senior art education major Megan Kunst used “two traditional methods to construct a pair of 3D forensic facial reconstructions on 3D printed human skulls.” She then developed a list of areas of higher and lower confidence in the results. She used this information to create protocol of practices for forensic artists to use in the identification of human remains. The students were accompanied by Honors director, Dr. James Wertz.



Fall 2016 Contract Proposals

Each semester, Honors Scholars have the option to contract a non-Honors course. This allows students to work closely with the professor to create an Honors-level syllabus for the course. An Honors contract encourages participating students to research a topic of interest, delve deeper into the course material, and work under the guidance of a faculty member. Honors students are contracting the following courses:

Mackenzie Bracken (ENGL 203)

Mackenzie completed a story as a written work and is now converting it into a graphic novel under the guidance of Professor Robert Hass.

Morgan Calahan (GEOG 245)

Morgan is working with Professor Henry Lawrence on a series of scientific illustrations, diagrams, and models on different physical elements of an ecosystem.

Erika Krasneski (SPED 340)

Erika is working with Professor Terri White to managing and planning a "Disability Carnival"-- where students would be given various chances to experience disability.

Kathlyn Longtine (ENGL 302)

Kathlyn is collaborating with Professor John Repp to write a full-length story at least ten pages in length in addition to analyzing Nabakov's *Bend Sinister*.

Emma Sullivan

Emma is working with Dr. Katherine Robbins-Hunt to coordinate a program to mentor struggling student athletes and to collect and analyze data to evaluate the program's effectiveness.

Fall 2016 Enrichment Meeting Schedule



Honor's 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.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, October 4	7:00 PM	Networking with Dr. Fiala	Earp Hall Classroom
Thursday, October 6	7:00 PM	Scholar Event: Hand Writing Analysis with Paul Dau	Earp Hall Classroom
Monday, October 17	7:00 PM	El Camino de Santiago: A Walk to Remember with Steph Stevenson and Savannah Anderton	Earp Hall Classroom
Wednesday, October 19	5:00 PM	Pirate History with Dr. Jenrette	Earp Hall Classroom
Tuesday, October 25	7:00 PM	Hauntings of Edinboro with Dr. Richards	Earp Hall Classroom
Wednesday, November 2	8:45 PM	Japanese Culture With Dr. Winterberger	Earp Hall Classroom
Monday, November 7	8:30 PM	Scholar Event: Oobleck Experiment	Earp Hall Classroom
Tuesday, December 6	8:00 PM	Cookies and Cram	Earp Hall Classroom

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