



Honors Program
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Harrisburg Student Leadership Conference



In March, eight Honors students traveled with Dr. Solberg to Harrisburg to represent Edinboro at the PASSHE Student Leadership Conference organized by Slippery Rock University. The students (pictured, front row from left to right: Brooklynn Goodworth, Shannon Kearney, and Julia Love. Back Row: Jacob Steiger, Cory Myers, Kyle Breault, Abigail Morrow, Gabriella Keebler) stayed for one night in Harrisburg and attended the day-long conference alongside all the PASSHE schools and their directors.

In the weeks leading up to the conference, Edinboro students worked in pairs to develop small presentations about several Honors-related topics such as Honors requirements, benefits, global engagement, curriculum, community, and more. Each pair of students was responsible for representing these specific characteristics of Edinboro's Honors Program.

At the conference, the students participated in three sessions to present and discuss their prepared topics. The sessions were organized to function as panel discussions so that each program's representatives had time to speak about their thoughts, ideas, opinions, and experiences. Students were encouraged to ask questions and take notes. Many student representatives asked for advice about specific problems occurring in their own Honors Programs and were met with well articulated responses proposing ideas on how to solve these issues.

The Edinboro students returned to campus with insight on the Honors Programs of other PASSHE schools, and heard from the Chancellor himself on some of the toughest topics in higher education. Having gained so much knowledge about the programs of multiple schools and developing new ideas for the future of the Honors Program at Edinboro, a focus group of the students who attended this conference continues to meet to make progress in the pursuit of a better Honors Program.

Contracts & Independent Studies

Every semester, Honors students are given the opportunity to get more out of their non-honors classes through a contracted course. Students work with their professors to develop an extra project, paper, or something else to gain Honors credit. Contracts are challenging, rewarding, and usually really enjoyable! Listed below are some projects students have been working on.

L e a h P i l e w s k i

My research project with Dr. Foradori and Shayma Musa ended a few weeks ago and we were both honored to have the opportunity to present our project poster for judging at CPUB (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists) Conference held at Edinboro. We were able to receive awesome feedback on our research, and were able to learn from peers at other schools across Pennsylvania. As for our data, we found 3 promising protein fractions that proved to have inhibition of proliferation of the endothelial cells that we were testing. More testing will have to be done to confirm the results from our preliminary study, but bee venom does appear to have potential anti-angiogenic factors.

M o r g a n K i n g e n

I decided to contract my Tech for Teach class with Dr. Dempsey. I created a website using Weebly, and I focused the content of the website around Erie County 4-H. After I published the website, I created QR codes with the sections of the website. QR codes are very similar to barcodes found on items in the grocery store. In fact, a QR code is a two-dimensional version of the barcode. QR stands for "Quick Response" because of its instant access to the information inside the code. The QR codes make it easier for me to share and get people to interact with my website. To gain information and interact with teens, I helped them prepare speeches for an upcoming event and then uploaded the videos to the website. By doing this project, I gained information about technology that I can use in my future classroom.

Spring Honors Trip



NEW YORK CITY



The Honors Program takes an annual spring trip with a minimal cost for Honors students. Past trips have included Boston, Washington, D.C., and Toronto, and have always been a treasured experience of students who have travelled with the program.

This spring, approximately thirty students traveled to New York City with the Honors Program. Students enjoyed a stay at Wagner College, just a ferry ride away from Manhattan, and had a welcome dinner with Honors students from Wagner. Students had most of the weekend to themselves to go on adventures, sightsee, visit museums, eat great food, and enjoy New York City culture!



The Dog-Eared Page

What are students reading???

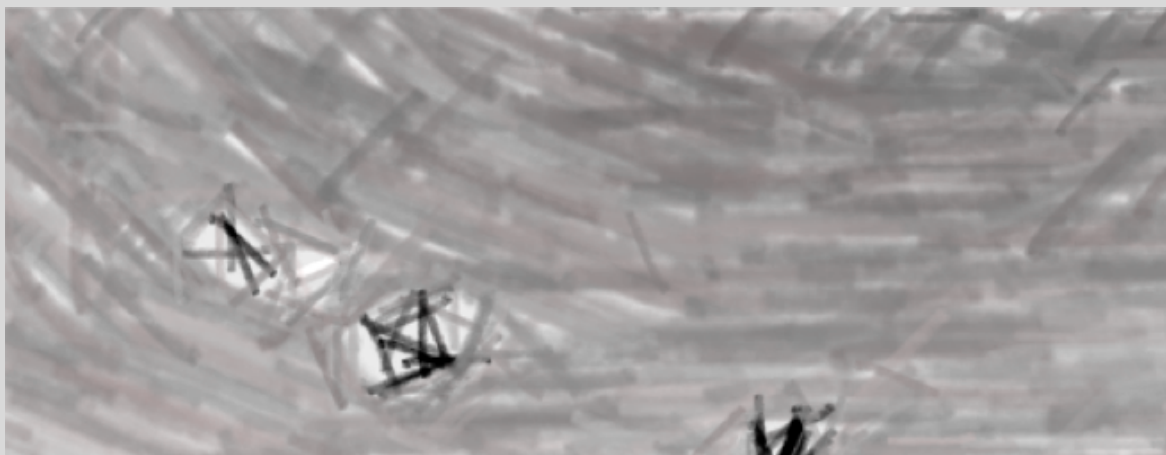
Here is an excerpt from Tim Tharp's *The Spectacular Now*, suggested by Julia Love, a senior Art Education student. She chose this passage because of its relevance to Edinboro's upcoming graduation.

I open my arms wide and let the wind flow over me. I love the universe and the universe loves me. That's the one-two punch right there, wanting to love and wanting to be loved. Everything else is pure idiocy—shiny fancy outfits, Geech-green Cadillacs, sixty-dollar haircuts, schlock radio, celebrity-rehab idiots, and most of all, the atomic vampires with their de-soul-inators, and flag-draped coffins.

Goodbye to all that, I say. And goodbye to Mr. Asterhole and the Red Death of algebra and to the likes of Geech and Keeeevin. Goodbye to Dad for the second and last time. Goodbye to black spells and jagged hangovers, divorces, and Fort Worth nightmares. To high school and Bob Lewis and once-upon-a-time Ricky. Goodbye to the future and the past and, most of all, to Aimee and Cassidy and all the other girls who came and went and came and went.

Goodbye. Goodbye. I can't feel you anymore. The night is almost too beautifully pure for my soul to contain. I walk with my arms spread open under the big fat moon. Heroic weeds rise up from the cracks in the sidewalk, and the colored lights of the Hawaiian Breeze ignite the broken glass in the gutter. Goodbye, I say, goodbye, as I disappear little by little into the middle of the middle of my own spectacular now.

Senior Send-Off



THIS SPRING, THE EDINBORO HONORS PROGRAM SAYS GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO A GROUP OF FANTASTIC SCHOLARS AND PROGRAM MEMBERS!



Senior Spotlights

KIMBERLY MOSHER

Kimberly will be earning her Bachelors of Science in Psychology- Applied Mental Health. She will be graduating Magna Cum Laude along with being awarded the Outstanding Department Graduate in Psychology. She is thankful for the opportunities the Honors Program has provided. Among these opportunities, being able to present psychological research at the 2017 NCHC Conference is a highlight. In the fall, she will be continuing her education at Purdue University Fort Wayne and will be pursuing a Masters in Organizational Leadership. Her experience in social media research, afforded to her by Edinboro's Psychology Department and Honors Program, has allowed her the chance to work alongside some of the most widely published researchers in her field. Kimberly's advice to underclassmen is to enjoy this time as an undergraduate student and work hard, but also make time for yourself.

HANNAH MCDONALD

Hannah will be graduating with a Bachelor's of Arts in Journalism and Public Relations, with a concentration in Digital Media Production and a minor in Spanish. When asked about the highlight of her college experience she says, "hands down, the highlight of my experience at Edinboro in the Honors Program was my study abroad trip to Belize with the PASSHE Honors Programs in the summer of 2017. That program and trip taught me so much about life and taught me how to learn differently, in a setting that I had never experienced." Hannah will miss her close friends made through study abroad as well as on campus. Her advice to underclassmen is not to stress out too much and remember that this time in the university is meant for learning about much more than what is in textbooks. She advises students to value these lessons learned in and out of the classroom, as they will provide important insight for the rest of their lives.

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S H A W N M U R P H Y

Shawn will be earning a BS in Business Administration with concentration in Personal Financial Planning and Marketing, as well as a Sociology minor. The highlight of his experience at Edinboro University includes a plethora of opportunities, from attending the FPA Annual Conference in Chicago to the CFP Board Registered Programs Conference in Washington D.C. In the Honors program, a highlight of his experience was conducting research on a topic “near and dear to [his] heart: financial literacy.” He surveyed 90 respondents and saw what level of financial literacy his peers have, and what improvements can be done to help make sure everyone is on a level playing field of financial knowledge. Shawn will miss the amazing faculty, staff, and students he has gotten to know in his time here. He advises underclassmen to take advantage of the opportunities that come their way, do the research they want to do, and make the most of their college years.

M A D I S O N G I L B E R T

Madi will be graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelors in Speech and Hearing Science, an Associates Degree in Preschool Education, and a minor in Psychology. Within the Honors Program, Madi had the opportunity to travel to Chicago, take Honors Courses, have a Pen Pal, and meet new people. Madi went on two study-abroad trips to the Dominican Republic and Italy and Greece; worked at the Admissions Office and the Global Education Office; and worked at Disney World through the Disney College Program in Fall 2017. She is a part of the Circle K Community Service Club, a member of a sorority (Alpha Sigma Tau), was crowned the 2018 EU Homecoming Queen, and more. When she graduates, she will miss the people she has come to know, the close knit community that Edinboro offers, and “of course, the bagpipes.” Her advice to underclassmen is that academics are extremely important, but getting involved is so important to having a good experience in college and for building your resume. She says, “have fun and jump out of your comfort zone. These are the best years of your life and please do not take them for granted!”

Senior Spotlights

J O A L L I E P A L U C H A K

JoAllie will be graduating with a Bachelors of Social Work from Edinboro. She considers priority scheduling a major advantage of the Honors Program because it enabled her to take the courses she needed and was interested in. She is thankful and very excited to have obtained her degree at a college like Edinboro, and will miss the peer support that came with the community here. JoAllie's advice to underclassmen is to remember your values and not to lose yourself in the hustle and bustle of college life.

C O L L E E N M I C H A E L S

Colleen will be obtaining a degree in Social Work as well as a minor in Sociology. Her best memory from her college years was a study abroad trip to Belize and the people she met on the trip. Colleen will miss being around her friends at Edinboro and the convenience of college living. Her advice to underclassmen is to take advantage of the opportunities, clubs, and trips that are sponsored on campus. She says, "if you're considering doing something, do it. . . Get out of your comfort zone!"

M E R E D I T H C R A G O

Meredith will be graduating with a Nursing degree with two minors in Biology and Psychology. She lived in Earp on the Honors floor, and will miss those friendships after graduation. She advises underclassmen to study abroad while they have a chance, saying, "you will have debt either way, this way you may have a little extra but there is now a stamp in your passport and adventure in your heart! The opportunity may not be there in the future."

Senior Spotlights

A N N A S T R N I S H A

Anna will be getting a degree in Secondary Social Studies Education with a History minor. She says that without the Honors Program, she never would have met her best friend, senior Joey Asti. Anna considers the Honors Program spring semester trips to Chicago, Boston, and Washington, D.C. as opportunities to make great memories and travel. Her advice to underclassmen is to go out of your comfort zone in college, to try new things, to join clubs, to go to your classes and study, but also allow yourself to have fun. She concludes: "An all-nighter may seem like your only option, but you're better off just getting some sleep."

J A C O B T R I N C A

Jacob will be graduating with a degree in Secondary Social Studies Education. During his time in the Honors Program, he has had two significant highlights: working in the office along side some incredible people, and being chosen to study abroad in Vienna, Austria and Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Jacob will miss the regular and convenient opportunity to learn new things and meet new people. His advice for underclassmen is that "college and the Honors Program is like an investment, and the more you're willing to get involved, the more beneficial and enriching the opportunities become."

C A S S A N D R A W H I T M O Y E R

Cassandra will be graduating with a degree in Medical Technology. At Edinboro, she was given the opportunity to be a lead author on a cancer research project through the biology department. Her advice for underclassmen is to take advantage of priority scheduling because it helps alleviate stress, and to seize the the opportunity to live in the Honors Living-Learning Community. She credits the Living-Learning Community as having given her her best friends.

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JULIE BERNATOWICZ

Julie's degree will be a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood/Special Education with a minor in Psychology. When reflecting on her college experience, she counts studying abroad twice in Reggio Emilia, Italy with the Early Childhood Department as a highlight. She also enjoyed presenting research, investigating the differences between the curriculum she studied in Italy and her own curriculum in the United States at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Julie will miss the familiarity of the campus, professors, and student body at Edinboro - and the bagpipes! She advises underclassmen to get involved early, stay involved, and take advantage of the many opportunities to learn, grow, and develop amazing friendships through pursuing your passions.

Seniors,

The Edinboro Honors Program will miss you dearly. We are so thankful for the legacy you have left behind and hope to keep in touch! Congratulations on this incredible accomplishment of graduating college with Honors. We wish you the best of luck as you begin a new chapter of life!

Important Announcements

NCHC

Congratulations to Morgan Calahan, Erik Murphy, Sarah Watson, and Rachel Maly for being accepted to the 2019 National Collegiate Honors Council Conference. They will travel to New Orleans and present their research!

Honors Housing Moved for Next Semester

Beginning in Fall 2019, the Honors Living-Learning Community will be in Highlands 1. Honors students can also choose to live in Towers.

New Office Employee!

The program welcomes Rayne Burgin as our brand new office staff member!

Happy Summer!

The program thanks all its students and staff for making enriching education fun for another year! Have a safe and warm summer everyone!

