

UHP NEWS

September 13, 2019

Fellow Honors Programmers.

As I mentioned at our orientation, last year was to have been last year at MSUB before I moved into next-steps-in-life mode. But I changed my mind because the UHP isn't at the place where I want to pass it in on to my successor. My hope for my successor and the program goes something like this: when people think about MSUB, they say "isn't that the college that has the great honors program?" There is work to be done to position the program so that this reputation for excellence can occur.

So what is happening and what are we working on?

Sheryl – With Sheryl as ½-time associate, we can accomplish much more as a program and provide much fuller service and support for you all.

Honors Council – The Council has formed subcommittees, which are enabling us to do more than ever before. For example, one of the committees will work on the University's most prestigious scholarships, including the Chancellor's Scholarships, and another will work on research opportunities for MSUB students. Already there is progress, as in the opportunity to present work at the 2020 NCUR Conference in Bozeman at no expense.

Our Member Committees – While these are still being set up, UHP students are already making a difference. Check out our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/msubhonors>). Thanks to Taylor Kurkoski for her work this summer on it.

New Collaborators – Although Dr. Marcette, the new director of Graduate Studies, has only been on the job a month, she already asked us to partner with her on the Career Transitions Reception with Professor Sarah Keller. We are also partnering to develop some new courses that will count for both one's major and honors.

We might characterize these UHP days as Red does in *The Shawshank Redemption*: "Get busy living or get busy dying." Or we might borrow from Robert Frost to describe them: we have miles to go before we sleep.

Expect this year's newsletters to have a lot about what's getting done and what we hope to do.

Good semesters all, DC

Let's Strengthen Our UHP Community

In order to strengthen our community, we are recruiting to get 4 subgroups to help in the effort. If you are willing to help with these efforts, please let us know what group or groups you can help with:

Service – helps to arrange UHP activities such as Service Saturdays, the Research, Creativity, and Community Involvement Conference, etc.

Ambassadors – helps with prospective students and associated events such as Preview Days

Events – helps with events and event planning

Social media & outreach – assists efforts to give the UHP a presence in the social media world

University Honors Program

We offer intellectually stimulating classes and career-building opportunities. Smaller in size, Honors classes are taught by outstanding professors; foster active, engaged learning; and emphasize problem-solving, innovation, and creativity. Via their experiences in the program, UHP students are challenged to explore new ideas and to evaluate held knowledge. The program provides research and internship opportunities and assists students to study abroad, to apply for scholarships, and to acquire the skills and credentials for successful careers.

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Special points of interest

- Writing Assignment is due Friday, September 20th
- Check out Service Saturday opportunities to fulfill your service requirement.
- Conference and internship possibilities to check out



Writing Assignment Due

If you haven't gotten this year's UHP writing assignment, please stop by the office to get it. The suggested due date is Wednesday, September 18.



Each year's writing assignment is designed to do work, more specifically to assist you to do develop your talents and soft skills and us to provide advising that goes well beyond what courses that you need to take. What are soft skills you may ask? They are the skills that employers commonly list in what they look for in new employees or in considering which employees to promote. In personal life, they are often considered life skills. In effect, the writing assignment is a tool we use to assist you to take full advantage of your personal and intellectual talents.

Last year's assignment focused on values and how are they are embedded in the important experiences in our lives. This year's invites us to look at our strengths and weaknesses, with an eye down the road to understanding more about them. Our orientation provided an opportunity to practice a skill related to them, i.e. how to talk with others about them.

SERVICE SATURDAY
changing communities
msubillings.edu/servicesaturday
Meet: SUB Atrium, 9:30am

The banner features two photos at the top: one of students gardening and another of students in a classroom. It includes logos for the Center for Student Union Engagement and the Center for City College Montana State University Billings Engagement.

THIS SATURDAY, THE 14TH

What is Service Saturday?

Service Saturday is a cause-based program that promotes engagement with the local community. It aims to achieve this through impactful service projects with trusted community partners. Each project is designed to address an issue or cause directly impacting the people, wildlife or environment within the Billings community.

In 2018/2019, we worked with 12 college sponsors, 16 community partners and approx. 200 MSUB volunteers. That's a total of approx. 500 volunteer service hours.

SERVICE SATURDAY
VOLUNTEER

SEPTEMBER, 14 2019
9:30AM-12:00PM
SUB ATRIUM

ANIMAL WELFARE
CAUSE

WWW.MSUBILLINGS.EDU/SERVICESATURDAY



<http://www.msubillings.edu/engagement/engage-community/serviceSaturday.htm>



Group photo from 2019 Honors Orientation

Welcome Incoming & Transfer Honors Students

Abdulrahman Alakkas
Abria Boze
Samuel Curtis
Mickela Goforth
Hannah Hashbarger
Marissa Logozzo
Alexus Nistler
Johannah Orrendorff
Haleigh Rawden
Ivan Sobek
Mychal Voight

Hannah Anderson
Kayla Brooks
Kyra Fortner
Kourtney Hanson
Alexandra Heffel
Kendall Lossner
Naomi Norris
Sevren Pederson
Haley Riddle
Jessica Thole
Jacob Woodring

Camden Bakich
Isabelle Carroll
Benjamin Giese
Emerald Hart
Anna Kaiser
Arielle Morin
Saige Okken
Mason Powell
Amya Rodriguez
Emma Voight
Bronte Young



NCUR2020

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY • BOZEMAN, MONTANA

Last year 5 UHP members participated in the Western Regional Honors Conference at MSU, and this year with NCUR 2020 we have a similar opportunity. The NCUR conference features research and creative projects from undergraduates from across the nation; the sponsor's goal is to have 4000 presenters this year. We have had UHP members present at previous conferences, but have been limited by the cost of sending students to campuses across the nation. This year we can afford to pay the registration fees and lodging for any UHP member who gets a proposal accepted. More information coming, including about how one submits a proposal, but for now here's link that you can use to explore the conference: <http://www.montana.edu/ncur2020/>

Internship Opportunity

The Montana Governor's Office is currently seeking full- and part-time interns for Fall and Winter 2019. The internship is in Helena, start dates are flexible, and will be paid at the rate of \$10.00/hour. The Governor's Office is willing to work with candidates on any required documentation and program alignment to earn college credit as well.

Governor's Office interns will work closely with staff in the Governor's Office to support staff efforts, provide background research, write briefing memos, attend meetings, enter information in CRM database, communicate with constituents and elected officials across the state, and take part in records and archive retention related to the Governor's Office transition in 2020.

To apply: Please send a resume, two references (one academic and one work-related, if possible), and a letter explaining why you would like to work for Governor Bullock to George Wolcott at: George.Wolcott@mt.gov.

For more information about the program or about applying, stop by the UHP office or send us an email.

Deadline: For priority review and consideration, please have applications submitted by Friday, September 20, 2019 by 5:00 PM (MST).

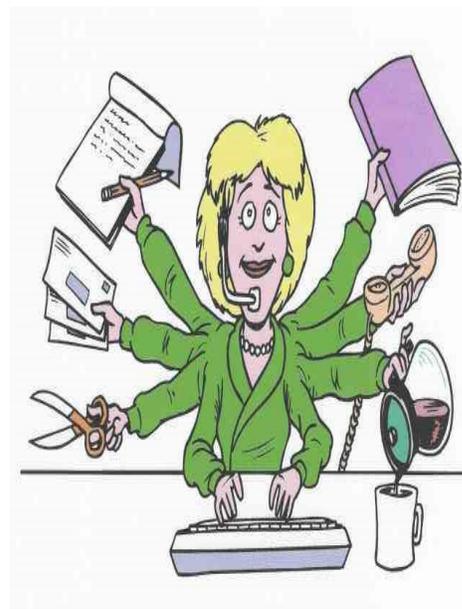
The ASC is Looking for Assistance

The Academic Support Center has a number of open supplemental instructor positions. The courses that need an SI leader are: BIOH 210 (A&P), CAPP 120, BIOB 101, SOCI 101, PHIL 110, and HSTA 101. The position pays \$10.00 an hour and is very flexible (ranging between 6-10 hours a week depending availability).

Any interested student may reach out via email --- katy.williams1@msubillings

Sheryl's office hours

Mondays	7:45—4:00	EPML; LA 400
Tuesdays	7:30—12:00 12:00—4:00	Honors; COE 297 EPML; LA 400
Wednesdays	7:30—12:00 12:00—4:00	EPML; LA 400 Honors; COE 297
Thursdays	7:30—12:00 12:00—4:00	EPML; LA 400 Honors; COE 297
Fridays	7:30—12:00 12:00—4:00	Honors; COE 297 EPML; LA 400



Reception and Career Transitions Discussion

The MSUB Library is sponsoring the lecture series, Distinguished Discourse: Faculty Research Spotlight. The first lecture is scheduled in LI 148 from 6:00-6:45 pm:

September 18 – Dr. Sarah Keller, The Syrian Refugee Storytelling Project

As a complement to the first lecture, the UHP and Grad Studies are sponsoring a Reception (i.e. food, probably pizza and drinks) and Career Transitions Discussion with Dr. Keller

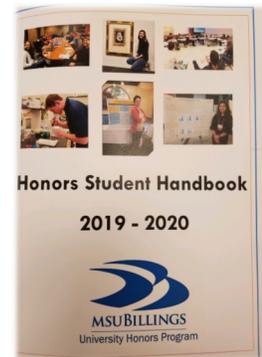
September 18 – 5:15-5:45, also in LI 148

Call this the story behind the research component of the evening. In recent years, we have had lots of questions from UHP members on how one launches a career and navigates the first steps after MSUB. This Career Transitions event is a chance to explore some of those questions. We also have the UHP alumni panel discussion later in the semester to explore the same issues from the perspective of recent grads.



Stop in and pick up your new University Honors Program Swag

If you didn't make it to the University Honors Program Orientation on Tuesday, September 3rd, please stop by the office to pick up your new Honors Handbook, along with our newly designed UHP t-shirt and sticker.



Constitution Day -- September 17, 2019

10:00am Cookies & Constitutions

12:00pm University Pie Eating Contest featuring clubs/ organizations, one administrator, and walk-ons are welcome – Rimrock Café

5:30pm Campus Freedom of Speech Discussion -- Special guests: Daniel Zolnikov and Jess Gross – Beartooth Room

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What Do You Want to See or Read About?

Do you have a specific topic you would like to see highlighted in our monthly UHP News?

Do you have a photo you would like us to publish in an upcoming issue of the UHP News?

If you do, please stop by the office and let us know or send the information to us at our email — addresses listed just to the left of this story.