

### University Honors Program News

Fellow Honors Programmers,

In these early semester days, there is much to report on and so let me dive right in:

- The UHP cookie jar is on Megan's desk and stocked; so stop by at any time for a cookie.
- Just a reminder about the writing assignments due tomorrow, also the coat of arms for those of you who missed the orientation. You may hand them in by E-mail or in person.
- In the orientation, I indicated that I wanted to meet with each of you individually once the writing assignments come in. While there are several purposes to the meeting, one of the most important is to start a continuing conversation about how UHP courses and membership can add value to your MSUB education. To schedule an appointment, you can contact Megan or me.
- Thanks to all orientation attendees. You helped to supply energy and build momentum for the year—also to remedy the problem that I mentioned: the 5 UHP graduates last year did not know each other. We need to build a community in which our talents and abilities can be more fully realized by knowing and working with each other.
- The move that I mentioned to McMullen Hall that I mentioned in my summer e-mail is now likely to occur in mid-October.
- We are tentatively planning on 5 General Education Honors offerings for the spring including for the first time an art course (ARTZ 105) and another section of Research Writing with a guest author in residence. Expect a full list of courses in about a month.
- Staying with courses, preliminary arrangements for the problem-based capstone course for next semester are in place (TT 12:10 to 1:40). Curt Kochner will lead the course which will look into hunger and food distribution in Billings, with an eye toward making a difference.
- Back to the writing assignments, many of the ones that have come in are quite good, occasioning the self-reflection that I had hoped for. We will be building on them in the future.
- We will again have 2 students on the Honors Council, the group of 12 faculty who serve rather like a board of directors for the program. If you would be interested in serving, let me know.
- We continue our efforts to make the contract system be a value adding element to your education, not primarily a work adding requirement. Toward that end, I have met with, talked to, or corresponded with any faculty member doing a contract.

We have much to build on and to look forward to this year. When we left campus last spring, we had around 40 members (remember our records hadn't been updated since 2007). As of today, we have 62. As we continue to build membership, we can offer more honors classes and provide more opportunities.

In the future, I will provide more information, not just give bullet points (a really busy opening to the semester for me). With all good wishes for a great year, for each of you individually and for us collectively.

-DC

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#### **Important Links:**

<u>University Honors Program Home</u> <u>University Honors Program Contract</u>

### **Need Honors Credits?**

Honors Contract: By special arrangement students may negotiate an Honors Contract with a professor. This contract will suffice to make a regular class fulfill an honors requirement through advanced work as specified by the contract. Please contact Dr. David Craig, Director for more details. Honors contracts must be approved by the Dr. Craig and paperwork must be on file by October 15.

#### **Honors Club**

University Honors Program students organized the Honors Club to promote social, cultural, and service activities on campus and in the community.

## Interested in joining Honors Club?

Fill out the <u>Honors Club Information Form</u> and submit it to <u>MSUB.Honors@gmail.com</u> or return it to Dr. David Craig, room 710 LA Building.

# September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Residence Halls Open	3 Labor Day Offices Closed	4	5 Honors Orientation SUB Banquet A&B 4-7p.m.	6	7	8 Honors Club Kick – Off Chancellors House 2 -5p.m.
9	10 Honors Club Movie Night Petro Hall 5:30p.m.	11	12	13 Last Day to Add Classes	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Last Day to Drop clas- ses with par- tial refund	26	27	28	29 Saturday Live Pioneer Park 10a.m4p.m.
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### BILLINGS ROLLER DERBY DAMES

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#### **Volunteers Needed:**

Please arrive at 5p.m. to receive your volunteer t-shirt and be a part of the fun.

The Billings Roller Derby Dames are hosting the Snake Pit Derby Dames from Coeur D'Alene, ID on Saturday September 15, 2012 at 5p.m. Shrine Auditorium.

<u>Like us on Facebook</u> or find more information at the <u>Billings Roller Derby Dames</u> Website

To volunteer, contact Jamie Schoonover:

Phone: 406-591-4085



# Honors Club Sponsored Events

#### **Running out of Silence**

Date: October 6, 2012

Time: Pre-walk/run ......11:00a.m. Walk/run ......12:00p.m.

Location: Lawn south of Petro Hall MSU Billings Main Campus

For more information and to register: Registration Form