

UHP NEWS



MSUB Honors Program

May 2017

Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

A short while ago, we had the last Honors Council meeting of the year at which Dana Lubieniecki, Amanda Felton, and Rio Frame gave brief oral presentations about the Honors portfolios, the last step in earning the Interdisciplinary Honors Minor. Tomorrow, we will have the first Honors graduation dinner since well before my time, 11 graduates (the most ever!!) and 55 or so guests in all. Such happenings make for celebration and nostalgia.

Since our last newsletter, the weeks have flown by in much busier than usual fashion. Jenay has generously continued working with us despite assuming her new position in the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs. Her work was crucial to the success of the Research, Creativity, and Community Involvement and all of the day-to-day UHP doings. As is said at graduations and moving-on ceremonies Good luck and Godspeed to her.

As usual, there are many, many accomplishments to celebrate as the academic year closes, and most of this newsletter is devoted to them. But here are few things:

- **Fourth Annual Research, Creativity, and Community Involvement Conference** – There were over 130 participants this year, almost triple the 46 who participated in the 2013 Conference. Thanks to the volunteers without whose help we would not be able to have a successful Conference. In our sponsorship of the Conference, we want to contribute to a culture change here at MSUB, one which encourages students to develop and express their creativity in research, art, community service, in effect wherever their passion for making a difference takes them.
- **Help with Summer Orientations** – On Thursday noons--June 8, June 22, July 13, and August 3--there are sessions for incoming students to meet with clubs and current students. Again this year, we would like UHP students for those sessions. It would be great to have UHP students at these sessions. Please let Jenay or me know if you can help.
- **Service Saturday, Escape Room, and the Almost Plans for the End of the year** – Eleven of us participated in the second Service Saturday that the UHP sponsored, helping out the Billings Community Garden, the Animal Shelter, the Audubon Center and the St. Patrick's Day Parade. And we escaped from the Escape Room (but needed a few extra clues to do so)! We had plans for an end-of-the BBQ, but were not able to pull that off. Call that wait until next year.
- **Wait until Next Year Part II** – The Honors Club recovered considerable ground this year with its Service Saturdays, holiday party with its white elephant gift exchange (I treasure my Richard Simmons artwork, Lacey), and movie night. So in looking ahead to next year, we are looking forward to bigger and better things.

We will get out another update newsletter early in the summer as our thoughts turn toward the coming semester. We will—knock on wood—have a new assistant to announce, orientation session dates, and our goals for the coming year.

Wishing your great summer all, with a full measure of enjoyment and relaxation,

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THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

The following students were a huge help at this year's Research, Creativity, & Community Involvement Conference.

Dani Branson
Sarah Haight

Victoria Hampton
Dana Lubieniecki
Daniel Lurie

Kaitlyn Moodie
Michelle Williams

**Congrats,
Buzzie Winners!**

Female SAAC Award
Dana Lubieniecki

Women's Cross Country
Rio Frame

Women's Soccer
Dana Lubieniecki



2017 Research, Creativity and Community Involvement Conference Honors Participants

Amy Bieber
Synda Boumediene
Dani Branson
Amanda Felton
Sarah Gallup

Sarah Haight
Megi Ivanova
Dana Lubieniecki
Daniel Lurie
Crystal Sullivan

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need your help for this year's freshman orientations.

Let us know if you can help us out from 11:30 - 1 (lunch included) on any of the following dates:

June 8

June 22

July 13

August 3

D.C. Internship Program

August 23 – December 8, 2017

- **Internship in Public Policy or International Relations:** Intern 30-35 hours a week on Capitol Hill, at a think tank, NGO, or government agency and gain insight and practical experience in domestic and foreign policy issues as well as insights to international affairs career tracks.
- **International Economics and Government Coursework:** Combine theory and practice and take courses on international economics and government from George Mason University.
- **Exclusive Lectures and Site Briefings:** Engage in debate and discussion on salient issues in foreign policy and international affairs.
- **Scholarships:** More than 70% of students receive scholarship awards.

FINAL DEADLINE: June 1

Please visit www.DCinternships.org/CS for more details.

Study in Guatemala

Study Social Justice in Guatemala for Honors Credit

Fall 2017: late August - late Nov.

Spring 2018: mid January - late April

- Study Spanish, public health, human rights, democratization, indigenous politics and grassroots development and get honors credit.
- Travel to Guatemala's diverse regions, from rain-forests to the Mayan highlands.
- Live with a Guatemalan family and enjoy Antigua's vibrant cultural life, beautiful architecture and stunning volcanoes.

Congrats to Student Leader Nominees and Awardees!

AWARDEES

Outstanding Student Volunteer

Clay Sluggett

Outstanding President of the Year

Scott Gorman

Academic Leadership Award

Amy Sexton

Senior Leadership Award

Kristen Wederski



NOMINEES

Outstanding Member of an Organization

Lili Delgadillo

Emerging Student Leader

Halle Keltner

Athletic Leadership

Lili Delgadillo

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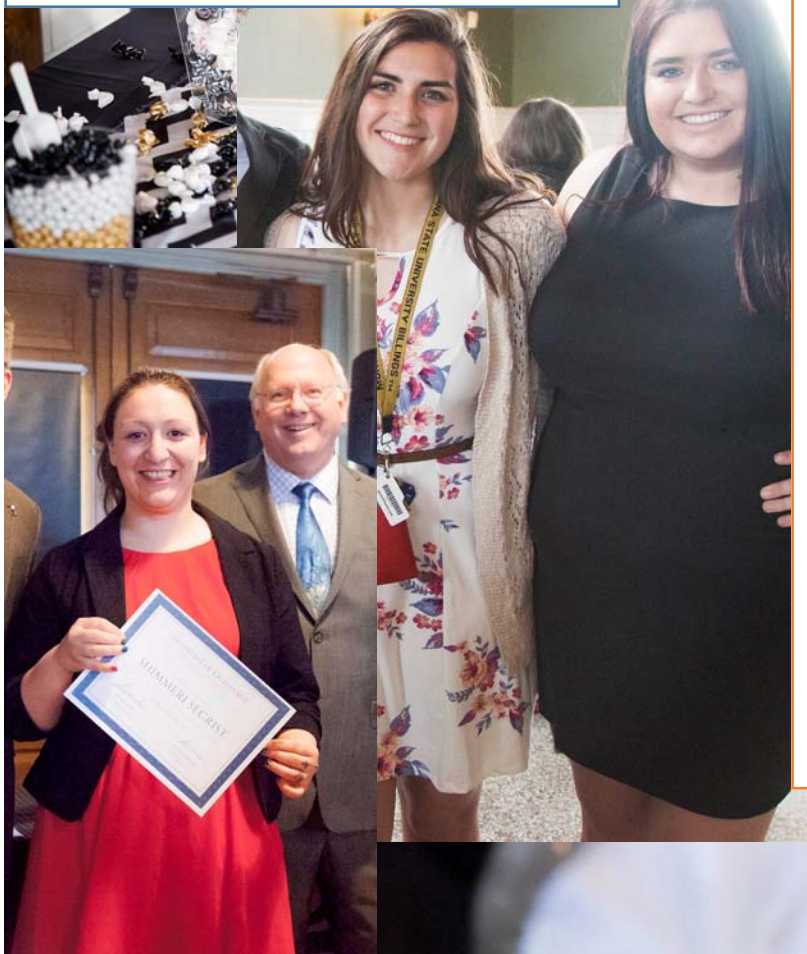
Shiloh Skillen-Robison

Outstanding Student Volunteer

Sarah Gallup

Peer Educator

Amy Sexton



2017 Honors Scholars

Jehremy Felig

Broadfield Science Ed, Biology

Jehremy is a NOYCE student, who has worked as a TA and lab researcher at MSUB. He was awarded "Best Undergraduate Research Poster" at MSU's INBRE Research Symposium and has also presented at the Western Regional Honors Conference and with the NASA Space Public Outreach Team. He plans on teaching high school science.

Rio Frame

English

Rio holds the school track records for 3k and 5k as well as being a 4-time Academic All Conference and All-Region Award winner. She has published several articles, including one she co-authored for *Montana Lawyer Magazine*. As well as her major, she also completed two minors, in women's studies and honors, and will be heading to Gonzaga Law School next fall.

Amanda Felton

Environmental Studies

Amanda is excited to jump into her career and get some "hands-on experience," which is what she loves best about the learning process. She is hoping to continue work with farming and ranching, maybe work as a consultant or in a government agency. Whatever she does, she wants to stay close to family, which is expanding this summer as she'll be getting married in June!

Sarah Haight

Business Management

Sarah completed her degree and two minors (including the Honors Minor) in three years and has been awarded as one of MSUB's Outstanding Undergraduates. After graduation, she will be working full-time in the MSUB Foundation. She is currently finishing up a research project with Dr. Chris Craig, and they plan to find a publisher for the work soon.

2017 Honors Scholars

Dana Lubieniecki

Health & Human Performance

Dana was the captain of the women's soccer team, and made Academic All Conference for three years. When she wasn't busy playing for MSUB, she helped coach youth soccer and soccer camps in Billings. She will work for a year as a physical therapy assistant before going to grad school for physical or occupational therapy.

Miranda McNeil

Elementary & Math Education

Miranda worked as an MSUB summer orientation leader for 3 years. Her work with Dr. Snow on the study of mathematics teaching practices in regards to engagement was later published. She will be teaching 4th grade math out at Shepherd this upcoming fall.

Amanda Fairclough

Health & Human Performance

Amanda is a member of the LEAD program, which helps build leadership skills among MSUB students. This past year, she has been an RA, and served as the Community Involvement Chair of the Residence Hall Association.

Lacey Mogan

Human Services

Lacey graduated in December and is working at Full Circle Counseling Solutions. She was especially involved in community involvement and outreach here. In 2015, she was named Newman Civic Fellow for her work as an agent of change, focusing on issues related to health, education, mental health and poverty.

Connor Oltrogge

Business: Finance

Connor served as an Honors Council Student Representative for two years and has been a prominent figure in the program since he joined as a sophomore. He has already had extensive work experience, including in an internship at D.A. Davidson and hopes to have a career in finance.

2017 Honors Graduates

Amy Bieber - *Business: Accounting*

Amy is graduating with a near-perfect 3.99 GPA and was awarded as one of MSUB's Outstanding Undergraduates. Her time at MSUB includes years of volunteer work with the UHP, Jacket Ambassadors, and income tax assistance with the Human Resources Development Council. After graduating, she will look for work back in her hometown of Sidney, MT.

Sarah Shaw - *Business: Management*

Sarah has been involved in the Honors program for 2 years now and was a part of Jacket Student Ambassadors for 4 years. She also has gained extensive management experiences as part of her internship in which she was manager for the Billings Gymnastics Swim School.

Congratulations!

Outstanding MSUB Graduating Seniors:

Amy Bieber
Sarah Haight
Miranda McNeil

**Outstanding
Accounting
Club
Member:**

Sarah Haight