

UHP NEWS



MSUB Honors Program

September 2017

Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

Most summer days are too quiet on the MSUB campus for my taste. I like the hustle and bustle of the semester: people rushing to classes, the steady hum of conversation in Stinger's and Jazzman's, and the looks of intensity when things are going well in the classroom.

I like the crispness of late September days too. Like autumn apples, they have a tang and crunchiness. In honor of the season, we've added apples to our office faire. There is more life in the Honors Center these days—people rushing in to print before class, studying in the seminar room or guest office, stopping by for a cookie or some candy, and just popping into my office for a quick word or chat.

We hope that office traffic will continue to increase, that the center will come to be associated with energy and life. I think that is why many honors programs in recent years have transformed themselves into honors colleges, i.e. dorms or living quarters with attached offices for honors staff. The arrangement acknowledges that many honors goals are met outside the classroom and that education is more effective if it is part of how we live.

- Honors Course Proposals & Course Preview – We have received 4 proposals for new Honors courses for the coming year that we will invite your feedback on. Also, for next week, we will post preliminary information about Honors offerings for the spring.
- Late, But Not Forgotten – If you haven't gotten us your writing assignment yet, please do so. The first appointments to discuss them and the year ahead are now on my calendars, and we have a list of those of you late, but not forgotten.
- Office Volunteers – Several of you have volunteered to sit in the office, which has been quite helpful. If more of you would like to help out in this way, just let us know. The hours do count for service hours, and it's usually quiet and so works for studying.
- Printing – To print in the Honors Center, use the computer in the guest office immediately across from Sandy's desk. It's easiest to use a flash drive or to email the material to yourself that you wish to print.

So there is a quickening to things, and I need to remind myself from time to time to stay on top of things. I suspect that I am not alone in the need for such reminders.

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Reminder: Set up a meeting with Dr. Craig if you haven't done so yet.

Meeting

Announcements

Next Gen Mentoring Opportunity

We received an announcement from Billings NextGen. They are an organization in Billings who has a mentorship program and are recruiting students. They try to match a student with a mentor who is a young professional in NextGen. A match is “based upon career or interest area.” For example, if a “student really wants to look for opportunities to connect with the community,” the student would be matched with a “community leader or someone good with networking.”

For more info, or sign up for a professional NextGen Mentorship, go to:

www.billingsnextgen.com/mentor

Honors Bar-B-Que

We didn't play the yard games that were promised for the Honors Club BBQ, but there was lots of conversation and relaxation. We did watch a vigorous game of volleyball played by another group, proving, I think, what a mentally adept group of analyzers we are.

There were connections made that wouldn't have been made, at least not yet anyway. For instance, Hannah Hanser (in the cape) and Eriska Fajrinyati (our only member who was born in Indonesia) talked together, a senior and a freshman. I don't know if Hannah mentioned that she bought her cape on her study abroad experience in Scotland with the University of Missouri Kansas City Honors College or if Eriska told Hannah why she brought a salted caramel cream pie to the picnic (a wonderful dessert). But those are the kinds of things one finds out on leisurely afternoons.

Sunday afternoons are good for slowing things down a bit and sharing a bit of ourselves. For me, that was the best part of the club's BBQ.



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OPPORTUNITIES



Showcase Your Work in *Scribendi*

Scribendi is the literary and art magazine published by the students of University of New Mexico Honors College and is open to students from any Western Regional Honors Council member (that's us). UHP members have published poetry in the magazine in the past.

If you are interested in having your work considered for the next issue, the submission deadline is October 13. We have several issues in the office if you would like to learn more about magazine.

[Click here for more details.](#)

SERVICE SATURDAY

One Saturday a month MSUB students and staff give up two hours of their time to help a local non-profit agency with any needs they may have. We will co-sponsor the October 13 Service Saturday. Volunteers meet by the bookstore in the Student Union at 9:30am and are finished by noon.

Past projects have included serving lunch at the Montana Rescue Mission, building a house with Habitat for Humanity, playing Bingo with residents at St. John's Retirement Home, and reading to children at the Women's Shelter.

WESTERN REGIONAL HONORS CONFERENCE

The 2018 Western Regional Honors Council Conference will be held at Chapman University in Orange, California from April 13-15. Honors students will present their research and projects at this annual conference attended by Honors programs from 14 Western States. Last year, our own Jehremy Felig presented his work on the relationship between research and high school teaching at the 2017 conference at Southern Oregon University. We paid his expenses and will pay for those for anyone whose work is accepted this year.

Over the summer, Hannah Hanser studied in Scotland as part the University of Missouri Kansas City's Honors program and earned 6 honors credits. This year MSUB will be offering study abroad opportunities that will offer honors credit. Arrangements are underway for a trip to Peru right after the school year ends in May. The credits will count at as part of the student's spring semester load, and so there won't be an extra charge for tuition.

There will also likely be a trip with an artistic focus to Germany as well as the opportunities that other honors programs offer that UHP members can join. We have modest scholarship support for these opportunities: <http://www.msubillings.edu/honors/studyabroad.htm>



Study in Guatemala

Study Social Justice in Guatemala for Honors Credit

Spring 2018: January 20-April 28

Summer 2018: June 10-Aug 5

- Study Spanish, public health, human rights, democratization, indigenous politics and grassroots development and get honors credit.
- Travel to ancient Mayan temples, highland markets and black sand beaches.
- Live with a Guatemalan family and enjoy Antigua's vibrant cultural life, beautiful architecture and stunning volcanoes.

