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Annual Holiday Cheer

The Annual Honors College Holiday Party was held Tuesday, November 30. Students and faculty members got together to enjoy snacks and share stories about Honors thesis projects, classes, and memories of the fall semester. A special thanks goes out to the Honors music students who provided entertainment: David Zaks (piano), Zach Gillespie (trumpet), Brian Messenger (guitar), and Dan Filipak (bass).



Above: Honors students Katie McNamara (left) and Cindy Antunes chat and sample some sweets.



Music students played "Happy Birthday" for Honors student Vince Kaufmann (center) at the Honors Holiday Party.



Honors student shares study abroad experiences

The final Honors College Lunch in the Lounge for the fall semester was held Tuesday, December 7 during common hour. Over 25 students attended the meeting to suggest trips and community service ideas for the Spring 2011 semester, and to hear a presentation by Brian Messenger. Brian, a junior Honors music major, shared his experience studying abroad in Leeds, England during the spring 2010 semester.

Planning is underway for several Lunches in the Lounge during the Spring 2011 semester, including one featuring President Waldron. Please watch for more details.



Honors happenings on campus: Men In Black

Several Honors students in a fall 2010 Honors cluster of Human Biology, Principles of Sociology, and General Psychology participated in an exercise to determine how people react to deviance. According to Dr. Jennifer Furst, the students became interested in the idea early in the semester and decided to begin conducting their own sociological experiments in order to test boundaries and gauge public reaction. Their experiments included dressing or acting in certain ways that most people would not perceive to be "normal" behavior. The students who participated in the exercise included (from left) Max Semeran, Matt Leitner, Ryan Silverstein, and John Rovetto. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Miryam Wahrman, Professor of Biology at WPUNJ.)



Meet the Rummel Scholars....

In 2001, the Fred and Mae Rummel Foundation established scholarships for students enrolled in the Honors College at William Paterson University. Following is an update on the current Rummel Scholars:

Corrine Carr is a junior, enrolled in the Bachelors of Fine Arts program and in the Literary and Performing Arts Honors Track. For her Honors thesis, she plans to create a series of drawings illustrating creation stories from different cultures around the world. Corrine plans to pursue a career in art.

Karlene Chi is a sophomore, pursuing a degree in Nursing. She is in the Honors Nursing Track and has published an article, [Xenotransplantation: A Case Study](#) in the online journal, *Theoretical and Applied Ethics*. For her thesis project, Karlene plans to establish a 100-200 level Bioethics class at William Paterson.

Lauren Cucci is in her third year at William Paterson University. She is a Communication major, concentrating in theater and comedy. Last spring, she was awarded the Maltese Award for funniest female comic. Lauren is active on campus, having been in three performances (*Trifles*, *Vagina Monologues*, and *Antigone*) and also serves as vice president of the campus organization, Pioneers Enjoying Recreation while Keeping Sober (PERKS). Lauren is enrolled in the Honors Literary and Performing Arts Track and is doing a film project. She is also pursuing a minor in Anthropology.

Nataline Dasilva is a senior Communication major enrolled in the Performing and Literary Arts Honors Track. She is also pursuing a minor in English (writing concentration). Natalie has written various short stories and screenplays depicting women who are struggling through life, but are eventually able to overcome their problems and learn about themselves in the process. Three are personal in which she recounts events from her own childhood and teenage years.

Amanda Jimenez is completing her first semester at William Paterson. She is double-majoring in English and secondary education, with a minor in philosophy.

Kristine Malig is a sophomore Nursing major at William Paterson. She is in the Honors Nursing Track and is considering completing a thesis project on either Special Education Programs for disabled children or a project related to Hospice Care.

Anette Melendez is completing her first semester at William Paterson. She is majoring in Psychology. She plans to become a psychologist in private practice.

Lauren Kathryn Randolph, a senior nursing major, is enrolled in the Honors Nursing Track. Her research, *The Life at the End of Life*, focuses on how terminally ill patients live, knowing that they are dying. Her research is based more on palliative care rather than hospice. After graduation, Lauren plans to pursue a master's degree in administration and hopes to work with oncology patients.

Laura Jo Rieseke is currently a junior, pursuing dual majors in mathematics and secondary education. She is also enrolled in the Cognitive Science Honors Track. Her thesis research reflects on sex differences in mathematics, especially on the SAT-M.

Michael Starrett is a junior, double-majoring in Philosophy and Economics. He is currently enrolled in the Honors Marketing Track. His thesis is on the car company, Lotus, and how in the last year they have gone from building cars for a niche market to building cars to compete in an already saturated market with companies such as Ferrari, Lamborghini, Aston Martin, and Maserati. He has already started examining Lotus' history and how they have developed up until the last few years. Following graduation from William Paterson, Michael plans to apply to law school at either NYU or Fordham Law.

Upcoming Events

27 January	Thursday	TBA	Club Fair and Lunch in the Lounge
8 February	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Honors Club Bake Sale-Valentine's Day Theme
10 February	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
17 February	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Proposed Hot Chocolate Stand
1 March	Tuesday	9:30-10:30	Proposed Hot Chocolate Stand
3 March	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
24 March	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Honors Club Bake Sale- Spring Theme
29 March	Tuesday	12:30-1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th floor lounge
3/31-4/3	Thursday-Sunday	TBA	Northeast Regional Honors Conference—Portland, Maine
11 April	Monday	TBA	Honors Week
12 April	Tuesday	TBA	Thesis Presentations Afternoon presentations and Performing and Literary Arts Evening presentations
13 April	Wednesday	TBA	Thesis Presentations Afternoon presentations
14 April	Thursday	TBA	Honors College Banquet
21 April	Thursday	12:30-1:45	Honors Club Bake Sale Tentative Egg Hunt in Zanfino Plaza
22 April	Friday	TBA	Proposed Medieval Times Trip
Other proposed trips include: A day in NYC, Big Onion Walking Tours, Ice Skating, Bowling, and more.			
Remember to check your university e-mail for important information from the Honors College and Honors Club about changes to the above calendar and additional events!			



*Enjoy your
Winter Break!
See you next year!*

