

SPRING BREAK AND PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Next week (3/17-3/21) is spring break! Be sure you are prepared for priority registration for fall on 3/25 before you leave for break. This includes meeting with your advisor to plan your schedule, obtaining your new alternate pin, requesting any course permits from Honors or other departments, and checking for any holds that might prevent you from registering. Please see the Fall 2025 Honors registration **TOOLKIT** for more information and resources.

REQUESTING PERMITS FOR FALL 2025 HONORS COURSES

This is a reminder that even though you are enrolled in the Honors College, you must still request a permit for Honors UCC courses and Track courses. The list of courses is available **HERE** and you should request the permit **as soon as possible** by sending your name, 855 number, and the course title and numbers to honors@wpunj.edu. You will receive an email notification when the permit has been issued.

HONORS ALL-COLLEGE MEETING

All Honors students must attend 1 All-College meeting each semester (fall and spring). Attendance is tracked on the Honors College Blackboard ORGANIZATION page called Honors College Events 2024-2025. Check it to view your attendance.

Meet a cast member from the Broadway show, Wicked! – Tuesday, 3/11

Honors is hosting a Zoom meeting with Broadway star, Donna McKechnie from the cast of *Wicked*, **TOMORROW**, Tuesday, March 11 from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Please register in advance by clicking **HERE**. Students who attend the entire meeting (with your camera on) can earn Honors All-College meeting credit. Music students can also earn professional Midday Credit for attending. Thank you to Honors alum and Advisory Board Council member, Ashley Pettet, for making this exciting event possible!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

All Honors students must complete a minimum of 4.5 hours of civic engagement during the academic year (Sept-May). Hours are tracked on the Honors College Blackboard ORGANIZATION page called Honors College Events 2024-2025. Check it to view how many hours you have earned so far.

Compassion in Action – TODAY, 3/10

The Honors College, Honors Club, and Campus Activities, Service and Leadership are hosting a “Compassion in Action” civic engagement event **TODAY**, March 10 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Ballroom C. Students will earn 2 hours of Honors Civic Engagement credit by assembling care packages for patients receiving treatment at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Food will be served. No registration is required, but students must attend the entire 2-hour event in order to earn credit.

Knowledge Cafe: Avenues to Peace in a Globalized World - Monday, April 7

Honors is participating in an International Knowledge Café on Monday, April 7th from 2:00-3:30 p.m. on Zoom. Students will have the opportunity to interact with other students from around the world and learn how having a global perspective can help us pursue peacemaking within our own communities. You must register for this event in advance

HERE. Students who participate in the entire event (with your camera on) will earn 1.5 hours of Honors Civic Engagement credit. Please see the attached pdf for more information.

Saturday Service with the Honors Club

Saturday Service with the Honors Club will run on a limited basis for the remainder of March. For more information and to register, please click on this [LINK](#). Regular Saturday Service will return weekly on April 5th through the rest of the semester.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donor Scholarship Application is available now – Deadline 4/2

The 2025-2026 Donor Scholarship Application is now open! More than 700 scholarships are being offered, and students can submit one application and be considered for all available scholarships (please see the attachment for more information). The deadline to apply is April 2, 2025. Please click [HERE](#) to apply.

National Collegiate Honors Council- Portz Grants for Classroom Innovation

Have an innovative project that you want to get off the ground? The NCHC Awards and Grants Committee wants to support honors programs and colleges' innovation with their Portz Grants! Spring Portz Grants applications are open **now** through March 15th. Grants in the amount of \$500 - \$1,500 are available! More information can be found [HERE](#).

HEAR FROM YOUR PEERS! (Angie, Jason, Maddie, Owen, Rory, and Sarah)

Each week, the Honors College Peer Leaders provide tips for ways to help you have a successful semester. Honors Peer Leaders are upper division students who serve as a support network for other Honors students. Although they work with many first-year Honors students, assisting them with the successful transition from high school to college, all students in Honors can benefit from their knowledge and experience. Please visit [Peer Leaders!](#) to learn more.

Peer Leader Tip of the Week for 3/10- Establishing a Daily Routine

College days go by quickly, and it often feels like there are never enough hours in the day to complete all that we need to do. One strategy for being more productive is to establish a daily routine and write all your tasks and commitments down, then use a paper or electronic planner to make a schedule of how you will manage them. This way, all your obligations (academic or social) are in one place, and you can easily keep track of what needs to be done and when.