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North East Regional Honors Council Conference

This year, seven William Paterson honors students along with Dr. Susan Dinan, Director of the Honors College, attended the North East Regional Honors Council Conference in Niagara Falls, New York. The Conference was held in early April and gave students the opportunity to present their thesis research. Students also had the opportunity to engage with peers and faculty members from honors programs across the country and enjoyed an afternoon of sight seeing.



(from left) Neal Joshi, Devin Pendergast, Rebecca Wance, Dr. Susan Dinan, Caitlin Hoolihan, Katherine Pirera, Alexis Martinez, Tanya Monroe

Lunch in the Lounge

Honors student, Neal Joshi, joined the Honors Club at Lunch in the Lounge on Thursday, March 6. At the meeting, Joshi spoke about his thesis research titled "Reversal of Painful Diabetic Neuropathy by Transplanting the Islet of Langerhans cells in Mice" and about his research experiences in the lab. Joshi explained the relevance of the research to his undergraduate career as well as how it will aid him in furthering his studies after he graduates. After fielding questions, he urged those present to remain active in pursuing the opportunities open to them as undergraduate honors students.



Neal Joshi with honors students at Lunch in the Lounge

Honors Week 2014

Honors Week 2014 was a great success! Congratulations to all students who provided both informative and entertaining thesis presentations. The Honors College wishes to thank all faculty members who have mentored student presenters as well as the students, faculty, staff, members of the University administration, parents, and other guests who attended Honors Week activities.



Sneak a Peek at Honors Week!



Honors Week 2014

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Umme Hazera, Natalie Del Guidice, Jeanine Marinello, Jeff Lao, Ian Urbina, Dr. Christina McSherry, Tanya Monroe, Delecia Brown

Honors Week audience; Amanda Jimenez; Jeff Lao

(back row from left) Kara Peterson, Brianna Rittinger, Carrie Tolve, Amanda Jimenez, Christina DellOsso, Theo Lebeaux, Dr. Philip Cioffari (front row from left) Johanna Safranski, Nicole, Bernstein, Ruti Frankel; Ian Urbina

Delecia Brown; Veronica Giandomenico; Heather DenHeyer

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Devin Pendergast; Dr. Thomas Heinzen, Alex Alvarez, Gordon Kessler, Caitlin Hoolihan, Shannon Itjen, Matthew Leitner, Katherine Pirera, Dr. Neil Kressel

Dr. Bela Florenthal, Christopher Polakowski, Dr. Michael Chen-Ho Chao; Nathan Pryce; Rita VanderStad, Dr. Carole Sheffield

Josh November; Jenna Tosto and advisors; Alexis Martinez; Shannon Itjen

(left) Iggy Herman, Barbara Van Vugt, Dr. John Peterman, Andrew Shapiro, Nick Potters, Carly Crisanti, Kelly Doran, Will Wiggins





Honors Banquet

This year's Honors Banquet was held on Thursday, April 9. The event gave graduating honors students the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate their accomplishments alongside their peers, family members, advisors, and the faculty and staff of William Paterson University. President Kathleen Waldron and Provost Warren Sandmann addressed students, expressing their congratulations and encouraging students to take with them the skills they have learned through their work in the Honors College. Former Honors student and guest speaker, Jennifer Bauer, was present to share how her experiences as an undergraduate honors student at William Paterson University prepared her to tackle the workforce in this ever-advancing technological age. At the conclusion of the evening, track directors distributed honors cords to graduating students in their tracks.



Honors students and guests



Honors students and guests



Colleen DeVoti and Dr. Amy Learmonth



Honors students and guests



Neal Joshi and Dr. Robert Benno



Amanda Clark and Dr. John Peterman

Track Time

The Honors Marketing and Management Tracks have been combined to develop a new and exciting Honors Business Track. This comprehensive program requires students to do an honors project in three business core courses: FIN 3200, MGT 3550, and MGT 4600. While completing these courses, students will register for Thesis I and Thesis II classes during consecutive semesters in order to develop honors thesis projects. Thesis I should be taken during the fall semester of a student's last year. Thesis II should be taken during the

spring semester of the same academic year.

Thesis I will be redesigned as a methods course with a required textbook. The course will support students in developing research proposals. During the Thesis II semester, students will be assigned to one of the co-instructors of the course as their thesis advisor to complete thesis research, writing, and presentations.

Moving forward, as the Business Track gains enrollment, a practitioner's track option will be offered to accommodate

students who seek a more hands-on experience. The program will require that students complete a practicum and case study as part of their thesis projects.

For more information on the changes to the Business track, which will be implemented during the fall 2014 semester, please contact the track director, Dr. Bela Florenthal, at florenthalb@wpunj.edu.

"Marketing reaches every individual, no matter their age, gender, race, religion, etc."
-Manar Awad

Student Spotlight



Currently enrolled in the Marketing Track is honors student, Manar Awad, who is pursuing degrees in Accounting and Finance. Manar chose to enroll in the track because of its relevance. "Marketing reaches every individual," she says, "no matter their age, gender, race, religion,

etc.". As a business student, she feels that the track will provide her with valuable insight into the marketing world. While Manar has not yet declared a topic for her thesis project, her research interests include investigations of cross-cultural marketing throughout history with particular emphasis on multicultural marketing in the United States.

Manar was recently inducted into Beta

Gamma Sigma, an international Honor Society that recognizes the "Best in Business" and supports students with educational advancement and professional enrichment opportunities. "I am honored to be part of a society that places such high importance on maintaining the ethics and morals of business," says Manar as she looks forward to progressing in her studies.

New Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Honors Track

The Honors Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Track has been designed to offer students training in clinical and research theory. Students will work in state-of-the-art facilities alongside experienced and licensed faculty members to draw on basic and applied work in order to complete a research thesis project. This program is ideal for students interested in pursuing studies at the graduate level as well as those pursuing careers in clinical practice and research. In addition to valuable hands-on experience, students will receive opportunities to publish and participate in regional and national conferences.

To apply for this track

students must have a 3.0 or higher grade point average. All applicants are required to write a personal statement in addition to completing the track application which is now available through WPCONnect. For more information about the track, please contact the director, Dr. Bruce J. Diamond, at diamondb@wpunj.edu.



Clinical Psychology & Neuropsychology Track

	Credits
Intro to Counseling & Psychotherapy (4100)	3
Psychopharmacology (PSY 4150)	3
Human Neuropsychology & Cognitive Neurosciences (CLSI 4950)	3
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Two Credits	
Clinical Science I (1) CLSI 4040	1
Clinical Science II (1) CLSI 4050	1
Four Credits	
Independent Study I (2) Psy 4990	2
Independent Study II (2) Psy 4990	2

Course substitutions from the course options are possible

TOTAL Program Credits 18

Pre-requisites

- Bio 1140 or Bio 1200 or equivalent
- Psy 2020 (4) or equivalent (complete before thesis work)
- Psy 2030 (4) or equivalent (complete before thesis work)
- Psy 3510 (3) or co-requisite (or equivalent) for Intro to Couns. & Psychotherapy
- Psy 3200 (3) (or equivalent)

Stories from Students

Two Honors Students presented at the New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium's 10th Annual Undergraduate Research Colloquium on Friday, April 4 at the College of New Jersey. The event opened an all-encompassing, state-wide forum for discussion of issues relating to the functioning of Women's and Gender Studies Programs. Dr. Carole Sheffield of the Department of Political Science, who also teaches an Honors course, attended this year's conference with students, Michael Parmese and Joseph Stefan. Michael's presentation was entitled "Women in Executive Positions". Joseph presented his work entitled, "The Sex and Gender Binary: The Enforcement of Sexism and Heterosexism in Music".



Honors student, Michael Parmese, presenting his research at the New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium

Honors Convocation

The 14th annual Honors Convocation Ceremony was held Monday, May 12. Convocation brings the William Paterson Community together to celebrate the scholarship and academic excellence of high-achieving graduates. At this year's ceremony, students who have graduated with Latin Honors were recognized. Additionally, over one hundred students received academic achievement awards from their individual colleges and departments. Graduating honors students were honored for completing one of the tracks of the Honors College.



(from left) Nathan Pryce, Giuseppe Roveccio, Dr. Bela Florenthal, Brian Schiess, and Lisa Porter posing for a picture after the Honors Convocation.

Club Corner

The Honors Club will be holding elections for executive board positions at the start of the fall semester. Those interested in running for a position or finding out more should contact Rebecca Wance at wancerl@wpunj.edu. Students are asked to monitor their William Paterson e-mails for important club updates.



Jan's Tips for Student Success

As you are making plans for this summer, don't forget to take care of a few details that will guarantee a smooth transition to the fall semester:

Be sure to check under your self-service tab in WP Connect to ensure that you don't have an outstanding balance or hold on your account that could result in your being dropped from your fall courses. Also, while you're in WP Connect, double-check to make sure your Financial Aid information is in order (FAFSA complete, loan documents signed, verification requests completed, etc.).

Double check your fall schedule – Remember that in order to be eligible for scholarships, you must be registered for at least 12 credits. You must register for at least 15 credits in order to remain on track to “finish in four.”

If you are a resident, be sure your fall housing arrangements are in order.

Return library books and pay outstanding parking fines.

If you have not yet selected an Honors track, take advantage of some of your down time this summer to review the track information on the Honors website (<http://www.wpunj.edu/honors-program/index.dot>) and then “shop around.” Narrow it down to a few tracks that interest you, and make appointments with the track directors to discuss how the various tracks will fit in with your education and personal goals.

Students who are already enrolled in a track might consider doing some extra reading and/or research over the summer to get a head start on the next semester.

Finally, use some of your time off to do some future planning. Check out your four year graduation plan (<https://webapps.wpunj.edu/catalog/front.cfm?section=4YRPv>) and map

out what classes you will take and when you will take them. Revisit your time management plan to make sure you are allowing for ample study time, as well as enough hours for sleep, exercise, and other essential activities. If you have a job, think about ways to rearrange your work schedule for maximum efficiency, and discuss the possibilities with your boss now, while there is plenty of advanced notice for scheduling. Familiarize yourself with the various campus support services that are available. Remember, it is up to you to get the most you can out of your college experience and take advantage of everything William Paterson has to offer.

Time for Honors Alumni

Former honors student, Daniel Colaneri joined the Honors Club at Lunch in the Lounge on Thursday, May 1. Daniel, a graduate of the class of 2011, is an adjunct professor in the Mathematics Department and was recently a contestant on the popular game show, *Wheel of Fortune*. As pizza was served, Daniel spoke to students about his experiences auditioning and filming for the show. He shared some of his winning strategies and spoke about the exciting prizes he was awarded such

as the nine day excursion to Iceland he will be taking in late August.

Daniel highlighted the fact that being a *Wheel of Fortune* contestant had been a dream of his for many years. He used his experience as an example to urge those presents to take chances and never let opportunities pass them by. Daniel's future plans include hopes of being a contestant on another game show such as *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*.



Former honors student, Daniel Colaneri, at Lunch in the Lounge

Internship Opportunities

Do you have plans yet for this fall? Have you thought about spending 15 weeks in Washington, DC completing an internship and earning 12 credits from George Mason University? The application deadline for the fall 2014 Capital Semester in Washington, DC is June 1. There is still plenty of time to apply – there are many exciting internship opportunities available and generous scholarship funding to be awarded.

Spend your semester gaining real-world experience that will help set you apart when it comes time to find your first job after graduation. Here are some examples of intern

projects that you could work on next semester:

1. Develop a strategic marketing plan for your client who is lobbying for a bill on Capitol Hill.
2. Attend a Congressional briefing and write a summary for your manager.
3. Cover a press conference at the National Press Club.

In addition to an internship and classes, our program provides housing in furnished apartments in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of DC, planned social activities, professional

development seminars, and numerous opportunities for networking.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

This fall 2014 deadline is June 1 and there is generous scholarship funding still available. Please contact Dana Faught at dfaught@tfas.org or 202-986-0384 with any questions; she will work with you to help you complete your application.

For more information or to start an application, please visit our website at www.DCinternships.org/CS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Place	Event
9/17/2014	2:00pm	Hobart Manor Terrace	Honors Ice Cream Social

Congratulations to the class of 2014!



*The Honors College
Newsletter is published
several times per semester
and is written by honors
student, Kelly Ginart.*

Did you know?

William Paterson Honors is on the web! The Honors College website is updated on a weekly basis. Be sure to visit it and our Facebook page regularly for important dates and Honors Club project updates at <http://www.wpunj.edu/honors-program/>.