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## **HONORS WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – 12/15/25**

### **ENJOY THE HOLIDAY BREAK**

Everyone at the Honors College wishes you a nice holiday and an enjoyable break! As a reminder, the Spring 2026 semester starts on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions over break, feel free to email [honors@wpunj.edu](mailto:honors@wpunj.edu) and we will be glad to assist you.

### **CONGRATULATIONS HONORS MERCH WINNERS!**

Students who attended the Honors Research Day first-year student presentations on 12/1/25 and answered the poster session questions were eligible to win prizes. The Honors Peer Leaders reviewed all the completed forms and rated the top responses. Winners Jessica Blaza, Joseph Chie, and Brian Gavarrete received an Honors College Hoodie. Additional winners Chelsy Kizito, Elias Moran, Anjana Pun, Jameson Snyder, and Amelia Tolentino received their choice between an Honors College baseball cap or phone wallet. Be on the lookout for future opportunities to win Honors merch!

### **ALL-COLLEGE MEETINGS IN SPRING 2026**

#### **Alumni Educator Panel**

Earn Honors All-College Meeting credit by attending a special Alumni Educator Panel on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. This panel is designed to connect current undergraduates with successful Honors alumni working in various fields of education. Join us to hear firsthand accounts of how their Honors experiences shaped their careers and gain valuable, practical advice for your own professional journey. This is a fantastic opportunity to network with alumni, get your questions answered, and explore the paths available with a background in education!

#### **LinkedIn Workshop**

Earn Honors All-College Meeting credit by attending a workshop on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>,

from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in University Hall 203 where you can transform your LinkedIn profile into a powerful professional asset! Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn exactly how to build a profile that gets noticed. A peer leader will guide you step-by-step on how to find and network with key people in your field, set up job alerts and application tips. This is a practical, hands-on session where you'll learn from your peers who have successfully secured internships and jobs this way; **please bring a charged device and, if possible, a created LinkedIn account. We will edit your profile together!** Food will be provided.

**Be sure to watch for more All-College meeting opportunities in 2026 as details become available!**

## **NEXT SEMESTER**

### **Earn Civic Engagement Credit at MLK Day of Service**

A Martin Luther King Day of Service hosted by Campus Activities, Service and Leadership is being planned to take place on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a great opportunity to earn HIGH-Level Civic Engagement credit. Stay tuned for more details!

### **Honors Museum Trip**

The Honors College is hosting another museum trip to NYC in the Spring 2026 Semester! This trip will be going to the American Museum of Natural History and the New York Historical Society on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, the bus will pick up students at 10 a.m. and return to campus by 6 p.m. RSVPs are being accepted now, email [honors@wpunj.edu](mailto:honors@wpunj.edu) to reserve your spot. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

### **Honors Job Opportunity**

Are you passionate about leadership, bridgebuilding, and making a real impact on campus? The Honors College invites undergraduate Honors College students to apply for a unique, hands-on opportunity to become a Student Leader for Pluralism during the Spring 2026 semester. Pluralism is the belief that our differences are worthy of respect and can be used to strengthen our campus community. Six Honors students will work with Honors Fellow, Dr. Elizabeth Harkins, to execute a major campus event in Spring 2026 that brings students from different backgrounds together to understand each other better. There is a 2-3 hour weekly time commitment during the semester and a \$600 stipend for each student. Click [here](#) to apply.

## **HEAR FROM YOUR PEERS! (Angie, Owen, Preston, Rory, Sarah, and Thays)**

*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 – Enjoy the break!**

We hope you enjoy the break! Make sure you take time to relax and recharge, make goals for next semester, and have fun. See you in the Spring!