Happy Thanksgiving, Redhawks! With only three more weeks after Thanksgiving break, the end of the semester is in sight! Be sure to keep up the hard work and it will surely pay off!

On October 24th, we held our Honors Spooky night, where we showed Hocus Pocus, played hide and seek in the dark, and held a costume contest. Congratulations to Paige Medlin, the winner of our costume contest, who won with her exceptional Joker outfit and makeup. Everyone had stupendous costumes, it was hard to pick a winner.

Thanks to everyone, faculty and students alike, who came out to the Honors Faculty Meet and Greet on October 28th. The faculty had a great time interacting with and really getting to know their students. We hope you all were able to learn something about your professors that helps you to truly appreciate them.

November is our month of service, and we have great events and projects planned for you all to get involved. Also, be sure to look for our finals week de-stress service projects. Stop by, take a break, and make something for someone in need.
Dr. Caldwell is an Associate Professor of Management at the Donald L. Harrison College of Business, where he specializes in business strategy, international management, leadership, and business ethics. He joined the faculty in 2009, holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Central Florida, and an MBA from Willamette University.

Professor Caldwell recently joined the honors faculty and is very excited about getting to know the honors students. He enjoys working with students who come to school to really learn, not just get the grades. He believes that learning opportunities often emerge organically and students and professors should be nimble enough to take advantage of those moments. He is a big proponent Grant Allen’s philosophy of “not allowing schooling to interfere with education”. The honors program provides and environment for these unique learning experiences to emerge.

In his spare time, James enjoys traveling, running with his wife, spending time with family (four kids), and almost anything in the outdoors.

Hi! My name is Shawn Guiling and I grew up on a horse farm in the country about 30 miles south of Cape Girardeau. I have taught in the Psychology Department here at Southeast Missouri State University since 2008. I have a PhD in School Psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. I teach a variety of courses, including child development, internship in psychology, and abnormal psychology. I also conduct research with students and have a license to practice psychology. I conduct counseling and assessments for local school districts, a local hospital, and in my private practice. Since coming to the University, I have taught a variety of honors sections of adolescent development and UI100, as well as contracted for honors hours in numerous courses. I have supervised one HN499 project which was presented at the Student Research Conference on campus. I attend as many honors events as I can and am pursuing a degree in art on the side.

Hi! My name is Sharon Gunn! I teach in the College of Education. My Ph.D. was earned at the University of Southern Illinois - Carbondale. My main focus is undergraduate and graduate courses in training teachers to be teachers of special education. I have been with Southeast Missouri State University since fall 2006 and I love teaching. In my spare time, my husband, our three dogs and I hang out at our cabin on the Current River where we boat and jet ski and just relax watching the deer in the backyard or the pack of coyotes roam through our yard......and/or all the other wildlife that a wooded area would offer.
Maureen (Molly) Timlin, PhD, RD, is currently an Assistant Professor and Director of Nutrition and Dietetics Program at Southeast Missouri State University. Most recently she was an Assistant Professor at Oregon State University, and from 2005-2007 she was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Minnesota’s School of Public Health. She has clinical experience in both the inpatient and outpatient settings, and her areas of expertise/interest include lipid metabolism, heart disease, diabetes, and the association between eating habits (i.e. breakfast consumption) and obesity. Current memberships include the American Dietetic Association, and the American Society for Nutrition. In 2005, she was a finalist in the American Society for Clinical Nutrition’s "Young Investigator Award Competition".

Dr. Jim McGill is Professor and director of the forensic chemistry programs at Southeast Missouri State University. He joined the Department of Chemistry in 2001. After a two-year appointment as a forensic chemist with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration in the Washington, DC area, he returned to Southeast and rejoined the Department of Chemistry as a full-time faculty member in fall 2011.

Dr. McGill has routinely taught Basic Principles of Chemistry (CH181/CH081/CH001) face-to-face and online, Forensic Chemistry (CH420/CH620), Advanced Organic Chemistry (CH343) and Organic Chemistry Laboratory (CH342 and CH344), Graduate Seminar (CH608/609)… He has also taught Inorganic Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis Laboratory (CH187), Environmental Chemistry (CH350/EV350), Topics in Analytical Chemistry—Chromatography (CH675), General Chemistry I (CH185/CH085/CH005), and Problems in Forensic Science with emphases on forensic expert witness testimony and clandestine laboratory chemistry (FS603).

Dr. McGill’s research interests in forensic science are diverse and include recent projects dealing with the chemical composition, degradation, and visualization of latent fingerprints; qualitative and quantitative analysis of controlled substances; analysis and classification of defensive spray residues; chemical analysis of human skeletal remains; analysis of clandestine methamphetamine laboratory evidence for production capacity determination; and persistence of controlled substances in post-mortem tissues. Dr. McGill is also interested in the philosophy and pedagogy of forensic science and in using forensic science as an outreach tool for stimulating student interest in learning about science.

My name is Emily Carlin and I am a member of the Honors Council. I am an Information Literacy Librarian with Masters degrees in Library Science and Philosophy. This is my third year at Southeast Missouri State University. I enjoy cooking, knitting, and playing with my dog.
Honors Spooky Night

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Honors Spooky Night! We had a blast watching Hocus Pocus and seeing everyone's creative costumes. We hope you did too!

Congratulations to Elena Nunez, the winner of our drawing for the faculty meet & greet! Read more about her on page 5.

Faculty Meet & Greet

Drawing winner
Elena Nunez
What’s Elena excited for in the program?

“I haven’t gone to it yet, but I am so very excited for the murder mystery dinner! Everyone I have talked to says it’s phenomenal.”

Our student spotlight this month is Elena Nunez. Elena is a freshman here at Southeast where she is double majoring in biomedical sciences and art. On campus she is involved with the Student Organization of Latinos (SOL), Student Activities Council (SAC), Catholic Campus Ministries, Gamma Sigma Sigma and the Sustainable Students Organization (SSO), as well as being a Student Government Senator for the school of Visual and Performing Arts and a First Year Leadership Program (FYLP) graduate. Somehow with all this she still finds time to lifeguard at the Rec Center! Off campus she has completed girl scouts (receiving her gold award) and is active with her venturing crew.

Elena grew up in Henderson Kentucky and moved to Kirkwood Missouri at the beginning of her junior year. Her friends call her the “modern Renaissance girl” or “Snapple” because she loves to tell people random facts. Leonardo DaVinci is her role model. When asked, Elena said “my favorite part about the Honors Program is that it gives me the opportunity to have a closer relationship with my teachers through designing honors contracts and the meet and greets. Also, the program allows me to meet new friends whom have high aspirations like me.” We’re lucky to have Elena and people like her in the program!

Upcoming Honors Events

Honors Month of Giving

Throughout the month of November come by the Honors house to log your community service hours. At the end of the month the student with the most hours will receive a $25 gift card.
The Honors House is open from 8-5 on weekdays. Feel free to stop by and say hi, hang-out between classes, catch up studying, or take advantages of the services the house offers (such as free printing).

My name is Ashley Showalter and I am the Administrative Assistant for the Honors Program. I have a Bachelors in University Studies from Southern Illinois University. I have a 5 year old son with Autism. In my free time I like to attend different trainings about Autism, spend time with my family and travel.
Dr. Kevin Dickson is the director of the Honors Program.
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