Those of us in the Honors Council congratulate you all on what we hope were some awesome Midterm Exams! We know you worked for it, and there’s good news: the semester’s halfway over! So keep it up! In just a few more weeks, you can enjoy the Thanksgiving festivities with your friends and families…

But until then, the Honors House has you covered with all the latest program news, dates to keep in mind, and activities to plan for—like, our annual Murder Mystery dinner! It is always a blast (this year’s theme is a Masquerade Ball), and we all know the best way to destress and unwind...solve a murder!

Overview

Honors T-Shirts!

It’s time to order T-shirts! For those of you that are interested in buying one, the price will be $15, and orders will be due by Tuesday, October 24.

In case you didn’t see the email, here’s the link where you can place your order: https://www.customink.com/g/jet0-00b6-sax5
On September 26, we held our annual Honors Faculty Meet & Greet, and we had a great turnout! LaFerla hosted this year, and everyone came to enjoy a free meal (who doesn’t love McAlister's?!?) and the chance to mingle with their fellow Honors students and faculty.

We also held a raffle, and the winners each took home a basket of goodies. *Shout-out to the lucky professor and student!* Thanks for coming, and we hope you all come back next year!
We also held a Scary Movie Night on October 13 (which just so happened to be Friday the 13th). We had another great turnout for our double showing of the original *Friday the 13th* and *Hocus Pocus*. Other fun to be had included a costume contest, and plenty of spooky-themed treats for everyone to enjoy—apparently the dirt cake was a fan favorite! Congratulations to Miranda Geer for winning the costume contest as Cthulhu!
October Student Spotlight: “Shy Shark” Tori Wright

Tori Wright is a sophomore majoring in marine biology and minoring in chemistry. She is currently the trombone section leader in the Southeast Marching Band, a member of the wind symphony, and works as a student advisor at the LGBT Resource Center on campus.

Tori spent a month of her summer in Mossel Bay, South Africa where she worked for Oceans Research with 22 other interns. She and her fellow interns worked 2 shifts every day that included such activities as: data analysis, chumming trips to obtain observational data on great white sharks, sea fishing trips to catch catsharks for on-board analysis, intertidal surveys, cetacean surveys—tracking, identifying species, and recording behavior—and aquarium maintenance (which included swimming with smoothhound sharks!).

The campaign Keep Fin Alive also occupied some of Tori’s time. The movement aims to raise shark awareness by organizing public outreach events. Tori volunteered to help at a beach cleaning event and with a puppet show at a local elementary school. Furthermore, during Tori’s time in South Africa, Andy Casagrande—one of the top shark cinematographers in the world—was there filming for shark week. Tori even caught a glimpse of Michael Phelps in a nearby boat!

One of Tori’s (now) favorite memories from the trip was during her last shift when she was working a GoPro underwater. The team was using Gopro to try and get footage of great whites. As Tori was holding the GoPro, one of the great whites turned and bit it. Tori didn’t want to let go and lose the GoPro, so she held on like a champ and wound up leaning over the edge of the boat in a tug-of-war match with the shark, which she ultimately won. Tori, the great white, and the GoPro were all thankfully unharmed.

In the future, Tori hopes she will be able to go back and work for Oceans Research as a Field Specialist.
Meet Your New Honors Council Members!

Historian
Grace Ziehm

Majors: Political Science and Spanish
Minor: Global Studies
I’m an active member in SEMO’s Student Organization of Latinos/Spanish Club (SOL) this year, and in past years I’ve been a member of Model United Nations and Quiz Bowl on campus. I also work as a Learning Assistant through Tutorial Services, where I tutor lower-level Spanish classes, and as a Student Worker in Kent Library.
I don’t quite have my future planned out just yet, but I am planning on studying abroad in Leon, Spain next semester (Spring 2018), and I love to be able to travel and learn more about other countries and cultures. I hope to continue to see more of the world in whatever I decide to do after college.

Honors Floor Liaison
Alex Bansbach

Major: Psychology
Minors: Human Resource Management and Communication Studies
Things I'm a part of: NSHSS, Honors Council, and Psychology Club
Activities/Hobbies: hiking, learning new things, meeting new people, reading, the arts (I was active in stage crew for four years in high school, and I loved every second of it!), and exploring
Future goals: earn my Master’s in I/O psychology, go back to school for my MBA, work for a large corporation, travel the world, get married and have a couple of kids in/near the Chicago area, meet amazing people, and live life to the fullest
Upcoming Events

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Honors House Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30AM - 5:30PM

Feel free to stop by the Honors House any time we’re open!
We have plenty of study rooms available, and free printing!
Or if you need a break, grab some food from the kitchen,
and come hang out in the lounge.
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