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Director's Note



We all have strengths and weaknesses—qualities that help us to excel and those that prevent us from achieving more. Often, celebrated people are those who have overcome difficulties that prevent others from reaching their full potential. Sometimes, we think of obvious physical or mental disorders as impediments, yet we know the visually impaired have climbed Mount Everest and

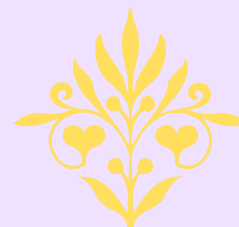
finished advanced degrees. And those with Tourette Syndrome can become surgeons. I once knew a man who did everything very quickly. When I asked a friend about this, he said the person suffered from a form of hypersomnia that prevented him from staying awake more than four hours a day. Yet, as a professional person he completed the responsibilities of full-time university employment and also offered an ongoing film series for students. I have recalled this man many times over the years, especially when I hear people complain they cannot “find enough hours in the day.”

As we bring the academic

year to a close, I propose an experiment to all who can't seem to get everything done in a day: try to do it all in just four hours. (Obeying all laws, of course!) My guess is that not everything will get done, but those who try will begin to reduce “everything” so that the marginal disappears and the significant gets done. Even if you do not try this experiment, think of my old acquaintance who had a career, pursued a compelling interest, and enriched the lives of those around him—with just four hours a day! The Centennial Honors College thanks all of its supporters for their many hours of work on its behalf and wishes its students the best of hours as they graduate or prepare for fall semester!

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Honors Student News

Cavan Gray, Psychology will be presenting his honors thesis, *Narcissism and Incivility: Interpreting Violence of Psychological Contract as a Threat to Ego* at the ILLOWA 38th Annual Undergraduate Psychology Conference, April 30 at Monmouth College and the annual conference of the Association of Psychological Science to be held in May 2011 in Washington DC. Cavan will be attending the University of Georgia (Athens, GA) to pursue a Ph.D. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology. His thesis advisor is Dr. Karen Sears.

Nicole Hrasch, Psychology will be presenting a paper, *Effects of Satiation on the Need to Belong* at the ILLOWA 38th Annual Undergraduate Psychology Conference, April 30 at Monmouth College. She will also present a poster, *Satiation and the Need to Belong: Limiting Relationships Regulates Belongingness Needs* at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Conference in Chicago on May 5. Nicole was accepted to four graduate programs in School Counseling and chose to attend Lewis University in Romeoville, IL. Nicole's honors advisor is Dr. Kristine Kelly.

What's happening this summer in the Honors College?

Dr. Knox will be teaching **G H 299: Explorations in Sustainability** during the first four week session of Summer 2011. The class meets MTWTh from 3:30 -4:20 pm. According to the course description:

The course is designed as a point of departure in studying broad sustainability issues and for beginning personal and local sustainability projects. The goal of the course is to acquaint students with the wide range of sustainability issues while also critically examining various



meanings of 'sustainability.'...Frequent field trips will have students experience examples of local sustainability efforts.

Required text: Winter, Mick. 2007. *Sustainable Living: For Home, Neighborhood, and Community*. Napa: Westsong. Online readings are also included in the course.

Dr. Struthers will be on campus this summer but will be working out of her Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs office - Stipes 502. She will be completing a project with Mason District Hospital and writing a series of articles based on the 2010 Illinois Rural Life Poll.



Data from the Honors College Senior Survey and the Honors College Programming Survey will be examined for ideas to begin implementing in 2011/2012. Please let her know if you have ideas for the Centennial Honors College Newsletter, resident hall honors floor programming or activities for the Student Honors Association. In July, she heads to Boise, Idaho, for the

combined Rural Sociological Society and Community Development Society Annual Meetings.

Bill, Janell, Patty, and Michele and will be available in the Honors College (2nd Floor Malpass Library) during regular business hours but vacations will be scattered throughout the summer. Call before you stop by to make sure the right person is there to answer your questions 309.298.2228.



Have a safe and peaceful summer.

Looking Ahead 2011/2012



A Research Grant opportunity for the 2011/2012 academic year is available through the Honors Council of the Illinois Region (HCIR). Students enrolled in the Honors College are eligible to apply. The funds can be used to

defray the cost of supplies, travel or services directly related to undergraduate student research projects. For more information and grant application forms see <http://castle.eiu.edu/honcilr/Research.htm>. For more information

about HCIR contact Dr. Knox in the Honors College, WLKnox@wiu.edu or call 309.298.2228.

Applications are due by September 16, 2011 for Fall 2011 funding.

Spring 2011 – Scholarship Award Winners

This spring three honors students were presented with **Ernest J. Codilis Jr. Pre-Law Scholarships**. Ernie Codilis was a Political Science major and a 1973 graduate of Western Illinois University. The Codilis scholarship is a competitive one-time non-renewable award of \$5,000. The Centennial Honors College would like to congratulate the winners of the Ernest J. Codilis Jr. Pre-Law Scholarships:

Starlet Baker

Jenna Verity

Shawn Fitzpatrick

Criteria for this award include being in good standing as full-time students at Western Illinois University and in the Centennial Honors College, actively pursuing the Honors College Pre-Law Minor, have at least a 3.7 WIU grade point average, and be enrolled with junior or senior status at the time of the award. Applicants had to demonstrate a solid record of extra curriculum participation including leadership and a record of campus and/or community service.

This spring a one-time **Centennial Honors College Pre-Law Scholarship** of \$676 was made. The Centennial Honors College would like to congratulate the winner of the Pre-Law Scholarship:

Brad Fenton

Criteria for this award include being in good standing as a full-time student at Western Illinois University and the Centennial Honors College, actively pursuing the Honors College Pre-Law Minor, maintaining at least a 3.4 WIU grade point average, have junior or senior status when the award is made, and a record of campus and/or community service. Brad is the Vice President of the Student Honors Association (SHA) where he coordinated the Honors College's annual Department and Majors Fair and a number of other events. Brad is involved in a number of community, college, and university events.

The Martin DuPuis Award for Leadership has been awarded to **Victoria Alao**. The DuPuis Award is for Honors Students from historically under-represented communities who have excelled as both leaders and scholars. This award of \$1,300 is made each spring and distributed in the Fall and Spring of the year following the announcement.

Victoria is from Nigeria. She is majoring in Biochemistry. Her application includes a number of university, community, and Honors College leadership activities.

Congratulations, Victoria!

It is a common experience that a problem difficult at night is resolved in the morning after the committee of sleep has worked on it. – John Steinbeck

2010-2011 Centennial Honors College Writing Competition Winners



Sarah Blaase for “Forensic Science for the Masses,” Faculty Mentor: Jackie Wilson-Jordan

Shelby Rogers for “Human Interactions with the Wilderness as Portrayed in Edward Abbey’s *Desert Solitaire*,” Faculty Mentor: Amy Mossman

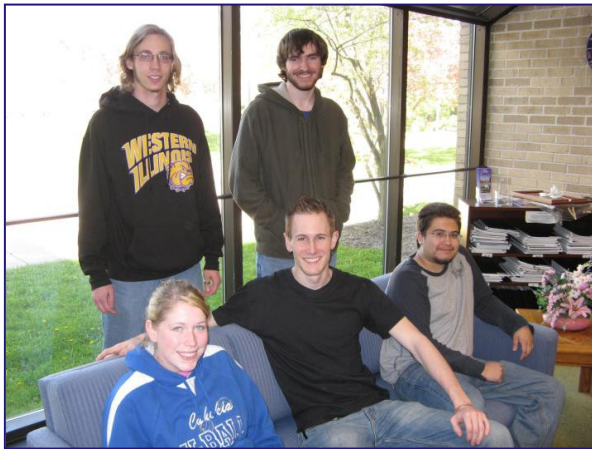
Student Honors Association (SHA) News



BRETT HOCKMAN GRADUATES!

Brett Hockman is graduating on May 14th. He has been active member of SHA for four years and served as SHA President this past year. Many thanks for your service to SHA and the Honors College over the last four years. Your leadership and enthusiasm will be missed.

Congratulations and best wishes!



MEET THE 2011 – 2012 SHA EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Student Honors Association met on Thursday, April 28 to elect their executive board for next year: Brad Fenton, President; Kati Kerperien, Vice President; Joseph Lucas, Secretary; Brady Childs, Treasurer and Kevin Lytle, Social Chair. Additional leadership positions are available so if you are looking for a way to become more active and engaged in the life of the Centennial Honors College please join us. All honors students by virtue of their acceptance to the honors college are considered members of SHA. Check us out!

WANTED – TEXTBOOKS

BetterWorldBooks Spring Book Drive! Don’t take them home - drop them in the big white, orange, and bright green boxes or in the Honors College. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to all spring and summer graduates. And to all who are leaving campus and Macomb in the next couple of weeks – have a great summer.

Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day

April 20, 2011



The Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2011 Poster and Podium Awards Competition and extends its congratulations.

Posters:

First Place—Mikala Mareno, Shannon Barry, Theodore Paul, Keeley VanVleet, and Julia Wiederholt

with Professor Shawn Meagher, Biological Sciences:

“Host Specificity of Juvenile Grub (*Posthodiplostomum minimum*) in Spring Lake, IL”

Second Place—Brandon Selph

with Professor Pengqian Wang, Physics:

“Generation of an Ultraviolet Laser with Continuously Adjustable Energy”

Third Place—Caleb Robertson

with Professor Tim Piper, Kinesiology:

“Coach Presence and Encouragement Does Not Alter the Physiological Responses of the Tire Flip Exercise”

Podiums:

First Place—Collin Van Buren

with Professor Matthew Bonnan, Biological Sciences:

“Quantifying the Posture of Quadrupedal Dinosaurs: A Morphometric Approach”

Second Place—Nick Jackson

with Professor Seongchan Kim, Construction Management:

“Toward Green Building with Building Information Modeling”

Third Place—Justin Venturini

with Professor Elgin Mannion, Sociology and Anthropology:

“Deterrent Effect of Police Presence across Illinois Counties on Total Index Crimes and Drug Arrests”

The winners receive awards supported by the University Foundation.

The Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day Committee expresses its appreciation to the Provost who established these prizes and to the Deans of the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Technology, College of Education and Human Services, College of Fine Arts and Communication, and University Libraries who have been generous in their support.



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Spring and Summer 2011 Honors Scholars

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| Deborah Abraham | Nichole Kuchar |
| Sarah Adams | Kristin Kulasik |
| Kirsten Anderson | Beckie Laye |
| Caitlin Barrett | Kristianna Lorenz |
| Amanda Bergmann | Nicole Maila |
| Lily Blouin | Derek Malley |
| Fawzyah Boukari | Kathleen McGowan |
| Steven Bowen | Michael McGraw |
| Kelsey Boyd | Amanda Meiners |
| William Bradley | Adam Miller |
| Adam Brown | Ashlyn Myers |
| Heather Buchanan | Chelsey Nelson |
| Eboney Chambers | Cassandra Nickell |
| Breyana Chapman | Brian Oostenryk |
| Carianna Cottone | Brittany Palmer |
| Jeanly Crowe | Keri Plica |
| Matthew Cuello | Iesha Polk |
| Kayla Duffield | Jordan Price |
| Anna Evert | Margaret Quist |
| John Felker | Nicole Raddatz |
| April Fuegen | Jacob Rhodes |
| Samantha Gajda | Caleb Robertson |
| Francisco Garcia | Taylor Ruder |
| Cavan Gray | Rylee Russell |
| Eric Haimann | Caitlin Salmon |
| Kelsey Harms | Michelle Schallhorn |
| Lindsay Henderson | Clark Schoonover |
| Caitlin Henry | Kevin Sheehan |
| Brett Hockman | Brent Sloat |
| Laura Hofer | Courtney Stoverink |
| Nicole Hrasch | Jennifer Stutler |
| Matthew Johnson | Elizabeth Unsworth |
| Rebecca Joines | Collin Vanburen |
| Margaret Jones | Justin Venturini |
| Kyla Keefauver | Jacob Ward |
| Kathleen Kennedy | Edward Wasilewski |
| Courtney Knobloch | Philip Watson |
| Bethany Koga | Michael Weiman |
| Katelyn Kratz | Amanda Williamson |

Lindsay Henderson
is the Spring 2011
Honors College
Scholar

Lily Blouin is the
Spring Honors
Convocation Student
Speaker



Congratulations

Organize, agitate, educate, must be our war cry. – Susan B. Anthony