

HONORS COLLEGE NEWS



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WP names inaugural Dean of Honors College



Dr. Barbara Andrew

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Barbara Andrew was recently named as the inaugural dean of the William Paterson Honors College. Andrew has been with the Honors College for three years, serving as part-time Interim Director from July 2015 until July 2017 when she was named full-time Executive Director of the Honors College following a national search.

Over the past three years, Andrew has accelerated growth in the area of student research and significantly increased the number of Honors students participating in research conferences.

“Our Honors students are producing outstanding research and creative projects,” said Andrew. “It is important that they attend national and regional conferences to showcase their work, learn

more about their fields of study, and network with other students and faculty members in their fields.”

University President, Richard Helldobler, congratulated Andrew during his remarks to Honors students, administrators, and faculty at the annual Fall Honors Welcome reception on September 20, noting that her elevation to dean demonstrates the University’s strong commitment to the Honors College and Honors students. This renewed commitment to Honors comes just as the college welcomed the largest class of incoming Honors students to date, including 113 first year students and 6 transfer students. This brings the total enrollment of the Honors College to approximately 425 students.

“I am so pleased that Honors is being given the support and resources that are needed in order to expand,” stated Andrew. “Currently about 4.8% of the undergraduate population of William Paterson is enrolled in the Honors College, and raising that figure to 6% or higher will put us more in line with Honors Colleges across the country and with the recommendations of the National Collegiate Honors Council,” noted Andrew.

Dean Andrew is well-known on campus, having joined William Paterson University in 2002 as an assistant professor in the Philosophy Department. She was promoted to associate professor in 2008 and earned the rank of full professor in 2013. Prior to her work in the Honors College, she served as chairperson of the Philosophy Department. During her four years as department chairperson, she gained valuable knowledge and skills related to higher education administration, and she had the opportunity to participate in the Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Bryn Mawr Summer Leadership Training Institute and the Council of Colleges of Arts and Science Department Chair Seminar. More recently, as Honors Executive Director, Andrew attended the American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ Emerging Leaders Program.

Beyond her record as an administrator, Andrew is an accomplished scholar. She earned a PhD in Philosophy from Stony Brook University, where she had previously earned an MA in Philosophy as well as a Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies. She completed her undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Vassar College. She co-edited the book *Feminist Interventions in Ethics and Politics*, and is the author of numerous articles, book chapters, and book reviews.



University President Richard Helldobler addresses a group of students, faculty, and administrators at the Honors Fall Welcome Reception.

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Dean Andrew poses with University President, Richard Helldobler, at the Honors Fall Welcome Reception on Thursday, September 20 in Hobart Manor.

In Remembrance of Emily Desbiens



Emily Desbiens
1997–2018

We want to remember and recognize Emily Desbiens, an Honors student in the Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology Track, whose life was tragically taken June 3, 2018 in a motor vehicle accident.

While her life was cut terribly short, Emily nevertheless accomplished much. She completed her

academic work in the track, achieving a near perfect 4.0 GPA and she was progressing in her thesis work involving personality and life-style choices. She was co-author on two abstracts that were presented at national conferences in Boston and San Francisco, and she was co-author on an entry in the Encyclopedia of Neuropsychology.

Honors student, Olivia Arcilla, a friend and sister of Emily's in the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority on campus, has nothing but kind words for her 20 year old fellow Honors student.

"Emily was a beautiful soul whose light shined so bright on all of us. She was one of the few people who could spread happiness to others even if it wasn't what she was feeling. Her laugh was contagious, something that you had to smile at. She was a one in a million person that we were all undeniably lucky to know."

Emily, a psychology major, spent a great deal of time on campus in the Science Building. Dr. Bruce Diamond, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Honors Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology research track, served as one of her mentors in the Psychology Department.

"Emily was just beginning to find her voice and her interests as a woman and a scholar. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends and the university community," said Diamond.

"Emily was a beautiful soul whose light shined so bright on all of us."

- Honors student, Olivia Arcilla

The annual Honors Coat Drive is right around the corner!

As you are going through your closet and planning your fall and winter wardrobe, please remember that the Honors College and Honors Club will be collecting gently worn coats, jackets, and winter accessories through mid-November.

The items collected will be donated to the families that participate in Passaic Family Head Start.

Items may be dropped off at the Honors College office, Raubinger 154.

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Honors students participate in Pioneer Service Ventures

Approximately 85 Honors students along with Honors College Dean, Barbara Andrew, Assistant Director, Jan Pinkston, and Humanities Track Director, Dr. Molly O'Donnell, took part in Pioneer Service Ventures on September 7.



This annual event gives new students the opportunity to participate in civic engagement opportunities in our area. Pictured are students with Dr. Andrew, working with "Stop Hunger Now," a globally recognized organization whose vision is a "world without hunger." By working together, the group was able to package 10,000 meals in a few hours.

Honors students also volunteered that day at Bob and Carol's Food Pantry at the Father English Center in Paterson and at the Historic Paterson Great Falls.

Advice from a former Honors student:

Follow your passion

By Samantha Koprowski, Honors Intern

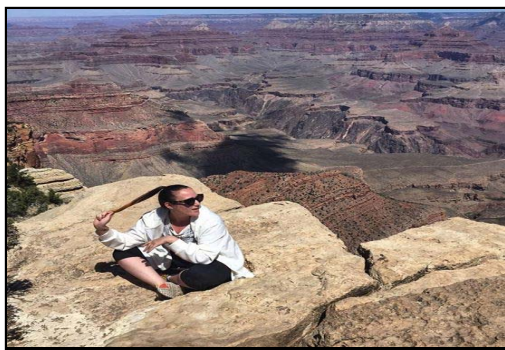
It comes as no surprise that our Honors graduates have gone on in their occupational and educational paths to accomplish great things. Isabel Anreus is a perfect example of the success our former Pioneers have enjoyed in their professional lives.

Isabel graduated from William Paterson University in 2012 as an English major with a concentration in creative writing. She completed the Humanities Honors Track. Under the supervision of Dr. Peterman and Dr. Witt, her thesis, "Every Man Drowns Differently," was a fiction piece based on her self-reflections of the university culture she immersed herself in, including meditations on her involvement with the William Paterson chapter of YDS (Young Democratic Socialists) and student union strikes.

Her thesis helped develop the novel she is currently working on that discusses the history of silk strikes organized by labor unions in Paterson and the city's socialist history. Isabel went on to receive her MFA from Sarah Lawrence College.

During her time at William Paterson, Isabel developed life-long connections with other Honors students from her Humanities Honors courses and her peers from the Writing Center and YDS. She enthusiastically says that if she hadn't had the opportunity to meet the people she did through the Honors College and on-campus jobs and activities, she wouldn't be where she is today.

Currently, Isabel is the field operator for Julia Salazar, a DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) member running for a seat in the New York State Senate. She started out as a volunteer for the Salazar campaign after meeting Julia at a DSA party. After



canvassing in Brooklyn and its surrounding areas and uploading Spanish translations on the campaign's website, Isabel got promoted to the position of field operator. Her duties include managing data and organizing and strategizing volunteer canvassers.

Although field operators are not typically out canvassing with volunteers, Isabel occasionally joins the canvassers in recruiting potential voters. Isabel left her job as an ESL teacher to join the campaign because she strongly believes in the core values of the Salazar campaign. Although she loves her current job and would be interested in becoming a campaign manager one day down the road, her heart is still invested in teaching and writing. After her stint in politics, Isabel will be teaching English courses at Lower Manhattan Community College while working on her novel.

Isabel advises students to follow their passions and find their specific niche in life. She firmly believes that it is more beneficial to develop and fine-tune skills in a specific area of interest and become an expert at it, as opposed to being proficient in numerous fields. For Isabel, finding what you love to do is crucial to developing a skillset useful for a career path you are passionate about and excel in. We are excited to see all of the great things Isabel will continue to accomplish in the near future!

Jan's tips for student success



I hope your fall semester is off to a great start!

Following are a few strategies that will help make you a more engaged, productive, and successful college student.

Get to know your professors.

Find out when your professors have office hours and make a point to locate their office and meet with them. Your professors actually *want* to get to know you and they are happy to discuss your work and ideas.

Find out what's happening in your department.

Visit your major department to find out about upcoming events (lectures, conferences, activities, etc.). Students in some majors have formed their own SGA clubs. Check to see if there is a club associated with your major, or consider starting one. If you have not declared a major, feel free to "shop around" and visit departments that interest you.

Prepare for the spring 2019 semester.

Priority registration for the spring semester will be held the week of November 1st. A list of the spring Honors courses will be available soon. Verify the name of your advisor on WP Connect (located on your degree evaluation) and email that person to set-up an appointment for mid-October. Students who are enrolled in an Honors track should consult with their Track Director in addition to their major advisor.

Take advantage of all the support services the University has to offer.

Help is available from many sources (the Writing Center, the Academic Success Center, the Science Enrichment Center, and the Health and Wellness Center, just to name a few). There is always room to improve, so explore all of the great resources that are available to you!

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Are you a William Paterson Honors College graduate? If so, we want to hear from you! Please email us at honors@wpunj.edu to be featured in an upcoming issue of the Honors Newsletter.

Jan's Tips

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Check your William Paterson email account daily.

The Honors College and various departments at the University communicate with students via email, and require that you use your official WP email account for all correspondence.

Practice time management.

Even though the Honors PSS courses cover this topic extensively and you've heard this a lot by now, it bears repeating. Remember that college should be treated like a full-time job. The time you spend each week in class and the time you spent studying (a minimum of 2-3 hours of study time for every hour spent in class) all adds up to well over 40 hours per week. Make sure you are devoting the proper amount of time to your classes and assignments, and that you are spending enough time reading your text books and going over class notes. Also, make sure you are scheduling enough time for all of the other important activities in life.

Stay in touch with the Honors staff. We like to get to know all of our students and we want to hear about the great things you are accomplishing at William Paterson. Feel free to call, email, or stop by the Honors Office to share information with us. Also, don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have throughout your time at the University. We will do our best to assist you.

Honors Club News

The Honors Club met for the first time this semester on September 25. Club President, Caroline Chambers, discussed plans for upcoming events including Halloween activities, the Honors College Coat Drive this fall, a possible community service event at a nursing home or elementary school, and tentative trips to Washington, DC and to NYC museums. Please watch for more details about upcoming events.



There was a good turn-out for the first Honors Club meeting of the fall semester.

This club is recognized by the Student Government Association and is open to any student at William Paterson University. All students (even students who are currently enrolled in the Honors College) must sign up to be a member on WP Connect by clicking on the "clubs and organizations" link under the student tab. Note that club members will get the first chance to register for trips and participate in activities, so be sure to become an official member now so you can take advantage of the opportunities that will be offered.

Elections for several open positions on the Honors Club Executive Board were held and the Executive Board for the 2018-2019 academic year was finalized: Caroline Chambers, President; Jannat Begum, Vice-President; Tahmina Chowdhury, Treasurer; Jhamani Ashcraft, Social Events Coordinator; Khizar Siddiqui, Social Events Coordinator; Katrina Camille Adap, Community Service Coordinator; Sierra Fields, Community Service Coordinator; Alison Cosgrove, PR Coordinator; Ashley Merchant, PR Coordinator, Sofia Cook, Freshmen Class Representative; Shaina Arias Garcia, Freshmen Class Representative; Cassandra Soto, Sophomore Class Representative; Tanner Ness, Sophomore Class Representative; and Danielle Williams, Sophomore Class Representative. Dr. Barbara Andrew serves as the Club Advisor.

For more information about the Honors Club, please contact President Caroline Chambers, chambersc7@student.wpunj.edu.



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