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Peer Advising Luncheon Held

The Honors College hosted a Peer Advising Luncheon on Tuesday, February 9 in the University Commons. During the informal luncheon, sophomore, junior, and senior Honors students shared their own personal experiences with first-year Honors students, and offered advice on registration procedures, course selection, and other helpful information that first-year students should know prior to meeting with their academic advisors.

Feedback from the first year students indicated that the event was very helpful and informative, and the Honors College would like to thank the volunteers who helped make the lunch a success.



Honors students participating in the Peer Advising Luncheon held earlier this semester.

Honors Club Bake Sales Raise Money for Charities

An array of baked goods were sold at the Honors Bake Sale on Main Street in the Student Center on February 24. In addition to raising money for the Honors Club, William Paterson's mascot, "Billy the Bear," was present to assist with "Hugs for Haiti," an event to help raise money for International Red Cross efforts in Haiti. The event was a huge success.

The Honors Club sponsored another Bake Sale on March 1 to raise money for the "Great American Bake Sale," an organization devoted to ending childhood hunger by providing children and their families with nutritious meals. The Honors Club appreciates the outpouring of support by members of the University Community. A special thanks to those who donated baked goods, volunteered their time at the events, and/or purchased baked goods.



Honors Club members volunteering at the sale.



Members of the campus community participating in "Hugs for Haiti," by donating money for a hug from Billy the Bear, WPU's mascot.



WPU students purchasing baked goods.



Nick Bauter

Nick Bauter, an Honors student majoring in Professional Sales and Management, has learned first-hand about the importance of internship opportunities. "If you are looking for a job after school, an internship is the best thing that you can do for yourself," said Bauter, who took advantage of the many resources available to William Paterson students.

His first step was to attend an internship orientation for business students that was run by Dr. Giuliana Andreopoulos, a professor in the Department of Economics, Finance, and Global Business. During the orientation, students learn a great deal of information about internships, and the various companies who regularly work with William Paterson students. The Sales Department at William Paterson also offers resources for internships. Each spring, the department hosts a job fair for students who are majoring in sales, and arranges for various companies to be present on campus to interview students.

Bauter also found the Career Development and Gloria S. Williams Advisement Center on campus to be a very helpful resource. The Career Development Center offers one-on-one meetings with career counselors, and also provides a service called WP Job Connect. Through this service, students are notified via email about various opportunities. It was through one of these email messages that Bauter learned about a career fair at Rutgers University. He attended the job fair and was given the opportunity to circulate his resume and interview briefly with various companies. Through this event, Bauter was offered an internship with Sears. He is currently exploring internship opportunities with ADP.

Students who are interested in obtaining an internship can start by contacting the internship coordinator of their major department, or by contacting the Career Development Center located on the third floor of the Student Center. The most important thing, however, is taking that first step. "These opportunities will not just fall into your lap, you have to actively seek them out," said Bauter.

Knitting Night Held in Student Center

The first "Knitting Night" of the spring semester was held on March 3 in the third floor lounge of the Student Center. The group worked on scarves that will be donated to the Fall 2010 Honors College Coat Drive. Additional Knitting Nights are scheduled for April 14 and April 28. Anyone who is interested in learning to knit or in completing projects is invited to attend. The cost is five dollars for the supplies (yarn and knitting needles), or participants may bring their own supplies. Please contact Rachael Mierzwa at mierzwar@student.wpunj.edu for more information.



Marisol Garcia knitting.

Honors Students Learn About Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship opportunities were discussed at the Lunch in the Lounge on February 23 in High Mountain East. Michelle Davidson from the Office of Scholarships was present to explain the process of applying for the 2010-11 Foundation and Alumni Scholarships that are available to current William Paterson students. These scholarships are awarded to students based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, service to the University or community, and financial status. More than 150 scholarships worth over \$400,000 are given out annually. To apply for the scholarships, students must complete an online application, write an essay (300 words or less), and obtain a letter of reference from a member of the faculty or administration. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2010. To access the online application or get more information, please visit <http://www.wpunj.edu/scholarships>. Students may also contact the Office of Scholarships at 973-720-3720. The office is located in the lower level of Raubinger Hall, near the Financial Aid Department.

Important Tips From the Financial Aid Department

Betty Riquez, Director of the Financial Aid Department at William Paterson offers some important tips to Honors students:

- Financial Aid workshops are now being held on Saturdays in Raubinger Hall.
- Students (and parents) can make appointments with a financial aid counselor during the week.

(By having an appointment, you will be informed of everything that you will need to bring and you can avoid having to wait in line.)

- Check your William Paterson email account often. The Financial Aid Department regularly sends out messages about important deadlines and events, as well as important personalized messages about individual accounts.
- Personal financial aid information is available under the "Self-Service" tab of WP Connect. Students should check their status about once a week and should consider granting access to their parents.
- For more information, please call the Financial Aid Office at 973-720-2292.

Please read carefully...

The following Honors courses are being offered during the Fall 2010 semester. Enrollment is by permit only. To obtain a permit for an Honors course, please send an email to honors@wpunj.edu, and include your name, 855 number, and the name of the Honors class(es) you would like to enroll in. If you have questions or concerns, please call Jan at 973.720.3657.

Honors GE Courses – Fall 2010**Arts and Communication****COMM 101 – Introduction to Theatre – J. Beal****F 11:00 – 1:40**

A wide-ranging and free-wheeling look at theatre in all its aspects from all sides- script, staging, performing, watching, directing, technical work, historical, contemporary, dramatic, comedic, and musical. In short, we try to answer these questions: what is theatre, and why should we care?

ARTH 102 – Approaches to Non-Western Art – Professor TBA**MW 9:30 – 10:45**

Introduces characteristic art forms of Africa, Asia, Oceania, and the Americas in order to deepen understanding of those arts' cultural, religious, and aesthetic values. Studies selected examples of architecture, sculpture, painting, pottery, textiles, mask-making, and other crafts.

Humanities**ENG 110 – Writing Effective Prose – P. Cioffari****MW 3:30 – 4:45**

Students will write out their life experiences to create compelling, well-crafted essays. Emphasis will be on content, use of language and structure, as well as other elements of style. Time will also be devoted to research, and the development of a research paper.

SPAN 106 – Basic Spanish I & II – O. Delasuaree**MTWR – 11:00 - 12:15 pm**

This course offers students the opportunity of completing the university language requirement (6 credits) in one semester by covering the entire first year curriculum in an intensive setting. Cultural activities supplement this unique experience for the exceptionally motivated student.

Math and Science**BIO 163 – General Biology I – C. Waldburger****WF – 12:30-1:45, W 9:30-12:15**

This course provides a background in biological principles and discusses the

similarities and differences between living organisms, both plant and animal. Content includes cellular and subcellular structure and function, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, genetics, DNA structure, replication, transcription, and protein synthesis.

ENV 110 – Environmental Foundations – K. Swanson**Details TBA – MW 9:30-10:45, Lab W, 2:00 – 4:45**

This course will stress a holistic view of the environment from the viewpoints of several disciplines of the sciences, the social sciences and the humanities.

Social Sciences**ECON 201 – Macroeconomic Principles – Professor TBA****MW 12:30 – 1:45**

This course will focus on major macroeconomic issues, policies, and problems. Topics will include measurement and determination of the level of economic activity (size and components of GNP, employment, inflation, growth); fiscal policy (government spending and taxation) and monetary policy.

PSY 110 – General Psychology – Professor TBA**MW 12:30 – 1:45**

This course surveys the chief theories, principles, and methodologies of psychology with special emphasis on their relations to human behavior. The biological foundations of behavior, sensory processes, learning, perception, memory, emotion, motivation, personality, and the social bases of behavior and behavior pathology are examined to establish the foundations for advanced study in psychology. Current research findings are included wherever applicable.

Race and Gender**WS 150 – Racism & Sexism – C. Sheffield****TR 2:00 – 3:15**

In common with standard sections, this course will examine racism, sexism, heterosexism, and classism looking at current laws, historical documents, academic articles, films, and hearing the personal experiences of other students. Engaging the topics, students will read critically, write on complex topics and work at concept development. Such skill development assignments will prepare students for an intensive undergraduate program regardless of major.

Interview Techniques Explored at Lunch in the Lounge

Honors students learned about the services offered at the Career Development and Gloria S. Williams Advisement Center at a Lunch in the Lounge on March 11. Ms. Sharon Rosengart,



Honors students enjoying pizza while receiving information about the advisement center.

Director of Career Development and Advising, explained how her department can assist students with issues such as declaring a major and/or minor, career development, and continuing education. She also discussed interview etiquette and gave the students tips on successful interviewing.

Students are encouraged to call or stop by the center for more information about the many services, workshops, and seminars that are offered, as well as assistance in the areas of resume writing, interviewing techniques, and job search strategies. The Career Development and Gloria S. Williams Advisement Center is located in Room 301 of the Student Center, 973-720-2281.



Sharon Rosengart, Director of the Gloria S. Williams Advisement Center (left) and Susan Dinan, Director of the Honors College.

Upcoming Events

11 April	Sunday	TBA	Honors Club Walking Food Tour Field Trip into NYC (SGA Funded) Tickets sold in Campus Activities (Located on the 3rd Floor of the Student Center)
12 April	Monday	TBA	Incoming Students Overnight Program If interested, e-mail Kaci Higgins (higginsk@student.wpunj.edu)
13 April	Tuesday	12:30-5:00	Honors College Thesis Presentations UC 168 A/B (See presentation schedule below)
14 April	Wednesday	1:00-5:00	Honors College Thesis Presentations UC 168 A/B (See presentation schedule below)
14 April	Wednesday	5:00-6:00	Knitting Night 3rd Floor Lounge in Student Center
15 April	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Honors Banquet UC Ballroom C (RSVP at honors@wpunj.edu)
20 April	Tuesday	12:30 - 1:45	Lunch in the Lounge High Mountain East, 4th Floor Lounge
23 April	Friday	TBA	Honors Club Medieval Times Trip (SGA Funded) Tickets sold in Campus Activities (Located on the 3rd Floor of the Student Center)
22 April	Thursday	12:30 - 1:45	Honors Club Meeting UC 171A
28 April	Wednesday	5:00-6:00	Knitting Night 3rd Floor Lounge in Student Center

Remember to check your university e-mail for important information from the Honors College and Honors Club about additions or changes to the above calendar.

Honors Week 2010

Thesis Presentation Schedule

Tuesday, April 13

UC 168B

- 12:30 Pamela Imhof
- 1:00 Mariam Ashraf
- 1:20 Lauren Lewandoski
- 1:40 Elysa Vreeland
- 2:00 Michelle Cilibrasi
- 2:20 Kristina Kosztyo
- 2:40 John Urban
- 3:00 Campbell Charshee
- 3:20 Jessica Pepe
- 3:40 Daniel Rufolo
- 4:00 Alex Chilowicz

Wednesday, April 14

UC 168A

- 1:00 Nicholas Mattera
- 1:20 Jesenia Ponce
- 1:40 Leah Riza Viray
- 2:00 Jennifer Bauer
- 2:20 Tatiana Guerrero
- 2:40 Kevin McKernan
- 3:00 Kevin Weston
- 3:20 Christopher Bobbins
- 3:40 Marina Jovanovska
- 4:00 Robert Langslet