

THE HONORS AMBO

Events. Opportunities. Reminders.
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Hello, Honors Students!

It's hard to believe it's been two weeks. Two weeks of new classes, new living situations, trying new clubs, exploring DC. With the add/drop period now over, we hope that you are settling into your classes and semester schedule, and continuing to explore what CUA and DC have to offer you this year!

This Sunday we have something very special to offer you. Pizza!

PIZZA WITH THE DIRECTORS

This Sunday, September 15th in McDonald

Join us this Sunday, **4:00pm-5:00pm in the McDonald Lounge** for some late afternoon pizza. Get to know Dr. Shoemaker, UHP Director, Dr. Paxton, UHP Asst. Director, and some of your fellow classmates! ALL Honors students are invited.

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## Seniors: Interested in taking Honors Capstone this spring?

Email Dr. Shoemaker ([shoemaker@cua.edu](mailto:shoemaker@cua.edu)) to reserve your spot.

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HELP WANTED: Be a part of Open House!

The UHP is looking for sophomores, juniors, or seniors interested in informing prospective students about the Honors Program at upcoming Open Houses. Volunteers would man a table in the Pryz foyer from 11am-1pm on Sunday, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, or Jan. 26. (Please note that Oct. 13 falls during Columbus Day weekend.) Email cua-honorsprogram@cua.edu to help others get in the know!

CULTURAL CORNER

Boren Scholarship Information Session *For what isn't your average study abroad trip...*

Monday, September 16 4:00-5:00pm
Pryz 323

Boren Scholarships provide American undergraduate students with the resources and encouragement they need to acquire skills and experiences in areas of the world critical to the future security of our nation, in exchange for their commitment to seek work in the federal government. These scholarships are specifically designed to support undergraduate students who are studying less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S interests but underrepresented in study abroad. The Boren Scholarship CANNOT be used for study abroad in Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand. If you are a freshman or sophomore considering studying abroad your junior year and would like more information about the Boren Scholarship and the application process at CUA, please plan to attend! If you would like more information about the Boren Scholarship but cannot come to the information session, please contact Julie Yarwood at yarwood@cua.edu to set up a meeting.



Ingrid Merkel Travel Scholarship

Honors Students engaged in international travel for academic reasons (including study abroad), travel to academic or professional conferences, or research programs on- and off-campus are eligible to apply to the Dr. Ingrid Merkel Travel Scholarship.

Awards (maximum \$500) will be awarded on a competitive basis. Applicants should submit a one-page letter with a description of their plans and a budget itemizing costs to Jillian Olson <olson@cua.edu> prior to September 27.

A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 1)

"A single conversation across the table with a wise man is better than ten years mere study of books." -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Events Calendar

Honors Orientation Extended Events

Friday Afternoon Tea

Friday, September 13 4:00pm-5:00pm
Dr. Rohlf's Apartment, McDonald 204

Join your fellow Honors students for the first biweekly tea get-together with live-in faculty Dr. Rohlf, his wife Elisabeth, and their young son Alexander. Enjoy some drinks, snacks, and conversation with friends!

Treasure Hunt at the National Gallery of Art

With Dr. Heimann, Chair of the Department of Art, and Dr. Paxton
Saturday, September 14 1:30pm

Meet on the Front Steps of Mullen Library to Take Metrorail as a Group to the National Gallery of Art

This is not your average art gallery tour! Students will pair up in teams to hunt for artistic "treasure." In four rooms devoted to different periods in the history of art, Professor Heimann will introduce one major work, and then students will have a limited period of time in that room to find the answers to questions about the other works. Students will work in pairs, and the team with the most correct answers will win a prize. We will tabulate the results over gelato in the National Gallery's famous café. Space is reserved first for honors students.

The Symbolic City: Why Washington Looks the Way It Does

With Dr. Leslie Tentler, professor, Department of History
Monday, September 16 5:30pm
Great Room C, Pryzbyla Center

Have you ever wondered why Washington looks like a diamond with a big bite taken out of it? In this copiously illustrated lecture, Professor Tentler (who developed CUA's famous course on Washington) will explain how Washington took on its present shape, starting with the famous plan of Pierre L'Enfant and covering the development of the Mall and the monumental core of the city. She will also talk about how the city of Washington reflects the attitudes and values of local elites, and (sometimes) of Americans more generally. Come get to know your new home!

How to Get the Most out of the CUA Faculty

With Dr. Paxton, asst. director of the UHP and clinical asst. professor,
Department of History, and Vanessa Taylor, Ph.D. candidate, Department
of History

Tuesday, September 17 6:30pm
Great Room C, Pryzbyla Center

CUA's faculty are a wonderful resource, but many students don't take enough advantage of what they have to offer. In this interactive presentation, Professor Paxton will teach you everything you need to know about getting along with your professors, including when to go to office hours, how to ask for letters of recommendation, and (very important!) some things NOT to do or say!

A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 2)

"I must study politics and war that my sons may study mathematics and philosophy." -John Adams

NOTE: All Honors students (not just freshmen!) are invited to attend events labeled "Orientation Extended."

Honors Orientation Extended Events continued

Pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America

With Dr. Paxton, asst. director of the UHP and clinical asst. professor, Department of History, and Vanessa Taylor, Ph.D. candidate, Department of History
Saturday, September 21 2:00pm
Meet on the Front Steps of Mullen Library

Only a few blocks from campus, the Franciscan Monastery contains a replica of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (which is under the guardianship of the Franciscans), and it is a site of pilgrimage for all those who would like to visit the Holy Land but cannot travel there in person. The monastery is also the home of many important relics. Professor Paxton will meet participants on the steps of Mullen Library at 2 p.m., and then you will walk as pilgrims to the monastery, where you will take a guided tour of the church and enjoy the beautiful monastery gardens. On the way to the monastery, Professor Paxton will give a very brief introduction to the Crusades and the history of the Franciscans and their relationship to the Holy Places. There will be time after the tour for private prayer, and students are welcome to stay at the monastery for the vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

Hike Along the C&O Canal

With Dr. Shoemaker, director of the UHP and associate dean of undergraduate programs in Arts and Sciences
Saturday, September 28 9:00am-3:00pm
Meet on the Front Steps of Mullen Library

Come enjoy the natural beauty of the Washington area as we hike along the towpath of the C&O Canal. Along the way we will learn about the history of the canal and, if we are lucky, spot some turtles and other interesting wildlife. Meet on the steps of Mullen Library at 9 a.m. to take the van to Great Falls. Space is reserved first for honors students, with a maximum of 30 students attending and a \$5 fee for lunch.

NOTE: For this event, you MUST reserve your spot by emailing cua-honorsprogram@cua.edu by Sept. 25.

Don't Forget

A proud alumna of the University Honors Program, **Eleanor Brasfield**, is currently serving in the Peace Corps in Zambia. Her local school is eagerly seeking new or used books of all kinds, especially storybooks for children, but all books, including textbooks, would be welcome!

You can bring the books to the Honors Annex in McMahan 112A for shipment to Zambia, or mail them yourself to:

Eleanor Brasfield
P. O. Box 530376
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Zambia

**Deadline for donating books
is November 22nd.**