Hello, Honors Students!

What are your favorite things? Raindrops on roses? Brown paper packages tied up with string? Or perhaps some of the things listed below. There’s something for everyone in the Honors Program.

Do you like… people?
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.

Do you like… nature & driving?
If you are van-certified with CUA, we are looking for two more volunteers to join us for our hike to the C&O Canal on Sept. 28th. Drive out into nature and then enjoy a brisk hike in the outdoors!

Do you like… to sing?
CUA Town and Gown Chorus, the community choir of Catholic University, is welcoming amateur singers of all skill levels for the 2013-2014 school year. For more information, see the flyer attached to this email.

Do you like… business deals?
Check out the attached flyer about some of the graduate programs in our School of Business and Economics that do not require an undergraduate major in business.

Do you like… God & Coffee?
The School of Theology and Religious Studies is looking for a work study undergraduate assistant. For more information, click here: http://trs.cua.edu/res/docs/STRS-UGA-Position.pdf.

Letters from a UHP Penpal
The UHP recently received a letter from a proud alumna, Eleanor Brasfield, who is currently serving in the Peace Corps in Zambia! Below is an excerpt from her letter.

I have been living in my village, Uwenkhu, for about three months now. ...I have pinpointed several projects that I want to pursue with my community: a girls’ empowerment club at a local school, building up a library that was begun by a previous volunteer, connecting my village with an NGO that promotes tree-planting, and working with the Zambian National Farmers Union (ZNFU) as they try to improve access to marketing information for small farmers. ... I encourage anyone with questions to write me, email or snail mail. ... Study well!

We are helping Eleanor’s initiative to build a library by collecting new or used books of all kinds. Children’s storybooks are especially welcome, but all books, including textbooks, would be greatly appreciated!

You can bring the books to the Honors Annex in McMahon 112A for shipment to Zambia, or mail them yourself to: Eleanor Brasfield, P. O. Box 530376, Lundazi, Zambia. Feel free also to send her snail mail at this address, or email her at 13brasfield@cardinalmail.cua.edu!

Deadline for donating books is November 22nd.

Learn some Chitumbuka, the language of Tumbuka, a tribe of Zambia!

Monire (Moh-nee-ray) – Greetings.
Yebo (Yay-bow) – Thank you.
Muli uli? (Moo-lee oo-lee) – How are you?
Nili makola. (Nee-lee mah-koh-lee) – I’m fine.

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“The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image. If in loving them we do not love what they are, but only their potential likeness to ourselves, then we do not love them: we only love the reflection of ourselves we find in them.” -Thomas Merton
NOTE: For this event, you MUST reserve your spot by emailing <olson@cua.edu> prior to September 27.

Other Honors Events

Hitchhiker’s Guide to Culture
“Lots of Bull: La Corrida de Toros [Running with the Bulls] in Life and Literature
Friday, September 20 4:00pm
Walton Second Floor Lounge

Join us for the first of our biweekly speaker series as a member of our faculty presents on a topic of literature, music, or art relating to popular culture. This week’s guest is Dr. Ernest Suarez, the chair of the English department, who will be delving into the exciting Spanish tradition of la corrida de toros!

The participants of our Treasure Hunt at the National Gallery found some artistic gems this past Saturday!

Boren Scholarship Information Session
TODAY, 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.

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.

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“If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people.” -Virginia Woolf