

THE HONORS AMBO

Events. Opportunities. Reminders.

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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 l3brasfield@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-lah) – I'm fine.

A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 1)

"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

Events Calendar

Honors Orientation Extended Events

The Symbolic City: Why Washington Looks the Way It Does
CANCELLED

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!

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 cuahonorsprogram@cu.edu or sign up on a flyer in the HRC by Sept. 25.

A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 2)

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

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

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!



I to r: Catherine Kitz, Cristina Navia, Sabryna Tristan, Angeline Larrivee

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@cu.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@cu.edu> prior to September 27.