

# THE HONORS AMBO

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Dear Honors Students,

We hope that you enjoyed Thanksgiving break with plenty of food, friends, and family. Now we are ringing in “the most wonderful time of the year,” but it is also perhaps the busiest! In the midst of the hours you devote to your final projects and papers, be sure to take a break with us for some Christmas festivities.

## The Annual Honors Christmas Dinner

Tonight, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Pryz Great Room

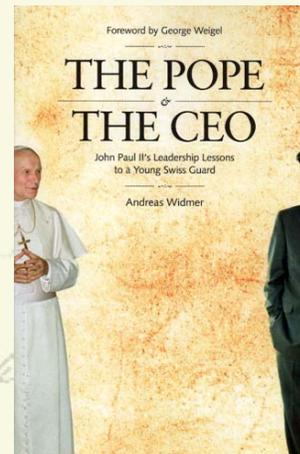
If you have RSVP'd to the invite, then we look forward to seeing you tonight! Enjoy scrumptious food and festive Christmas music, including a live performance by some of CUA's own musicians. Don't forget to wear your holiday best. See you there!



## Bring a book, win a book.\*

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. Storybooks for children are in special demand, but all books, including textbooks, would be welcome!

Bring a **book or a dollar** to the Zambia table at the Christmas Dinner to go towards this cause. You will be entered into a raffle to win a copy of Prof. Andreas Widmer's *The Pope and the CEO: John Paul II's Leadership Lessons to a Young Swiss Guard*. Prof. Widmer was a guest speaker at our Hitchhiker's Guide to Culture, and his book promises to be wise and riveting.



\*dependent upon participant's luck

## A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 1)

*“Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.” – Calvin Coolidge*

## STUDENT CORNER

*Your story could go here!*

*Want to share an achievement, an adventure, an upcoming event, or a unique experience you have had? Email your story to [purpleke@cua.edu](mailto:purpleke@cua.edu).*

## **Christmas Events Calendar**

### **CUA Wind Ensemble Concert**

*Wednesday, Dec 4 7:30 p.m.*

*Pryz Great Room*

The Benjamin T. Rome School of Music presents a concert by the CUA Wind Ensemble conducted by John Mitchell, director. Featured will be "Repertoire Pas Redouble" by Camille Saint Saens/translated by Arthur Frackenpohl; "Prelude and Fugue in D Minor" by Bach/Moehlmann; "Ambrosian Hymn Variants" by Donald White; "Dancing At Stonehenge" by Anthony Suter; "October" by Eric Whitacre; "Longford Legend" by Robert Sheldon; and "March of the Revolutionary Guard" by Bedrich Smetana/Nelhybel. Admission is free.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Greccio**

*Friday, Dec 6 5:00pm-7:00pm*

*Pryz Atrium*

The Office of the President, Campus Ministry, and the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music present the University Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. With Greccio (the Franciscan Christmas tradition of a live Nativity) and caroling.

### **Christmas Concert for Charity**

*Friday, Dec 6 7:30pm*

The Benjamin T. Rome School of Music and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception present the 24th Annual Christmas Concert for Charity. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering benefits Bethlehem House, which runs homes for adults with intellectual disabilities in Brookland and Riverdale, MD. For a list of works to be performed, visit [music.cua.edu/calendar/index.cfm](http://music.cua.edu/calendar/index.cfm).

### **Women's Chorus Concert**

*Saturday, Dec 7 7:30 pm*

*St. Vincent de Paul Chapel, CUA Campus*

The CUA Women's Chorus presents their Christmas concert, *It Was a Winter Wild*, singing the music of Britten, Dello Joio, Handi, Haydn, and others. Featuring Danielle Talamantes, soprano; Elizabeth Hill, piano; Paul Campbell, organ; and Kevin O'Brien, conductor.

### **HRC Christmas Party**

*Wednesday, Dec 11 7:00pm-9:00pm*

*McDonald Lounge*

Men of McDonald and Ladies of Walton! Take a break from finals to ring in the Christmas season with Christmas music, caroling, and plenty of Christmas sweets.

### **Would you like to be a symposiarch?**

We are looking for two Honors students, currently sophomores or juniors, who are interested in organizing our Honors Symposia for the next year. These events are held usually twice per semester and give a small group of students the opportunity to have dinner with a professor in one of the Honors residence halls.

Your responsibilities would be simple: invite a professor to dinner and pick a date; make a flyer and advertise the event; and make dinner the night of. Rachel Ray culinary skills are not required; very basic cooking skills are just fine! If you are interested in being one of next year's symposiarchs, please contact [purpleke@cua.edu](mailto:purpleke@cua.edu).

### **Thinking about CUA for grad school? Work with the Honors Program!**

Honors Program alumni (or soon-to-be alumni) are eligible to apply for the Honors Graduate Fellowship. Work 20hrs/week while enrolled in a CUA graduate program, and receive full tuition remission and a generous stipend. Deadline to apply: Feb. 15, 2014. Please email [olson@cua.edu](mailto:olson@cua.edu) for more info.

### **In Memoriam: John H. Nissen, 1944-2013**

John Howard Nissen, 69, educator and friend of the University Honors Program, died peacefully on Sunday, October 6, 2013, of prostate cancer. John dedicated his life to mentoring young men and women, serving as a college administrator at Dominican College, Lawrence University, Windham College, Marlboro College, the School for International Training, Bennington College, the International School of Geneva, Rhode Island College, the American University of Paris, NYU School of Dentistry, and Landmark College. In 1999, with colleagues and friends, he initiated Service Learning in Paris, a program which immersed high school students in language, culture, and service projects. A tireless proponent of global education, he worked with the Honors Program to develop a series of one-week spring break study seminars in Paris, Rome, Berlin, and Barcelona (and later in Vienna, Venice, and Madrid). John's favorite place was Chartres Cathedral, and he often told his friends that he would meet them at the café across from the South portal on the Day of Judgment."

### **A Penny for your Thoughts (Page 2)**

*"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." – Charles Dickens*