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.

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The Annual Honors Christmas Dinner

Tonight, 6:00pm – 8:30pm
Pryz Great Room

If you have RSVP’d to the evite, 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!


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

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“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
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.

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.

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