Dear Honors Students,

You are all the light of my life!

Alright, that was cheesy. And largely inaccurate.

But that doesn’t stop me from gracing you with the lovely events and activities to be discovered below! Especially the one right below this. MANDATORY.

Happy reading. I’ll see you at…every single thing! Especially my talk (see beneath the weird brain).

**MANDATORY**

**Spring Advising Meeting**

Please mark your calendars for this semester’s Mandatory Honors Advising Meeting, which will take place on February 26th and February 28th. Both meetings will occur from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in Pryz 323.

This meeting is MANDATORY for all UHP Freshmen, and strongly recommended for Sophomores and Juniors. There is no reason for Seniors to attend unless they will be attending CUA in the Fall.

The schedule for this semester’s meeting will include:

- Welcome and introductions by Dr. Peter Shoemaker, Director of the Honors Program
- A discussion of grant and fellowship opportunities with Julie Yarwood, UHP Fellowships Director
- An invitation to the MBS major and minor with Dr. Jennifer Paxton
- Straight talk about post-graduation employment with Tony Chiapetta, Director of Career Services
- Reasons to learn a European language or major in MLL with Dr. Claudia Borholdt
- “Taking Care of Business” with Stewart McHie, former Marketing Executive of Exxon Mobile and current head of the MSBA at CUA, as well as Chairman of the School of Business and Economics

Thank you to all those who attended January’s meeting of **Inform_Yourself.UHP**, where Katie Purple shared important information about UHP tracks and strategies.

This month, on February 27th at 7:00pm, Late-Night Comedian Andrew Cuff and Biochemistry Senior Kristen Johnson will present a two-part survey of Quality Research in the Arts and Sciences. We’ll be in Pryz 327. With a flannelgraph.

**Why should you attend? 3 Reasons:**

1) As an undergraduate, quality research is the #1 way to further your career, whether in graduate school or the professional world. Make sure that what you write is impressive.

2) The grading scale of most university classes is focused around the quality of your research. Make sure that what you write demonstrates what you know.

3) You are a busy student with no time to waste! Learn how to cut the nonsense out of your research time and save precious hours with modern research web tools, discerning good sources, and improved reading strategies.

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*Is all that we see or seem but a dream within a dream? –Edgar Allen Poe*
**Events Calendar**

**Latin Reading Group**
Wednesday, February 6th 1:00pm  
Monday, February 11th 4:00pm  
Location: McMahon 314 Conference Room/McMahon112A  
The Latin Reading Group now has a finalized schedule, alternating between two times and locations each week. All texts will be provided. Any skill level welcome! Please email cuffai@cua.edu if you would like to be added to the email list.

**Library of Congress**
Wednesday, February 20th 1:30-4:30pm  
Location: Meet at Brookland Metro Stop (outside benches)  
As papers and theses loom on the horizon, gain access to the vast array of resources at the Library of Congress! The visit will consist of a tour of the Great Hall, a research orientation, and the chance to get a reader’s card. Please RSVP to purpleke@cua.edu by 9am, Feb. 19 to reserve a spot.

**Merkel Fund Application Deadline**
Thursday, February 28th  
Students applying for the $500 Merkel Fund Award, which covers travel costs for study abroad, conference presentations, etc., need to apply by February 28th. Please visit our website under the “Study Abroad at Oxford” tab for more information.

**Law School Luncheon**
Wednesday, March 13 12:00pm  
Pryz 331  
Enjoy lunch with Molly Bryson, CUA alumna and DC lawyer, and discuss the realities of attending law school. What does life after law school look like? What opportunities do law school present? Come and find out! Spots are limited, so email cua.honorsprogram@cua.edu to reserve your place.

**Once Upon a Time in a Faraway Land: The Origins and Versions of the Cinderella Narrative**
Monday, March 18 5:00pm  
McMahon 112  
Want to know why any mother would name her child “Cinder”? Or who the heck wears a glass shoe? Come and hear this intriguing lecture by Dr. Amanda Sheffer. This lecture is in conjunction with…

**Cinderella: The Ballet**
Friday, March 22 7:30pm  
The UHP March outing is going to be ballerific! Tickets to Cinderella will go on sale on Monday, March 11. Only 12 tickets will be sold, so come in to McMahon 107 and reserve yours as soon as possible! See the honors website for ticket purchasing policies (basically one person, one ticket, first-come, first-serve). $10 per ticket. This event will be coordinated in cooperation with the Honors Residential Community.

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**Event Highlight**

**Scholarship Info Sessions**

This month, Julie Yarwood will be hosting three information sessions to prepare you for the rigorous application process of competitive travel scholarships such as Fulbright, Boren, Truman, and more. See the schedule of times, locations, and topics below.

**Calendar**

**Session 1** will provide a general introduction to the Fulbright, Boren, Truman, Mitchell, and Marshall Scholarships.  
Location: Pryz 327  
February 6th @3pm

**Session 2** will focus specifically on the Mitchell, Marshall, and Rhodes Scholarships, and will primarily inform Sophomores and Juniors interested in graduate study in the U.K.  
Location: Pryz 323  
February 13th @3pm

**Session 3** will focus on Fulbright specifically (most helpful for Juniors interested in applying next Fall).  
Location: Pryz 323  
February 21st @7pm

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**Could be. –Rene Descartes**

Which thinker wins this week’s Dueling Philosophers? Submit your thoughts to facebook.com/cuahonors.