

William Paterson University Honors College



Spring 2023



Graduating Honors Peer Leaders and Ambassadors at the annual Honors Reception with Associate Director, Jan Pinkston (left) and Honors College Dean, Dr. Andrew (right) . The students were recognized for their work co-facilitating Honors 1010 and 1020 courses and organizing and hosting regular Honors events for other Honors students. Featured left to right (back row) ; Isabel Lopez, Courtnee Aristil, Brooke Sachau, Shamira Contreras, (front row) Jenna Vitale, Brianna Belar, Rebecca Gilliland.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

133 Honors students presented their research or creative arts projects to the University in April. The presentation is the final step as students complete a series of courses in one of 11 Honors Tracks the Honors College offers. Their thesis is preceded by a foundational discipline course, a research methodology course, a subject area course and a two-semester thesis course leading up to the presentation. They choose and defend their thesis with the guidance of their track director and faculty mentor.



Biology Honors Track : (left to right) Dr. Emily Monroe, Anahi Itzep, Shaina Arias Garcia , Saira Tahsin, Kate Lavallee, Aaliyah Roberts, Isabelle McMenimon, Track Director Dr. Joseph Spagnola, James Glaser, and Dr. Carey Waldburger.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Students in the **Honors Business Track** completed interdisciplinary projects by working with a local business to evaluate and improve marketing, finance, management and sales outcomes. Business Honors Track Director, **Dr. Ge Zhang** connected students with Ellie's academy, a daycare chain in North and Central New Jersey.



Summer Research Program

Psychology major **Jessica Momanyi** was selected for a summer research program at the **Universi-**

ty of Nebraska to study psychology. Her eight-week program will prepare her for doctorate-level research in Educational Psychology. Jessica is a rising senior in the **Cognitive Science Honors Track**.

Three other Honors students were chosen for similar programs taking place at Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Pittsburgh.



Business Track left to right (back row) Christopher Hall, Dylan Kuncken, Jan Carl Tabije, College of Business Dean Anthony Bowrin, Garrett Zwier, (front row) Ellie's Academy owner Tirusha Dave, Hannah Carcich, Track Director, Dr. Ge Zhang, and College of Business Associate Dean Dr. Martin Gritsch



Spring Break Adventures: Students in the **HON 3990** course travelled to **Montreal** during Spring Break. Their trip was part of their **Field Study of Family Research** class taught by **Humanities Honors Track Director, Dr. O'Donnell**. Students studied Montreal's history and culture and visited Quebec City and Montmorency Falls.



In November 2022, **First Year Honors students** presented individual and group research projects during **Research Night**. Their projects were the result of work done in their **HON1000: Honors Research Seminar** course aimed at introducing students to research from their first semester. **Nine Honors College seniors** also presented their individual research thesis projects.



First-year Honors students in Dr. Martin Becker's Honors1000: First Year Honors Research Seminar class

Publications



Aaliyah Roberts '23 and **Adam Kneebone '23** were 2nd and 3rd authors, respectively on a paper with **Dr. Onaivi** and other students. The paper discussed how CB2 receptors and “alcohol induced behavior” and was published in the **Journal of Behavioral Brain Research**.



Bhavya Yalamanchili '23 authored a paper to discuss chronic pain content on TikTok. The paper will be published the **Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet** in their next issue. Bhavya was mentored by **Global Public Health Track Director and Professor, Dr. Marianne Sullivan**.



Lauren Naveo '22 authored a paper which won a **Distinguished Research Award** at the **Institute for Global Research Conference in Las Vegas**. The paper was co-authored by **Professor Stephen C. Betts** and published in the competitively reviewed conference proceedings.

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