Congratulations Honors Program Class of 2022

Congratulations to Bethany Hartmoyer for winning the Honors Program’s Outstanding Thesis Award and to runners-up Nicholas Pilny & Jocelyn Kosik

Brooke Bergman
Natalie Blanton
Kyle Cappucci
Kailey Caroland
Jenna Curtiss
Colin Elliott
Emily Flach
Jessica Freels
Rachel Gould
Grace Hardy
Bethany Hartmoyer
Katie Hollen
Rileigh Hudock
Sarah Kleb
Joshua Koch
Jocelyn Kosik
Chloe Lantz
Sydney Leete
Des’ree McCloud

Hope McQuoid
Christina Mercincavage
Nicholas Mich
Olivia Moyer
Jillian Nichols
Emily Pellicano
Paige Phillips
Nicholas Pilny
Ashlee Reick
Emma Romeo
Suad Sadek
Hannah Smith
John Talbott
Lyndsey Turner
Jacob Vershinski
Sriya Vontela
Brooke Wilson
Michelle Yohe

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On Tuesday April 26, 2022, Honors students in Professor Benowitz’s class Honors 201, cross listed with Public Heritage Studies 201: Elizabethtown History: Campus and Community, presented the scholarship they produced to inform public policy regarding public works projects and historic preservation in the National Historic District of Marietta, Pennsylvania. Their project: “Market Street Marietta, Pennsylvania: 300 Years of Economics Along the Susquehanna River” is part of a national campaign called “This Place Matters” sponsored by the National Historic Preservation Trust. This was part of the poster presentation sessions for Elizabethtown College’s Scholarship and Creative Arts Day. These posters are part of a traveling exhibit throughout Marietta beginning with an exhibition April 29-May 1, 2022 called “River Towns Plein Air & Art Exhibit.”

Read more at: https://cutt.ly/honorsscad2022.

Honors Program 2021-2022 Highlights

Total Honors Contracted Courses: 86 contracts; 46 courses
- Fall 2021 Student & Professor-Contracted Courses: 44 total contracts; 22 courses
- Spring 2022 Student & Professor-Contracted Courses: 42 total contracts; 24 courses

16 total academic grants processed:
- 7 were for study abroad/travel expenses
- 3 were for Summer/Winter term course tuition
- 3 were for graduate school or post-graduate related testing
- 3 were for undergraduate related research

Honors Student Accomplishments:
- 5 Students Attended NCHC 2021 Orlando
- 1 Student Attended NRHC 2022 Philadelphia
- 50 Honors Students recognized as Emergent Scholars
- 85 Honors Students Presented at SCAD
- 5 Honors Students received Distinguished Student Awards
- Honors Council won Homecoming Parade Float Contest
Honors Student Emily Harding ‘23
Named Goldwater Scholar

Honors student Emily Harding, Elizabethtown College Class of 2023, a Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major, has been named a Goldwater Scholar by The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

“When I came to Elizabethtown College, I never dreamed of landing such a prestigious scholarship for conducting organic chemistry research,” said Harding. “Professor Benowitz was my academic advisor and First Year Seminar instructor and this is how I heard about the office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships,” Harding explained. Harding tells the story, “In my sophomore year, my research advisor, Dr. James MacKay, encouraged me to apply for a Summer Enrichment Grant from the office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships for the summer going into junior year. Receiving this grant, I later realized, was pivotal for getting my foot in the door for applying to prestigious scholarships.”

After taking a gap year over the 2020-2021 academic year, due to the pandemic, working at Lancaster Laboratories, Inc. and attending online academic conferences, Harding returned to campus in the summer of 2021 participating in Summer Creative Arts and Research program (SCARP). Harding said, “During the summer going into my junior year, I was able to regularly meet with Professor Benowitz, who guided me through the application process for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. We also met weekly during the fall semester, perfecting my essays for the application. Without the extensive guidance from Professor Benowitz, starting more than six months before the deadline, I do not believe I would have received this scholarship. I cannot thank Professor Benowitz enough for his guidance through the application process, making me a competitive applicant for this prestigious scholarship. Being awarded a national Goldwater scholarship, designed for undergraduate STEM majors pursuing careers in research, is beneficial for a number of reasons. In addition to the financial support, I will be a competitive candidate when applying to PhD programs in the fall. Additionally, being part of the Goldwater community is beneficial for networking with other scholars who share similar interests and are also pursuing a PhD.”

According to Harding, “The office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships is a very valuable resource here at Etown. Professor Benowitz is so willing to meet regularly with students to build strong applications and make us more successful in our careers. With this scholarship in hand, I have a strong foundation for applying to other scholarships and grants to conduct research in graduate school. I cannot thank Professor Benowitz and the Office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships enough for their support and guidance in helping me to apply for and receive a Goldwater scholarship.”

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, in partnership with the Department of Defense National Defense Education Programs, was established by Congress in 1986 to serve as a living memorial to honor the lifetime work of Senator Barry Goldwater. The Goldwater Scholarship provides scholarships to college sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue research careers in the natural sciences, mathematics and engineering, the Goldwater Foundation is helping ensure the U.S. is producing the number of highly-qualified professionals the Nation needs in these critical fields.
Andrew Furman has been accepted as a student member of the distinguished Explorers Club. The Explorers Club is a prestigious American-based international multidisciplinary professional society with the goal of promoting scientific exploration and field study. The Explorers Club was founded in New York City in 1904, and has served as a meeting point for explorers and scientists globally. This prestigious club has approximately 3,500 members worldwide. The Explorers Club’s members include leaders in polar exploration, diving, aerospace exploration, archaeology, zoology, physics, oceanography, astronomy, ecology, geology, paleontology, conservation mountaineering, and speleology. The Club counts among its members the giants of twentieth-century exploration. Andrew will be joining the Philadelphia Chapter.

This summer, Andrew will be traveling across the country, documenting his travels and reflecting on the journey John Steinback took sixty years prior when writing *Travels with Charley*. He is applying for The Fulbright-National Geographic Storytelling Fellowship, a component of the Fulbright U. S. Student Program, providing opportunities for selected Fulbright grantees to participate in an academic year of storytelling on a globally significant theme. The Fulbright-National Geographic Storytelling Fellowship accepts proposals to undertake an in-depth examination of globally relevant issues such as Oceans, Land, Wildlife, Human History & Cultures, and Human Ingenuity. Storytellers may use a variety of storytelling tools—including, but not limited to writing, photography, video, audio/podcasts, maps, or graphic illustrations to share their stories. To apply for Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships contact Professor Benowitz at benowitzj@etown.edu

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Dr. James MacKay winsHonors Program’s Outstanding Professor Award

Dr. James MacKay
A. C. Baugher Professor of Chemistry

The Honors Program Student Council selected Dr. James MacKay for the Honors Program’s Outstanding professor award for 2022. Dr. MacKay uses organic chemistry to help the community, including high school students and children. His courses incorporate the motto of the Honors Program: Learn, Serve, and Lead. He is an all-around passionate and helpful professor who wants to see his students succeed.
The Honors Program is a community of scholars comprising a wide variety of perspectives and backgrounds. Our supportive network of Honors students, alumni, faculty, and staff approach scholarship and service with an interdisciplinary approach. Consistent with our commitment to the College’s mission of peacemaking and social justice, we are a community of learners celebrating diversity with an international and cross-cultural perspective.

Honors Program Course Scheduling for Fall 2022

Course registration and scheduling information for Honors courses offered in the Fall 2022 semester is available on the “Current Student Resources” page on the Honors website. There is a link to the scheduling information card and also a link to a Zoom advising session with Dr. Ozkanca, Professor Benowitz, and Luke Mackey giving helpful information for scheduling a registration on the Honors Program website.

Please remember that you must enroll in the Honors section of an Honors Elective course in order to receive Honors credit. The course code should start with an “H”. For example: HHI 235 for Honors, rather than HI 235 for the regular section of the course.

If you are looking to “stack” one of the 7 Professor-Contracted Courses offered in the Fall 2022 semester, please be sure to fill out the Professor-Contracted Course Form on the Honors Program website.

If you have any questions, please email honors@etown.edu.

Honors Seniors attend 2022 Pennsylvania Academy of Sciences Meeting

Senior Biotechnology student Kailey Caroland ‘22 was awarded first place for her presentation titled, “Increased Expression of SAM68 in SV40 Transformed Human Diploid Fibroblast Cells and the Effect on Downstream Splicing Targets.” Caroland was mentored by Professor of Biology Jane Cavender.

Sarah Kleb ‘22, a Biotechnology major, Mathematics and Psychology minor, received the third-place award for her presentation titled, “The effect of Poly(I:C) and IFN-α on the immune system as Observed through IL-12 production in dendritic cells.” She was mentored by Dean of the School of Sciences and Professor of Biology Jodi Lancaster.

“I would like to give a huge thank you to Professor Lancaster,” Kleb said. “She has been a mentor to me since before I even decided to come to Etown. Placing in a conference and having an abstract published as an undergraduate student is a great accomplishment for me and gives me confidence going into my graduate school program.”

Congratulations to Kailey Caroland who won first place for her presentation, and Sarah Kleb who won third place for her presentation.

Courtesy of Etown News—Read More at: bit.ly/3jU6rUz
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