This Place Matters to Elizabethtown College Honors Program Students

Students enrolled in Honors 201: Elizabethtown History: Campus and Community work with community partners to engage in community-based learning with a sustainable service initiative. Cultivating relationships with local government, business leaders, residents, and regional agencies and organizations, Honors students introduced the This Place Matters campaign in Marietta, PA. A national campaign, This Place Matters, was developed by the National Historic Preservation Trust and encourages people to celebrate places meaningful to them and their communities.

To see the full story, click here.

Spotlight on US Foreign Policymaking Leadership Sessions with Ambassador John Craig

In line with its motto, Learn, Serve, and Lead, the Honors Program has been holding bi-weekly US Foreign Policymaking Leadership Sessions with Ambassador John Craig - U.S. Ambassador to Oman (1998-2001), Special Advisor to U.S. President on Counter-Terrorism (2001-2002), and Ambassador-in-Residence at Elizabethtown College (2002-present) since Fall 2020. Ambassador Craig and our Honors Program students engage in in-depth discussions of pressing US foreign policy topics in sessions moderated by Dr. Oya Ozkanca, and acquire invaluable insights on foreign and national security policymaking. We encourage all Honors Program members to join us in future bi-weekly US Foreign Policymaking Leadership Sessions!
"I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to represent the Landmark Conference as an Associate Member to the National SAAC. I am extremely excited to have been selected to the position and look forward to beginning my new role. It is my hope that we will continue to enhance our athletic communities and provide our student-athletes with a voice that will be heard on the national scale. As a two-sport athlete, I understand the rigors associated with collegiate athletics and will strive to listen and advocate for my peers who face the same struggles as myself. I would like to thank Coach Amy Hough, Skip Roderick, Matt Hamilton, the Elizabethtown community, and the entire Landmark Conference for their belief in me and continued support as we continue to grow together!"

Laura Cardona's research paper titled, "Using E-Commerce Mechanisms to Promote Economic Development in Nigeria" was accepted into the 2020 edition of the UReCA: The NCHC Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity. She completed this research for BA 197: Introduction to International Business with Dr. Varamini as her research mentor. She wanted to publish her research to share her findings with others. Nigeria's economy is heavily dependent on oil, which can lead to volatile swings in economic conditions. In her research, she highlights the opportunity for foreign direct investment in Nigeria by a U.S.-based e-commerce platform, such as Amazon. The opportunity was determined through careful analysis of Nigeria's political, economic, regulatory, and cultural environment. Ultimately, she proposed the creation of a multi-faceted partnership between the Nigerian government, Amazon, the International Development Association, and NGOs.

Upcoming Honors Events

**February 24, 2021 at 7:30pm**  
US Foreign Policymaking Leadership Session on Libya with Ambassador Craig  
Zoom connection: https://etown.zoom.us/j/92925902800

**February 26, 2021 at 4 pm**  
Honors Senior Thesis Advising Session with Dr. Ozkanca  
Zoom connection: https://etown.zoom.us/j/91479098201

**March 30 - April 12**  
Northeast Regional Honors Council Annual Conference  
Register by February 18; email dursuno@etown.edu  
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