

In the Company of Friends

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From the Director's Desk

Welcome! Welcome! and Welcome Back!

Incredible! That's the only word for the big, *big* entering Honors freshman class. We are delighted to welcome 66 members of the Class of 2017. That's a 50% increase over the Class of 2016's 44. These first-years come from across New England (of course), but also represent New York, New Jersey, Maryland, South Carolina, and California. Even more diverse are their interests and accomplishments. Merrimack faculty have come to expect great things from students in the Program. I don't think they'll be disappointed with these stand-out new members.

Another welcome goes to the six outstanding sophomores who are joining Merrimack Honors after a strong first year at the College. Please be sure to say Hi when you run into them in the Honors office and study lounge.

Finally, two welcome backs. First, welcome back to the dozen or so honors students who studied abroad in the spring or summer. You are back from France, Italy, Germany, and England, with great stories and memories and several thousand dazzling photos. Last but in no way least, welcome back to the approximate 100 continuing Honors students—our sophomores, juniors, and seniors. You've made Honors a Merrimack signature program, and we look forward to more outstanding contributions in the coming year.

-Dr. B

The View from 101



Lisa's New Position

We are happy to report that Lisa is now full time in the Honors Program serving as the Program Coordinator. This fall we have 66 incoming freshman for a total of 159 honors students. She will continue to manage the office but will have time to develop some new initiatives to support our ever growing program!

The Honors House

We are proud to announce that 61 students moved into the new honors house for the Fall 2013 term. The honors house is located in house number “3” within the new Merrimack Village. The beautiful new residence hall offer spacious suite style living for groups of 4 or 6 students. The honors house is home to two honors Resident Assistants, Bridget Barnes and Janelle Clarke. An additional part of the honors house community is located in Deegan West. We hope that this new living-learning community can foster the mission and values of the Honors Program.



“I found all kinds of joy when I was in the company of my friends— talking, laughing and being kind to each other— reading, engaging books together— going from the lightest joking to the talking of the deepest things and back again.” (*Confessions* 4: 8,13)

2013 - 2014 HSC Members

Alexandra DiPietro, 2016
 Amanda Engdahl, 2014
 Casey Chapman, 2014
 Danielle Hart, 2014
 Jesica Chaya, 2016
 Kate Culverhouse, 2016
 Kristen Page, 2016
 Lauren McCarthy, 2016
 Nicholas Santosuosso, 2016

Honors Student Council (HSC)

HSC is a student organization made up of honors student leaders. The primary responsibility of HSC is to plan and organize extra-curricular events such as dinners, on-campus gatherings, and special off-campus activities for the honors community and beyond. HSC is also responsible for selecting two students to attend the Honors Program Committee meetings with faculty and staff. Please feel free to approach any HSC member with ideas for programs, events, or improvements. Information about 2014-2015 elections and how members of the Class of 2017 can get involved in HSC will be announced soon.

Honors Social Media



Honors Program Website

<http://www.merrimack.edu/academics/honors>



Honors Program Blog

<http://inthecompanyoffriends.blog.com>



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The 2013 - 2014 Graduate Fellow

Theresa Hamilton (Foley) is the new Honors Program graduate fellow. She grew up in in Boxford, Massachusetts, just one town over from Merrimack. Theresa graduated from Boston College in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy. While at BC she developed an interest in student affairs through her work with the Undergraduate Government of Boston College and other student leadership activities. She spent the past few years working as a program director for the Youth Leadership Foundation in Washington, DC overseeing a tutoring and mentoring program for inner-city girls. Theresa spent the summer taking a class at Merrimack and planning her wedding. She is now happily married and excited to start her new career in higher education.



“The Honors Program community has thoroughly enriched my time at Merrimack and made my transition easier.” -Kate Culverhouse, 2016

Upcoming Events

- August 30 — Honors Student Move-In
12:00pm - 1:00pm
- August 31 — Honors Program Orientation
9:30am - 11:45am
Murray Lounge
- September 9 — Honors Program Open House
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Sullivan 101
- September 30 — Honors Opening Banquet
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Cascia Hall
(Invitations to follow)

Honors Component

- September 11 — Honors Component Workshop
3:30pm, Sullivan 202
- September 20 — Components Due
- September 27 — Components Approved
- October 4 — Revised Components Due

Honors Summer 2013 Abroad



This summer we had seven honors students studying and traveling abroad! Emily O'Brien '16, Gabby Angelini '14, Danielle Hart '14, and Allison Connors '14 left shortly after commencement and spend 21 days in Italy on the San Gimignano, Italy, program. All students took Dr. B's Honors PHL2330 Medieval Philosophy class having the opportunity to visit Florence, Sienna, and Rome. Janelle Clarke '16 and Bradley Wall '16 accompanied Prof Wians for a full month in Wroxton, England, where they studied Honors PHL3650: Aesthetics: Identity, Morality and Mortality in the British Imagination. They had many excursions including trips to London, Strafford, and Stonehenge. Joseph La Torre, and Iqra Iftikhar received full scholarships to study at KHSB Summer Academy, Munich Germany for two weeks. This course fulfilled the Merrimack College Diversity requirement. Most students applied and received the Honors Research and Travel Award.

Fall 2013 Honors Courses

Course#	Sec.	Course Name	Instructor	Day & Time	Location
PHL1000H	A	Intro to Philosophy	Wians	MWF 9-9:50	Cush 105
PHL1000H	B	Intro to Philosophy	Wians	MWF 10-10:50	Cush 105
RTS3850H	A	War & Peace	Allman	TR 11-12:15	Cush 301
FAA1270H	A	Basic Painting 1	Raymond	W 1-4	Cush 309
FYW1050H	N	Into to College Writing	Cain	TR 9:30-10:45	Sul 104
FYW1050H	O	Into to College Writing	Nielsen	TR 9:30-10:45	Sul 103
FYW1050H	P	Into to College Writing	Winchell	MWF 1-1:50	Cush 105
MTH1217H	A	Calculus 1	Benedict	TR 2-3:50	O'Reilly 109
PSY1000H	A	Intro to Psychology	Stroud	MW 2-3:15	O'Reilly 109
PHY2211RH	A	Physics I Recitation	Looney	T 11-11:50	Mend 235
HON2001H	A	Reflecting on Service	Wians/McHugh	M 4-5:30	Sul 102
HON4002H	A	Senior Capstone II	Wians	M 4-5:30	TBD

*A special welcome to six new members of the Honors Community from the class of 2016:
Miranda Gagnon, Allison Hogan, Joseph La Torre, Mark McNall, Brianna O'Donnell,
Courtney Alsdorf*

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