

HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

Dear fellow HP students,

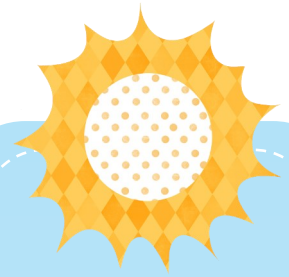
It may seem too good to be true, but the end is in sight. Well, the end of this semester. Summer classes or jobs or next school year may yet be looming ahead in the (sort of) distant horizon, but let's cross that bridge when we come to it. As there will always be responsibilities to tend to and duties to complete whatever season or stage of life we are in, I realize how important it is not to lose sight of today as we look to tomorrow. I am just as relieved as anyone else to see this semester draw to a close, but at the same time, I think our fast-paced society tempts us to try to fast-forward every part of life that strikes us as the least bit difficult or monotonous. I think there is beauty waiting to be discovered in all those seemingly insignificant things we want to skip over—even things like the last month of school before summer. I don't know about you, but I would like to be holding more than just a piece of paper on graduation day. That said, don't let yourself be in such a rush that you forget to stop and smell the roses (aka build meaningful friendships, enjoy Miami, or serve on HPSAB *hint hint*), and best wishes in these final weeks!

Sincerely,
Bethany Dill

Evening of Celebration and Appreciation

HPSAB invites you to attend our annual Honors Program Evening of Celebration and Appreciation (ECA) on **April 11th, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM**. This event allows us to join together to celebrate and express our gratitude towards HP members and faculty. In addition, Jacquelin Escobar and Houghton Kinsman, our two May 2013 graduating seniors, will take this opportunity to share their thesis projects with HP students and reflect upon their successes throughout their time at Barry. This year, our ECA will take place in the **Kostka Room in Thompson Hall**. Dinner will be served.

We hope to see you there!

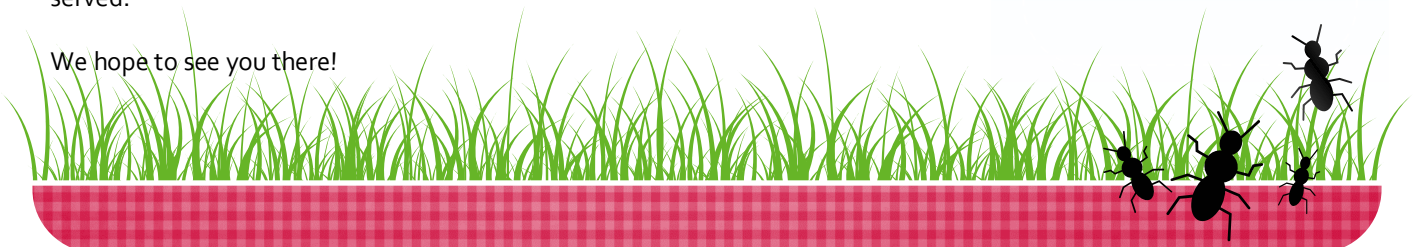


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Important Dates

04/11	Evening of Celebration and Appreciation
04/24	Finals Study Session
04/29-5/3	Final Exam Week



Finals Study Session

With roughly one month left in the semester, the papers, projects, and exams are beginning to pile up! Between studying, going to events, and trying to spend time with friends before the long summer break, it's hard to beat the stress of finals.

In order to help alleviate some of the tension, the Honors Program Student Advisory Board is hosting a study session! Join us for snacks and study help! Work with your Honors Program classmates and peers to get through the week. HP members are encouraged to attend and bring papers, study guides, or projects to work on.

Our study session will be held on **April 24, from 7 to 9 PM**. It will take place in **Landon 204**.

Contact Dianna Bellian or



Meet Our Alumni:

Sean Cooney graduated last spring in 2012 with his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with majors in both Finance and Accounting. Sean also served as the Honors Program Student Advisory Chair for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic years. He has graciously given up some of his time this past weekend to answer a few questions we had about his Honors Program experience as well as give a few kind words of wisdom to upcoming HP seniors who are both defending and starting their theses this year.



Q: Can you briefly describe your topic for your thesis and why you chose it?

A: My thesis topic was "Evaluating the Efficiency of Frontier Equity Markets in Caribbean Economies". It took me a few months to settle on this topic and a lot of discussion with my Thesis Advisor, Dr. Morrell. I had originally wanted to do something more correlated to the job that I was going into after graduation. But in the end, I chose this topic because I thought it was interesting, research was trending in this direction, but not fully there yet, and it was also a topic my Thesis Advisor had a background of knowledge in.

Q: Do you have any advice for students that are in the process of defending or starting their theses?

A: If possible, choose a topic that you are passionate about. Also, choose a Thesis Advisor who is willing to dedicate a significant amount of effort to helping you throughout the process. Start as early as possible and put the majority of your effort into the upfront research. If you have done good and organized research and analysis the actual writing of your thesis is the easiest part. If you are defending and anyone on your committee recommended you read a paper, make sure to review your notes on that paper before the defense. Any questions outside the scope of what you wrote in your thesis will likely come from a paper they recommended as this something they probably already read and are familiar with.

Q: Who would you say was the biggest help to you in completing your thesis?

A: Dr. Morrell, my Thesis Advisor was the biggest help to me in completing my thesis. The two of us spent tens of hours reading papers or reviewing them together in his office.



Q: What is your favorite memory of being in the Honors Program?

A: My favorite memory of being in the Honors Program is probably the trip to Orlando for the "America and Rising Powers" conference. This was a very fun trip and excellent conference that featured some high profile political figures such as Paul Wolfowitz, past President of the World Bank.

Q: What would you say the biggest difference between life in college and after college is?

A: In regards to working, I would say the biggest difference is that there are much higher expectations. In regards to life, it is very nice to be able to leave work at the office. In college, you always have homework or projects that you have to work on when you get home. In the working world, once you leave the office you are done for the day.

Q: Where are you currently working? What are you responsible for?

A: I am currently working at Dundee Capital Markets ("Dundee"). Dundee is an Independent Canadian Financial Institution. I work in the Corporate Finance department as an *Energy Investment Banking Analyst*. I do a lot of valuation work on companies and transactions. My department is in charge of helping Oil & Gas companies raise money for projects and to provide financial advice on whether capital markets related transactions are advisable (such as Mergers and Acquisitions).



Get Connected: Godspell

We've all just finished our long awaited arrival of Christ this past weekend (or, for others, the Peeps sale at Walgreens)! I hope everyone has had as joyful an Easter weekend as myself, whether it be because of an awesome family dinner or because of the gorgeous weather we've been graced with. We're all now in the final stretch of the semester and it's time to buckle down and get those 4.0's we all dream of. Things are going to get pretty hectic for the next month, and I'm sure you're all going to be looking for a way to relax as we head into finals. Lucky for you, Barry University's Theatre Department will be performing the

classic musical *Godspell*. Composed by the great Stephen Schwartz, *Godspell* is the story of a community of people gathering to learn about and tell several of the parables from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke through music, dance, and lots of laughs! *Godspell* will be performed on **April 19th at 7PM, April 20th at 8PM, and April 21st at 2PM** in the **Broad Auditorium**. Admission is free to all; bring your friends, family and/or chinchillas. I'll be there performing every night, and I hope to be able to share the joy I've had working on this production with you all!

-Alekszander Sayers



"We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm, and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open."

- Jawaharlal Nehru

Submissions Wanted

Summer is a time for fun in the sun, but it's also a wonderful opportunity to participate in internships, summer jobs, study abroad, or a myriad of other activities!

Are you doing something interesting this summer? Roaming the streets of Rome? Practicing politics in Washington, D.C.? Going on a cross-country road trip? We want to hear about it! Send us pictures of your summer adventures, and we will publish our favorites in the September newsletter to share with the rest of the Honors Program!

We look forward to seeing where life takes you in the upcoming months. Take advantage of the chance to go on an adventure or two!

Submissions may be sent to Cheryl Frazier or Dianna Bellian.



Morikami Japanese Garden Trip

On Sunday, March 24th, members of HP attended a trip to the Morikami Japanese Garden in Delray Beach, Florida. We spent the day strolling the gardens, enjoying lunch together, and exploring the accompanying museum, which gave us the opportunity to reflect upon the artwork, beliefs, and customs of Japanese culture.

The six gardens caused us to take the time to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us, something that we often forget to make time for when we're caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life. If there is one thing I took out of the afternoon, it was that it's important to take a step back sometimes to

think about your world. People tend to focus on doing and saying as much as possible; especially in our society, we learn from a young age to never let a minute go by without "using it fully." However, the trip reminded me that sometimes it is more about the journey than the destination. As a self-proclaimed busybody, I know that I have a tendency to try and "do it all," a trait that many of my HP peers share. Thanks to the reflections of the group that went on the trip, I personally plan to make an effort to set aside a little time each day to truly reflect and center myself, and I challenge you to do the same.

-Cheryl Frazier



Meditation brings wisdom; lack of meditation leaves ignorance. Know well what leads you forward and what holds you back, and choose the path that leads to wisdom.

-Buddha

Call for Members!

Are you interested in knowing more about the Honors Program Student Advisory Board? Do you want the opportunity to make a difference in the Honors Program while learning valuable leadership skills?

If so, please join us at our final HPSAB meeting for the Spring 2013 semester. The meeting will be held on April 23, from 4-5 PM. Meetings are located in Lehman 328.

Please contact Dianna Bellian or Dr. Sirimangkala with any questions or concerns.



Lab Reminder

Did you know that the Honors Program has a computer lab open to your use? Currently located in **Landon 206 G**, this lab provides students with a quiet place to work and study, whether it be on your Honors Program Thesis or your general coursework! The lab also features free printing to students who have a key.

Those interested in using the lab may contact **Dr. Sirimangkala** for more information on purchasing a key. Keys are available for a \$10 deposit, which is returned upon your completion of the program.



Registration Reminder

Please don't forget to register for classes for the Fall 2013 semester! Registration is currently open! Fall 2013 HP classes include PHI 191, CHE/PHY 240, SOC 394, and HON 479! Contact Dr. Sirimangkala if you have any questions or concerns.

Questions? Comments?

Questions? Comments? Concerns? We're here to help you! If you have any feedback on the program, HPSAB, or the events we host, please do not hesitate to contact us! We rely on the opinions of HP members to make this experience as beneficial as possible. You can contact each of the members through e-mail, and our numbers are available upon request. Also, if you see any of us on campus, don't be afraid to stop us and chat, whether it's to give us feedback or just say hello! We look forward to the rest of the year with each and every one of you. Thanks for reading, and come back next month!

Sincerely,

HPSAB

Dianna, Bethany, Aaron, Hemaghini, Latoya, and Cheryl

Dr. Sirimangkala, Faculty Advisor

