

## WELCOME!

On behalf of HPSAB, I hope that all of you had a spectacular Spring Break! Spring is a time for new beginnings, and with any luck, all of you had time to rest and renew yourself in preparation for the rest of the semester. March is Women’s History Month; so take some time to appreciate all the important women in your lives and families, and let them know you’re grateful for them. A brief look at history will show how far women have come in the last century, from suffrage to the fight for equal wages. St. Patrick’s day is coming up on the 17<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to wear some green. Easter is also approaching. Did you know that 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are sold each year, and that 76% of Americans eat the ears of their chocolate bunny first? As March passes, the last month of the Spring 2013 semester is drawing to a close, so it’s important to stay focused for the home stretch. Just in case you need any help staying focused, HPSAB is planning some activities to help - find out more by reading the newsletter.

This month’s newsletter is chalked full of a bunch opportunities to get involved. Look at the calendar to get up to date on all the activities going on around the Barry campus in addition to the events organized by HPSAB. You never know how much fun you could have at one of these events! These activities are an excellent thing to add to your academic resume and provide excellent networking opportunities. Of course, if you have any additional suggestions about what types of activities you want to participate in, be sure to let us know!

Sincerely,  
Hemaghini Das

## MORIKAMI JAPANESE GARDEN TRIP

As we stated in our October newsletter, HPSAB has made it our mission to bring all of the students in the Honors Program closer together as a community. To accomplish this, we have planned many different activities that mix social and academic interests and give us the opportunity to better get to know one another.

As part of this effort, we invite you to attend our Morikami Japanese Garden Trip on Sunday, March 24th.

The trip will last from 10 am– 12 pm, after which we invite you to join us for lunch! Please keep an eye out for emails with more information regarding the trip. We hope to see you there!



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## SGA ELECTIONS

If you are interested in running for an SGA Senator, applications are available in the Student Activities office. Applications are due March 21st. For more information, contact Matt McBride or Dianna Bellian.

# FLORIDA COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL CONFERENCE REVIEW

On February 23, 2013, members of HPSAB accompanied Dr. Sirimangkala to the Florida Collegiate Honors Council Conference. While there, we attended various sessions on a wide variety of topics, including politics, memoirs, and other Honors Programs throughout the state of Florida.

At the conference, we were given the opportunity to learn valuable lessons about other Honors Programs, their students, and how they run, which has allowed us to reflect on our own program as a whole. In addition, it gave us the opportunity to see the general framework of conferences, including general

sessions and poster sessions, in preparation for the NCUR conference next year.



Perhaps one of the most meaningful moments of the conference was the Keynote Address from Dr. Eileen Holden. This speech, featuring insightful quotes from Yogi Berra and Yoda, reminded us of the importance of leaving an impact on the world. As Yogi Berra once said, "I never said most of the things I said." We are all inevitably a combination of the influences of our environment, and ultimately we must strive to be original. We are given the opportunity to leave an impact on the world, to be quoted, to be remembered. When it comes down to it, what will *your* quote be? How will you be remembered?

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## A GENERATION IN TROUBLE: THE FUTURE OF US

On February 14, 2013, we held our Spring Guest Lecture Series, entitled "A Generation in Trouble: The Future of US Education." We would like to thank all who took the time out to attend.

Both Dr. Linda Berdayes and Dr. Sean Buckreis provided insightful opinions that sparked conversation and inquiry, reminding us of the successes and

failures of our society. The lecture took a critical look at why we feel the need to be constantly connected through technology, and then examined what we could do to regain our position as one of the top players in the world of education. It was followed by an

intriguing question and answer session, in which the audience actively examined how technology may

impact education and our society.

While we cannot pinpoint exactly how to "fix" our society, this lecture series event provided us with the first step necessary to change, inspiring us to reexamine our everyday behaviors in order to grow as a nation.

We hope to see you at our next Guest Lecture Series in the Fall!

*"If we change our thoughts from 'it's too late' to, 'there's still hope', we might see some change in the world."*

*-Kellie Elmore*

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## FINALS STUDY SESSION

Studying for finals can be extremely stressful for students. With papers, final projects, presentations, and exams, it seems like half of the work of the semester is crammed into the last couple weeks before summer.

To help beat the stress, 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 finish working on.

Our study session will be tentatively held on April 24, from 7 to 9 pm. It will take place in Landon 204, and snacks will be provided!

Contact Dianna Bellian or Cheryl Frazier if interested!



# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Throughout history, women have been seen as unequal to men in the eyes of many. However, within the past century, thanks to women's rights activists and suffragists, women have made enormous strides both politically and socially to be treated as equals. As part of this effort, in 1981, Congress passed Public Law 97-28, which gave the President the ability to proclaim the week of March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week." Within the five years following that, thanks to petitioning from the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Public Law 100-9, which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Years to come resulted in the establishing of an annual "Women's History Month" every March, which we now celebrate.

It is pivotal that we take the time out to appreciate and recognize the women who have brought us to where we are today. Whether they are family members, teachers, colleagues, friends, or historical figures, women have played a strong role in all of our lives and should serve as an inspiration to strive for success. For example, Supreme Court Justice Sonya Sotomayor is a wonderful role model to recognize. She graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University in 1976, and then continued on to graduate from Yale Law School in 1979. Sotomayor then worked as an active member on the boards of directors for various organizations, including the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund and the New York City Campaign Finance Board. In 2009, Sotomayor was nominated to the Supreme Court, and became the third female and first Hispanic Supreme Court justice.



Sotomayor's achievements should serve as an example for all of us. As Virginia Woolf once said, "For most of history, Anonymous was a woman." Through the existence of women such as Sotomayor, females are emerging from anonymity and becoming known as power players in our history. Be sure to thank the women in your life for all they have done, as even the smallest efforts make a huge impact on the outcome of our society.

## March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-5 pm  MAPS Student Health Fair 10-3	14 Interfaith Pass-over Seder 4-6 pm	15 Social Justice Stations of the Cross 7:30 pm	16
17	18	19 Feast of St. Joseph 12:05 pm World Social Work Day 12-7	20 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-5 pm	21 Networking with the Pros 6-8:30	22	23 The Cinematic Music Series: Heroes 7 pm
24 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 11-730	25 Communal Penance Service 5:15 pm	26	27 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-5 pm Fifth Annual STEM Research Symposium 9-12	28 Easter Break	29 Easter Break	30
31 Easter Sunday						

## 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.

## STAY TUNED!

HPSAB is working on updating our newsletter for the 2013-2014 school year! We have many new features planned, including highlighting HP faculty members, allowing students to submit entries to include in the newsletter, and reporting on where HP alumni are today! If you have any ideas of what you would like to see in our monthly newsletter, please let us know!



## REGISTRATION REMINDER

Please don't forget to register for classes for the Fall 2013 semester! Registration opens on March 13, 2013! 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

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