



# HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME!

Dear HP Students,

Hello and welcome to the November issue of the Honors Program newsletter. I hope that you are all having a good semester so far (and that you all aced your midterms!) It's mind boggling to believe that we're more than half done with the semester and that it will soon be time for Thanksgiving and winter break.

It can be challenging to meet the various demands of student life. We all have tests, homework, jobs, activities, and more – not to mention the honors program. It's easy to get overwhelmed, so it's important that you budget your time. Also, don't forget to schedule some time for fun in there. November is a great time to do outdoor activities now that it's no longer so hot outside. "To be a champion, you have to learn to handle stress and pressure. But if you've prepared mentally and physically, you don't have to worry." – Harvey Mackay. Remember, the Barry community is here to help you, so if you're having a hard time, you can always talk to a professor, friend, or fellow HP member. Believe in yourself and you'll be surprised what you can achieve.

We have some great opportunities coming up for you this month including a fabulous HP Tennis social. HPSAB is always looking for your opinion, so if you have any ideas, be sure to contribute.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter,  
- Hemaghini Das

## Be Heard:

Here are some of the responses to the last prompt about cultural Thanksgiving traditions:

*"On thanksgiving, we all go to New Jersey for thanksgiving dinner at my aunt's house. Then at midnight we go to garden city mall to go shopping."* – Latoya Luke

*"When I found out about Thanksgiving at school and asked my parents if we could celebrate it, they didn't know that a turkey and a chicken were different things, so now my family always has Thanksgiving chicken."* – Hemaghini Das

*"My family gets to the house by noon, we eat at two, and then we put on football as I fall asleep."* – Alek Sayers

*"I have two separate dinners. After dinner with my grandmother on my mom's side, the kids help make homemade whipped cream to go with the pies while the adults drink coffee and relax. At my dad's mom's house, we do the normal dinner thing and then we all look through Black Friday ads to make a game plan for the following morning."* - Cheryl Frazier

*"My mom always lets me make brownies because I don't like pie."* – Dianna Belian

**Here's the topic for the January Newsletter:** What new experience did you have over winter break that connects with something you learned in class?

Be sure to chime in – you never know what awaits!



## This Issue's Special Points of Interest:

- *What's in the news: sharks, polio, and more!*
- *Honors Program Guest Lecture Series Information*
- *Upcoming Honors Program Social: Breakfast on the Court*
- *What's happening in November!*
- *What's happening in December!*
- *Reminders about the Honors Program*

## Important:

Remember to register for Spring Honors Program Classes

Attend Breakfast On the Court on November 16th... keep reading for more details

The Fall Honors Program Guest Lectures Series is approaching. Keep reading to see how you can attend this interesting conference on November 21st.



## *Current Science Right Here in Miami*

Sharks have been around for at least 400 million years. Once an apex predator, these sharks are now on a steep decline all around the world. Researchers from Canada, New York, and Florida teamed up to calculate shark mortality and describe the reasons why sharks have been on the road to extinction. Notable contributions were made by researchers from FIU and UM! Between 60 and 270 million sharks are killed each year! The biggest cause was discovered to be humans hunting sharks, especially for fins. The slow reproductive cycle of sharks only exacerbated the problem. The researchers suggested that more efforts be made to protect a greater range of shark species. They also felt that placing a tax on the export and import of shark fins could help remedy the problem. Further research is being done on how to make shark fisheries sustainable so that sharks do not suffer from anthropogenic causes.



Here's a link for more information: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/03/130301153245.htm>

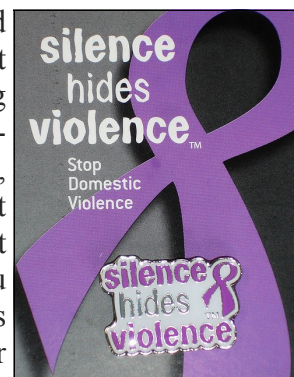
## *In The News*

In June 2012, the Taliban informed citizens of numerous Middle Eastern nations that vaccines are a Western plot to sterilize Muslims; the Taliban went on to outlaw vaccines for many diseases such as polio. In areas such as Afghanistan, numerous children have been crippled by polio in the past six months. Because of the lack of sanitary conditions in these areas, many health professionals feared that the cases of polio will spread into urban cities, where they will impact thousands of people. This prediction has already become a reality with seven polio cases reported just this week alone in Syria. In the last few decades, polio was isolated into a few pockets of Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Without vaccinations, the disease could spread to a vast majority of the population of these countries, undoing all the work that has been done in attempts to eradicate this disease. Because the virus spreads easily, as long as a few children are infected, all children around them are at risk.

Here's a link for more information: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/18/us-polio-pakistan-idUSBRE99H0DE20131018>

## *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is not only physical, but also includes emotional, sexual and financial abuse. One in three women reports being abused at some point throughout their lives. To cut down on this horrible tragedy, talk with friends, neighbors and family members about the seriousness of domestic violence and its effects, support laws protecting women against domestic violence, volunteer, and be sure to report any suspicions that you may have. You can wear purple this month to show your support.





## *HPSAB Presents the Fall Guest Lecture Series*



Each semester, the Honors Program organizes a guest lecture series where panelists present on a pertinent issue. This is one of the best Honors Program events you can attend as part of the compulsory requirements for each semester.

The guest lecture series for this semester is Government Dysfunction: What's up with the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) and the government shutdown. The panelists include Professors Sean Foreman of the History and Political Science department, Nichole Castater from Finance, and Keith More from the Physician Assistant program. Professor Foreman will discuss the causes of the shutdown, the likelihood of another shutdown, and the impact of the shutdown from a domestic perspective. Professor Castater will discuss the debt ceiling from an international perspective and the United States standing in the world as a result of the domestic political impasse. Additionally, Professor Moore will discuss selected issues surrounding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) from the healthcare perspective, the relationship between the United States' healthcare system and US global competitiveness, and ACA from a doctor-patient perspective.

This Guest Lecture series will take place on Thursday November 21, 2013 from 4:30 to 5:45 PM in the Kostka Room of Thompson Hall. HPSAB highly encourages you to attend this guest lecture series. This discussion will be sure to captivate your interest and there will be a lot of great information to be learned. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity; be sure to RSVP for this event! Be on the lookout email announcement from HPSAB.

## *Breakfast on the Court:*

In October, we had a fun social for new and returning students. Everyone had a blast playing Taboo and Apples to Apples. Here are some pictures for you to enjoy!

Our next HP event is going to Breakfast on the Court on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The event starts bright and early at 9 AM. But don't worry – to give you some incentive for waking up so early, HPSAB is providing you with a great breakfast! Head on out, because we have tons of fun events planned. First of all, Dr. Byrne and HPSAB member Alek Sayers are going to be playing a competitive tennis match; it's definitely going to be an entertaining experience. If you know how to play, be sure to bring a racket and get into a game. Additional equipment will also be provided by HPSAB. If athletics aren't your thing, there's no reason to worry. We're also going to have other great activities like watercoloring and painting, so you'll be able to show off your artistic side. You can even come out for the breakfast and cheer along your peers in tennis matches. It's going to be a blast, so be sure to RSVP for this event with Dr. S or Dianna Bellian.





## Dianna's Corner



As we progress through November and Thanksgiving break looms around the corner, try to stay positive and involved! Not only does the university have a big birthday coming up with Founder's Week (see calendar for events and times), but many of the clubs on campus have exciting opportunities. This month, The English Association (TEA), a new club on campus, is celebrating NaNoWriMo! For those of you who don't know, NaNoWriMo stands for national novel writing month. It's an initiative started to encourage all different types of writers to sit down and get their creative juices flowing. The goal is to reach 50,000 words of your novel by Nov. 30th to be entered to win as well as to give writers the opportunity to connect with each other, read other people's work, and share their own. TEA is celebrating this year by encouraging Barry students

to take the challenge, hosting a smaller writing work shop on Nov. 20th, and organizing a trip to the Miami Book Fair on Saturday Nov. 23rd. If you're interested make sure to grab a pencil and paper, your laptop, or even a stone tablet and chisel! Writing is one of the best ways of expressing emotions and ideas. Don't worry if the words make sense or what other people will think about it--this month it's not for others, just write for yourself!

## School Events:

### Responding to the Mini Conference:

*"The mini conference was a great experience for me. I was able to learn about the history of the African American community in the foundation of Miami through their work on the railroads and highways. The most important message to take away from the conference is that being able to inform individuals of the consequences of their actions before they commit a crime is the first step in reducing mass incarceration."* - Hemaghini Das

*"The conference in the Kotska Room in Thompson was interesting regarding Non-Violence movements. I was intrigued by the numerous amounts of people who were colored and had a great impact on non-violence movements. The interaction with the audience was very interesting and the presenters caught my attention in their presentations. People like Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr. make a difference."* - Natalie Irizarry

**November 4th:** The Barry Library invites you to participate in a discussion and special presentation centered on "The Living Quran". The speaker will be Iqbal Akhtar, Ph.D. Akhtar's specialties include advanced interpretation of the Quran, Islamic faith and society, and women in Islam.

**November 6th:** As a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Barry community is invited to a Domestic Violence Advocacy Presentation. It will take place in *Lehman 102* from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Join presenter Somy Ali for a presentation entitled "No More Tears."

**November 14th:** As part of Founder's Week, a Barry tradition is coming back to campus. If you want to take part in the Sync or Swim Synchronized Swimming Competition, go to the Penafont pool from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

**November 19th:** Attend a deliberative discussion entitled The Poor Becoming Poorer? The gap between the wealthy and the poor in the United States continues to grow. One proposed solution is the implementation of a living wage. A living wage is the minimum income necessary for a worker to meet their basic needs. However, opponents to the living wage argue that implementing a living wage would have a negative impact on businesses and other parts of the economy. Come hear Dr. Victor Romano, Ms. Janette Smith, and Dr. Laura Finley on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Andreas 111 at 4:00 pm.



# November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <i>Bridging Cultures</i>	5 <i>Girl Rising</i> screening	6 <i>Preregistration</i>	7	8 <i>Ethics Bowl</i>	9 <i>Gobble Wobble</i>
10	11 <i>Founder's Week Begins</i>	12	13	14 <i>Community Fest</i>	15	16 <i>Breakfast on the Court</i>
17	18	19 <i>Deliberative Dialogue Series</i>	20	21 <i>Honors Program Guest Lecture Series</i>	22	23 <i>Miami Book Fair Trip</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Events:

- Nov. 11 – 15: *Founder's Week*
- Nov. 16: *Breakfast on the court and watercolor painting lesson. Be sure to attend this Fun HP event.*
- Nov. 21: *Honor's Program Guest Lecture Series. This is one of the Honor's Program's most notable events. Be sure to participate in this great opportunity.*
- Dec. 4: *Honors Program Study Session from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm in Landon 302.*
- Dec. 5: *Honors Program Holiday Party*

# December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <i>Honors Program Study Session</i>	5 <i>Holiday Party</i>	6 <i>Student Directed Projects</i>	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14



Happy  
Holidays!

## 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 and drawings 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! You can email any of the HPSAB members.



## Honors Program Lab



Did you know that the Honors Program has a computer lab open to your use? Currently located in Landon 206 G. Those interested in using the lab may contact Dr. Sirimangkala for more information. This lab is for HP students only.

Just a reminder for the students using the lab: make sure that you clean up after yourself. Also, use the printer responsibly. Make sure you close the door and turn off the lights when you leave.

Are you an artist? Send your drawings to HP to have a chance of being published in the newsletter.



## Honors Program Members

### Accounting:

Alves Da Silva, Caroline

### Biology:

Chavez, Gina  
Irizarry, Natalie  
Luke, Latoya  
Malinowski, Tayler  
McClene, Trace  
Serna, Jasmine

### Chemistry:

Ahrens, Delaney  
Corkran, Paytyn

### Communication:

Loomer, Laura

### Criminology:

Abraham, Shenea  
Lopes, Samantha

### Education:

Das, Hemaghini  
Dill, Bethany

### English:

Bellian, Dianna  
Cruz, Lizandra

### Finance:

Copeland, Megan  
Gibson, Latique

### Leisure Sciences (HPLS):

Duncan, Blaine  
Harkins, Ian  
Perulf, Louise

### Math:

Shy, Hanna

### Management:

Salinas, Karina

### Marketing:

Tran, Sang

### Nursing:

Camacho, Andre  
Mejia, Deborah  
Rose, Erica

### Philosophy:

Frazier, Cheryl

### Political Science:

Silvanio, Vincent

### Psychology:

Benningfield, Jade  
Garcia, Esther  
Pramagkiouli, Erithelgi

### Sociology:

Diaz, Natalie

### Theatre:

Sayers, Alekzander