

Barry University's

HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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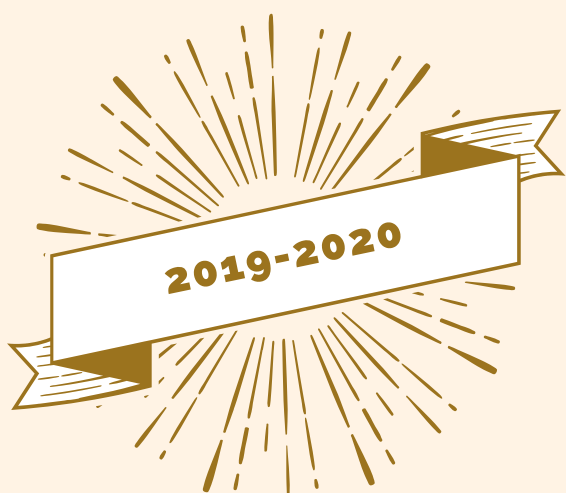
Semester's Greetings:

by Dr. Pawena Sirimangkala

Greetings!

This Fall 2019 marks a new academic year (AY) for the Honors Program (HP) and its members. Barry University also welcomes its 7th President, Dr. Mike Allen. In September, HP held its annual Student Orientation where Dr. John Murray (our Provost) and Dr. Karen Callaghan (our Dean) were there to welcome the new students. We were thrilled that Dr. Allen was able to be at the event (on page 4, see photos from the event). Through our summer travel and fun activities, we were reminded that our degree of success continues to be shaped by our own action. What we do and say and how we treat one another matter. So as HP members, we enter another AY to contemplate on many critical elements in life. In this global village of ours, being a critical thinker defines our positions in today's ever more profound world. Besides the common characteristics that all HP students share (e.g., maintaining the program eligibility, living by the honors code of conduct), ask yourself if you have been living an authentic HP lifestyle. A good start for all of us is to reflect on how we live a Barry life through our university's core commitments. For new students, if you have not already done so, I encourage you to design a path, driven by these core commitments, as you travel through your life journey. At the very least, don't try to travel through life alone. Life is simply at its best when we share it with others. Within our HP and university-wide communities, you can begin by listening to other people's stories in your efforts to refine yours, especially those stories that are different from your own. You can also approach your HP faculty. They are here to help you figure out the 'what is what' in life. Do visit the HP faculty's offices to further the debate and ask for additional readings to advance your thesis ideas. HP events are also perfect platforms to build network and friendship. By attending HP events and finding ways to serve, you are also shaping the world.

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This year's Honors Program Student Advisory Board (HPSAB) is home to a group of eight student leaders who, despite a busy class schedule, are committed to making a difference. If you are interested in serving on HPSAB, you are welcome to attend the weekly HPSAB meeting and/or reach out to HPSAB via the buddy system (see page 3). As I looked through the previous volumes of our HP Newsletter, it is fair to say that the previous HPSABs have laid the foundation and cultivated the growth for the current HPSAB to carry on. A very special shout-out to all former HPSAB members and every single HP alumnus for keeping in touch and sending in his/her HP alumni news; your commitment to excellence, sincerity, and integrity helped shape a person who you have become. The HP alumni's great efforts to keep in touch also marks an HP spirit that is alive and well.

To our dear HP faculty, thank you for your important roles as you continue to challenge and prepare our students in this forever changing world. I thank all key individuals in Admissions, Financial Aid, and the Registrar's Offices in their Honors Program's related roles. Finally, I want to extend my deepest appreciation to Dr. John Murray, Provost and Dr. Karen Callaghan, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, for their strongest support for the Honors Program. Thank you for attending the HP events whenever possible and giving us another round of memorable remarks at this year's Student Orientation. To all of our loyal HP newsletter readers, thank you for your comments of which undeniably contributed to the HP newsletter's growth. This year marks Volume 8 of the newsletter!

I am proud of our program's successes and humbled by mistakes learned along the way. What remains important is how we learn from our collective mistakes as we advance our positions in today's world. The HP spirit lives on!

Dr. Pawena "Winnie" Sirimangkala



Meet HPSAB



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Co-Chairs



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We encourage anyone who has any questions, problems, or comments to reach out to their buddy by phone or email. (We don't bite, we promise.)

Fall 2019 Orientation



The Barry University Honors Program, featuring (from left to right) the Provost Dr. Murray, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Callaghan, Faculty Advisor Dr. Sirimangkala, and President Dr. Allen



President Mike "here for the food" Allen observing the proceedings with interest



Dr. John D. Murray, the Provost, addressing the assembled Honors Program students and faculty



Dr. Karen Callaghan, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, speaking on the power of our words and knowledge

Dr. John F. Goehl and Dr. Lubomir P. Markov, who teach MAT/PHY 240H, both listening intently to the inspiring words of the speakers (above)



Fall 2019 Orientation

Introducing some of the newest additions to our Honors Program family!



Izabella (Isa) Ruiz (NURP) and Jennie Iudice (SW) enjoying themselves at the orientation



Andres Jaramillo (INB), Ignasi Forcano (INTBUS/MKT), and Suzannah Young (CMST) applauding one of our esteemed speakers



Jessica Bosch (BIO) smiling during our icebreaker 'The Wind Blows To...'



Brianna Benito (SMB) conversing with Dr. S during the event



Nicole Lentz (PHO) laughing at our odd HP antics



Anna Galaktionov (MUS) chatting with President Allen

2018-2019 Events Reflection



October 13th, 2018: Field Trip to Perez
Art Museum



Fall 2018 GLS: "Wildlife Responses to Climate
Change in the High Tropical Andes"
Speaker: Dr. Kelsey Reider (from FIU)



Holiday/Graduation Party



Spring 2019 Meet & Greet



Evening of Celebration and Appreciation



Scholarship Engagement – park cleanup at
Amelia Earhart



Spring 2019 GLS: "Understanding Race
Relations and Creating Effective Racial Dialogue"
Speaker: Ms. Tiffani Burke (from Black Lives
Matter - Broward Alliance)

May 2019 Graduation

Join us in congratulating Abigail Solórzano and Rebecca Johnson:
Our Spring 2019 Honors Program graduates!



Abigail Solórzano and HP
Alumna Nina Escalante



Abigail Solórzano and Rebecca Johnson



The seniors with the HP Banner Carrier

Rebecca Johnson's thesis title:
*The Psychological Perspective on
Using Purpose in Life as a Protective
Factor Against Community Violence*

Abigail Solórzano's thesis title:
*Examining the Appropriation of
Cultural Cues: How Advertisers Target
Millennials and Generation Zers in the
Digital Age*

Conference on the 2019 Israeli Election

How will the September 17th elections in Israel impact the politics of the country/region of the globe? How will the outcome impact US-Israeli relations?

Guest Speaker: Kasa Bainesay-Harbor, Deputy Consul at the Israeli Consulate in Miami.



"To be able to comprehend the electoral and government processes, Mrs. Bainesay-Harbor stated that one must be able to first know the history of Israel—a messy, yet intricate history."

"Israel is currently having a second election because the majority party was unsuccessful in forming a coalition of 61 seats of parliament. Not only will Israel have a cut from their state funding due to a second election, but Israeli citizens who live outside of the state are disappointed with the second election."

"According to Mrs. Bainesay-Harbor, Israeli residents travel a distance every election to cast their vote. She showed a picture of a woman in her wedding dress, casting her vote. Based upon this image, one can assume that Israelis take their voting as their civic duty serious; but we learned that to the Israelis, this is a 'mitzvah' (Hebrew, for commandment)."

"Overall, the visit from Mrs. Bainesay-Harbor the Deputy Consul General at the Israeli Consulate of Miami, Florida

was not only insightful in understanding electoral and political processes of Israel but educated Barry students and faculty on how a government can have the regime of democracy while having a hybrid of the parliamentary electoral process. Furthermore, although it is still not definitive on which coalition leader will become Israel's Prime Minister, one thing can be assured: that Israel regardless of election outcomes will continue to be a democracy; and most critically, its citizens will continue to see voting as a 'mitzvah' (Hebrew for commandment) to maintain their democracy."



These are excerpts from a piece written by HP student Stephanie Torres, as a reflection of the event for Dr. Foreman's American Courts and Presidency class.

We encourage any students who would like to see their work featured in the newsletter to reach out to us! Also, send any corrections to the editors. See our contact information to the right.

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Literary Review

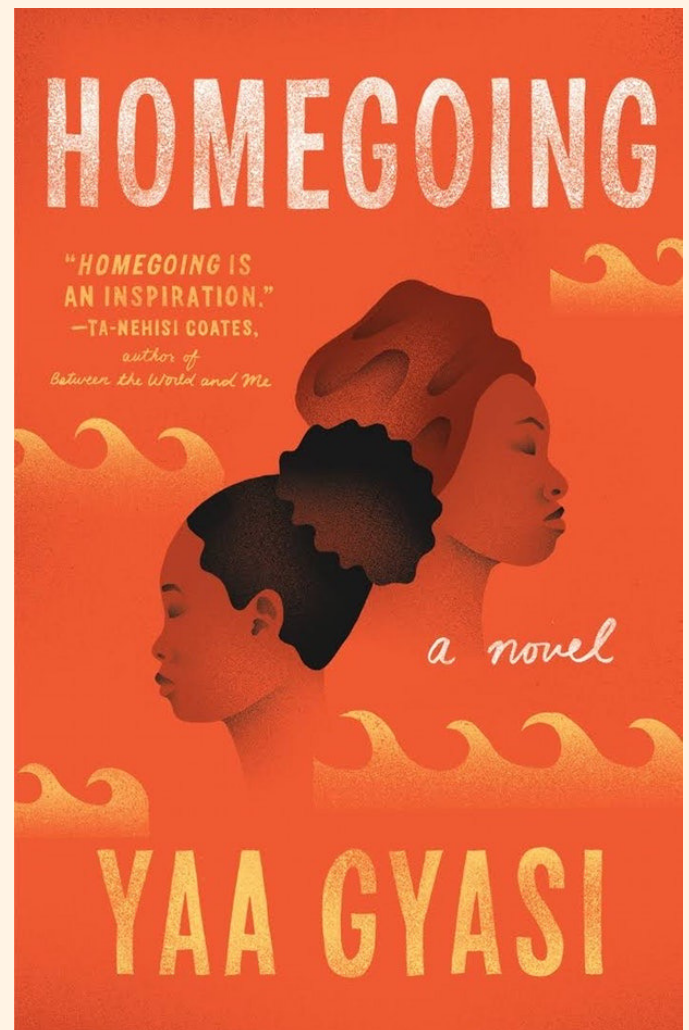
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

In our classes, we are tasked to read the works of authors who precede our time. Although this is not a bad thing, we sometimes forget to acknowledge the literary greats who are currently living among us. One of those authors happens to be the Ghanaian-American novelist Yaa Gyasi praised for her novel *Homegoing*. *Homegoing* explores the difficult issues such as slavery, racism, privilege, and fortune while portraying the interconnectedness of people and places. If you are looking for a novel that is complex and easy to read, I heavily suggest tackling *Homegoing* because it is intellectually riveting and emotionally profound.

The novel commences by describing the life of two sisters in Africa who are both princesses in their tribe. These sisters are separated by birth when one is kidnapped by a fellow tribe and sold into the transatlantic slave trade. The other sister marries a British soldier. The lineage of both sisters are traced by Gyasi in the novel and excerpts from all of their lives are given and weaves juxtaposing stories. At the end of the novel, the offspring of both sisters are re-joined in the New World through romance. At the end of the novel, both return to Africa for different reasons—one to pay homage to her ancestors that birthed her on the soil, the other to make amends with his wilted past obstructed through slavery and racism in America.

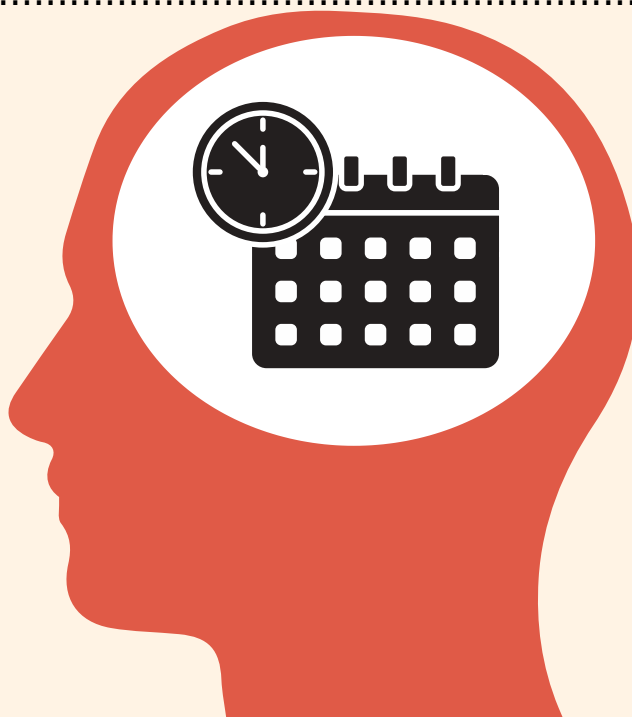
If you are interested in any of the above issues mentioned, I highly suggest reading *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. It is unlike any story shared before and connects the ancient to the present.

Written by Michidael Ceard



October Dates To Remember

- Yom Kippur.....Oct 8
- World Mental Health Day.....Oct 10
- National Farmers Day.....Oct 12
- National Latino AIDS Awareness Day.....Oct 15
- National Pasta Day.....Oct 17
- Nov. Newsletter Submission Deadline.....Oct 24
- Technology and the Interpersonal Mini-Conference.....Oct 24
 9:30 - 2:45, Keynote speaker at noon
 HP Panels at 10:30 and 1:30 ; Room TBD
- World Pasta Day.....Oct 25
- Norton Museum of Art Field Trip.....Oct 26
 See flyer via Dr. S' e-mail
- National Immigrants Day.....Oct 28
- National Internet Day.....Oct 29
- Halloween.....Oct 31



Read past HP newsletter issues at: <https://www.barry.edu/honors-program/newsletter.html>

Reflection on Immokalee Trip



The Alternative Fall Break Trip to Immokalee, Florida was aimed to educate students about the injustices that plague our modern agricultural system, specifically addressing human trafficking, modern-day slavery, and sexual violence in the fields. In collaboration with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), students were able to volunteer at various social services agencies that provide for farmworkers and their families and learn more about their Fair Food campaign. Based on the foundation of farmworker community organizing in 1993, the CIW is a worker-based human rights organization that works

to fight against human trafficking, gender-based violence, and the exploitation of farmworkers. The CIW has been internationally recognized by the United Nations and many other human rights organizations for their pioneering contributions to the agricultural industry. As of now, the CIW works to reform the tomato, strawberry, and green pepper industries in a number of states. Their Campaign for Fair Food, since being launched in 2001, has partnered with 14 multi-billion dollar corporations like McDonalds, Taco Bell, Burger King, Walmart, Whole Foods Market and more to ensure the demands of farmworkers are met. These demands include paying one cent more per bucket of produce, creating and upholding a strict human rights code of conduct with zero tolerance for all types of violence, and allowing the workers to have a voice and express themselves without fear of retaliation. Through their efforts, the CIW has been able to virtually eliminate sexual harassment from an 80 percent rate, improve the conditions of workers substantially, and reduce the opportunities for worker exploitation. However, despite their groundbreaking efforts, there are still many huge produce buyers that refuse to participate. Popular corporations like Wendy's and Publix continue to reject the efforts of the CIW and buy

produce from farms that have not been touched by this coalition. Support the Fair Food Campaign and their boycott of Wendy's and support human rights. On October 26th there will be a march to further these efforts. You are the voice of change and your voice is needed for those who are silenced, so get involved and do your part.

Reflection written by Arin Blake

Editors' Notes: BU's Center for Community Service Initiatives organizes the university's Alternative Fall and Spring Break trips.



Protesters outside a Wendy's restaurant in Carrboro, N.C., who are part of an effort by a nonprofit, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, to pressure the fast-food chain to buy its tomatoes from growers who have agreed to follow strict labor standards.



If 100 is a perfect number, and

A = 1; B = 2; C = 3; D = 4; E = 5; F = 6; G = 7; H = 8; I = 9; J = 10;
 K = 11; L = 12; M = 13; N = 14; O = 15; P = 16; Q = 17; R = 18;
 S = 19 ; T = 20; U = 21; V = 22; W = 23; X = 24; Y = 25; Z = 26

Then,

$$L U C K = 12 + 21 + 3 + 11 = 47$$

$$L O V E = 12 + 15 + 22 + 5 = 54$$

$$K N O W L E D G E = 11 + 14 + 15 + 23 + 12 + 5 + 4 + 7 + 5 = 96$$

$$H A R D W O R K = 8 + 1 + 18 + 4 + 23 + 15 + 18 + 11 = 98$$

None of them makes 100. Then what makes 100?

Is it Money? NO!

$$M O N E Y = 13 + 15 + 14 + 5 + 25 = 72$$

Leadership? NO!

$$L E A D E R S H I P = 12 + 5 + 1 + 4 + 5 + 18 + 19 + 8 + 9 + 16 = 97$$

Every problem has a solution, only if we perhaps change our
 ATTITUDE...

$$A T T I T U D E = 1 + 20 + 20 + 9 + 20 + 21 + 4 + 5 = 100$$

It is therefore our ATTITUDE towards Life and Work that makes our
 life 100% successful.

Source: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/brain-workout/201009/cryptograms-and-the-allure-secret-codes>

Word to the Wise

This issue's theme: Hurricane Dorian

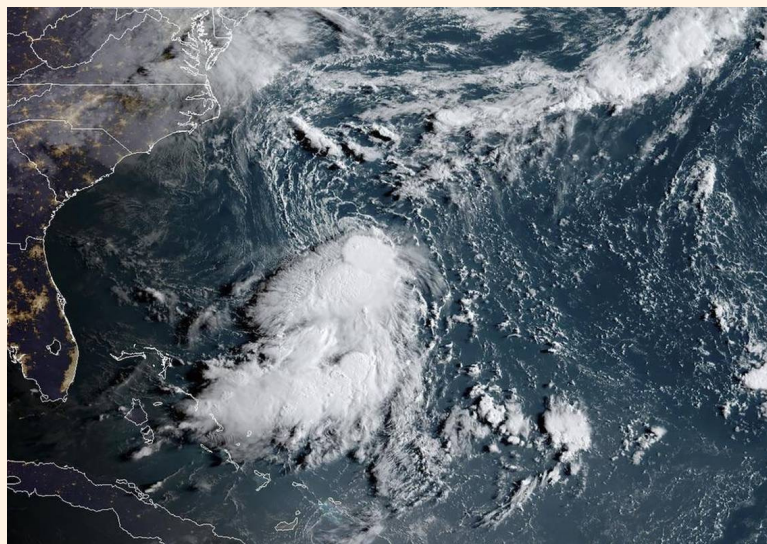
When we rebuild a house, we are
rebuilding a home. When we recover
from disaster, we are rebuilding lives and
livelihoods.

SRI MULYANI INDRAWATI

(submitted by Nicole Rafols)

Hurricane Dorian is a powerful reminder
of how merciful we are to the hands of
nature. We pray for courage to all those
who have suffered, for only the brave can
be mended after such a tragedy.

(written by Nicole Rafols)



I'm always amazed at how people come
together to assist one another during
hurricane season or any other calamity. The
beauty of human compassion always staggers
me and reminds me of how divine
we truly are. However, it shouldn't take a
disaster, natural or otherwise, to remind us of
our collective humanity.

SABRINA NEWBY

(submitted by Emma James)

Amidst the clamor of our daily cataclysm,
let us leave a moment of silence and of
reverie. For an instant, let the outcry
from our hearts reach to the heavens. To
those we lost, you will be remembered.
And to those who survived but lost
much, may your strength carry you to a
place of peace.

(written by Walter MacWaters)

Learn more about this topic at the upcoming GLS on Nov. 21: "Resiliency to climate change through art forms: City of Miami Beach Misael Soto's Sand and Flood Relief projects"