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Aspirations is the newsletter of the Columbus State University Honors College, which provides updates, features, and information for alumni, faculty, students, and the community. On behalf of the Honors College staff, we hope you enjoy *Aspirations* and welcome any ideas for future issues.



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Convocation



Honors College Convocation was held on Sunday, August 13, 2023. Convocation is a time for nearly every student currently in the Honors College to have the opportunity to gather together. It was one again held in the RiverSide Theatre where students heard words of encouragement from our faculty and got to meet (or reconnect with!) their fellow Honors students.



Laureate Luncheon



The Laureate Luncheon was held on Friday, October 6, 2023 at Green Island Country Club



This annual event brings together first year scholarship recipients with Honors College donors. Students are able to say thank you to those in our community who make it possible for them to attend CSU. This also allows our donors to see what amazing things our students are doing.

BLACK AND WHITE CEREMONY

On Tuesday, November 28th, we hosted our fall semester awards show, the Black and White Ceremony. This took place at the Loft in downtown Columbus, where we gathered to celebrate our seniors and pin recipients.



Eli Woods receiving his honors badge.

Eli Woods graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in English with a Professional Writing concentration. Attendees were treated to a glimpse into his thesis entitled “Girl Interrupted: A Second Wave Analysis.”



Honors Freshman Cameron Hunt-Clark describing her study abroad in Oxford.



Dr. Spears being award a plaque and a pin in recognition of his stalwart support for Honors education and our students.

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Campfire Conversations



Back to School Picnic



STEM Night at Lee County Schools



Uptown Tree Trail

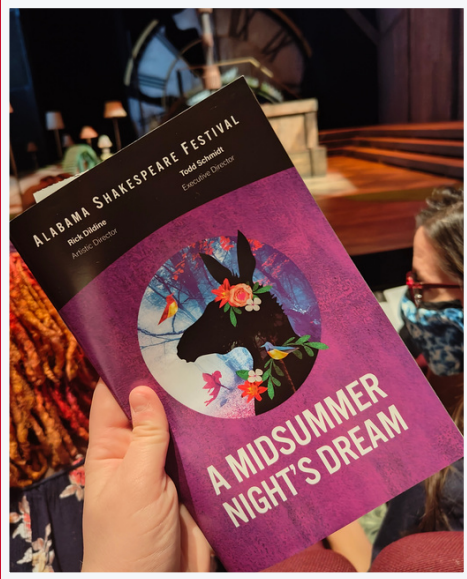


Friendsgiving



Paint the Town

Honors 3555: Dreams and Dreaming in Literature and Philosophy.



(Photo Credit: Grace Rivord)

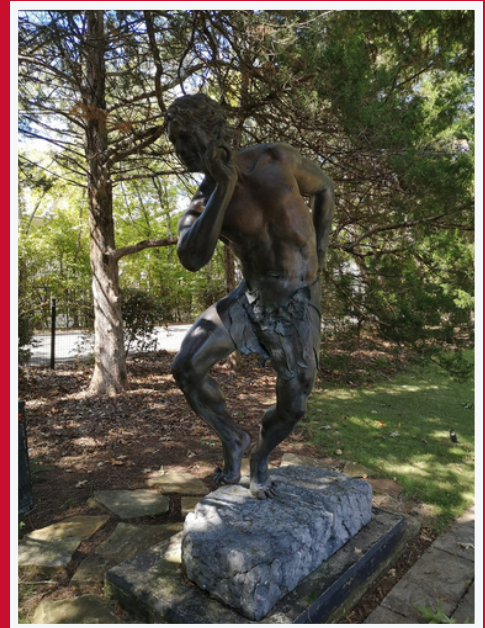
This course revolved around the exploration of the concepts of dreams and dreaming by examining subjects that ranged from the Middle Ages and the early Modern period through today. They closely inspected how those two core concepts touched on topics of history, fate, faith, and more.

This deep dive into dreams culminated in a trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery. At this festival, students were able to watch a production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



A thatched-roof pavilion from the Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

(Photo Credit: Sarah Grimwood)



This is a statue of Puck, a character from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

(Photo Credit: Sarah Grimwood)

HONS Enrichment

Seminar: International Foods

Once again this semester, Dr. Ticknor taught our popular International Foods course! This course revolves around the examination of different international cuisine while giving students a chance to prepare two different dishes. To hone their talents and widen their horizons, students visited local restaurants where they could try new foods and get first-hand insight into how they are prepared.



Interview with Dale Ploen

"I got the opportunity to visit Country's BBQ, Lemongrass, EPIC, Pho Saigon, and Dr. Ticknor's house to try Moroccan food! Each restaurant had its own unique environment, cooking techniques, traditions, and cuisines. I was able to learn more about and appreciate the different cultures after being exposed to so many unique dishes."

"During my visit to EPIC, the risotto I learned to cook with my group was one of the most delicious rice dishes I have ever eaten. It is an Italian dish with Arborio rice cooked in broth, and it has a creamy consistency. I was so happy to be there when I took my first bite because it was that good. When we were provided the recipe, I went home and made it again as best I could by using what I learned in the kitchen."

"It was so exciting being able to try new things and learn more about different cultures."

-Dale Ploen (Robotics Major)



(Dale, pictured left)

Seminar: Korean Culture

As part of this Honors seminar, students went on two trips to deepen their understanding of Korean culture and to learn to make connections between different cultures and their own.



For their first gathering, they went to a Korean Festival in Atlanta, where they were exposed to Korean traditions. This included learning about and participating in Korean games, art, food, and music.

Students also gathered in early November for a group viewing of Bong Joong-Ho's Oscar winning film, *Parasite*. After watching and discussing the contents of the film, they visited Koreana and indulged in local Korean cuisine.



Events



Six Flags

During the fall, Honors students took a trip together to Six Flags in Atlanta. This was a refreshing and team-bonding experience.

Legacy Museum

Dr. Gierhart took his students in EDUC 2120H on a trip to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Alongside other Honors students, they visited the memorial and received insight into social and racial issues.



Tech Papermaking

For one of our Honors Seminars, *Making Medieval Manuscripts*, Dr. Godlove led a trip to Georgia Tech where students learned about the intricacies of papermaking.

Oxford Spotlight



This fall semester, three Honors College students and two Honors College staff had the opportunity to study and work abroad in Oxford, UK at the CSU Spencer House. This was an unbelievable experience for each of them, plus an honor to be able to study at the prestigious Regent's Park College at the University of Oxford.



Senior Mary Claire Buchanan, studying at the University of Oxford, said: "My time in Oxford has been so incredibly transformative and special. I have created the strongest bonds and grown so much as an academic thanks to this experience."

Senior Kelsey Decuir studied at Oxford Brooks University during the semester. She shared: "It was incredible to have the opportunity to be immersed in another culture and learn from experts internationally."



HONORS HALLOWEEN



This year, we continued our past Honors Halloween traditions. We held another “Trunk or Treat” and also hosted a new event where students gathered to decorate pumpkins.

Our students were proud and eager to use these events as opportunities to demonstrate their creative side. A wide range of styles were displayed when customizing their respective pumpkins and cars, and it was a good time to relax during a busy semester.

“Trunk or treat was a really fun event. It was fascinating to see different clubs and organizations on campus come together to share their love of Halloween and CSU. Also, I didn't know that we had a history club here at CSU, but we do! It was a great experience.”

- Evan Mathis (Earth and Space Science Major, Uteach/Physics Minors)

Day of Service 2023



In August, Honors students came together to give back to the community on our annual “Day of Service.” Our Columbus community partners included over 30 non-profits, providing opportunities to help support the needs of our community. This year’s sites that our students went to included Girls Inc. and the Salvation Army, depicted in the pictures here.

Laureate Society

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Ms. Elizabeth G. Biggs
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Brogdon
Dr. and Mrs. James E. Buntin
Ms. Sharron Caldwell
Mr. Robert Anness and Mrs. Katharine Cannella
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cardin
Mrs. Diane Dana
Ms. Janet W. Davis
Ms. Ashlyn N. Dewberry
Ms. Emma Elder
Mr. and Mrs. M. Thad Estes
Ms. Skye Evans
Dr. and Mrs. R. Clark Gillett, Jr.
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Ms. Teresa Himes
Mr. and Mrs. Howell Hollis III
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Howard
Ms. Jo Huffman
Ms. Tara Huffman
Mr. Thomas Huffman
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Our Vision

The Honors College will make Columbus State University a first choice institution for students who strive to succeed by championing innovative instruction, undergraduate research, and interdisciplinary studies.

Our Mission

Our dual mission provides an innovatively delivered curriculum for high achieving students and advances the intellectual growth and recognition of the university.

Our college challenges a diverse community of students to individualize their academic experiences, while serving as an institutional champion for undergraduate research, interdisciplinary studies, and creative instruction.



Do you have a student or faculty member you would like to spotlight, or just have a suggestion for an upcoming edition of *Aspirations*?

Please send us an email at honors@columbusstate.edu
We would love your suggestions!