Weekly E-Letter  

Centennial Honors College

Join Blue Key! (by Paige Noecker)

Blue Key is actively looking for new members. The key component to blue key is an organization that recognizes college students at senior institutions of higher education for balanced and all-around excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. Blue Key applicants are exceptional sophomores, juniors and seniors with a GPA of at least 3.3. Applications are live on purple post and close October 24th, 2016. Any questions can be directed to Adam McNeil, AR-McNeil@wiu.edu

Translation Anthology at Morehead State

Honors students at Morehead State University are putting together an anthology of translations of literary works from any other language into English. To submit a translation to be published in this anthology, go to: http://www.moreheadstate.edu/anthology/. For more information, email honors@moreheadstate.edu.

Applications for Spring Travel Course to Ecuador Due November 28

The Honors College is offering a course next spring that will travel to Ecuador over spring break. The course is called “Making a Difference: Development and Sustainability in Ecuador” and will be taught by Dr. Pedro Bidegaray, the Director of Study Abroad at WIU. The course will be a GH 302 which will count for three credits of social sciences in the general education curriculum. Students in the class will interact with local communities in the Andes and consider strategies to address poverty. There will be special registration procedures for the course, and an extra cost for the travel portion (current estimate is $3600). Applications for the course are available at http://www.wiu.edu/sao/study_abroad/programs/faculty_led/2017facultyprograms/2017developmentandsustainability/index.php and are due November 28. For more information, contact Dr. Bidegaray at (PE-Bidegaray@wiu.edu).

“Mid-Semester Honors Struggle” by Jason Adams (excerpt from a U100 blog)

This fall, 18 first year honors students are participating in a “Living Learning Community” pilot program through the Honors College. These 18 students are all in two linked honors courses (Patrick McGinty’s Soc 100Y and Stacey Macchi’s Univ 100). Stacey Macchi’s students are all blogging about their experiences as new honors students at WIU, and she will be sharing some of these blog posts with the E-Letter as the semester progresses. This week’s installment is from Jason Adams below:

Coming into the middle of the semester with midterms and papers and assignments, it can become difficult to have time to do everything. I’ve always been a night owl, but I still regret when I end up doing assignments late. Seeing this (to the right) made me feel better because I’m not alone, thanks guys.
RISE Trip to Chicago on December 2 (by Andrea Porras-Alfaro)

Dear students (Biological Sciences, Geology, Physics and Chemistry),

RISE and WIS are organizing a visit to Lurie Children’s Hospital in Chicago on Dec 2. This is a unique opportunity for students that would like to follow a research career path or continue in an area in the medical field. The trip will include tours of the labs, presentations from: a couple of scientists, the director of the graduate training program, and some graduate students.

We will leave in the morning Amtrak train and be back in the afternoon train on Dec 2. We have limited space for the visit. If you would like to attend this activity please fill out this form by Oct 17th (Monday by 2pm). Amtrak gave us a special rate for $57.60 per person, round trip. This activity is open to faculty and students.

The RISE/WIU program will be willing to write an email notifying the faculty that you will be in this trip but you will need to discuss with each individual faculty member if it is possible for you to miss class on Dec 2. We have a limited number of scholarships to cover the cost of the train ticket.

To register, fill out this form:
https://goo.gl/forms/g891yULi7cILJZDM43

To register in RISE go to:
https://goo.gl/forms/5lctMadMhDTGf9fJ2

(All students doing research with a faculty member in a RISE department can be part of RISE, you just need to register)

Other deadlines coming up:
RISE TRAVEL AWARD FOR UNDERGRADUATES- FALL 2016: Call for proposals

RISE@WIU M. & C. Wong Professional Conference Travel Grant: $900, undergraduate students, DEADLINE: October 19th, 4:30pm. This is a special call, priority will be given to students that go to a conference this Fall semester (to be reimbursed after travel). Form at:
http://www.wiu.edu/.../ac.../rise/RISE-TravelAwardGrant2016.docx

“Spring for Books” Applications Due December 1

The Council of Academic Advisors is sponsoring a $200 book scholarship this year. Applications are available through your academic advisor (including your honors advisor). Applications are due to the Scholarship Office (308 Sherman Hall) by December 1, 2016.

Register on Time for Spring Semester. See Your Academic Advisor NOW!

Registration for spring semester begins in early November. Remember that before you register for classes, you MUST meet with your major academic advisor. You can find a complete list of academic advisors on the university web site here: http://www.wiu.edu/advising/support/Advisor_List_2016-2017.pdf. Some advisors get booked up with appointments weeks in advance, so don’t wait, make your appointment now! This message is brought to you by the Council of Academic Advisors at WIU.

Last Day to Withdraw is October 30

The last day to withdraw from a regularly scheduled 16 week class this fall is October 30. If you withdraw from a class between now and October 30, you will still be charged for it and it will show up on your transcript with a “W” grade. Remember that registration for spring semester begins in early November. Times and titles for spring semester courses are now available on STARS course search. Descriptions of General Honors Courses are available on our website here:

http://www.wiu.edu/centennial_honors_college/pdfs/honorscourses/Spring%202017%20Honors%20Courses.pdf

Honors College Grad Assistant Spencer Cotton found some scary things on his desk this week. Halloween is just around the corner.
Beware of Predators (by Linda Zellmer)

![Predatory Journals](https://example.com/predatory-journals.png) Beware of Predators! Have you ever heard of Predatory Journals? The Internet has had a significant impact on scholarly communication. Many new publications have been established that make journal articles openly accessible. While some open-access journals, like *PLoS One*, have good reputations, there are some journals that are nothing more than vanity presses; they exist to collect fees from academic authors who need or want to publish. In some cases, the publishers of the disreputable (predatory) journals send SPAM emails to people who present papers at scholarly conferences inviting them to submit an article on their research for publication. Once the unsuspecting author has submitted an article, which the disreputable journal theoretically sends off for peer review, the author receives a bill for the honor of having their article published. While page fees are acceptable in some fields, reputable journals disclose their fees up front, and include information on fee waivers if needed.

For more information on disreputable, predatory, publishers see:


Students interested in finding a journal that accepts undergraduate student papers should consult the website of an honor society in their subject area or the list of journals that publish undergraduate research on the Council on Undergraduate Research website. Links to honor societies and undergraduate journals are available at: [http://wiu.libguides.com/gettingpublished/undergrad](http://wiu.libguides.com/gettingpublished/undergrad).

Mystery Photo of the Week

Only one *E-Letter* reader knew where I saw the Rocky dog shown in last week’s mystery photo (below and left). Lydia Boley correctly responded that this particular Rocky dog can be found outside the south entrance of Tillman Hall. This dog is part of an art project sponsored by the College of Fine Arts and Communication called “Rocky on Parade.” Rocky dog sculptures can be found all over Macomb, and each sculpture is painted differently.

![Mystery Photo](https://example.com/mystery-photo.png)

This week’s mystery photo>>>: Where on the Macomb campus did I see the stained glass window on the right?

Movies Movies Movies

The movies currently playing at the Rialto are: “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children,” “Deepwater Horizon,” “The Accountant,” “Middle School: Worst Years of My Life,” “Storks,” and “The Magnificent Seven.” For showtimes, go to [http://www.earlann.net/rialtocinemas.html](http://www.earlann.net/rialtocinemas.html) or call (309) 833-2900.

Ya’s Sudoku:

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