

Centennial Honors College

Study Abroad Scholarships

The Office of Study Abroad & Outreach at WIU has \$20,000 of scholarship money to distribute over the spring, summer, and fall 2017 terms. In total, they will award over 25 scholarships to WIU students studying abroad. These scholarships are available for all faculty-led WIU study abroad programs, including the spring GH 302 course that will travel to Ecuador over spring break (see below for more details on this honors course). Some of the scholarships awarded will be as much as \$1500. If you have questions about these scholarships, including how to apply for them, call the Study Abroad Office at (309) 298-2504, or visit them in person at Horrabin Hall Room 8. You can also visit the Study Abroad Office website at : http://www.wiu.edu/sao/study_abroad/contact.php .



Big Pink Volleyball: The Honors College Staff had a blast participating in Big Pink Volleyball Tuesday night. (photo courtesy of Michele Aurand)

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).

"Family's First" by Samantha Johnson (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 Samantha Johnson below:

Being the first person in my family to attend college I figured I was in for a world of new experiences that no one in my family would understand. However, many of the things I'm "struggling" with are things my family totally gets. Being homesick, missing my friends, not knowing how to stay focused when I would totally just rather be back at home. I guess I thought once I got to college I would be really alone, but it turns out that with or without a college education, all of my family is here to support me 100% through any obstacle. Family truly is forever, whether we're together or 60 miles apart.

Last Day to Withdraw from a Fall Semester Course 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. If a class is irregularly scheduled, it might be too late to withdraw from it. If you are in doubt, you can look the course up on STARS course scheduling and find out the withdrawal deadline for a specific class.

"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.

"Say What?" Rocky's Resources Workshop Next Thursday, October 27

Don't miss the next Success Workshop in the Rocky's Resources series, sponsored by the University Advising and Academic Resources Center. The workshop will be called "Say What? How to Effectively Communicate with Faculty & Staff," and it will be held at 4pm on Thursday, October 27 in the Corbin Hall Electronic Classroom.

Mystery Photo of the Week

Two *E-Letter* readers knew where I saw the stained glass window shown in last week's mystery photo (below and left). Angie Louden and Kim Sedgwick both knew that this stained glass window is on the north side of the Multicultural Center, looking across the street at the University Union. This window is on the first floor, in the Women's Center Lounge. The window is called "Honoring Our Mothers" and is named for eleven different mothers of current and former WIU employees.



This week's mystery photo>>>>: The photo on the right was taken by Honors College GA Spencer Cotton. Where on the Macomb campus did Spencer see the painting on the right?

Movies Movies Movies

The movies currently playing at the Rialto are: "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back," "Keeping Up with the Joneses," "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> or call (309) 833-2900.

Ya's Sudoku:

Old Puzzle

2	3	4	1
1	4	2	3
4	1	3	2
3	2	1	4

New Puzzle

		1	2
2	4		