COVID CHALLENGES

Just as everything else has changed due to the pandemic, the College of General Studies Honors program will be adapting as well. Instead of our intimate face-to-face gathering at the home of Honors Program director Ellyn Lem to kick off the semester, we will be having a virtual event, Friday, Sept. 11th from 4-5 p.m. More information on that elsewhere in the newsletter. Likely, virtual events will be the case for most of the fall semester, but it will give us an opportunity to meet people from Waukesha and Washington County. Also, the Honors Center will not be available this fall, but we hope it will return and be available on both campuses as a place for studying, relaxing, or just a quiet place to have lunch.

ON MAIN CAMPUS THIS FALL...

Many of our students continue their Honors work on the main campus since the Honors College there accepts Honors work done in the College of General Studies and applies those credits for the twenty-one credits needed for the Honors degree.

To get a sense of what some of those seminar topics are, take a look at these fall offerings:

- Graphic Memoir: The Art of Self Creation
- The Past Speaks: Archaeology & Science of Death
- Human Rights at the Borders of Injustice
- Left, Right, and Center: Bridging the Divide in American Politics
OTHER HONORS OPPORTUNITIES

Both campuses have active Phi Theta Kappa chapters, an international Honors Society, for students with a 3.5 GPA. In addition, there are opportunities to do research with professors, some of which can be done for independent study credit or for a stipend. To learn more about these opportunities visit, https://uwm.edu/our/. Honors students also often serve in paid positions as tutors in the Academic Success Center. Contact Sara Pagliaroni for more information: pagliaro@uwm.edu.

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CREATIVE COURSES WITH HONORS

Jesse Sierin earned his Honors credit for GLG 101 with Professor Quintin Bendixen. Prior to the lockdowns, Jesse traveled to the Falls of the Ohio. It is an excellent fossil hunting spot. Jesse documented his fossil discoveries with pictures and wrote up a report identifying the species found in the fossils and a detailing of the geologic context as to how rock outcrop formed.

Jonathan Guggenmos took two of his courses for Honors Credit. One with Theater Professor Steve Decker was for Introduction to Acting. Jonathan did an extension of the final monologue for class based on interviewing someone to find out what makes that person happy and, then, performing the role of the interviewee. He recorded his monologue performance, and, then, received feedback from the person based on questions to find out how well he captured their meaning.

SAVE THE DATE

Have questions about the Honors Program? Want to know who else is in the Program and what classes they are taking for Honors? Who are the professors who have interesting ideas for Honors students to earn credit in their courses? We will be having our opening event, on Friday, Sept. 11th from 4-5 on Zoom. Invitations will be sent to you and your participation is strongly encouraged.