OPENING HONORS GET TOGETHER

Everyone is welcome to kick off the start of the semester with our first event of fall.

Come meet others in the program, along with faculty, and enjoy some refreshments. This is a great way to get ideas for Honors projects.

Event details:

**WHEN:** Sept 16th, 4-5:30pm  
**WHERE:** UWM at Waukesha Library

**MORE INFO:** email Professor Lem at leme@uwm.edu.

NEW HONORS SPACE ON CAMPUS

You may have noticed a lot of changes of spaces on campus, and that is true for the Honors Center, which now will be housed in the Academic Success Center, W120. Come by for a quiet place to study or have lunch with a friend. Those of you who are tutors should find this location very convenient. The Washington County Honors Center will be in room 265 by the Library, which will have keys to it that can be checked out.

NEW HONORS OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH CAMPUSES

With all of the social unrest surrounding George Floyd’s death in 2020, UWM has taken on various initiatives to better understand racism and how to prevent it. The College of General Studies will be hosting a reading circle using Ibram Kendi’s *How To Be an Antiracist* that you will be able to sign up for with a professor to earn Honors credit and receive a book for free. **Sign-up and books will be available:**

- Tuesday, Sept. 7th, 12-1pm, at Student Organization Fair in Courtyard Patio at Waukesha
- Reading Circle (2-part series) – Fridays, Oct. 8th & 15th, 12 – 1pm, location TBA and through a Zoom link

HONORS ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Please save the date for October 21st, 5:30-7pm! This annual tradition at Waukesha acknowledges our Honors students and scholarship recipients. A distinguished alumni is also featured, who will share experiences of how our campus molded the future of that person.
END OF SEMESTER 2021 HONORS EVENT

Even though last academic year was challenging due to Covid, the Honors Program still wanted to end the year with a celebration of student accomplishment. Four students received their Associates degree with Honors: Kelsey Shoppach, Jonathan Guggenmos, Ian Shoppach and Christina Guirau. We also used this opportunity to thank our faculty mentors who generously give their time to support Honors projects. This year, we had a “cheese and cupcake party,” attended by people in person and remotely.

PHI THETA KAPPA

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honors society for two-year colleges worldwide that is made available for those with a 3.5 average GPA. PTK is more like a student organization (whereas the Honors program is more academic focused) that operates on both campuses. Look for an invitation to join if you qualify with various activities throughout the year. Professor Chris Hayes will be the advisor at Washington County, and Professor Ellyn Lem will advise at Waukesha.

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As I strived to further my education and overall learning experience at UWM at Waukesha, the Honors program allowed me to personally relate class content to my own life. The course Geography 110 provides students the opportunity to analyze different regions of the world, and - in doing so - I wanted to connect my life experience with music to a region (Germany). I looked at the history of the a cappella organization Bing! and how German culture and American culture both impact the style and performance of music. From the 1960s and 1970s, Barbershop music was first introduced to Germany as American and British groups would tour and perform. By the year 1980, groups started to form but were scattered around Germany, so Bing! was not established until 1991. Fast forward to 2012, Bing! had their first world mixed competition where they invited quartets from all over the world to compete for a gold medal. In 2018, my music group was very blessed to have competed in Germany and take home the silver medal. It was a blessing to experience their culture as they had a welcome party with traditional dancing and food for international groups. I talked to a German friend of mine as a part of the project, and he said that American a cappella organizations focus on the social aspect and fellowship around the music, while German organizations highlight more on the technical and musical aspects of the art form and consider the community to be an additional blessing. I’m very thankful that Professor Bendixen and the Honors program at UWM at Waukesha allowed me to dive into the history of a cappella music in Germany as it enriched my learning in Geography and taught me about how culture can impact different aspects of one’s life, like music.

-Kelsey Shoppach