Weekly E-Letter

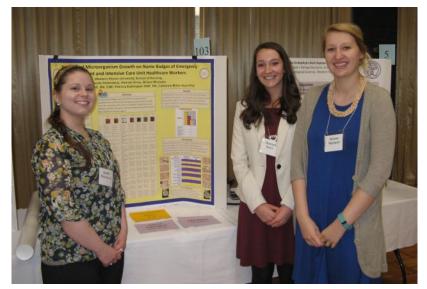
Centennial Honors College

Honors Ice Cream Social Tonight!

It's Friday and time for ice cream! Remember that the Honors College Ice Cream Social is this afternoon (April 21) at 5pm in the Thompson E-Classroom. That is on the second floor of Thompson, one floor down from the Honors Floors. All honors students are welcome. See you there!

Three Honors Students Selected for NSF Funded Program

According to Brian Bellott, Killian Tracey, Nicole Walker, and Mattea Scanlan) have been selected for the "Research Experiences for Undergraduates" program which is funded by the National Science Foundation. Congratulations Killian, Nicole, and Mattea!



Award Winning Poster: Honors students in Nursing Hannah Knox, Janelle Hohenbery and Briana Michaels stand by their award winning poster at Undergraduate Research Day on Wednesday, April 19. More photos from URD can be found on page 2.

Competition Results from the 2017 Undergraduate Research Day

The 2017 Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day, held on Wednesday, April 19, was a big success. It was evident from the many impressive presentations that WIU students are active participants in their own education. The URD judges had a very difficult task in selecting just eight presentations to honor, so those who were selected should be proud of their accomplishments.

Here are the results of the 2017 URD Competition:

Performance Presentations:

1st Place: Nathalie Hernandez with Luciana Hontila, Vlad Hontila, and Giorgi Khatalev "The American Quartet." School of Music. Faculty Sponsor: Istvan Szabo

2nd Place: Ashlyn Carnes "Duo for Flute and Piano: Aaron Copland and the American Art." School of Music. Faculty Sponsor: John McMurtery.

Poster Presentations:

1st Place: Hannah Knox, Janelle Hohenbery and Briana Michaels "Prevalence of Microorgan ism Growth on Name Badges of Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit Healthcare Workers." School of Nursing. Faculty Sponsors: Julie Baylor and Patricia Eathington.

2nd Place: Angelica Strack "Variability Characterization of Hydroxyl Maser in a Pre-Planetary Nebula." Department of Physics. Faculty Sponsor: Esteban Araya.

3rd Place: Shawn W. McClenahan "Determination of Sulfur Concentration in Crude Oil." De partment of Chemistry. Faculty Sponsor: Brian Bellott.

Podium Presentations:

1st Place: Allison Hartman "Examination of Pool Fingers from the Blauhohle Cave System, Germany." De partment of Geology. Faculty Sponsor: Leslie Melim.

2nd Place: Emily Szott "Quantification of Daily Otolith Increments in Young of Year Asian Carp." Depart ment of Biology. Faculty Sponsor: James Lamer.

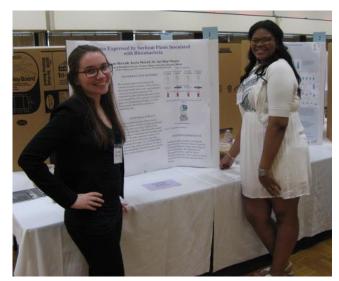
3rd Place: Kagney Nudd "Use of Pain Control in Swine During Early Age Procedures." School of Agricul ture. Faculty Sponsor: Jamie McClure.

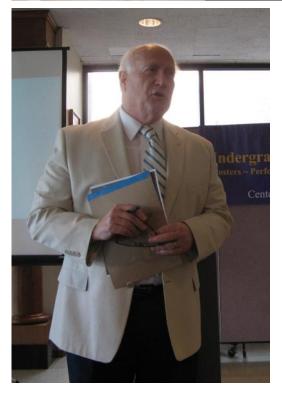
Scenes from the 2017 Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day (April 19)













Ushers Needed for Honors Convocation May 12

Are you looking for something to do on the last day of Finals Week? We need several ushers to hand out programs at the Spring 2017 Honors Convocation Ceremony on May 12 in Western Hall. If you are interested and available between 12:45pm and 2:30pm on Friday, May 12, contact Alex Geisler at AN-Geisler@wiu.edu or 298-2228.

Honors College Scholarship Recipients

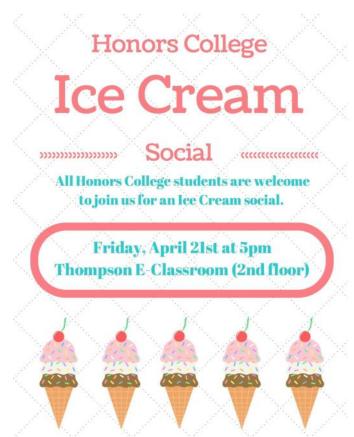
Recipients for a variety of Honors College Scholarships were selected this week. They are as follows: Rebecca Graham (Cecile A. Christison Sterrett Award), Crystal Wilson (Charles H. "Chick" & Barbara Joan Flack Pre-Law Scholarship), Trenton Schmit (Dan & Laura Webb Pre-Law Scholarship), Cole Burton (Ernest J. Codilis Jr. Pre-Law Scholarship), Molly Gualandri (Keith Webb Memorial Scholarship), and Arielle Henry (Martin Dupuis Leadership Award for Historically Under Represented Communities). Congratulations to all of the recipients listed above, and thank you to our donors whose generosity helps these honors students further their studies.



Everyone Loves Rocky Dog: Honors student Hannah Porter Denecke got to pose with the lovable Colonel Rock at the COFAC Honors Breakfast on April 11. (photo courtesy of Stacey Macchi)

Quad Cities Student Research Conference is Next Friday, April 28

The WIU Quad Cities Student Research Conference will be held on April 28 at Riverfront Hall on the WIU QC Campus. Students will present their work as a poster or a podium talk. You can read all about the event at our website here: http://wiu.edu/centennial_honors_college/qc_research/ . For more information, email Michele Aurand at MJ-Aurand@wiu.edu.



Movies Movies Movies

The movies playing at the Rialto are: Beauty and the Beast, Going in Style, Power Rangers, Boss Baby, Fate of the Furious, Unforgettable, and Smurfs Lost Village. For showtimes, go to http://www.earlann.net/rialtocinemas.html or call (309) 833-2900.

Mystery Photo of the Week

Last week's mystery photo (below and left) showed a very



large sign for Phi Kappa Phi. Bill Thompson, Bob Intrieri, Janell

McGruder, Jeanne Stierman, Sara Devine, and Michele Aurand all knew that the sign is in the Atrium of the Malpass Library. It was installed there just last week!

This week's mystery photo>>>: This week's photo was submitted by Elizabeth Crain. Where did she see the flowers to the right?

