A highlight for me this week was hosting a Monday lunch in the Union for first-generation Honors students. Our event was in conjunction with National First-Generation College Student Day. A first-gen student is defined as someone whose parents did not attend college. There are obviously challenges in navigating college when your parents may not know first-hand exactly what college is about. But persisting is worth it given the multiple studies showing the benefits of getting a college education, up to and including statistics that show college graduates living longer, healthier lives on average.

Making up 56% of the total number of students pursuing post-secondary education nationwide, first-gen students are trailblazers, going somewhere others in their families have not. It was inspiring to hear from our first-gen students about their paths to UW and to the Honors College as well as the lessons they’ve learned along the way. I was also so glad that we had several faculty and staff in attendance, some of whom were first-gen college students themselves. Associate Dean Selting pointed out that our first-gen students are now college savvy and have the opportunity to open doors for the next round of first-gen students coming up behind them. We also heard from Susan Stoddard, assistant director of UW’s McNair Scholars Program, about all the ways that McNair helps prepare first-gen students and students from underrepresented groups to pursue independent research (which can be used for your Honors capstone!) and apply for graduate school. Anyone who is interested in the McNair program can check it out here: http://www.uwyo.edu/seo/mcnair/
Dear Honors Students, Faculty, and Staff,

It’s time to plan our Honors College book group for this year. It turns out that the award-winning author Tommy Orange will be on the UW campus on March 3, so I have chosen his novel There There as our book group book. There There was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2019 and it won the American Book Award that year. Here is [amazon’s link](https://www.amazon.com/There-There-Tommy-Orange/dp/039335797X) to There There.

Here is how the book group works: we have an initial meeting where we introduce ourselves, distribute the books, and talk about what we might think about when we read the book. If possible, we will have the initial meeting before the end of the semester. After the initial meeting, we go away and read the book. After we’ve read it, we reconvene to share our responses and ideas (and have some snacks). And this year, we will then have the further opportunity to go see Tommy Orange’s public presentation on March 3.

Honors will buy 40 copies of the book. If you’d like to be part of the book group, please RSVP at this link [Honors](https://honors嵇向s) is able to provide books free of charge to the first 40 people who respond. If you would like to participate but are at a distance, let us know – we will make sure to arrange a zoom link!

Sincerely,
Peter

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SAFE Project is a nonprofit in Albany County, Wyoming, that supports survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and family violence. Join SLCE in making self-care kits for survivors on Saturday November 13th from 10:00-11:30am Register [here](https://www.slcetexas.org/event/221085815-41124)
ASK THE HONORS COLLEGE

ASK THE DEAN FEATURE IN HONORS COLLEGE MAGAZINE

Do you have a question for Dean Parolin? Please fill out the survey at the link below! Your question may be featured in our upcoming Honors College Magazine along with a personalized response from our Dean!

HONORS CAPSTONE

SUBMISSION TO WYOSCHOLAR

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3
11:00 - 12:00 ON ZOOM

HONORS COLLEGE SENIOR SURVEY

Spotlighting our Seniors
If you are graduating this semester we would love to highlight you in our Fall 2021 Honors College Magazine. Please complete the survey at the link below to be featured. Share with us your experiences, goals for the future, and capstone projects to celebrate your wonderful accomplishments!

THURS. 12/16 2:00 - 4:00
MON. 12/20 10:00 - 12:00

Student Research in WyoScholar Drop-In Office Hours
Join: bit.ly/dslzoom
UPCOMING SOAR OPPORTUNITIES!

- 11/12 - 12 pm Guest Speaker- Principal Scientist - Energy & Minerals at Illinois State Geological Survey-FREE Lunch
- 11/12 - 2:30 pm National Researcher to Discuss mRNA Vaccines, Treatments in UW Seminar
- 11/12 - 7 pm UW Planetarium Show - "You Are a Star!"
- 11/13 - 10 am Safe Project Service Saturday
- 11/13 - 2 pm UW Planetarium Show - "The Sun: Our Living Star"
- 11/13 - 7:30 pm Music in the Air: Songs of Love, Peace, & Praise
- 11/14 - 4:00 pm Equality in Computing Movie Night
- 11/15 - 12 pm Rare Earth Element and Critical Mineral Development in Wyoming
- 11/15-19 International Education Week
- 11/15 - 6 pm Own it! Celebrating Women in STEM
- 11/16 - 4:30 pm Rail Tie Wind Project: Obstacles, Accomplishments & Aspirations for the Future
- 11/17 - 9 am Coffee with Visiting Professor Roberto Saba

LOG INTO YOUR SOAR ACCOUNT FOR MORE INFORMATION
This Week in Colloquium
Each week during the fall semester we will feature one section of Colloquium I and the exciting and stimulating ideas they are exploring.

Colloquium I Section Spotlight: Tyler Fall
Past/Present
In Tyler Fall’s section of Colloquium I, students explored ideas about past and present as they relate to Lightman’s Einstein’s Dreams and Octavia Butler’s Kindred. Central topics included time, history, race, and conflict resolution.
In the Theatre with A Midsummer Night’s Dream

On Nov. 4, Honors sponsored an immersive night in the theatre as Colloquium students looked at the Theatre and Dance department’s ballet of A Midsummer Night's Dream from multiple angles. Peter Parolin and Landee Lockhart read short scenes from the play and then choreographer Marsha Knight and her dancers showed how they translated those scenes to dance. Leigh Selting then directed two student volunteers in a short scene from the play. Over a catered dinner, Honors students heard from Scott Tedmon-Jones, the set designer of the show, and Michael Griffith, the conductor of the UW Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Griffith talked about the Mendelssohn music for the ballet, and even brought one of his graduate students, violinist Brittany Kubiak, to play some of the music for us. We capped off the evening by seeing the performance!
Midsummer Night's Dream pics continued!
Fellowships, Internships & Grad School Opportunities

Frasure-Kruzdl-Drew Fellowship at Department of State for those interested in Weapons Removal & Abatement

Note: This Fellowship is good for students with all sort of majors including economics, entrepreneurship, and agriculture.

Frasure-Kruzdl-Drew Memorial Fellowship

Applications are now being accepted for the Frasure-Kruzdl-Drew Memorial Fellowship. The FKD Memorial Fellowship is a two year, full-time paid professional opportunity to work with the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Political-Military Affair’s Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PMWRA), helping to reduce the harmful effects of landmines, illicitly proliferated small arms and ammunition, and indiscriminately used conventional weapons of war. Upon completion, many fellows accept full-time positions at the Department of State.

Fellows will help:

- Reduce the impact of armed conflict
- Restart the safe use of agricultural land
- Support economic development
- Enable the return of displaced people

Two fellows are selected each year: one a Johns Hopkins University student and the other a non-Johns Hopkins University student. Eligibility is limited to college seniors (who will have graduated by the time their fellowship term would begin) and recent graduates (within one year) of a four-year institution of higher education, as well as students in their final year (or within one year of having completed) of advanced degree programs. If accepted to the program, fellows will need to obtain a SECRET level clearance.

The FKD Memorial Fellowship functions within a partnership between the U.S. Department of State and the JHU Whiting School of Engineering’s Commercial and Government Program Office. The fellowship is both funded and hosted by PMWRA in their Washington, D.C. office, and includes opportunities for global travel. This unique partnership allows fellows to gain all the experiences of an entry-level public service position, with the support of a tailored mentorship program and access to the resources of a world-class university.

If you are interested in jump starting your career as a Foreign Service Officer, submit a cover letter and resume to FKDinfo@CGPO.jhu.edu. Applications are being accepted until Friday, Dec. 3.

Udall Undergraduate Scholarship and Native American Congressional Internship

Subject: Seeking Applicants! Udall Undergraduate Scholarship and Native American Congressional Internship

The Udall Foundation (www.udall.gov) offers two amazing opportunities of interest to UW students:

Udall Undergraduate Scholarship: This scholarship (Up to $7000) is awarded to 50 undergraduate sophomores and juniors pursuing careers related to the Environment, Tribal Public Policy, or Native Health Care. A prestigious scholarship for student change-makers and leaders, Udall Scholars attend an Orientation in August in Tucson, AZ to meet alumni and tribal leaders for exceptional networking opportunities and gain lifetime membership in a growing and active alumni network (including UW alums!).

- Complete applications for the Udall Undergraduate Scholarship are due by 2/1/2022
- Students who intend to apply for the Undergraduate Scholarship must contact UW’s Faculty Rep, Maggie Bourque: 307-766-5089 maggie@uwyo.edu to begin the application process. More info here.

Native American Congressional Internship: This ten-week summer internship in Washington, D.C., is for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian country. The internship is fully funded: the Udall Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals, and a stipend at the close of the program.

- Complete applications for the Native American Congressional Internship are due 1/31/2022
- Applicants send their materials directly to the Udall Foundation.

Please share this information with your networks, communities, and any potential applicants!

For more information about either program, feel free to contact the Udall Foundation: 520.901.8500 | www.udall.gov.

Honors Paid Wyoming State Fair Internship: Application due November 15th

The University of Wyoming Honors College is offering a part-time internship for a honors student in November through March 2021-2022 (excluding official UW holidays). This internship will provide candidates opportunities to assist with the Wyoming State Science Fair, a STEM research competition for middle and high school students. For more info: http://www.uwyo.edu/honors/internships/index.html

Honors Sponsored Internships

Apply for an Honors Sponsored Internship. Internships are recognized as an important part of a 21st-century college education. They give students valuable on-the-job experiences with meaningful organizations, they develop skills that future employers will find attractive, and they help you imagine the kind of work you want to do and the impact you want to make in the future.
Equality in Computing
MOVIE NIGHT

MOVIE: HIDDEN FIGURES

THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY RSO EQUALITY IN COMPUTING

NOVEMBER 14TH - 4PM-7PM
UNION BALLROOM ON CAMPUS
FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED
NO ADMISSION FEE

BRING A FRIEND AND BE READY FOR A GOOD TIME!
OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE LARAMIE COMMUNITY

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET ACCESS TO OUR EVENT ON OUR WEBSITE AND RSVP!

The Negro Question and Racism as a Public Health Crisis

Monday
11/15/21
5 PM PST
6 PM MST
8 PM EST

According to the American Public Health Association, “racism hurts the health of our nation by preventing some people the opportunity to attain their highest level of health.” Dr. Rik Stevenson’s research critically examines the role of racism, its power dynamics, and vestiges as a pathway to widen the current discourse concerning race relations in America and beyond.

Dr. Rik Stevenson
University of Florida

https://kwyo.zoom.us/j/9699882522

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Planned to be held in Albuquerque, NM, the conference allows for a once-in-a-kind travel opportunity to the Southwest. Explore the Land of Enchantment hospitality with a stay at the beautiful Hotel Andaluz located downtown. Don’t miss out on the optional excursion to the iconic Meow Wolf art museum in Santa Fe on Friday, April 8th.

As a student-focused conference, the 2022 WRHC conference is a fantastic site to discover potential career and professional paths. Join us, discuss and network to see what exciting opportunities await.