



# CU Honors Program Newsletter

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## Honors Colloquia

3:30-4:30 PM

November 17

## Last Mondays!

3:30-5:30

October 31st

Deck out in your Halloween costumes and come party in the Honors lounge! Hang out with other Honors students, Dr. Luff, and HSAC. This is the perfect forum to talk about what YOU would like to see happen in the Honors program!

## Honors Committee Meetings

3:30-4:30PM

October 25

November 29

## HSAC

5:30-6:30PM

October 24, 31

November 7, 14, 28

## From the Director's Desk



October has been a very busy month with Fall Break, mid-terms, Homecoming and Halloween. I've even been too busy to keep the Honors Lounge sufficiently stocked with candy—oh, the horror! We'll make up for that

with a Halloween Party on Monday October 31st from 3:30-5:30 in the Honors Lounge — wear a costume! The Halloween party represents our shift from Last Fridays to Last Mondays socials. We'll get together every last Monday of the month at 3:30. Since, HSAC meets on Mondays at 5:30pm, this is also a good time to let your reps know what ideas you have for the Honors Program. It's also time to think about scheduling your classes for Spring 2017. Remember, Honors

Students can register on the first day, so make an appointment with your advisor soon. Please consider taking the HONR 401 seminar, Problems in Higher Education being taught by Dr. Sarah Beasley. It will be meet on Thursdays from 3:00-5:30PM. This will be a seminar style class. Each week students will consider a specific problem in higher education and discuss its causes and possible solutions.

--Dr. Luff

## October Colloquium: Postponed

Due to several unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel our October Colloquium and move the scheduled event to our November Colloquium. The November Colloquium will consist of a panel of students who will discuss their internships and/or study abroad experiences. Panelists include Catherina Santos who interned with the United Na-

tions, Olga Novikova who interned at the Greenbrier Resort, Madeline Richmond who interned with filmmaker Morgan Spurlock in New York City and Hannah Painter who did a study abroad trip in Ireland. The November Colloquium will take place in

the AB Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the Student Center on Thursday Novem-



ber 17th from 3:30-4:30PM.

## Hard Work and Persistence: Lessons From Former Honors Student



Daria Nikolaeva is a May 2015 graduate and was a member of the Honors Program while at Concord. Dasha, as she was known around campus, is from Moscow, Russia. She came to Concord to visit friends and fell in love with CU after attending a typography course. She transferred here from her Russian university and was a double major in Studio Art and Graphic Design. When working on her undergraduate courses, she often did two versions of assignments. On this practice she says, “The

more you do, the more you think, the more you develop yourself.” Boston is the city of her dreams, and she applied to their nationally recognized Graphic Design program before graduating from Concord, only to be waitlisted and ultimately not get in. She reapplied in February 2016 after moving to Boston and finding work as a graphic designer. She got in immediately after reapplying, without reworking her portfolio. “When I applied the first time, my senior show wasn’t over, so I didn’t send them works

from it,” she says. The second time, she did, and they loved it. Dasha lauds her art professors here at Concord for preparing her for graduate level education, “Kevin [Bennington]’s requirements are as hard as my professors at Boston.” Going to Boston was her dream, but she credits all dreams as worthy, “You don’t have to leave the place you love for a big dream, because that could be your big dream. But if you feel like you want to leave—then leave. Take a risk.”

*Don't forget about your Enrichment Activities! You need (at least) one from each category: Academic, Cultural, and Social or Service. Forms can be picked up in the Honors Office.*

## Cultural Trip to Boston, MA

Our annual cultural trip this spring will be to Boston! We will travel by train during spring break, leaving Wednesday March 15th, and returning Sunday March 19th.

If you wish to go, the required down payment is \$180. Get your money to Dr. Luff by November 18, 2016. Lodging and any cultural activities will be paid for by the Honors Program.



## Student Spotlight: Aarron Ward

Aarron Ward is a sophomore in the Honors Program. She is a pre-professional Biology major. She hopes to become a neurologist and will be getting her EMT certification in summer 2017.



She plays on Concord’s softball team. On the rare occasion that she has some free time, she is usually enjoying the outdoors or spending some time with her family.