

## SUCCESSFUL COLLOQUIUM

Dr. Shauna Hiley taught a popular colloquium this fall, entitled, “Space Cowboys”. Dr. Hiley has taught this colloquium before and it still remains one of the favorites among the honors students! This colloquium focused on the archetypal characters seen in Western and Science Fiction movies and how similar they are. This colloquium is successful because it has a unique curriculum that allows for student engagement that helps them understand the objectives of the course. One student, Ann Violet, commented on the curriculum saying that “it allows me to correctly understand the archetypal characters in both genres of movies and how similar they are. I’ve always been a fan of these types of movies, but I have an even better appreciation for them now.” Overall, the students love this colloquium and highly recommend it to other honors students.



## STUDENT HONORS ORGANIZATION(SHO)



The Student Honors Organization inducted 14 new members to their “SHO Family” on September 6, 2017. The Executive Board members of the organization (President Shae Delancy, VP Breanna Hancock, Secretary Savannah Lewis, and Treasurer Kelly Oliphant) greatly attribute this rise in membership to the success of “Initia-SHO-n” week. On night one, current SHO members ran an informational meeting for freshmen to learn about SHO’s goals for the upcoming year. The second night was a competitive photo scavenger hunt, and the third night concluded the week with an induction ceremony. The organization is excited to see what it will accomplish with the help of the newest SHO generation. Students can contact President Shae Delancy at [sdelancy@missouriwestern.edu](mailto:sdelancy@missouriwestern.edu) if they are interested in joining.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING SENIORS!

Austin Bauer  
(Political Science/Convergent Journalism)

Bethany Bolander  
(Biology/Wildlife Management)

Austin Catron (Music Business)

Zachary Czarnecki (Digital Animation)

Angelia Field (Psychology)

Andrew Murphy (Economics)

Morgan Rathmann (English Education)

Jodi Rhodes (Nursing)

## NEW FACE IN THE HONORS OFFICE



Breanna Hancock is our new Honors Office student assistant. She is a sophomore from Madison, MO, and is majoring in Nursing. Breanna is involved in the Student Honors Organization (SHO), Honors League, and Legal Studies Association. We are excited to have you on staff, Breanna!

## HONORS RETREAT

On September 15th and 16th, students enrolled in honors colloquium HON 195, "Big Ideas in Philosophy", with Dr. Lane DesAutels and various other honors students attended the annual fall honors retreat. The first night of the honors retreat started out right with pizza at Pizza Shoppe in St. Joseph, Missouri, which was then followed by an ice cream social in Blum Student Union on campus at Missouri Western State University. At the ice cream social, students participated in different team building games, socialized with other honors students and got to enjoy some awesome ice cream sundaes. This was a great start to the retreat, but the main event, the Kansas City Renaissance Festival, took place on Saturday. The students were asked to complete a medieval scavenger hunt while enjoying their day and spending time with other honors students on the trip. The scavenger hunt allowed them to bond with their teammates while learning even more about the time era. The students thoroughly enjoyed the Renaissance Festival and everything that it had to offer. A favorite item on the trip was the signature turkey leg, which many of the students chose for lunch and were thoroughly impressed with the choice. Overall, the fall retreat was a success!



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