

# HONORS NEWS AND NOTES

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## PLAUGES THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: COLLOQUIUM SPOTLIGHT

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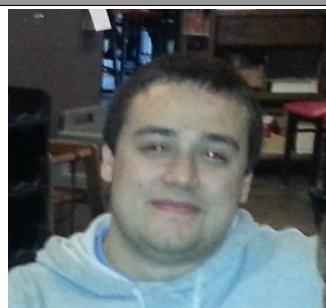
### IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 29: Last day of classes
- April 30 – May 6: Final Exams
- May 7: Commencement
- May 31: Summer Semester Begins



### MAJORS HONORS

Sean Callen, mathematics, completed his Majors Honors Project, titled, “Application of Hidden Markov Models to Stock Prediction” this Spring. The project attempted to use hidden Markov models to predict future changes in stock prices. Many hours of work were put into this project by Callen and his faculty advisor, Dr. Gavin Waters. Callen has accepted a research assistantship offer at the University of Wyoming and will begin that after graduation.



Jessie Thorup, psychology, also completed her Majors Honors project this Spring. Her project, titled, “The Relationship Between the Understanding of One’s Own Mental Process and Perception of Individuals with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder,” focused on disability perceptions depending on how one understands the self. Thorup worked with her faculty advisor, Dr. Benjamin England, on the project. She plans on going to physician’s assistant school after graduation.

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### MEDAL CEREMONY

The Honors Program hosted its first semi-annual Medal Ceremony this Spring. The medal ceremony was created by the Honors Director, Dr. Deka, and committee members Neil Lawley and Jim Mulder. The goal of the ceremony is to recognize graduating students who have completed General Studies Honors and/or Majors Honors. Students who successfully completed General Studies Honors received a silver medal and students who earned Majors Honors received a gold medal. The medals presented to the students were created by Neil Lawley and can be worn by students during the graduation ceremony. Provost Daffron delivered a congratulatory address to recipients. Recipients received their medals from Dr. Deka and were congratulated by the Honors Committee, as well as their most influential professors, President Vartebedian and Vice-Provost Davenport.



### SHO

This semester, SHO set out on replacing their “SHO Us Your Smarts Trivia Night” with a new fundraiser. The members decided to host a “Video Game SHOwdown”, which was hosted on April 12th. The majority of the semester was spent on planning the project. This semester also became the first year SHO was present at the Heart Your Union celebration in upstairs Blum in February. Through this event, SHO brought in new members for the Spring semester. Fun and games also occurred throughout the semester which included a Valentine’s Day party during one of their meetings. During the party/meeting, members snacked on candy and sweets as well as swapped Valentine’s Cards. SHO also had a trip to Worlds of Fun in April.

### HONORS LEAGUE

### GRADUATING SENIORS

The newly established MWSU Honors League aims to unite all honors societies on campus. The organization wrapped up the end of the semester with elections for the Vice President and Treasurer positions. Shelby Hicks was selected as the new Vice President and Jennifer Kieser was approved for the Treasurer position. President, Maggie Lee, and Secretary, Eli Dodge, will continue to serve until December. The main goal of the organization for this semester was to generate interest from the societies on campus. For the fall, the organization plans to continue generating interest, participate in Western Warm-Up, and host one major event for all societies to participate in.

Congratulations & Good Luck to the following students!

Sean Callen (Math)	Crystal Poole (Wildlife Conserv.)
Kelly Cochran (Biology)	Mike Quaney (Biotechnology)
Pauline Ford (Marketing)	Jordan Snook (Biology)
Amanda Francis (Animation)	Erin Sprenger (Education)
Toni Gardner (Comm & Span)	Alex Stearns (Finance/Accounting)
Ida Haefner (Biology)	Lauren Stewart (Biology)
Krystal Hicok (English Ed.)	Genevieve Stoops (Music)
Allie Holland (Biology)	Ian Storck (Theatre & Cinema)
Derek Hulett (Biochem/Mol. Bio)	Jessie Thorup (Psychology)
Brock Kimball (Finance)	Elizabeth Young (History & French)
Alex Luke (Biochem/Mol. Bio)	

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