

HONORS EXPRESS

Monthly updates of developments within the Honors community

Notes from Our Director

Ad fontes, the catch-phrase of the European Renaissance, indicates a return “to the sources” of true virtue. For Erasmus of Rotterdam and his fifteenth century contemporaries, rediscovering the wisdom of the ancient Greek philosophers was the key to stripping away the stifling layers of medieval scholasticism and superstition, a way to get back to the sources of virtuous living. Today, *ad fontes* emerges again as a call for reevaluating and reimagining the sources that might serve as guides during an extraordinary time – a time whose distinctive postmodern features were not created by, but rather amplified by a global pandemic: ambiguity, plurality, particularity, dynamism, and complexity. The ancient Greek philosophers are suggestive of only one of the many sources to which we might turn for life-giving wisdom. There are many others, to be sure; even, as a deafening cacophony of “authoritative” voices vie for media exposure and public validation of their particular truth claims, in effect transposing our call and response about the good life from *ad fontes* to *ad-vertise-ment*. Charting the constellation of authentic and relevant sources of wisdom in this context requires sophisticated tools of social analysis, a healthy hermeneutics of suspicion, a grounding in the most recent scientific descriptions of reality... But it also requires a heightened sensitivity to questions of the true, the good, and the beautiful emerging from within our shared vulnerabilities and our shared responsibilities – emerging, as they always have, within the phenomenon of human being.

What are the founts of wisdom you are (re)discovering in this time? How might those sources continue to refresh and sustain you in the coming months as our daily rhythms shift yet again?

-Matthew Bersagel Braley

Congratulations To Our Graduating Seniors!

Zaria Beyer
Emily Finder
Griffin Finnestad
Craig Hardie
Amanda Hubley
Levi Orr
Sela Schroeder

Bryan Sengbusch
Ben Gibson
Damon Schmalzriedt
Marne Boehm
Theo Braman
Caitlin Fallon
(Honorary Member) Elaine Remus

Someone You Should Know...

Words of Wisdom From Our Graduates*



Zaria Beyer

My favorite memory was the 2017 Honors Spring Break Immersion Service Trip to the Twin Cities with then-directors Beth Marzoni and Kirsten Gabriel.



Emily Finder

My favorite memory was becoming more involved in Deep Fried-ay. I greatly enjoyed sharing coffee, bananas, donuts, and enlightened discussions. It was a great opportunity to meet with other Honors students outside my typical cohort.



Griffin Finnestad

My favorite Honors memory would be when I served various people and organizations for my VUSM 300 class, "Serving the Common Good."



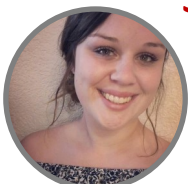
Craig Hardie

My favorite memory was helping facilitate 2018 Honors Freshmen Retreat. This time was particularly difficult for me in my collegiate career, but it was invaluable to get away, unwind, and meet the incoming freshmen while engaging in great conversations



Levi Orr

My advice to underclassmen is to try new things (within reason). This mindset enabled me to make so many incredible memories and friendships. Take that chance and do something new because you won't regret it.



Sela Schroeder

My advice to underclassman is to take advantage of all of the opportunities that Viterbo offers. There are so many connections to make and the time goes by fast. Take time for yourself during your studies.



Bryan Sengbusch

My favorite Honors memory was my Freshmen Honors Retreat. My favorite memory at Viterbo was participating on a study abroad trip to China.



Ben Gibson

My advice to underclassmen is to step outside of your comfort zone! Some of my greatest experiences and most memorable times on campus and in the La Crosse community have personally come when I have stepped outside of my comfort zone.



Damon Schmalzriedt

My Advice to Underclassmen: Be active in organizations and activities that you love and give you energy; find something that you look forward to doing and make it a priority. If you do that, you'll have not only a line on your resume, but a number of stories to back it up.



Marne Boehm

The most memorable Honors memory was when Matthew hit a squirrel with his bike. I would argue that I (somewhat) inspired one of the most infamous ethics exam questions of all time, which analyzed the morality of both his and the squirrel's actions.



Theo Braman

Advice for the Youths: Don't let anyone dictate your path or discourage you - take everything with a grain of salt, which is good cooking advise too.



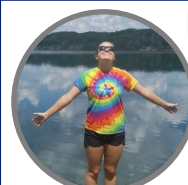
Caitlin Fallon

The 2019 Spring Break Trip to Atlanta with Matthew and other Honors students! It was such a great experience and I have so many wonderful memories of the trip.



Amanda Hubley

My advise to underclassmen is GET INVOLVED! Find something (a club, an activity, volunteering, etc.), grab a friend, and just do it! You make a lot of friends and memories and it looks good on applications!



Elaine Remus (Honorary Member)

My favorite memory from the Honors Program was playing Signs with everyone. I cannot thank everyone enough for accepting me as an honorary honor's member.

*The Seniors' responses were edited to fit the allotted space. The editor tried to maintain the integrity of the interviewees' messages, but in less words.

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			FINALS			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Have a great summer!</i>						

Birthdays

- May 8: Sela Schroeder
- May 8: Jess Wilson
- May 20: Andrew Weiss
- May 23: Matthew B²
- May 25: David Aspenson

Events

- May 4-8: **Finals**
- May 9: **Mark the Milestone**
- May 10: **Mothers' Day**
- May 25: **Memorial Day**

Summer Birthdays

June

- June 4: Craig Hardie
- June 5: Grace Reynolds
- June 9: Colin Burns-Gilbert
- June 13: Rebecca Knoke
- June 17: Hannah Krause
- June 18: Alyssa Yeiter
- June 20: Samantha Doying
- June 20: Stephanie Senvold
- June 22: Morgan Mohler
- June 22: Sheridan Schmitt
- June 28: Greg Cano
- June 30: Bryan Sengbusch

July

- July 1: Easton Halverson
- July 2: Melissa Edgar
- July 9: Madison Werle
- July 17: Zaria Beyer
- July 22: Avery Hoepner
- July 26: Rachel Handrick
- July 28: MacKenzie O'Neill

August

- August 1: Gabby Czech
- August 9: Laura Weidemann
- August 15: Maria Dade
- August 18: Breanna Hoffmann
- August 20: Morgan Moeller
- August 23: Katie Benson
- August 28: Amanda Hubley
- August 28: Roslynn Johnson
- August 29: Mallory Topel

Strength for Your Day

CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2020



2020 graduation
pictures



"My brother just graduated from Online School. Here he is at graduation"

