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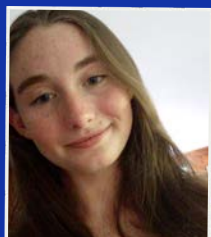


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The Honors Program would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Spring 2024 edition of *The Squirrel Squire* newsletter. The edition highlights Honors Program accomplishments and some of the amazing things Honors students are doing to build a tight community at Westfield State University.



The Squirrel Squire Dedication

The Honors Program recognizes Dr. David Raker, Professor of Education, as an outstanding Honors Program faculty and dedicates this issue of *The Squirrel Squire* to him.



Dr. David Raker

To say that I'm flattered to have this edition of *The Squirrel Squire* dedicated to me, is an understatement. To know that students themselves, voted to bestow this honor to me, is honestly, extra special. The Honors Program is both an asset to the University and the students associated with the program.

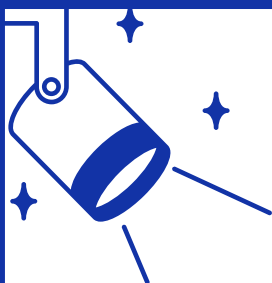
Westfield State University benefits by drawing skilled, motivated learners, who contribute to our classes and community. Examples of this can be seen throughout our campus. In my experience, Honors students often raise the bar for everyone, whether in class discussions or presentations. Further, I note that many of our Honors folks are deeply involved in student government (SGA) and other college-wide organizations. Simply put, the Honors participants bring energy, know-how and dedication to all facets of campus life.

The benefits, though, are also reciprocal. Certainly, being a part of the Honors Program brings with it a number of advantages. These include specific housing, additional advising, and possibly one of the greatest favors, early registration. In the end then, the Honors Program both works to cultivate our gifted learners and also provide supports in this process. A true win-win.

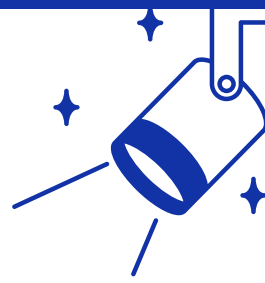
Personally, I have been working with the Honors Program for many years. Maybe more years than I feel comfortable admitting, quite frankly. Looking back though, I can honestly say that many of my most memorable interactions and collaborations are associated with my time working with Honors students. Whether we are talking about an "Honors" designated class or not, students associated with the program often bring an energy and focus that makes for an enjoyable and productive classroom exchange.

On a different level all together, my work with students who choose to complete a Senior Honors Project (SHP), is quite special. Here, I have had an opportunity to work closely with a student over multiple semesters as they navigate their way to better understand how one envisions, organizes, and carries out a research project. This is no easy task, and I'm always so impressed by the fortitude displayed.

Finally, on a more personal level, I have truly appreciated the more casual connections made with Honors students. Whether it is being greeted in the hall between classes, waved to while walking across campus, or impromptu visits to my office, I have truly cherished these instances. Even now, they bring a smile to my face. So, as much as I say thank you to the Honors students for this dedication, I also say thank you for making my time at Westfield State University more fulfilling and just plain happier.



Alumni Spotlight



Alumni, what are YOU up to now?



Jarrod Petersen

Jarrod Petersen, Commonwealth Honors Scholar and Class of 2019 Westfield State University alumnus, successfully defended his PhD thesis in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology at Brown University on April 1, 2024. Jarrod's presentation was titled "Serpent Stretch and Strength: Muscle and Tissue Plasticity in Non-Model Systems." While an undergraduate at Westfield State, Jarrod conducted his Senior Honors Project research with his Project Advisor, Dr. Jason Ramsay, Westfield State professor of Biology during the Spring 2018 - Fall 2018 semesters. Jason's research at Westfield State focused on sea robin fin biomechanics related to underwater walking. Congratulations, Jarrod on earning your PhD from Brown University! We look forward to hearing about your future endeavors and achievements.

Nic Taliceo, Commonwealth Honors Scholar and Class of 2016 Westfield State University alumnus, successfully published his research, co-authored with Dr. Julian Fleron, in the *Electronic Journal of Combinatorics* 31 (2). In the words of Dr. Julian Fleron, Westfield State Mathematics professor and the primary advisor for Nic's Senior Honors Project, "Nic spent almost four years working on his Senior Honors Project research while at Westfield State. He began collecting data as a first-year, undeclared student in Mathematical Explorations and worked on this problem (where the mathematical field of combinatorics meets landscape ecology) for the entirety of his undergraduate career. We continued to work on the problem together even after Nic graduated. We were pretty confident that we had the main result a precise algebraic and geometric characterization of the maximal number of intercardinal adjacencies in polyominoes as a function of the number of squares. We had an exact upper bound that we had proved and had a lower bound which was within some small percentage of nailing things down exactly. We published a paper on the result in 2021. It's 20 pages, hard, and relies on the work of many others in the field of combinatorics. I wish we could have closed the final 5% gap on our own. But it's clear from the paper that the work is outside both of our professional areas of expertise. Nice to know that we were right!! Especially about a result of significance like this." Congratulations to Nic and Dr. Fleron on this outstanding accomplishment!



Nic Taliceo



Honors Advisory Committee

What is the role of the Honors Advisory Committee?

The Honors Advisory Committee (HAC) is comprised of students, faculty, staff, and administrators who serve as liaisons and ambassadors of the Commonwealth Honors Program to major departments, academic support offices, the wider campus community and beyond. HAC meets once per month during the Fall and Spring semesters. During the meetings, led by the Honors Program Director, members discuss and make decisions about Honors curriculum, policies, programming, and events with the goal of continuing to enhance the college experience for our students through innovative coursework, opportunities for professional development, and community fellowship.

Members pictured below: [Top Row, Left to Right] Tony Furnelli (Management and Marketing), Rob Thornton (Office of Academic Advising), Juliet Lee (Honors Program Assistant Director, Education), Vanessa Diana (English), Dan Price (Criminal Justice), Katie Weglarz (Biology), Gretchen Konrad (Honors Program Administrative Assistant), Lauren DiCarlo (Environmental Science), Christina Beaubien (World Languages, Liberal Studies), Jamie Rivera (Nursing)

[Bottom Row, Left to Right] Erica Kelliher (History), Anna Boutin-Cooper (Library), Abigail Mathieu (Student Class of 2024), Brian Jennings (Associate Provost), Hillary Sackett-Taylor (Honors Program Director, Economics)



Members of the Honors Advisory Committee meet in the Honors Center (Parenzo 041)

Honors Living and Learning Community

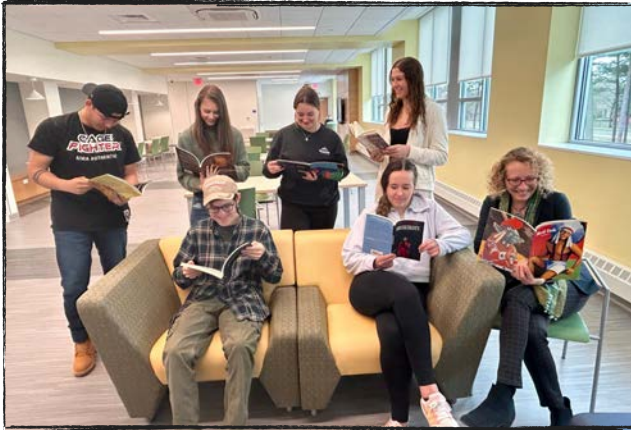
My name is Emma Towsley (pictured below, center). I became interested in being the Honors Living and Learning Community (LLC) Resident Assistant (RA) to make the most out of the community of hard-working and academically focused individuals. The Honors Program is an amazing addition to Westfield State University, and I believe it's important that Honors students are able to take full advantage of what the program has to offer. In my time as the RA for the Honors LLC, I've taken on a role to inform residents of any new events and opportunities that may arise for Honor students. In addition to informing residents of updates, I also plan to educate and encourage other students to join the Honors Program regardless of grade level. This community is constantly growing, and I am working towards helping to expand the Honors LLC and the Honors Program as a whole.

This semester has been amazing working with the Honors RA Advisee Intern, Molly O'Shea including hosting together a chocolate covered strawberry event! This past semester, I also held events where you could indulge in delicious desserts, relax with a spa night, and create your own Barbie and Ken door tags. We held an exciting event where the Career Center partnered with Residential Life and the Honors Program to do some networking during a mocktail hour! This event is just one of the ways we bring opportunities to the Honors students here at Westfield State, and hopefully one of the reasons Honors students love to live in the LLC!



Residential students in the Commonwealth Honors Program at Westfield State University can apply to live in the Honors Living and Learning Community (LLC) located on the 5th floor of University Hall. A Living and Learning Community is a campus housing option for groups of students who have shared interests or backgrounds. LLCs prioritize community-building among a cohort of students. The Honors LLC is located in University Hall on the northern edge of the campus Green, next to Ely Campus Center. Students in the Honors LLC live in four or six-person suites, including a shared living room, bathroom, and kitchenette with a full-size fridge. The LLC includes a study lounge, where the Honors Program hosts regular study hours as well as a vibrant community space for social events and professional development workshops.

An Upper-level Interdisciplinary Honors Seminar



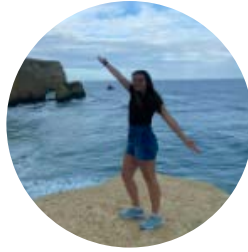
Students in Dr. Vanessa Diana's *Indigenous Artists Making Change* Spring 2024 upper-level interdisciplinary Honors seminar explored contemporary Native American "artists" – artists who advocate for social justice by challenging issues such as violence towards Indigenous women, healthcare disparities, and environmental contamination. Students report that these artists helped them recognize the gaps in their prior education about Indigenous people, who are seldom the subject of K-12 curriculum, and, when they are, the focus rarely addresses contemporary Native American people. Artists reveal the connections between tribal nations' historical legal, military, and cultural conflicts with the U.S. government and the contemporary challenges Native American people confront today while advocating for language and culture revitalization and tribal sovereignty.

Students used the words below to describe the course:



Honors Students Study Abroad

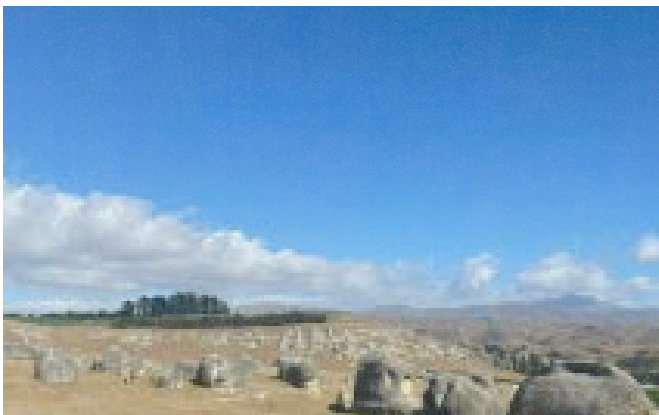
Justine Pickard, 2026
Elementary Education major
spent the Spring 2024
semester studying abroad in
New Zealand
Hometown: Westwood, MA



University of Otago in Dunedin, Australia



New Zealand's Fiordland National Park



Elephant Rocks

I selected to study abroad in New Zealand because I wanted to broaden my horizons beyond European countries, especially since I hold a dual citizenship in England, which makes traveling in Europe more accessible for me as compared with other countries. As I researched my options, I put a lot of weight on three main factors: finding a strong education program, immersing myself in a new country and culture, and being surrounded by gorgeous natural landscapes. Quickly, New Zealand and Thailand rose to the top of my list. After careful consideration, I discussed my final choices with my parents. When I did confide in them, my dad opened up about his wanting to see New Zealand, where he has never been. This solidified my decision to select New Zealand. I wanted to explore the country for not just myself, but for my dad too. I am thankful that I chose New Zealand. Studying abroad has been the best choice I ever made. I had the chance to hear countless fascinating stories and make friendships that I know will last a lifetime. Living with flat mates from Japan, New Zealand, Massachusetts, and Virginia has exposed me to a rich tapestry of cultures. Engaging with different perspectives and diving into life outside of the United States was eye-opening. In particular, the University of Otago excels at welcoming international students from all corners of the globe, so you have the chance to interact with a diverse range of people, not just Kiwis (a common self-reference used by New Zealanders).

Studying in a different country is both immensely challenging and incredibly rewarding. While there are significant differences between the United States and New Zealand, I found myself drawn to aspects of Kiwi culture, such as their use of "sweet as" instead of "cool," their progressive laws, and their commitment to environmental sustainability. Immersing myself in the laid-back yet deeply passionate Maori culture has been a true delight. If you have the opportunity, I highly recommend studying abroad and if you have the choice, I encourage you to consider New Zealand.

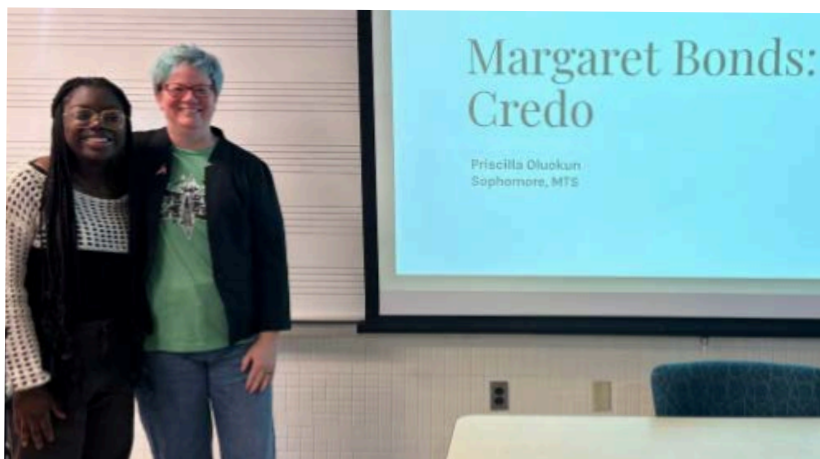
Honoring the History of African American Musicians

Honors Course by Contract: Margaret Bonds' "Credo" and the Importance of Honoring the History of African American Musicians

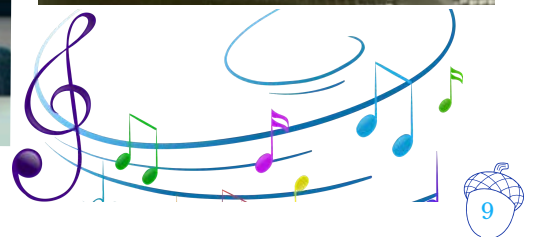
This semester Priscilla Oluokun, Class of 2026 Honors Student and Music Therapy major, completed an Honors Course by Contract in MUSC0201: Music History II with Professor Sonya Lawson. The course involves the study of musical forms and genres developed from the Classical Era through the Twentieth Century. Priscilla and Dr. Lawson collaborated to develop a semester-long research project that would enhance course learning outcomes, by allowing Priscilla to dive deeper into a topic she was passionate about.

Priscilla chose to focus her research on the work of African American pianist and composer, Margaret Bonds, and specifically her seven-movement cantata scored for SATB chorus titled, "Credo". Priscilla noted in her Honors Course by Contract application that "music by African American composers is underrepresented in our textbook," so by presenting her research on Margaret Bonds to the class, Priscilla would be able to diversify the perspectives covered and give special attention to a talented musician who may otherwise have been overlooked.

Dr. Hillary Sackett-Taylor, Honors Program Director, was in attendance for Priscilla's culminating presentation. When asked about the presentation, Dr. Sackett-Taylor said, "Priscilla's presentation was one of the most dynamic student presentations I have seen in my career. She opened her presentation with a beautiful vocal performance of a piece composed by Bonds that simply blew me away. Priscilla then carefully walked the class through her research, and involved them in dissecting three different choral performances of a movement from "Credo". Her work embodied all three of the Honors Program Pillars: 1) Academic Excellence, 2) Community Engagement, and 3) Social Justice. I couldn't be more impressed or prouder of what Priscilla accomplished this semester!"



Priscilla Oluokun and Dr. Sonya Lawson



Honors Speakers Series

Nurturing Creativity

With **Beverly Army Williams**

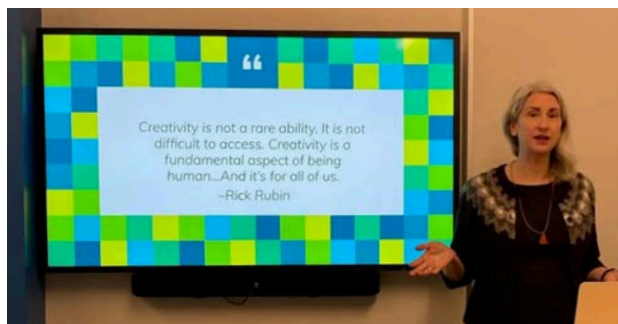
Writer & Mixed Media Artist



What does creativity look like? How can creativity build resilience and support academic success? In this hands-on workshop, participants will explore some simple-to-create projects, including making a small book, and braiding a kumihimo style friendship bracelet while presenter Beverly Army Williams shares her creative background and process. Workshop will include time to reflect and share.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Beverly Army Williams is a writer and mixed media artist with an interest in textiles, paper cutting, and book art. Her writing has appeared in The Rumpus, Strawberry Moon Magazine, The Ekphrastic Review, Whale Road Review, Uppercase Magazine, and The Dandelion Review. Her solo visual art show "Grimm, Abstracted" recently appeared at The Thimble Gallery. Until recently, she taught writing in Westfield State University's English Department. She currently serves as the Executive Director of General Education and High Impact Practices on campus. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of New Mexico. This event was a wonderful opportunity to learn from an accomplished creative professional!



Honors Speakers Series

Modern Collage

With **Amber Lyons**

Sophomore Art Major



As both a relaxing craft and complex art medium, collage has existed within our visual culture for a very long time. This workshop will highlight the depth of the medium through personal works and examples from well-known artists representing major art movements. Participants are invited to unleash their creativity while exploring the many materials used in modern collage. By the end of this session, participants will have the opportunity to share and celebrate their unique creations.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Meet Amber Lyons, a sophomore student in the Honors Program, majoring in art with concentrations in both graphic design and art history. Amber plans to pursue a career in the field of design while incorporating art historical narratives into their personal and professional work. They are currently developing their Senior Honors Project, which focuses on the subversive socio-political application of the artistic mediums of collage and zine.

Students, faculty, and staff who attended this event learned the history of collage as both a relaxing craft and a complex art medium, discovered personal works and examples from renowned artists, unleashed their creativity with a variety of materials used in modern collage, and shared and celebrated their unique creations with fellow participants.



Honors Speakers Series

Weaving

With **Anna Boutin-Cooper**

Librarian & Artist



Join artist and librarian Anna Boutin-Cooper for an interactive artist's talk. Participants will first learn the basic principles of weaving on small bookmark-sized looms, followed by a short talk about Anna's creative practice and a reading of her in-progress creative-nonfiction piece, tentatively titled "Grandma's Placemats." All materials will be provided, and participants will be able to take their mini-looms home with them.



ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Anna Boutin-Cooper (she/her) is a practicing fiber artist who employs research, creative nonfiction writing, and photography alongside many different fiber arts, like weaving, quilting, and sewing. She is the Research and Instruction Librarian at Westfield State University's Ely Library, where she also curates and manages the Zine Collection. Her current lines of research include her familial/ancestral history with textiles and fiber arts, disability in the library classroom, and neurodiversity and invisible disabilities in the library.

Participants learned basic principles of weaving, created bookmark-sized weavings on small looms, heard Anna Boutin-Cooper's talk about her creative practice, listened to a reading of her in-progress creative nonfiction piece, "Grandma's Placemats," and lastly were able to take home their mini-looms and materials to finish their weaving creations.



Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference

What is the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference?

The 2024 Northeast Regional Honors Council (NRHC) Conference took place from April 4 - 7, in Albany, New York. The NRHC Conference which hosts more than 200 colleges and universities from throughout the northeastern United States is an opportunity for students, faculty, and administrators who attend to exchange creative projects, research, ideas, information, and innovative thinking. The theme of this year's conference was "Ahead of Our Time: Intersections of Thought and Technology Towards the Future." Participants presented their scholarship in various formats including poster presentations, PowerPoint presentations wherein attendees could watch and ask questions afterwards, round-table discussions where participants sit in a circle and after a brief spiel there is an open discussion amongst the participants and presenter, and academic panel presentations. Westfield State University (WSU) brought eight students to this year's conference. The students and Honors Program Director Dr. Hillary Sackett-Taylor traveled by van to this year's conference. Dr. Juliet Lee, Assistant Director of the Honors Program, joined the group on Saturday to support students during their presentations and celebrate their successes at dinner together on Saturday evening. Attendees stayed at the Albany Hilton at which every event took place, except the "City as Text" where the Westfield State students and Dr. Sackett-Taylor explored the New York State Museum. During the 3-day event, students also spent time getting to know each other, enjoying meals and student social events together, and meeting and conversing with students from other colleges and universities. A lot of cherished memories were made during this year's NRHC Conference in Albany!



LEAD Scholars Austin Sullivan, Ayla Corcoran, and Mekhi Bowen presented at the NRHC Conference



Dr. Sackett-Taylor and Westfield State Honors Students wearing new Honors Program Merch



Westfield State conference attendees enjoying the Presidential Lunch together

Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference

Honors Students Share their Conference Experiences

Attending the NRHC Conference this year was an amazing experience. The opportunity to present at this year's conference provided me with the ability to interact with the other members of the greater Honors community; and explore the innovation of technology within the realm of higher education. I'm very thankful to have been a part of the great group of WSU Honors professionals representing our home campus and look forward to attending the conference again next year. - Mekhi Bowen

Attending the NRHC Conference was an incredible experience and an amazing way to meet other Honors students. Everyone had interesting topics and presentations and it was a very thought-provoking experience. It was an amazing opportunity to present research I was passionate about and it was amazing to see everyone's passion for their work. The networking opportunities were endless and everyone was excited to make connections over shared interests and topics. - Ayla Corcoran

The NRHC Conference is an amazing experience that I highly recommend for all WSU Honors students. It gives you the opportunity to present your research to a larger audience and it is also an amazing opportunity to socialize with other Honors students, both from WSU as well as from throughout the Northeast. This conference is an amazing resume line and it doubles as a good time. It is certainly worth looking into, especially if you are already presenting work at CURCA. - Lily Dufrense

Presenting my research and learning from other Honors Student's research at the NRHC Conference was an incredible opportunity. I learned so much and had a blast connecting with our Honors community. Making fun memories together made the experience even more special. I'm truly grateful for this valuable experience! - Brenna Guiliani

Going to the NRHC conference was an amazing opportunity not only did it allow me to connect with my peers at WSU, but also to create relationships with students from other schools. Presenting my project was rewarding, and learning from others was a fun experience. I'm excited to attend future conferences, and continue to grow with the opportunities available through the Honors Program! - Autumn Jones

The NRHC Conference was such an amazing opportunity! As a senior, this was my third NRHC conference and I'm so thankful that I was able to present my Senior Honors Project research. It was also fun meeting new friends in our Honors Program! - Haley Kane

Attending the NRHC Conference gave me the opportunity to see many detailed and engaging projects from a wide variety of disciplines. Witnessing the different formats and approaches was very inspiring. It encouraged me to consider ways I can effectively communicate and display my own research at future presentations. I am very thankful for this opportunity and for the chance to connect with my Honors peers. - Amber Lyons



Honors Research Symposium and Graduating Honors Scholars Award Ceremony

Title: Describing Small Mammal
Communities at Bear Hole in West
Springfield, MA
Primary Advisor: Dr. John MacDonald



Aidan Cioch, 2024
Majored in Environmental
Science

Kaitlyn Egan, 2024
Majored in English
and Criminal Justice



Title: With Liberty and Justice for
Some: An Equity-based Policy
Recommendation for Seating Juries
Primary Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Tobin

Title: How Work Impacts
Nursing School
Primary Advisor: Dr. Sherri Fitzgerald



Kerry Greenough, 2024
Majored in Nursing

Samantha Grunden, 2024
Majored in English



Title: Women Poets ~ Feminism
Primary Advisor: Dr. Leah Nielsen

Title: Assessing the Impacts of Forest
Restoration on Tick Populations
Primary Advisor: Dr. Timothy Parshall



Michael Heins, 2024
Majored in Environmental
Science

Honors Research Symposium and Graduating Honors Scholars Award Ceremony

Title: Pathways of Crime and
School Shooters
Primary Advisor: Dr. Joseph Camilleri



Kylie Jones, 2024
Majored in Psychology

Abigail Mahoney, 2024
Majored in Environmental
Science and Regional
Planning



Title: An Analysis of Water Quality
Dynamics on the Ipswich River Watershed
Primary Advisor: Dr. Michael Vorwerk

Title: Exploring the Impact of Birth
Control Side Effects on Compliance
in Oral Contraceptive Users
Primary Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Pappas



Bridgette McAndrews, 2024
Majored in Nursing

Sean Morrison, 2024
Majored in Accounting



Title: Baseball's Winning Formula:
Unlocking Success in Major League
Baseball
Primary Advisor: Dr. Anthony Furnelli

Title: Gauging the Temperature of
Restorative Policing
Primary Advisor: Dr. Thomas Roscoe



Collin O'Brien, 2024
Majored in Criminal Justice

Honors Research Symposium and Graduating Honors Scholars Award Ceremony

Title: Parental Health
Literacy
Primary Advisor: Dr. Jamie Rivera



Caitlyn Pellerin, 2024
Majored in Nursing

Victoria Reyes, 2024
Majored in Biology



Title: Investigating the Impact of Climate
Change on Insect Abundance
Primary Advisor: Dr. Kathryn Weglarz

Title: Racial Disparities in United States
Maternal Mortality
Primary Advisor: Dr. Sue Scott



Jaelin Rhinehart, 2024
Majored in Nursing

Jasmine Terounzo, 2024
Majored in Nursing



Title: Substance Use Disorder
in Healthcare
Primary Advisor: Dr. Sherri Fitzgerald

Title: Play as a Developmental Process
in Music Therapy with
Neurodivergent Children
Primary Advisor: Dr. Timothy Honig



Jenna Van Hyning, 2024
Majored in Music Therapy

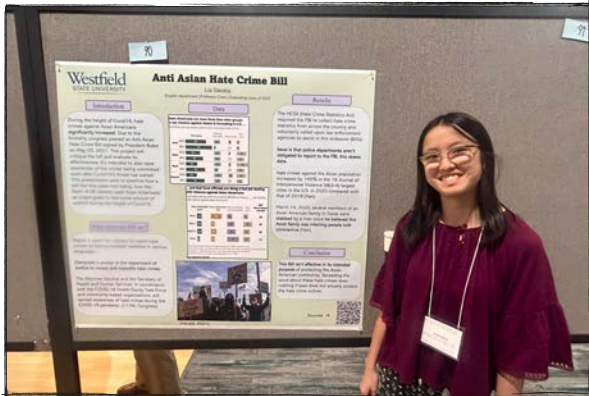
Honors Research Symposium and Graduating Honors Scholars Award Ceremony



The Second Annual Honors Research Symposium and Graduating Honors Scholars Award Ceremony was held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Westfield State University. Seventeen Commonwealth Honors Scholars presented their year-long research and creative projects to an audience of students, faculty, staff, family, and friends. Commonwealth Honors Scholar and Honors Program Alumna, Rawan Ebrahim '23, delivered the Keynote Address titled, "From SHP to PhD: A First Gen's Westfield State Experience". Nineteen Commonwealth Honors Scholars and twenty-seven University Honors Scholars were recognized during the Awards Ceremony, with opening remarks provided by Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. David Caruso, and with the support of University President Dr. Linda Thompson.

CURCA Celebration

Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity

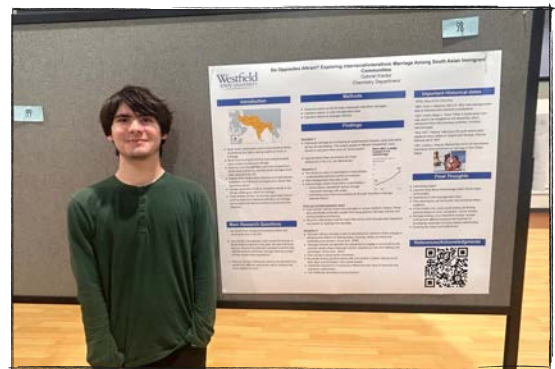


Lia Steskla

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Brian Chen
Title: Anti Asian Hate Crime Bill

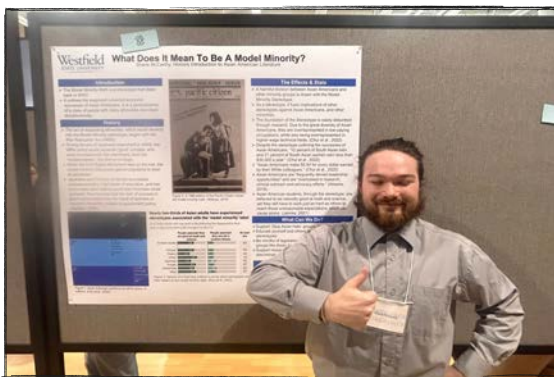
Gabriel Kanter

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Brian Chen
Title: Do Opposites Attract? Exploring
Interracial/Interethnic Marriage Among
South Asian Immigrant Communities



Shane McCarthy

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Brian Chen
Title: What Does It Mean To Be A
Model Minority?



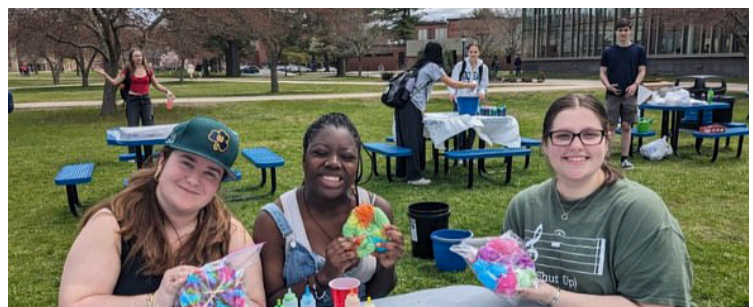
**Christina Ferraro, Nora Mulligan,
Lexi Cotto, and Jayda Mazzarella**

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Jamie Rivera
Title: Sexual Inappropriateness Towards
Nurses



Honors Events Page

The Westfield State University Honors Program is proud to create and host events for our student body. Here are a few photos from the events we shared this semester!





Graduating Honors Scholars



Jordan Aguiar
University



Brandon Almeida
University



Danielle Bain
University



Abigail Bernier
University



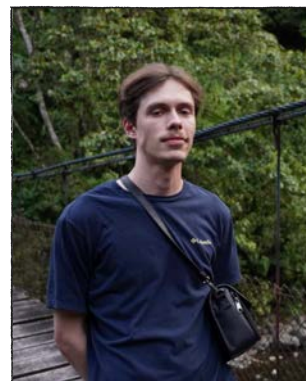
Meghan Borges
University



Dana Canales
University



Jessica Choiniere
University



Aidan Cioch
Commonwealth



Evan DeMaio
University



Jennifer Diamond
University



Kaitlyn Egan
Commonwealth



Elyse Finerty
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Graduating Honors Scholars



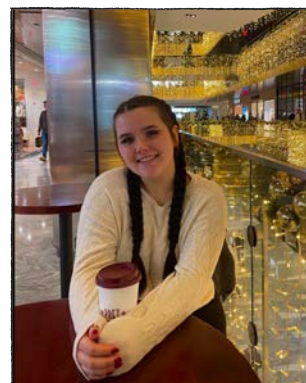
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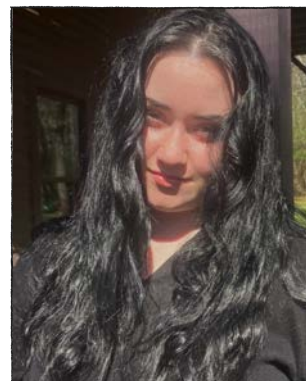
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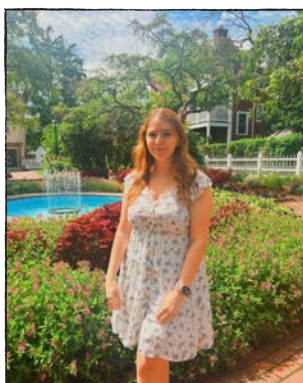
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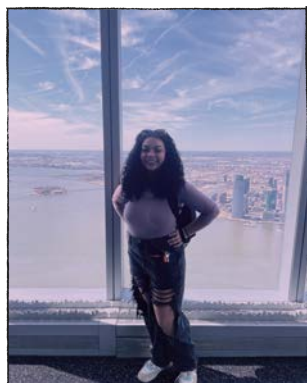
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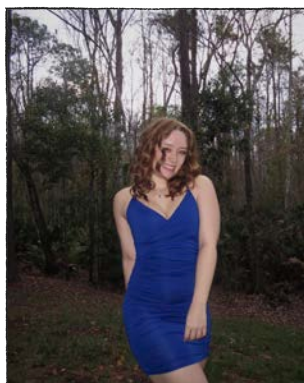
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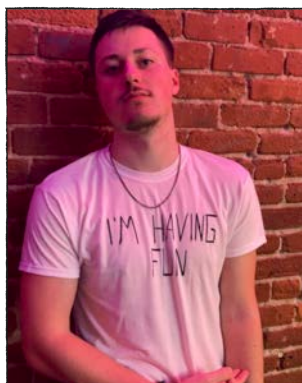
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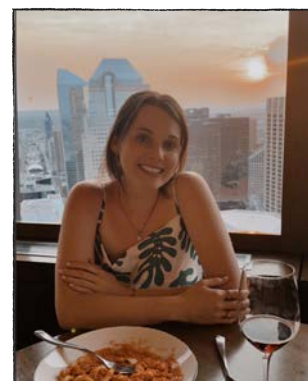
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