# The Honors Program Newsletter Winter 2016

## Bishop Brains

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Our end of the year Honors Luncheon is December 7<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Benes Rooms! If you sent an RSVP, join us for a free American BBQ lunch buffet and musical entertainment to celebrate your achievements this semester. Remember, business casual attire is preferred. See you there!

### A Day Well Spent at The Bare Bowl

Thank you to all who attended our Bare Bowl event on November 12<sup>th</sup>! It filled up quickly, so if you didn't get to go this time, be sure to RSVP as soon as possible next time. We hope to do more interactive off-campus events in town next semester.



Honors students sharing a fun day of painting their own pottery at The Bare Bowl. If you haven't picked up your pottery yet, be sure to do so before break!

The Honors
Program is now on
Instagram! Be sure
to follow
@owuhonors to get
event updates,
Honors Student of
the Month
notifications, and be
featured in photos
from lectures and
events!

### Alyssa Clark Uses Psychology Skills for Senior Research

Senior Psychology major and English and Vocal Performance double minor

Alyssa Clark is doing an Honors departmental research project that combines her educational passions.

She says, "My research project is a psychology-based one entitled: Longitudinal Study of Writing About Past Personal Experiences. The main focus is on how people recall past emotional experiences through writing.



Alyssa Clark '17

Specifically, I'm looking into the possible differences in psychological outcomes if people are asked to write about these past emotional exp

are asked to write about these past emotional experiences as opposed to just actively recalling them the best they can. I decided to do this project because it meshes two of my main interest areas-psychology and English."



Michael Mora '17

### Meet Michael Mora, our first Honors Student of the Month!

Congratulations to Michael Mora, our November Honors Student of the Month! Michael is a senior Sociology and Anthropology and Spanish double major and was nominated by Professor Eva Paris-Huesca.

She says, "He has gone above and beyond his academic responsibilities, as well as in the creation of a culture of hospitality and inclusion, which is so important at OWU. Michael has taken a number of leadership roles inside the university and has always been very successful, mainly due to his strong commitment and dedication."

Michael says, "Ohio Wesleyan has been one of the best experiences of my life. What I love the most about OWU is the university's efforts to keep us connected with the rest of the world." He is currently doing a senior research project titled "Spanish Contemporary Noir Fictions: A Look at its Origins, Characteristics and Socio-Political Implications."

### Honors Board members are responsible for:

- Attending weekly meetings
- Offering feedback on the program
- Attending and helping with events and lectures

Have an Honors student you want to see recognized for their efforts? Nominate them to be our January Honors Student of the Month! Just email the name of the student you want to nominate, as well as a short explanation why, to Amanda Barry at honorsboard@owu.edu.

### Fall Professor Lecture Series Closes with Dance Class and Political Lecture

The Honors Board would like to thank **Professor of Dance Rashanna Smith** for a great movement class on November 30<sup>th</sup> and **Professor of Politics and Government Jenny Holland** for her post-election lecture on December 5th! We had some wonderful lectures this semester and would also like to thank **Professor of Spanish Eva Paris-Huesca** for sharing her passion for Spanish cinema with us at her lecture. We look forward to the lectures we have in the spring semester!

#### **Apply for the Honors Board!**

Want to help us plan events, improve the Honors Program, develop leadership skills, and create a great Honors Program for future students to enjoy? Apply to join the Honors Board! Applications are due January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 pm and can be found here. Contact Amanda Barry at honorsboard@owu.edu with any questions.

#### What Did YOU Think of Honors Hour?

We enjoyed our first Honors Hour study break in the library and would like to do more events like this in the future. Do you have any feedback or sugestions on how we can make our study break events better in the future? Let us know at honorsboard@owu.edu!

