



# CHP NEWS

Monday, October 7, 2019

## From the director

Last year, the honors program developed a list of 6 themes to describe both for ourselves and for others what we're about in this program. Here they are:

1. Exploring Fundamental Questions. We are keen about learning alongside some of the greatest thinkers who came before us and exploring their thoughts on such fundamental matters as the relationship of human beings to God and to each other.
2. Facing Disputed Questions. We do not avoid those questions about which reasonable people differ, but rather face them together in a spirit of both inquiry and civility toward others holding various opinions.
3. Cultivating a Christian Worldview. We look for the ways in which our Christian faith rightly shapes our thinking--how we ought to read, write, study, create, and act.
4. Growing and Applying Talents. We desire to be found faithful in how we use the gifts and talents God grants us and long to hear our Lord's affirmation, "Well done."
5. Engaging in Conversation. Both in and out of the classroom, concerning both academic and non-academic matters, we enjoy learning from one another and about one another through conversation.
6. Enjoying Community. In both serious and light-hearted ways, we enjoy looking for and receiving things that are good and true and beautiful together as a community.

We've already been able to connect these themes to various activities and programs, including panel discussions, lectures, and our own honors house (Harbor House). But to help us live into these 6 themes further and better communicate them to others, we would like to have images or graphics that convey each of them in visual form.

This brings me to my pitch – I invite you to help shape the visual identity of the CHP by creating images or graphics for each of our 6 themes. If you choose to participate, please send images or graphics for each of the 6 themes as a pdf or jpeg file to [collegehonorsprogram@messiah.edu](mailto:collegehonorsprogram@messiah.edu) by October 31st. The top submission will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card, and the second and third place submissions will each receive a \$25 Amazon gift card.

This is one of many ways by which we can support and strengthen the CHP together. Please do let me know if you have thoughts about possible activities or programs that might help us continue to live

out our identity and mission. Thank you.

Yours,

Jim LaGrand



## Upcoming Deadlines

If you are planning to graduate December 2019, or be an early graduate May 2019, [please click here to email us](#) so that we may certify with the Registrar's Office that you have met the requirements of the College Honors Program and are clear to graduate.

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