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CHP NEWS

From the director

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. We're currently finalizing the full list of events sponsored by the Honors Program this spring, and will include it in next week's CHP News. You'll see that lectures, information sessions, panels, a film, play, concert, service project, and a trip to Washington DC are among the events. Let me give advance notice about our first event of the semester, a panel about the relationship between new digital technologies and learning on February 6. This is a timely and important topic, and I'm glad that several educators here will be sharing their thoughts about it with you.

Yours,

Jim LaGrand

First spring honors congress event

The Reading Brain in a Digital World

Thursday, February 6th
4:00 p.m.
Parmer Cinema
(Boyer 131)

Sponsored by the College Honors Program

Do you ever worry that the constant screen time we all experience every day is having a negative impact on your mental health and cognitive function?

Come hear a panel of four Messiah faculty and staff discuss the recent book Reader, Come Home by Tufts University professor Maryanne Wolf, which argues that our exposure to screens today is rewiring our brains in a way that is as transformative as was the development of print culture in ancient times. You'll hear Wolf's argument summarized and then appraised by a professor of communications specializing in digital media, by an IT expert and former high school English teacher, and by a psychologist specializing in learning and memory.

A Message from your Honors Leadership Council: Film Contest

We are excited to announce that we are now accepting submissions for the 14th Annual Honors Film Contest! This year's theme is "Media and the Movies." Please submit the name of a film addressing this theme along with a one-paragraph statement supporting your nomination to collegehonorsprogram@messiah.edu. The deadline is **noon on Tuesday, February 18, 2020**. The nominations will be judged based on their quality and how well they explore the theme. The winner will receive a $50 Amazon gift card and the film will be shown in Parmer Cinema on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 8:00 pm with a reception following. Remember that only one nomination is permitted per student and the film must be available on DVD or Blu-Ray. We encourage you to be creative! Find a film that explores the role and impact of the Media on society. It can be classic, current, foreign, or domestic. Use this opportunity bring a hidden gem to the Messiah community.

COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM
14TH ANNUAL FILM CONTEST

MEDIA AND THE MOVIES

The film that best represents the theme will become a spring 2020 Honors Congress event, and the winning student will receive a $50 Amazon gift card.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD
8:00 PM
PARMER CINEMA

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
GUESTS WELCOME!

NOMINATIONS MUST INCLUDE:
The film title and a one-paragraph statement supporting your nomination.

DEADLINE:
All nominations should be emailed to collegehonorsprogram@messiah.edu no later than noon on Tuesday, February 18. The winner will be announced in the CHP News.

CRITERIA:
• A film that reflects media's role in society
• A film you believe everyone should see, but many have not
• Must be available on DVD or Blu-Ray
• One nomination per student
• Film can be classic or current, foreign or domestic