**Note From the Director**

In many respects, this is an important season of the year. Along with most of the global church, we are entering Holy Week, the week when Christians remember and observe Christ’s passion (or suffering), death, and resurrection. I pray it is a meaningful time for each one of you. Personally, I look forward to reflecting on the gospel accounts of Holy Week and also on some of my favorite hymns about Christ’s passion. One of these is “O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile” by the 19th century churchman Frederick W. Faber. In one of the verses in Faber’s hymn, worshippers sing:

A broken heart, a fount of tears,
Ask, and they will not be denied;
A broken heart love’s cradle is:
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

There is much to reflect on in Christ’s suffering and death for our sake. And on Sunday, we look forward to celebrating Easter and hearing “Christ is risen!” ring throughout our churches and throughout the world.

In our small corner of the world in the College Honors Program, we look forward to our annual graduation and medallion ceremony next week Wednesday. Perhaps some of you have wondered about the round gold-colored graphic you have seen in CHP correspondence. It is a picture of the medallion that each student in the CHP receives upon graduating from the program. Our prayers go out for all the CHP graduates that you would continue to experience God’s guidance and protection in the years to come.

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**Honors Congress Events**

All honors congress events are done for spring 2019. Please update your honors congress attendance using [FALCONlink](#). You will be able to enter your honors congress attendance for this semester until the deadline of Friday, April 26th, and then the honors congress semester reporting will CLOSE.

**Senior Project Presentations**

Please consider supporting your senior CHP peers and attend their senior project presentations. Not only will your support be a benefit to the senior, it may also give you ideas or context that will help with your own senior project!

- Anna Marie Clark: Friday, April 26, 3 p.m., Boyer 137.
- Sarah Henry: Friday, April 26, 5 p.m., Boyer 131.
- Ciara Sacco: Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m., High Foundation Recital Hall
- School of Science, Engineering & Health Symposium: Friday, May 3rd, all day
Student Recognition

CHP senior Noah Perrin spent fall 2018 studying abroad in Oxford, UK. Due to “exceptional academic performance” during his semester at Oxford, this spring Noah was awarded a de Jager prize by the Scholarship & Christianity in Oxford group (SCIO).

Presentations to the Pennsylvania Academy of Science Four CHP students performing research in the Department of Biological Sciences—Matthew Darok, Rebekah Jones, Vinh Le, and Rachel Steckbeck, attended the 95th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science from March 29-31 at Cedar Crest College, with over 380 in attendance. Each student delivered an oral or poster presentation. Rebekah Jones earned the Women in Science Top Oral Presentation award for her talk, “Prevalence of a variant gastrin receptor RNA and correlating genomic polymorphism in human pancreatic cancer.” Darok’s research was additionally funded by a grant from the Academy awarded at the 2018 annual meeting.

College Honors Program House

The College Honors Program is proud to report that for the first time a group of honors students will be living together in a location that will be able to host social events for the Program. We hope to offer game nights, dessert and conversation, and much more. Please let us know your thoughts on ways CHP students could connect! The first CHP student residents will be: Victoria Anders Katie Bunch Emily Decker Amy DePretis Allie Houtz Rachel Hungerford Chloe Kauffman Amber MacKay Makayla Miller Annie Thorn Rebecca Wenger

Opportunities

This week’s philosophy club meeting will be a presentation by Dr. Robin Collins entitled, "Saving our Souls from Materialism," in which he will present a defense of the immaterial soul. Wednesday 4/17, 4:30 pm, Boyer 430, food & good conversation.

CHP Service Day Project

Seven CHP students joined the College Honors Program in our first Service Day project together. We took a 15 passenger van to the Salvation Army in Harrisburg, where we heard about the thousands of people they feed and offer after school programs to, as well as other services. The CHP students had a great attitude about getting spices ready for meals for the food bank and washing plastic containers for hours!!