

# HONORS COLLEGE ALUMNI



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## Honors College: Yesterday and Today

This is our first edition of The Honors College Alumni Newsletter. Since our first graduating class in 2012 we have had more than 100 graduates. All of you are very special to us. You have been instrumental in creating and perpetuating the Honors College and we would like to keep in touch.

The Honors College is constantly growing and changing. Our first freshman class of 40 students in 2008 has grown to a roster of over 270 students. This year we admitted more than 70 freshmen. While students represent a wide variety of majors, one-third are pursuing the sciences. Honors College students are now required to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.

We are constantly working to enhance all aspects of the Honors College. We are offering 13 Honors Courses this semester in an effort to accommodate the needs of our growing population and provide as many options as possible. We are continuing the Lecture Series and have planned a new program of seminars and workshops.

Our HC Study is taking on a new look. We are trying to make the room more attractive and accommodating for our increased enrollment. We can now take advantage of the whiteboard and we have a hi-tech screen which serves as a computer and viewing screen. We anticipate using it for academic and social activities: lessons, skyping with students and professors abroad and viewing videos. We invite you to visit our new space. The E-Council (formally the E-Board) is an increasingly active and important part of the Honors College giving our members a voice in the activities and policies of the Honors College.

As we continue to grow and innovate, we welcome your input and support. This newsletter is our first step to "keeping the family together." We want to hear from you.

## Tracking OW Graduates

Our HC graduates are doing wonderful things out in the world. We are just beginning to track all of your achievements and do not yet have all the current information we need, but we would like to share with you just a few of the accomplishments of your classmates:

Yuvraj Singh '14 Erie Medical School  
Edan Bashkin '14 Erie Medical School  
Reshma Pharsi '14 JD/MBA Stetson University  
Kathy Moawad '15 NY Medical DO Program  
Ediz Ozelkan '14 Columbia University  
Michael Bayne '14 CPA Citrin Cooperman  
Nicole Ramos '16 PriceWaterhouse Coopers  
Wahlid Sharifi '16 PriceWaterhouse Coopers  
Ifedayo Jegede '16 Villanova Law School

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### *From the Director*

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### **NEW! The Honors College Alumni Board!**

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We are asking all alumni who are interested to join the first-ever Honors College Alumni Board. We need our alumni to help guide the Honors College in the future based on the needs they see in today's economy and job marketplace. If you are interested in helping today's Honors College students by becoming an HC Alumni Board member, please email me [delucaa@oldwestbury.edu](mailto:delucaa@oldwestbury.edu). Even if you do not wish to be on the HC Alumni Board, please send us information about what you are doing with your lives so that we can publish your great news in the HC Alumni Newsletter! Please keep in touch! I would love to hear from you!

## Alumni Round Table

More than 20 OW Alumni and 80 current HC students attended the Alumni Round Table Discussion event. OW alumni led small group discussions with students who are interested in pursuing careers similar to or the same as our Alumni. We were honored to welcome educators, bankers, lawyers and judges, physicians and CEOs. After a delicious dinner, students learned about our alumni, their time at OW and how they fulfilled their career goals. The alumni provided tips and advice, and opened an on-going dialogue with many of the current HC students. As a result of this program and the initiative of some of our students we are in the process of forming a relationship with a local school district in which HC students will provide after-school tutoring and guidance. We are planning more events that bring together our students with Alumni. Interested? We hope you can join us for some of these programs.



## We Need You!

The Honors College is still a young organization and its students need your help, just as you did when you were Honors College students. You set the standard and led the way. Now that you are “out in the world,” you may be in a position to help our students find internships or jobs with your company. If so, please let us know. You can also advise them on the process for getting into graduate school. You can share some of your post-graduate experiences You can contribute to some of our programs and projects.

For more opportunities to help, please contact Dr. Anthony L. DeLuca at [delucaaa@oldwestbury.edu](mailto:delucaaa@oldwestbury.edu).



Honors College students visiting the *HorseAbility Center for Equine Facilitated Programs* on the College's campus

## Honors College Study Abroad Trip to China

On June 7, Dr. DeLuca escorted a group of Honors College students on a trip to China where they studied, toured and networked. They spent three weeks meeting new people, learning about the history and culture of an unfamiliar place and bonding with each other. The sights, sounds and food of China were all amazing. Their Chinese classmates shared their culture and customs and their “everyday” life. The HC students all returned with wonderful memories and stories to share. We look forward to organizing more HC Study Abroad adventures.

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*Come home to the Honors College!*

We are planning our first annual  
HC Alumni Reunion.

Join us for friends, food and fun.

Date to be determined

We need your input!

Contact us if you can help plan this event.

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