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Upcoming March & April Events

Celebrating Honors Week

- *Monday April 2nd- Honors Faculty & Students Meet and Greet -12:30pm - 1:30pm, Student Center*
- *Monday 2nd- School of Honors Guest Lecture 1:45pm - 3:00pm, Room C-313*
- *Tuesday 3rd- Bergen Salon III- A Conversation about Communication Competence 12:30pm - 1:30pm, Room C-313*
- *Don't Miss The 8th Annual JKW Honors Conference on Thursday, April 5th 8:30am - 2:00pm in the C-Wing of the Pitkin Education Center*
- *Thursday 19th- Bergen Salon IV- Climate Change: It's no Hoax 12:30pm - 1:30pm, Room C-313*

BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS

Bergen Salon

A place to share knowledge and
embrace intellectual discussion

The Judith K. Winn School of Honors invites you to its next four Bergen Salons:

Bergen Salon I
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Room: C-313
Professor Keith Chu
The Legacy of the
Reformation

Bergen Salon II
Thursday, Mar. 22, 2018
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Room: C-321
Dr. Anne Maganzini
Obedience to Authority:
Obey at Any Cost?

Bergen Salon III
Tuesday, Apr. 3, 2018
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Room: C-313
Dr. Kathleen Williams
A Conversation about
Communication
Competence

Bergen Salon IV
Thursday, Apr. 19, 2018
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Room: C-313
Professor Robert Dill
Climate change:
it's no hoax idiots!

All readings are available in the Honors Department-Room S-347, on the Judith K. Winn School of Honors website: <http://bergen.edu/honors/jkw/bergen-salon/> and also available on Library e-reserve under: JKW; Password: honors. Readings can also be obtained by emailing us at honors@bergen.edu.

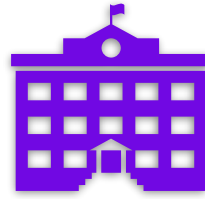
The Salons are co-sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, <http://bergenptk.com/>.





What it Means to Be a Student Leader

By Ali Moran



The definition of student leadership may vary from one person to the other. One person may say that a student leader is someone who is involved in many clubs. Another person may say that student leadership is about doing volunteer work. In reality, leadership is a collective activity; It is about taking the responsibility to work towards a better community.

Throughout my experiences at Bergen Community College, I have had opportunities to learn both the inside and outside of the classroom. I have gained experience in being a leader through both the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK). I am currently serving as the Chief Justice for SGA and I am also one of PTK's Social Media Coordinators. Since my involvement in different activities, I have gained wisdom and insight. If you are going to take on a leadership position, you must be prepared for the responsibilities that come with this experience. In my opinion, these are the three aspects on what makes a great student leader.

One of the most valuable lessons I have learned from being a student leader is to be a 'servant leader'. This is defined as having the leader serve others first before themselves. Having this type of mindset will allow others to examine you as a leader. Servant leadership is my go-to philosophy. I have noticed that if you are passionate about what you are doing and you are willing to do the work, then others will share your passion and work with you towards that cause.

This leads to the next aspect; student leaders are team players. We often get caught up in other activities that we end up forgetting what our original main goal was in the first place. Instead of focusing on who holds the meeting in the room with the view, you should focus on what the purpose of holding that meeting really is. Always remember to put ideas into perspective and to focus on the main idea.

The last point on being a great leader is to learn from your mistakes. Being able to deal with one's failures and to grow from it is not only beneficial to your objectives, but also to oneself. For example, in one event I held, the attendance was minimal. In that situation I could have sulked and promised never to be in charge of an event again, or I could have decided to learn what I did wrong in order to make the next event better. I chose the latter, and thankfully, the next event I held had a spectacular outcome with many participants and attendees.

Student leadership is about growing out of your comfort zone and creating opportunities for others to grow as well. Being a student leader is about realizing your potential and help others find their true potential. Leadership is about you and those who you have impacted. In my personal experience, this is what I believe makes an excellent and inspirational student leader.



Common Application Workshop

By Antonio Petrazzuolo



The JKW School of Honors held an event to guide students in the right direction for the transfer process. The guest speaker was the wonderful John Findura, who is the interim head of the Carullo Assistance Center and the head of the writing center. Mr. Findura has experience helping students with college applications and has employed many others to help out with this often-difficult journey. Mr. Findura spoke about what makes an application stand out and how the college essay is one of the most important determinate of how a college will view you as a person and as a student. He stressed how the essay can help differentiate you from just being a GPA and a name. He then showed us different prompts, and described the ways to approach them.

His best piece of advice about the essay was to just be yourself and to make sure you display things that would not be known elsewhere in the application. He stressed the importance of putting attributes that make you the unique person you are today. Lastly, he stated that schools like to see progression, so putting an anecdote of how you evolved as a student is important. Overall, this event was a great learning experience for students. The JKW Honors Association is hoping to hold another event similar to this, every semester.

Bergen Salon I: The Legacy of Reformation Recap

By Bryant Gomez

History has shown us that time and again, change only occurs when specific movements or events lead to a transformation in society. Professor Keith Chu discussed with us the impact the Reformation era had and how the beginnings of currency, personal attitudes, practices, consumerism, and capitalism came to fruition. Professor Chu also mentioned socioeconomic hierarchy in the Middle Ages and how religion was a huge influence in determining a person's status. It is ironic that the Protestant reformers who condemn greed and wealth because of their religion were the ones who were actually practicing it in the first place. Individuals like Martin Luther and John Calvin opposed the Roman Catholic Church and were responsible for letting the people know about the Bible as being the one source of information rather than the church.

Both students and faculty were able to engage critically and overall, the salon was a great way to see the effects this important era has had on the modern world. The next Bergen Salon will take place on Thursday, March 22, from 12:30pm to 1:30pm in Room C-321. Dr. Anne Maganzini will lead the discussion on "Obedience to Authority: Obey at Any Cost?"



Photo of Bergen Salon I // Erin Moran



Honors Association E-board



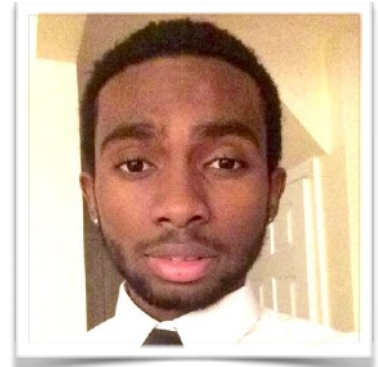
Thomas Lotito
President

As president of the H.A, I will be working towards improving the experience of Honors students by encouraging a wider variety of Honors courses and creating new events. I am the primary spokesperson of the H.A. and I am responsible for communicating with the Director of Honors.



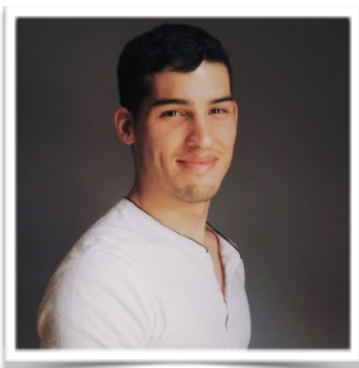
Erin Moran
Vice President

As the VP of the H.A, I promote the JKW School of Honors. I handle the external affairs, mainly with other organizations and clubs and work closely with the President. I also oversee all Honors Association events.



Keanu Carbon
Secretary

As secretary of the H.A, I make sure that communication between all members is efficient, which includes taking down the minutes in every meeting and verifying that we are all on the same page.



Matthew Rogich
Publicist

My role as publicist is primarily flyer design, social media, and other forms of advertisement for the H.A. I focus on trying to reach as many Honors students as I can so everyone can be included in all H.A. events planned throughout the year.



Bryant Gomez
Editor-in-Chief

As the Editor-in-Chief, I am head of the editorial team. My responsibilities include choosing and creating content, writing, editing, designing the newsletter's layout and overseeing the co-editor position.



Antonio Petrazzuolo
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As Treasurer, I oversee the financial plans and budgets of the Honors Association. Along with the team, we create and enact fundraising and funding ideas, as well as promote available scholarships to students.



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