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1. LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

All my Best

Holidays to you all and may you have a safe and happy holiday season.

2. CLASS MIXERS

This year, each member of the Honors College was able to enjoy class mixers. Members from the classes either met up with each other or with members from another class. Class mixers tend to have the responsibility of coordinating these events. Jayson Williamson, senior class representative, said that the seniors were able to watch “The Ender’s Game” as these events. Jeremy Setter, sophomore class representative. Each class will have the opportunity next semester to get together and have a block from the Holiday Lanes on November 5th. The sophomore class said that the juniors and freshman enjoyed a game of bowling and a meal every other weekend. The freshman honors students participated in cleaning the Ronald McDonald House did for her and her family, the family decided to continue to volunteer their time to help the Ronald McDonald House impact the lives of families in need. Breanna and her family will continue to volunteer their time to help the Ronald McDonald House. Breanna McGranahan is a junior elementary education student. She has five siblings, one of which had to receive a bone marrow transplant four years ago for a type of bone marrow cancer.

3. FEATURED STUDENT

Jessica Berberich/Alumni Spotlight:

Purification

By: Austin Masters

Jessica Skoglund graduated from Pittsburg State University in the spring of 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Education and a minor in Psychology.

Jessica Skoglund credits her membership in the HCA to providing her with exposure to a completely different environment allowing her to gain a deeper understanding of my teaching and learning. Going through honors and departmental honors courses provided to them through their membership in addition to the obvious study abroad and social events. She encourages all incoming students to get involved in the Honors College programs both on campus and off, and we held another wonderful Holiday Party at my house, which is always one of my favorite days of the year. We brought in another outstanding class of freshman to add to our roster, we provided some important community service opportunities providing our members to remember the wide array of opportunities available through membership in the Honors College

4. HONORS STUDENTS GET THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

In May, 37 Honors College students traveled to Europe for a World War II tour from May 15 to May 30. Prior to their departure they took a class to prepare for their experience abroad. The class included reading George Wilson’s book “If You Survive”, watching Ken Burns’ “The War”, lectures from a history professor, guest lectures from an exchange student and a panel discussion with the veterans of the World War II. The students also visited the beaches of Normandy and the American cemetery at Omaha Beach. In France they flew into London for a couple days, seeing the Cabinet War Rooms and the London Eye. They also had the opportunity to attend a performance of “Dido and Aeneas” at the Royal Opera House. In Belgium, they visited the beaches of Dunkirk and the American Cemetery at Merville Battery. They also had the opportunity to attend a performance of “Dido and Aeneas” at the Opera House in Brussels. In Germany, they visited the beaches of the North Sea and the American Cemetery at Arnhem. They also had the opportunity to attend a performance of “Dido and Aeneas” at the Opera House in Hamburg.

5. PARKING LOT PURIFICATION

In January, the Honors College organized a group to help clean the Ronald McDonald House. The group consisted of about 30-40 students and they were able to clean the Ronald McDonald House in just over 30 minutes. Overall the class felt they had an enjoyable experience helping out. The freshman class had a great turnout at all the games and were usually done cleaning in less than 30 minutes. Overall the class felt they had an enjoyable experience helping out. The freshman class had a great turnout at all the games and were usually done cleaning in less than 30 minutes. Overall the class felt they had an enjoyable experience helping out. The freshman class had a great turnout at all the games and were usually done cleaning in less than 30 minutes. Overall the class felt they had an enjoyable experience helping out.

6. ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: JESSICA BERBERICH/ SKOGLUND

Jessica Berberich graduated from Pittsburg State University in May 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Education and a minor in Psychology.

Breanna McGranahan is a junior elementary education student. In December of 2010, her family wanted to keep her memory alive. Because of everything the Ronald McDonald House did for her and her family, the family decided to continue to volunteer their time to help the Ronald McDonald House. In addition, her family puts together a block from the Ronald McDonald House. In December of 2010, her family wanted to keep her memory alive. Because of everything the Ronald McDonald House did for her and her family, the family decided to continue to volunteer their time to help the Ronald McDonald House. In addition, her family puts together a block from the Ronald McDonald House. In December of 2010, her family wanted to keep her memory alive. Because of everything the Ronald McDonald House did for her and her family, the family decided to continue to volunteer their time to help the Ronald McDonald House. In addition, her family puts together a block from the Ronald McDonald House. In December of 2010, her family wanted to keep her memory alive. Because of everything the Ronald McDonald House did for her and her family, the family decided to continue to volunteer their time to help the Ronald McDonald House. In addition, her family puts together a block from the Ronald McDonald House. In December of 2010, her family wanted to keep her memory alive. Because of everything the Ronald McDonald House did for her and her family, the family decided to continue to volunteer their time to help the Ronald McDonald House. In addition, her family puts together a block from the Ronald McDonald House. In December of 2010, her family wanted to keep her memory alive. Because of everything the Ronald McDonald House did for her and her family, the family decided to continue to volunteer their time to help the Ronald McDonald House. In addition, her family puts together a block from the Ronald McDonald House.