Bragging Writes

We take pride in the things that Commonwealth Honors College students, faculty, and staff are doing. Read all about these things here!

Author encourages life on the edges
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Award-winning behavioral researcher Dr. Stanley Coren expanded the minds of college psychology majors and dog lovers alike on October 19 in the Student Union Ballroom with his... Read More

Honors students clean up CT river
Students of Commonwealth Honors College's Community Engagement Program participated in the Connecticut River Watershed Council’s “Source to Sea Cleanup” on
Citizen Scholars visit State House
Massachusetts State Representative Ellen Story hosted students in their second year of the Citizen Scholars Program at the State House in Boston on October 12. A program of... Read More

Cranes promote cancer awareness
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Ashley Bono of Medway, Massachusetts, fell in love with bacteria in a sophomore introductory microbiology course. As a senior, she put her fascination to work on a capstone... Read More

A formula for success
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As a junior, Tiffany Tai '12 helped create "Iron Chef Contest: Cooking up Some Good," a cooking competition modeled on the popular reality TV show Iron Chef. The event, held at... Read More

Getting Ahead in Math and in Life
After only one year on campus, Dan Ganz is already preparing to leave. When the 18-year-old senior is not in class or working in the lab, he is studying for the medical college... Read More

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On Track with Honors

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