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Campus and community members gathered in celebration of the Priscilla M. Clarkson Plaza at Commonwealth Honors College and the Priscilla M. Clarkson Kinesiology Graduate Endowment... Read More
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Allison Dancewicz, a dance and management honors student, received an Honors Research Grant to fund her Honors Thesis entitled "Creative Movement & Character Development... [Read More]

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