March 2015 News For Parents

COLLEGE NEWS

Gretchen Gerzina has been selected to serve as the next Dean of Commonwealth Honors College, beginning July 15. An internationally renowned scholar and author, she is currently a professor at Dartmouth College. Read more...

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Domestic Exchange Info Sessions

Students are invited to explore the opportunity to study for a semester or year at another state college or university in the U.S. or surrounding borders. National Student Exchange (NSE) includes over 180 universities and colleges in the country, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to choose from. Pick up the application at one of the information sessions held every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Read more...
Global Understanding, Inclusion Learning and Discourse (GUILD)

GUILD is a new program of global understanding, inclusion learning, and discourse, co-sponsored by Commonwealth Honors College and UMass Amherst Residential Life. All GUILD events are held in the CHC Events Hall or in Honors residence halls. Participating students are asked to attend at least four events during the semester, each of which provides information on engaging with other on topics of inclusivity and globalization, building multicultural competencies, connecting across differences, and thinking analytically about global issues. Read more...

Spring Break Alumni-Student Networking Night

Honors students are invited to meet alumni in the Boston area over spring break at a free event on March 19. Students from all majors are welcome to attend, and pre-registration is required. Read more...

ADVISING TIPS

All CHC Students:

- If you have questions that need to be answered prior to registering for Fall 2015 don't wait until the last minute to try to make an appointment! Advising slots fill up quickly after spring break.
- Are you around during spring break? We are! Spring break is a great time to meet with an advisor to discuss adjustment to college, major concerns, planning for the future or registering for classes.

First-Year Students:

- Still haven't been in to see an Honors advisor? Meeting with an Honors advisor in the first year is critical to maximizing your success. Appointments can be booked at this link.
- For quick questions, students can email advisor@honors.umass.edu anytime.
- Don't forget to complete the FAFSA paperwork so you are eligible for financial aid.

Sophomores:
• Declare an Advanced Scholarship track! All CHC students should choose between Departmental Honors (DH) or Multidisciplinary Honors (MH) by the end of their sophomore year.
• Interested in study abroad for your junior year? Contact the International Programs Office now.

Juniors:

• Students completing Departmental Honors should confirm DH requirements and meet with their Honors Program Director to make sure you are still on track.
• Students completing Multidisciplinary Honors should locate a faculty mentor and/or begin to put together a committee for their Honors Thesis or Project. Please see an Honors advisor if you have questions about the process.
• All juniors are expected to register for their Honors Thesis or Project in April.

Seniors:

• Review our finishing up brochure and get all of your questions answered about manuscript submission and Honors credentials.
• Students should submit Honors manuscripts/artifacts with a completion form by the last day of classes, which is Thursday, April 30.

SAVE THE DATE: UMASSGIVES

UMass Amherst's third annual 36-hour online giving campaign begins at Noon Monday April 29, 2015 and ends on April 30, 2015 at midnight. Last year, UMassGives brought in over $112,000 and the campus is hoping to raise even more this year. Commonwealth Honors College will be participating in UMassGives to raise funds for scholarships.

You can help by making an on-line gift to Commonwealth Honors College Scholarships at www.umass.edu/umassgives during the campaign. After the campaign kicks off on April 29 Commonwealth Honors College will post updates to our Facebook page and twitter feed. This is a great way to support Commonwealth Honors College if you haven't already this year.

Be sure to like Commonwealth Honors College on Facebook and/or follow us on Twitter for the latest updates, and share the news about UMassGives with others!