

HONORS NEWSLETTER

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Focus On Excellence Trip to Morehead Planetarium



Photo Courtesy of Dr. McMillen

On Saturday February 8th, Honors sisters took a trip to Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill. The trip was part of the Focus on Excellence Program created to enhance students' learning through art, history, dance, music and theatre. While providing fun learning opportunities, it also gives Honors students a chance to create friendships with others that have similar interests. No matter the major, every student had a blast on the Saturday evening of the event. First travelling to Morehead Planetarium, students were given a guided tour through the stars- literally! Gazing up at the famous dome, an expert on astronomy taught about the well-known constellations in the sky as well as how to find them. Students were amazed to experience the "Carolina Skys" show in the same building that

astronauts for key space missions have. Sitting in the same seats, astronauts were trained how to use the stars as navigation in case of a technology failure. Starting as an initiative to further education in astronomy, the Morehead Planetarium continues to amaze visitors every day with what it has to offer. After gazing at the stars, students enjoyed a delicious homestyle meal at Mama Dip's Kitchen.

Scholars' Day 2020 Recap

Another year, another successful Scholars' Day! Scholars' Day co-chairs Barbara Barrier and Taylor Walker are thankful for all of the help from faculty, staff, and students to make the day a memorable experience for all potential students. It was a slightly different event than last year, after Scholars' Weekend turned into Scholars' Day. However, any opportunity that Meredith students get to show off Wonderland they make the most of! Students enjoyed getting to know members from programs such as Honors, Teaching Fellows, Service Scholars, Art, and Music. They toured campus with our very own White Iris members, and ate a delicious lunch from Belk Dining Hall. Students attended information sessions about undergraduate research, study abroad, and sessions specific to their programs throughout the day intermixed with their interviews. The end of the event saw a social among the prospective students, who enjoyed talking to current students and getting to know what life is like at Meredith. The Scholars' Day co-chairs want to give a special thanks to Program Directors, Admissions Faculty, and all Honors students who helped make Scholars' Day 2020 a success!

Upcoming Honors Program Events:

- March 5 at 7:15 p.m: Focus on Excellence Female Choreographers Trip
 - March 9-13th: Spring Break
- March 21st at 2:00 p.m: Experience Meredith
- March 27th 10:00 p.m: Honors committee meeting

Editor's Note: Wishing fun and safe travels to everyone next week for Spring Break! Let's get some rest, and come back ready to finish the semester strong! Have an awesome Spring Break! - Taylor