

# HONORS NEWSLETTER

September 2020

## *A Great Big Welcome to our New Honors Sisters!*

On behalf of the entire Honors Program, we would like to welcome all new and incoming Honors students. We hope that you have had a great start to the year, and look forward to the rest of your time here at Meredith.

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Carolina Klein

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Maggie Barnhill

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# Welcome!

## *Special Congratulations!*

We would like to give a special congratulations to our newest Honors Program graduate, Samantha Duerring! We wish you luck in your future endeavors beyond Meredith!

## *Honors Students and their Favorite Books and Shows from Summer Break*

Over the summer break and quarantine, Honors Students kept themselves busy with Covid-19 safe activities. One of the most popular ways to pass the time and entertain was to read a book or watch a show. If you're on the hunt for your next favorite read or a binge-worthy Netflix show, take a look at what these Honors sisters loved over summer break!



## **Educated by Tara Westover**

This summer, Barbara Barrier also read *Educated* by Tara Westover. "I really enjoyed reading *Educated* because the story was nothing like anything I've read before. I was shocked by how recent this book was written because of the outdated lifestyle that the main character's family lives and I appreciated the vulnerable nature of Tara Westover's writing. Barb said that it was so incredible to see how successful the author had become from her difficult and unusual childhood. "I would highly recommend this book to other students!"

## **Show Spotlights**

### ***Glee***

Second-year student Cameron Simpson loved watching the television show *Glee* this summer. "I really like how each episode incorporates some kind of song into it," she says. Cameron recommends *Glee* to anybody who would like to watch a show that has drama, but also a lot of comedy aspects to it.

### ***Superstore***

Denise Bahena-Bustos enjoyed watching the show *Superstore* on Hulu. "It's a really funny background show noise that I always have on in my room now." Denise also loves *Superstore* because each episode is only about twenty minutes long, and the storylines are easy to follow so you don't even have to watch them in order!



### **Educated by Tara Westover**

Honors first-year student Sarah Manis read *Educated* during her summer break. This book was also the summer required reading for students. "*Educated* showed me that no matter where you start from in life, you can go out and determine who you want to be," said Sarah. Sarah also said that she watched a lot of the show *Grey's Anatomy* on Netflix.

## **Honors Student Summer Internship Highlight**

This summer, second-year Honors student Hannah Weigle completed an internship with Clarity Technology Group. Let's take a look at how she enjoyed it and learn more about what this internship meant to her!

### **-What was your internship?**

I was a summer intern at Clarity Technology Group.

### **-What is your Major?**

Math and mechanical engineering

### **-What did you do?**

I was tech support for a softphone app (software for a phone) for contact tracers to make contact tracing calls. The softphone application was used for contact-tracing for Covid-19.

### **-What are some things you did on a daily basis?**

I answered phone calls for tech support and did some accounting work. The accounting work included reconciling credit cards, collections, and calling customers to remind them to pay bills.

**-What did you learn from the internship:**

I typed a lot of emails and did many phone calls during my internship, so I learned good professional communication skills. I also learned different technical skills because I worked on tickets for customers. I would solve issues such as email technical issues over the phone with customers.

**-Why do you recommend that students get internships?**

I got some really good experience from my internship. Even though my internship was not in the specific area of work I want to be in, I still learned useful professional skills. If you do an internship, you are likely to learn something about yourself like what you want to do or don't want to do for your career. You can also learn useful skills and apply them in the future no matter your career.

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*Now that you have returned to campus, we would like to stress once again the importance of the Three W's. Wearing a mask, waiting six or more feet from others, and washing your hands or sanitizing frequently are all things you can do to help stop the spread of Covid-19.*

*Doing your part in the community is most important now than ever. By doing our part to stay healthy and safe, we can come out of the Coronavirus pandemic stronger than ever!*

**Upcoming Honors Program Events:**

- Sept. 14, 2020 at 5pm: Completed Honors contract forms due
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