

# HONORS NEWSLETTER

February 2019

## *Students connect with alumnae*

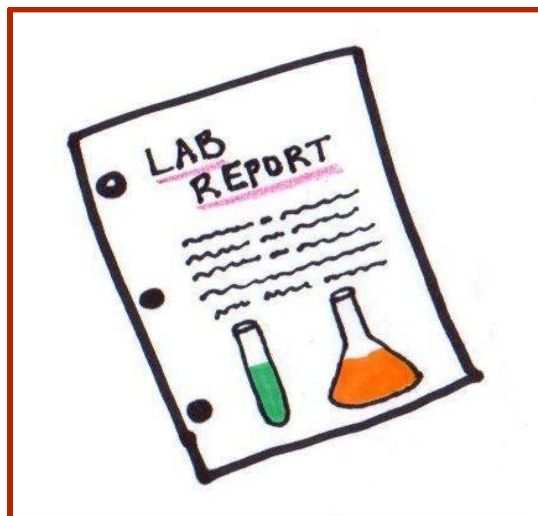
On Saturday, Jan. 19, 20 students in the Honors program had the opportunity to eat brunch at Irregardless Café and Catering with a handful of Honors Program graduates. Students were able to sign up to sit with alumnae based on similar career pathways and interests. The event was fruitful and filled with animated conversation, laughs, and tokens of advice. Students and alumnae that were in attendance are pictured below.



Students, please read this note below from Dr. Pitts addressing the lab science requirement.

### **Navigating the Honors lab requirement**

In the wake of last year's comprehensive assessment of the Honors program, Honors committee leaders are discussing the Honors science lab requirement with the dean and department heads in SMB. These key people were invited to attend the Honors committee meeting on 25 Jan.



The Honors science lab requirement is well published and well known. No repeats are ever necessary, but 'Honors science lab' *is* a universal requirement. The best route for satisfying this requirement is to take one of three dedicated and regularly offered Honors science lab courses: CHE in Fall, BIO in Spring, GEO in even-numbered spring semesters. **Honors contracts in other science lab courses will likely be refused by SMB faculty.** You may be able to get a contract for a PHY lab, however. Please plan accordingly. Can you adjust your academic plan? If you have questions or concerns, please contact your Honors advisor or Dr. Pitts.

### Upcoming Honors Program Events:

- Feb. 3, 2019: FOE Ballet- *Love in the Times of the Day*
- Feb. 6, 2019: Completed Honors contract and thesis forms due in Honors office
- Feb. 9, 2019: FOE- Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park and Imagination Station
- Feb. 15, 2019: Deadline for Honors study abroad scholarship applications
  - Feb. 17-18, 2019: Scholars' Weekend



## *Student Shout-Out*

Honors students Devin Totherow and Molly Perry represented the Honors program at the Think Meredith Open House on Saturday, Jan. 26, speaking with as many as 80 or 90 people who visited the Honors booth! Thank you, Molly and Devin, you did a great job!

## *Honors students showcase theses*

On Reading Day in December, Honors students Dominique Bateman, Jennifer Garcia, and Jamie Gaynor presented their Honors thesis research to students, faculty and friends of the HIS/POL department. Bateman analyzed articles and letters in NC newspapers from 1788 and 1789 to determine the pros and cons of the establishment a state-sponsored church, a topic that was then being widely discussed by opinion leaders. Garcia used systemic

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sampling and content analysis in her study of Congressional success among Latinos as candidates for office and as office-holders. She also scrutinized minority representation in Congress overall. Gaynor focused on fear-mongering in political messages about crime. For this, she analyzed the topic in media reports from 1968 to 2018, finding that voters do respond to politicians' 'tough-on-crime' statements. The three speakers were well prepared and well spoken, and they answered questions about their research with aplomb! These students are pictured below.