

HONORS NEWSLETTER

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Honors Committee transitions in leadership



Photo by editor

The Honors committee consists of two Honors student representatives from every class and two at-large members. Honors faculty serve on the committee as well, and this group assists the director in making major Honors program decisions. This committee gives both students and faculty members a voice and allows their opinions on the Honors program to be heard. For the last two years, Madison Gladwell, a member of the Class of 2020, has held the position of Honors committee student chair. At the most recent committee meeting on Friday, November 22, the gavel was passed down to Sarah Halsey, a Class of 2022 representative. She will carry on the role of student chair. Many thanks to Madison for all of her hard work and leadership, and congratulations to Sarah! From left to right, Madison and Sarah are pictured above, holding the gavel used to start and adjourn meetings.

Honors freshmen participate in self-defense class



Photo by Dr. Pitts

On Friday, November 15, freshmen Honors students enrolled in Dr. Pitts' First Year Experience class had the opportunity to participate in a self-defense class. Their instructor was Melissa Palmer, who is an alumna of Meredith College. These students learned a lot about how to protect themselves in times of danger. Ms. Palmer left them with four major tips: (1) walk with confidence and energy, (2) be alert when walking to your car off-campus; don't be distracted by your phone, and don't wear earbuds, (3) if accosted, kick the front of your assailant's knees very hard, since knees are very easy to break, and 4) cheat in every imaginable way to escape your assailant. These students are pictured above following the class.

Upcoming Honors Program Events:

- Dec. 5, 2019: Honors thesis students, make an appointment with Dr. Pitts before today for signing of your thesis
 - Dec. 6, 2019: Honors drive-by breakfast, 8:30-10:30 am
- Dec. 6, 2019: Deadline for Honors mid-year applications at 5 pm
 - Jan. 12, 2020: Interviews for Honors mid-year admission

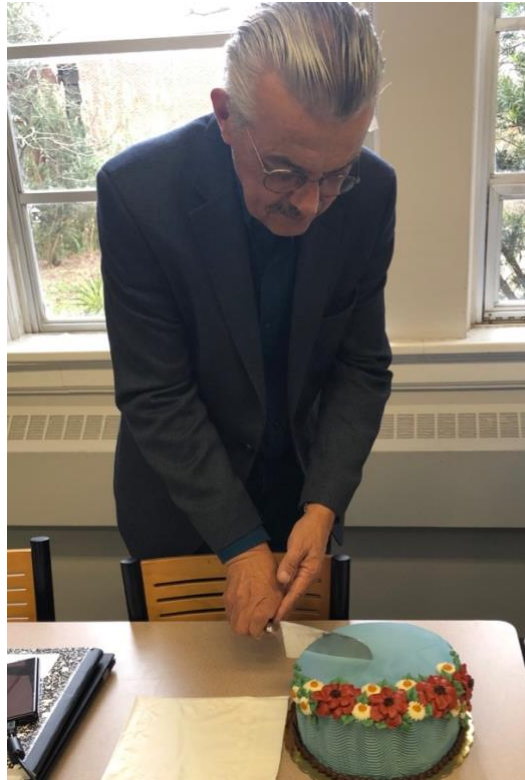


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Today is Dr. Pitts' birthday! He is pictured above cutting the cake shared at the Honors committee meeting this past Friday, November 22. On behalf of the Honors program, we wish him a happy birthday and thank him for all of the time, dedication, and leadership that he has contributed to the Honors program over the years!

Editor's note: To Honors students and faculty, I wish you all a wonderful holiday break! Get some rest, be safe, and come back in January ready to take on a new semester!

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