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The Pinnacle: Destination Known



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The OTC Honors Program provides academically motivated high achieving students who conduct themselves in a responsible manner the opportunity to develop their full potential through collaboration with a designated community of scholars and enhanced/additional learning environments and opportunities.



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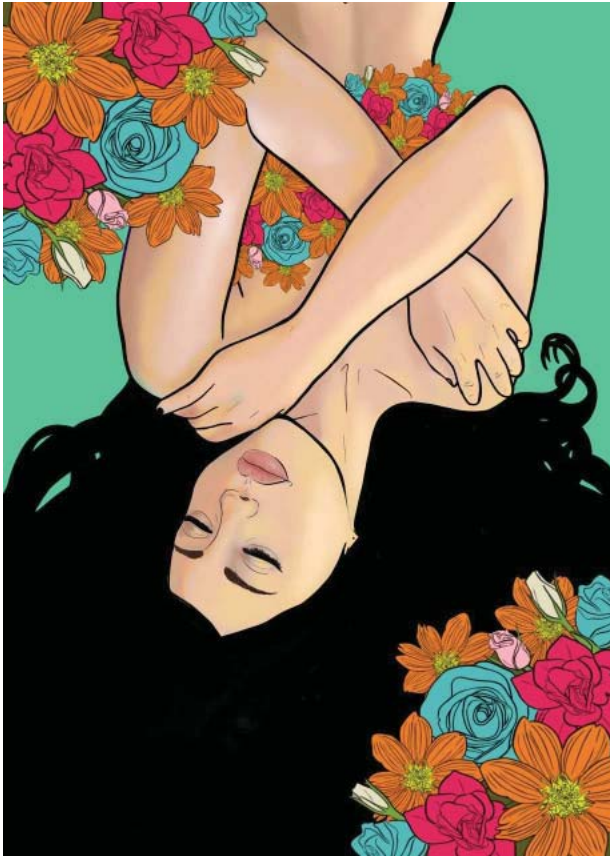
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Come hang out!

Contact us:

If you are an Honors Program student interested in having your work published in the newsletter, or if you are interested in applying to the Honors Program, you may email honors@otc.edu for more information or search 'honors program' on the OTC website. **Office Phone: 417-447-8229**

Art by Honors



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Food Recipe

Asian-Style Chicken Tenders with Dipping Sauce



Ingredients:

For Chicken:

- 2 pounds of boneless, skinless, chicken tenders
- 1/3 cup of honey
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp garlic, chopped
- 2 tbsp dehydrated onions
- 1/4 cup green onions, chopped

For Sauce:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sweet chili sauce

Instructions:

- Combine honey, soy sauce, ginger, garlic, and dehydrated onions, stir well. Coat baking dish with non-stick cooking spray, arrange chicken tenders in a single layer on the baking dish, pour soy sauce mixture over the chicken, cover and marinate for an hour or two.
- Preheat oven to 425 degrees and bake uncovered for 15-20 minutes or until done.
- Sprinkle Green onions over the top and serve with rice.
- Mix mayonnaise and sweet chili sauce together in a separate dish for dipping sauce

Submitted By: Ian Williamson

Volunteering

By: Ashly Jones

When I first joined the Honors Program last summer, I truly had no idea what I was getting into. I wasn't sure if it was the right fit for me or if I would even like it. I was expecting it to be one of those things that you put on your resume, but what I learned was that it's so much more than that.



The Honors Orientation was when I first learned that part of the program was completing service hours. Being a person who works a job along with going to school, I was worried about how I would complete service hours. I honestly didn't think that I would enjoy doing it either – however, I can now, without a doubt, say that the service hours are my favorite part of the Honors Program.

What I love about volunteering through the Honors Program is the ease – the experience is almost hassle-free. Slots are in 30-minute increments, which allows for students to squeeze in hours without taking up their entire day. I think that the volunteer experiences are often meaningful, too.

While most of my service hours came from other organizations, one that I did directly through the Honors Program was volunteer at the CBCO Blood Drive this past fall. The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks is a non-for-profit organization that provides blood needed for transfusions to hospitals in the United States, as well as the military. Blood donations are needed year-round, and by coming to OTC, CBCO is fulfilling the need through selfless contributions from students. My role was small at the blood drive – I first volunteered at the beginning and helped them lay out the snacks, then volunteered at the end when it was time for them to leave. Even so, being present for the blood drive and watching people volunteer was a wonderful experience. Giving blood isn't fun, per say – having a needle in your arm isn't the best way to spend the day. However, you could tell that these people donating wanted to give back to their community in this simple, yet generous way, and that was very special to me.

Your Spring 2018 Honors Officers

Rachel Stobbe - President

Hey y'all! My name is Rachel Stobbe and I am your Honors Council President. I have been a student at OTC since the Fall of 2015. I started in the Career Center as a senior in high school and I will graduate this Spring! After I graduate I will head off to nursing school and will ultimately get my Doctorate of Nursing Science to become a Nurse Practitioner! Come by the office and say hi, I want to meet and get to know all of you.

Kylee Miles - VP of Community Involvement

My name is Kylee Miles, and I am the Vice President of Community Service. My job is to set up drives on campus and set up volunteering opportunities off-campus. If you would like to volunteer somewhere, but not sure where, I can definitely help you out with that! I have names, numbers, and emails of people you can contact directly, at many different organizations. Keep a look out for events coming up on your calendars for community service opportunities, and additional drives on campus!

Cindy Muse - VP of Social and Educational Activities

I'm a non-traditional student, married, and I have 2 grandchildren. I love living in the country with 3 dogs, 2 cats, 1 horse, 2 finches and 43 chickens. I love gardening, cooking, quilting, and live rock music. I have seen the rock band Styx fifty-five times and have met everyone in the band!! I look forward to seeing them again with REO Speedwagon in Springfield in March. I am attending OTC to go into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program. Going back to college is the best thing I have ever done!!!

Ian Williamson - Editor in Chief of the Pinnacle Newsletter

Hello my name is Ian Williamson. I am at OTC to start my path to eventually becoming an English teacher in Japan. It sounds crazy, but it has been my dream to live there almost since I can remember. If you need help with anything let me know, and if I have time I will help you.

Lauren Mansker - Secretary

Hello everyone I'm Lauren Mansker and I am the Secretary on the Honors Council. My duties include taking meeting minutes and keeping records. I look forward to working with the Honors Program/Council this semester!

Alyssa Everett - VP of Fundraising

Hi, hello! My name is Alyssa Everett. Please continue reading if you want to learn more about who I am and what I do! If you don't already know me, then you won't know that I am currently working towards my Associates degree here at OTC. If you don't already know me, you won't know that I'm transferring to Drury in the fall, where I'll major in English Literature. You won't know that instead of being a teacher, I'd rather pursue my dream of book editing. You won't know that I love reading, dogs, London, classic rock, Doctor Who, my cat Biggy, (yes that is his name), and most importantly, Jesus. But even if you didn't know me before, now you kind of do, and if you did, well.. you still do! Use that information however you please.

Lane Williamson - VP of Publicity

My name is Lane Williamson. I love playing video games and playing basketball. My favorite video games include Rocket League and Counter Strike. I have a girlfriend of five years and we love to travel. I plan on transferring to MSU to continue with my finance degree.

Dayton Kingore - Treasurer

My name is Dayton and I am the Treasurer for the Honors Council. This is my fourth and last semester here at OTC and this coming Fall I will be transferring to MSU to study accounting. I enjoy things like cooking, listening to podcasts, working on computers, and listening to music. Right now my favorite album is Blonde by Frank Ocean.

Kat Leverette - VP of Campus Service

My name is Kat Leverette, I am a full-time student getting my degree in Criminal Justice. Ever since I was a little girl I have had an interest in forensics. My goal is to become a Crime Laboratory Analyst with the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab. In the Honors Program I am the Vice President of Campus Service. My position is to promote all on campus volunteer activities such as blood drives, bake sales, picnics, and to promote other organizations that allow honor students to fulfill their on-campus hours. When I am not in school I am busy being a mom to four kids and living a life of happiness and laughter with their dad. Our hobbies are cross-stitching, telling jokes, and playing tricks on each other.

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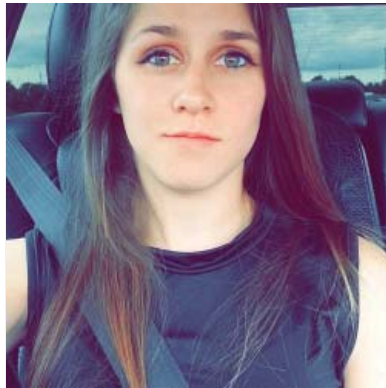
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Honors Events

BAKE SALE!!!

Baking for the Honors Program

By: Jacqueline Guggiana



I have been doing some baking for the Honors Program Bake Sales. Baking is something I really enjoy doing. It really makes me feel good being able to bake the sweets and give them out to the other students to sell. In a way, it makes me feel like I am giving back to a school and a program that is influential. I know it is not much but every little bit helps. It also makes me feel good baking for others in general. It is also a lot of fun!



Being a baker for the Honors Program also gets my family involved on the good feelings that come along with giving back. My children and I love baking together. It gives us a special time together and lets me get the children in on doing things for other people. I am their role model and feel this is a value I need to instill in their lives. All in all, I am thankful for the opportunity and can not wait to make a difference, one brownie at a time.

COMING UP...

BLOOD DRIVE

**April 10th
2018**

HONORS CONFERENCE

**April 14th
2018
8AM-4PM**

Raccoon Rumble

SHORT STORY BY: SHAYNA MAROSE

It was a typical sultry June evening; the tree frogs and cicadas were thrumming out their cacophony of calls. By all accounts, it was an uneventful evening, the dog, Harry Bean, was resting peacefully in his dog house in the front yard, or so we thought. My mother and I were loafing on the couch hopping not to be deafened by the noisy symphony.

The tranquility of the evening was pierced by the pained cries of Harry Bean. Harry Bean was a peace-loving dog, unless you happened to be a lizard. For reasons unknown to either myself or my mother, Harry would jump on and squash lizards to death every chance he got. When Harry cried out in obvious pain, I rushed out the front door in a panic wearing only a pink cotton dress and slippers. Not my first choice for battle dress but this was an emergency.

To my great shock, there stood a raccoon on his hind legs biting poor Harry Bean on the shoulder. My first thought was to go back into the house to grab my shotgun, but a split second later, I realized I might miss and shoot the dog. I looked to my right and spotted the snow shovel. Unusual, but that snow shovel was a shield and weapon to be wielded against a brazen raccoon. Snow shovel in hand, I dashed down the front porch and through the gate into battle; shouting to my mother, "it's a raccoon!" We've lived in the same place for more than fifteen years, in all that time we had only seen a raccoon once, at that time I waved broom and oven mitt at it and yelled, "tell all your raccoon friends crazy ladies live here." Naturally, that worked. Apparently, most raccoons know what crazy looks like and heeded the warning.

This night, however, change was afoot. The raccoon, now attacking poor Harry Bean, had clearly not gotten the "crazy ladies" message. Wielding the snow shovel like a gladiator, I manage to wedge and cover the raccoon away from the dog, only for the dog to come around the shovel to begin the fight anew. I shouted to my mother "get the dog!" Thinking that if I could get the dog and the raccoon separated the raccoon would run off mostly unharmed.

We successfully separated them again as the battle swept across Harry's run, I swept the shovel and shoved the surprisingly heavy raccoon into the driveway. Undaunted, the raccoon rushed back into the battle. With a powerful swing of the snow shovel baseball bat fashion, I once again tried to bring this battle to an end. I connected with the raccoon and sent him flying about five feet. At this point the fight took an unexpected turn, the raccoon now came after me.

I took up a new defensive position, snow shovel out in front. The raccoon took a final fierce run at me. I popped the shovel up as the raccoon attacked, which made the raccoon do a back-flip and sent me to the ground square on my butt. My mind filled with fear; I was thinking, "this is no ordinary raccoon, can a raccoon kill a person or just maim them?" I began to scoot back-wards and my dress started to choke me. "This is it, it's going to get me," I thought. Just then my mother jumped into action and beat the already broken broom handle on the bed of my pick-up truck. The noise must have finally broken the fight or flight reaction of the raccoon because he then turned and looked at my mother and ran off. I still wonder how she did it, was the raccoon startled by the noise or was it the look in my mother's eyes that said, "I'm even crazier than her."

Director's Article

Each semester I receive requests to write a multitude of letters of recommendation for members of the OTC Honors Program. Often students rely on these recommendations as a part of competitive application or scholarship processes, and it is my privilege to write them. I do my very best to tout our students character and works; I strive to highlight their perseverance, determination, aptitude, service, and sacrifice among many other things. My goal is to show those whom select students for their programs and scholarships that OTC Honors Program students stand apart in philosophy and deed.

All Honors Program students are aware that I ask for a minimum two week advanced notice to write a student letter of recommendation. I want to time to research, write, edit, rewrite, and edit again before shipping out the final work. I understand the influence that these documents have and the importance they serve to our students who have worked very hard, so I want to use due diligence and get it right. I have a duty to get it right and do each one well.

Often times, deadlines creep up on students and I find them sheepishly approaching me a few days, if I am lucky, prior to the due date for the letter and requesting it. Many of you reading this have found yourselves in exactly that situation. This is far from the best situation for either the student or I, but to my knowledge I have never denied a student a letter of recommendation simply because they did not provide me with the requested two weeks advanced notice. I am not saying that will not someday happen, but to my knowledge it has not occurred yet. Nor have I shirked my duties regarding those last minute student requests. Even with limited time, I do all that I can to write a comprehensive letter of recommendation for each student, one that truthfully highlights their strengths. I feel that I have an obligation to each student, regardless of the circumstance, to do it well. This happens, not because I am exceptional, I assure you that I am not, but because when I accept to write the letter, I owe it to the student to do it well.

Remember that. If you choose to do it, do it well – whatever it is, regardless of the circumstance. You have a duty to fulfill when you agree to do anything. Things get crazy; you have limited resources, no time, are falling behind, and have an overwhelming to-do list. I get it. If you accept any task, any opportunity, any obligation, any duty, do it well. It matters to someone. It may not be the ideal situation, it might not be your preference, so be it. If you agree to do something, anything, then do it well. It is meaningful to someone out there; just ask all of those students who have used those letters of recommendation to continue their educational journey. Writing letters of recommendation is a small facet of my occupation, but to those who need one – especially in a hurry, that work is exceptionally important. Whatever you choose to do, do it well, regardless of the situation. It is not just about getting it done; it means something to someone, so do it well.

Thanks,

Todd Yerby

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Guess Which Officer is Which Baby

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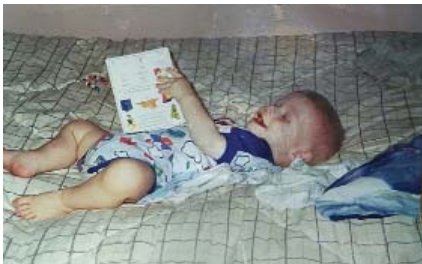
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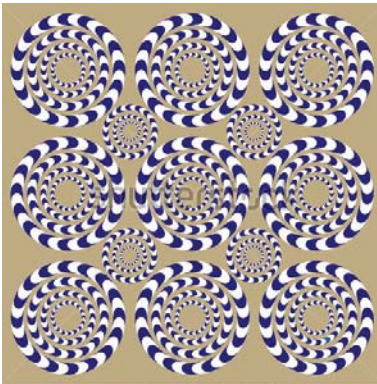


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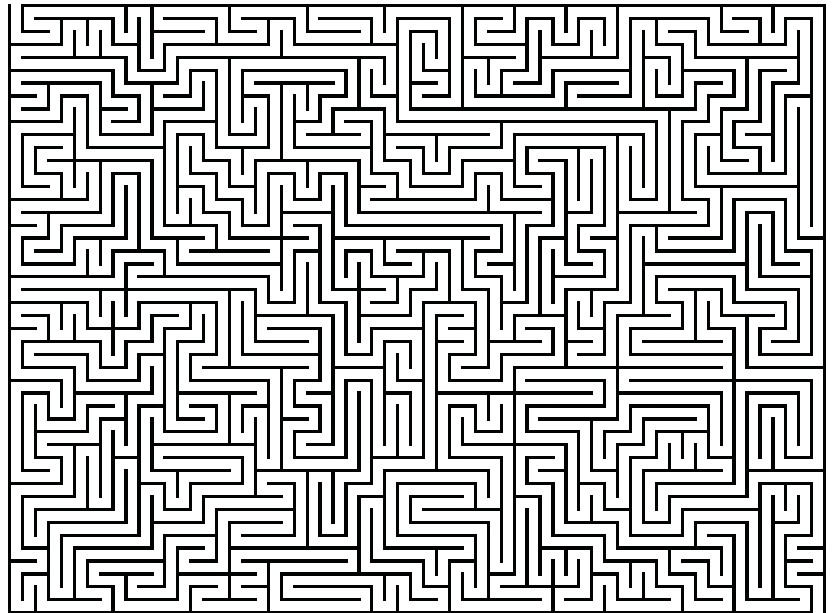
Riddle me this:

- What doesn't exist but has a name?
- How far can a fox run into a grove?
- What kind of coat is always wet when you put it on?

Optical Illusion



Maze



“Keep your face always toward the sunshine—and shadows will fall behind you.”

—Walt Whitman

