

HONORING TIMES

The Newsletter of the Snow College Honors Program

FALL HONORS TRIP Oedipus the King

In late September, some of the Honors students had the opportunity to travel to Provo to see a production of *Oedipus*. Overall, the trip was a success. Two students, Taylor Pike and Angus Macfarlane, share their experiences below.

Taylor Pike. The trip to see Oedipus the King was a memorable one for me. It was my first trip with

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the honors program, and I didn't really know what to expect. However I had a total blast. There was something about seeing a play with such major ancient history behind it that made it a unique experience. Being on that kind of an outing made me feel like I was a part of something noteworthy and good. The people who went on the trip were great too, and it was over the pizza dinner and on that bus ride home that I formed two great friendships that are still building today. It isn't every day that college students are offered an opportunity like our trip to see *Oedipus the King*.

Angus Macfarlane. The Snow College Honors program took a trip to see the Greek tragedy *Oedipus the King* performed at BYU. About thirty students attended. The Honors Program offers cultural experiences like this as part of its objective to provide out-of-class learning opportunities.

Oedipus the King is like Shakespearean tragedy gnawed to the bone. There was only one set, a few characters, minimal costume changes, and very few props. The audience was left to experience the raw intellectual and emotional fallout of the play.

The play chronicles the fall of Oedipus who has become king after unknowingly killing his father and marrying his mother in an ironic attempt to distance himself from a prophecy stating that he would kill his father and marry his mother. The play explores the possibility of escaping one's fate, the idea that our perception of the truth is sometimes our greatest weakness, and the value of friendship and religion.

The discussion continued at Pizza Factory and on the bus ride home. Prof. Nagwa Nawar of Egypt also accompanied the Honors Program on the trip.

BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR A SPRING HONORS CLASS!

Nov 7th 51+ credits

Nov 11th 33-50 credits

Nov. 14th 19-32 credits

Nov 19th 1-18 credits

Nov 25th for 0 credits

If you have any questions regarding honors classes, please e-mail Professor David Allred (David.Allred@snow.edu). A list of spring honors classes is available on the honors website as well.

THE NEXT STEP: SUU

This year we will be highlighting 4-year honors programs that welcome Snow honors students.

For many honors students, Snow is only the first stop on an educational journey. After they complete their time here, there are so many different schools to consider. One school to consider is Southern Utah University, just south of here in Cedar City, Utah. SUU is a fully accredited 4-year university with an awesome honors program. Snow College honors student Haley Reed was given the opportunity to join a SUU honors trip to Salt Lake at the beginning of October. She was able to ask questions to some of their honors students. Here's what Malori Crossley, a senior and English major at SUU, had to say:

What part of your honors program do you like the most?

“The Partners in the Parks program is something Snow students can participate in right now if they wanted to, because it is a nation-wide program sponsored through us. Professor Nickerson actually came up with the idea, and we have now been running the program for about eight years. We take honors students from all over the country and spend a week with them in one of the national parks—like Zion, the Grand Canyon, the Everglades, and so on—learning about what the rangers do, why the park service is important, and our legacy of natural resources. You can get an idea about each of the individual projects at <http://partnersintheparks.org>. It's definitely an eye-opening and engaging experiential education opportunity; I went to Great Basin National Park in 2011, and it was definitely one of those unforgettable growing experiences. We got to work with the rangers in the park, collecting data samples—both from streams and rattlesnakes—learning about the water distribution debate out there, and participating in the discussion about the importance of preserving the national parks.

Our Honors faculty and staff really make our honors program stand apart. Like at Snow, we get one-on-one interaction with our professors and are able to

develop a good rapport with them. I think it is crucial to have at least one professor you can work with and develop a professional relationship, through completing honors contracts and taking their courses (both honors and regular), in order to be successful in achieving what you want to achieve. In my experience, the professors have been influential in helping me shape my vision of what I want to accomplish and how to get there; they provide valuable feedback and refinement to each experience. The other aspects of our Honors program—the student community and the MAD lectures, the research grants and travel to conference—a lot of ways depends upon our professors. Without these great professors, we wouldn't be able to do a lot of the cool things we are able to do.”

What do you think is really cool about SUU's honors program?

“I think the breadth of interests and people we get to associate with is really cool. The students who make up the Honors program are a pretty diverse group and they tend to be the ones who are involved in/start up other clubs on campus. Because we are so diverse, we get to try all sorts of things and experiment freely. Professor Nickerson's motto is “Say ‘yes’ whenever you can,” which has provided us with undergraduate research grants and opportunities to present at conferences.

Several students have been able to conduct research they would have been unable to complete on their own funds or means. For example, we sent one student to California for a week to study amphibians and then were able to help her purchase water heaters for her research in an SUU lab on tadpoles' ability to adapt to extreme temperatures. We were also able to send a student to Wisconsin to present her work in the geology field and check out a grad school. One of the best experiences we ever had was when we were able to send one of our students to present her paper at the

premier Shakespeare conference in the nation after her abstract had been accepted and approved. Conferences where you can present your research and ideas are such a great experience to prepare for graduate work, and you get the chance to meet other students from honors programs near us. I just get so excited to hear about what other people are excited about; you really come away from these projects feeling more enthused about your own work.”

Why should Snow students think about coming to SUU and joining your honors program?

“I think that Snow students should definitely think about coming to SUU and joining our Honors Program because we still offer the benefits you enjoy at Snow—the smaller class sizes, the intimate setting, great professors—and the benefits of a larger honors program in being able to enable you to do what you love... We also have a great benefit of having priority registration and the ability to develop an individualized learning experience through interactions with our faculty and staff.”

SUU’s Honors Program Director, Professor Nickerson, also had a message specifically for Snow College students.

“The SUU Honors Program will allow you to complete a four-year degree while experiencing the small-town, close-knit campus and personable professors that you have come to enjoy while at Snow College. As upper division honors students you will have a great opportunity to pursue research, work one-on-one with your favorite faculty and participate in honors cultural and social activities. We are big enough to offer more research and creative opportunities but small enough for you tailor your education toward your

own personal interests and passion. It’s a quality undergraduate experience unique in Utah. Oh, and did I mention the special scholarship available to Snow College Honors students? \$500 towards books/fees to get you started off right. Join SUU Honors, we're looking forward to having you.”

SUU has some exciting benefits and awesome activities especially for their Honors student. SUU would be a good choice for any student looking for somewhere to transfer after Snow. For more information, please visit the school’s website at SUU.edu/honors/

HIGHLIGHTS OF SUU’S HONORS PROGRAM

PARTNERS IN THE PARKS

Students partner with national parks to further their education.

MAD LECTURES

Professors get to teach you about a topic they are passionate about.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONFERENCES

Students get money to conduct research and take projects to conferences.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SUU has scholarships especially for Snow honors students.

“SAY ‘YES’ WHENEVER YOU CAN”

Professor Nickerson wants to give students every opportunity possible.

PHOTOS FROM THE SPRING HONORS CLASS PREVIEW



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Professor Smith enjoying refreshments. Professor Allred talking to Karly Willes. Professor Brooks talking to Angus Macfarlane.

HONORS PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honors Classes: Registration is upon us so remember to sign up for your spring honors class. The list of classes can be found at snow.edu/honors/images/courses.pdf. Remember, you need 12 credits of honors classes to graduate with honors.

Honors Thesis Defenses: The Honors Thesis class will be holding their defenses in early December in the library auditorium. It is open to all students and the community.

Presentation for Honors 2851: The Honors Information class will be holding their presentations at the end of November and beginning of December. Details will be coming.

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