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Weekly Update

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Choose Your Own Adventure

A letter from Miriam Dance, UHP Instructor/Coordinator

Recently, I was in the car with my family and I could hear my son chuckling in the back seat. I asked what was so funny and he said he was reading a "choose your own adventure" story, which was taking a few unexpected turns. I'm sure most of us know that in "choose your own adventure" stories the reader is the protagonist who gets to actively play along by making choices that create twists and turns in the plot and affect the final outcome of the story.

I started to laugh with my son as we discussed how life is like a "choose your own adventure" story, but sometimes it's hard to tell if you're the one in control or if there is a reader somewhere out there who dictates what happens next as we play the characters in a story.

As entertaining as it is to think that there could be someone in another dimension making all of our major decisions, I'm glad to say that we are the ones who play the key role in what happens next, even though life may not always end up the way we thought, planned or hoped it would.

We have the chance to create our own adventure story every day as we make choices, big and small. While many of those choices don't change the direction of our lives, there are key moments when we encounter options that will change our trajectory forever. My uncle calls it "changing the fate of the game."

He loves to play games and whenever something occurs that's out of sync with the rules, like an extra card being drawn or a turn being accidentally skipped, my uncle would always comment that the fate of the game has changed. Sometimes we can backtrack and fix the issue, but that's rare because we can't unknow what we've mistakenly discovered.

One of the best parts of being intelligent, proactive, motivated, intentional, dreaming human beings is we get to change the fate of our game. We get to choose our own adventure. We don't have to follow expectations that may have been set for us. We get to use what we've learned to determine the best course for our future.

This is the time of year when many of our stories take a turn and we embark on new adventures. Some of us are graduating and beginning a new career or starting a graduate program. Some of us are making plans to continue our academic journey through summer courses or research. Some of us are taking time to recharge for the fall semester - financially or personally. And I'll be starting a new adventure right along with you as I take a new position with ISU's Office of Marketing and Communications at the end of this semester.

I feel privileged to have been a part of the Honors Program. I have loved working with the amazing students, faculty and staff that make this program extraordinary. I am truly sad that my time in the

Honors Program will be short, but my sincere belief in and support of the Honors Program will go on indefinitely, knowing that the program will continue to grow with fantastic leadership and outstanding faculty and staff.

As I leave, my wish for all of you is that whatever your new adventure is, however you may change the fate of your game, may you pursue it with passion, openness, intention, curiosity and joy.

Volunteers Needed!

Bengal Visit Day is back! ISU needs student volunteers to help with this year's Bengal Visit Day, which invites potential students and their families to visit campus for the day and enjoy activities.

You can volunteer for part of the day or all of it, and in exchange for your help, you'll receive a t-shirt and a sweatshirt to wear on the day of the event.

Visit the link to sign up to volunteer:

https://isu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d7jrC720yTdW9dY

Female Entrepreneur of the Year

We want to say a huge congratulations to our very own Honors student Channing Mitson, who was named ISU's 2022 Female Entrepreneur of the Year!

Please check out this video from the College of Business on her here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12TGnBl3SA34diQ2Qj6qovlAUpK9dtZ6l/view?ts=624ddf52>

Scholarships!

Check out the links below for new scholarship opportunities for honors students from the National Collegiate Honors Council.

Portz Scholars Competition

<https://www.nchchonors.org/students/awards-scholarships/portz-scholars>

Honors Newsletter Competition

<https://www.nchchonors.org/students/awards-scholarships/honors-newsletter>

Freddye T Davy Scholarship

<https://www.nchchonors.org/students/awards-scholarships/davy>

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UHP Club Events

April

- 21** Sales Competition | 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM | BA 506
Come join the sales competition for a chance to win up to \$1000
- 22** Floats and Votes | 5:00 PM | Rendezvous Planetarium
Come enjoy root beer floats and vote for our University Program officers for next year.
- 29** End of Year Celebration | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Cadet Field
Keep an eye out for more details!

Floats and Votes

Honors Family,

As we quickly approach the end of the year, we plan on holding our annual club elections at the end of April, beginning with Floats and Votes on April 22nd at 5pm where all candidates are expected to give a speech, followed by rootbeer floats. To that end, the application to run for a club office is now open, and will close on April 16th at 11:59pm. All Honors students are eligible to run for officer positions as long as they are in good standing with the club (i.e. have attended an event every semester). The following are the position descriptions for club officers, and the application can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/mScLajLgF9bUdQAN6>.

President:

1. To preside at all meetings of the UHP Club.
2. To enforce the Constitution, By-Laws, and other regulations of the UHP Club.
3. To appoint sub-committee heads.
4. To recommend to the UHP Club the probation or dismissal of any members not performing their duties.
5. To call special meetings.
6. To serve as a student representative for the University Honors Program (Bi-Annual Honors Meetings attendance is mandatory).
7. To Authorize expenditures not requiring membership vote (less than \$1000)

Vice President:

- To preside at all meetings of the UHP Club in the absence of the President.
- To enforce the Constitution, By-Laws, and other regulations of the UHP Club.
- To appoint sub-committee heads in the absence of the President.
- To recommend to the UHP Club the probation or dismissal of any members not performing their duties in the absence of the President.
- To call special meetings in the absence of the President.
- To serve as a student representative for the University Honors Program in the absence of the President (Bi-Annual Honors Meetings attendance is mandatory).
- To authorize expenditures not requiring membership vote in the absence of the president (less than \$1000).
- To assist all committees and keep the president informed of their progress.
- To serve as parliamentarian (be knowledgeable of Roberts rules of order).

Secretary:

1. To ensure that a list of goals for each subcommittee be on file in the Honors office and the Involvement Center.
2. To keep a permanent record of all minutes and committee reports for the UHP Club.
3. To keep an accurate and alphabetical roster of all members of the UHP Club eligible to vote.
4. To ensure distribution of mail from the UHP Club.
5. To ensure communications between the UHP Club president and all honors students.

Treasurer:

1. To keep an accurate record of all financial transactions of the UHP Club.
2. To deposit and expend funds of the UPH Club. Withdrawal of funds from the UHP Club account will require two signatures: a faculty advisor, and a designated officer of the UHP Club.
3. In conjunction with the president, execute the appropriate process in order to request and obtain funds from the ASISU.
4. To fill out proper paperwork for all checks and/or approvals for the expenditure of funds by the UHP Club.

Historian:

1. To have full knowledge of the UHP Club constitution.
2. Must have served as an Honors officer or Envoy Member in a previous academic year. Envoy is a leadership CPI through the Honors Program.
3. Attend all meetings and events.
4. To have full knowledge of UHP Club's officers' duties and responsibilities.
5. To help new officers establish themselves and acquire the proper training to fulfill their roles in the UHP Club.