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The Pinnacle: Destination Known



**FALL
2017**

Nam et ipsa scientia potestas est.

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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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OFFICERS WANTED!

Want to be an Honors Officer next year? Contact us now!



HONORS OFFICE:

ICE # 352
*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 Festivities

Alyssa's Mom's Infamous Homemade Hot Chocolate



Ingredients:

- 2 cups of milk
- 1/4 cup of Hershey's cocoa
- 1 cup of half and half
- 1/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 heaping TBS Nutella
- 1/4 heaping tsp. espresso powder
- 1/8 tsp. fresh nutmeg
- pinch of salt
- 1 tsp vanilla or vanilla paste
- 1/4 tsp. almond flavoring

Instructions:

Simmer first 9 ingredients in a pot on the stove. Once all are one mixture, add the vanilla and almond flavoring. Stir. Serve with whipped cream and a drizzle of hot fudge. Enjoy!

Serves 2 to 4 people

Bonfire Bonanza: Campbell's Maze Daze

On October 25th, several honors students gathered at Campbell's Corn Maze for a night filled with an over-the-fire dinner and endless circles deep within the maze. As the entrance fee for all maze-goers was graciously covered by the Honors Program, any and all honors students were invited for a free night of fun. After everyone arrive, students roasted hotdogs and s'mores, a luxurious combo.



Once stomachs were stuffed, everyone headed over to the first maze of the night. Most meandered their way through fairly quickly, however, there were two other mazes left unconquered.

On the other side of the property, the two other mazes (an 8 acre and a 4 acre) sat and mocked the honors students. These honors students would not let their fear overcome them. A brave group of warriors chose the 8 acre, and although it took them nearly an hour (or what felt like an hour), they bested the beast with feelings of satisfaction and exhaustion. (I will not mention that after two failed attempts, the group split at each entrance and met in the middle. It wasn't cheating, honors students don't cheat).



After accomplishing the near-impossible, everyone headed back to home base during the second hayride of the night. It may have taken a few days to completely get the smell of bonfire smoke out of their hair, but the night was well worth it. Friendships grew (or were made), and laughter made its way into the ears of everyone present. The honors students were able to take their one thing in common, school, and make it something even more memorable than a classroom.

Your Fall 2017 Honors Officers

Rachel Stobbe - President

Name by choice: Lexi
#1 favorite thing to do: Eat McDonalds
favorite book/movie: Stuck in Love
Ultimate Career Goal: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
favorite 64 crayon box color: Periwinkle

Alyssa Everett - VP of Fundraising

Name by choice: Lennon
#1 favorite thing to do: Read fiction
favorite book/movie: Fahrenheit 451
Ultimate Career Goal: Editor for a major publisher
favorite 64 crayon box color: Robin's Egg Blue

Kylee Miles - VP of Community Involvement

Name by choice: Kianna
#1 favorite thing to do: Playing Catch
favorite book/movie: Rot and Ruin
Ultimate Career Goal: To have my own sustainable farm
favorite 64 crayon box color: Teal

Lane Williamson - VP of Public Relations

Name by choice: Captain Falcon
#1 favorite thing to do: Play Rocket League
favorite book/movie: Eragon the book
Ultimate Career Goal: Financial Advisor for a fortune 500 company
favorite 64 crayon box color: Brick Red

Stephanie Boscatto - VP of Activities

Name by choice: Sticking with Stephanie
#1 favorite thing to do: Play Basketball
favorite book/movie: The Rescue by Nicolas Sparks
Ultimate Career Goal: Surgical Technician
favorite 64 crayon box color: Ocean Blue

Dayton Kingore - Treasurer

Name by choice: Daniel
#1 favorite thing to do: Eat
favorite book/movie: Fight Club
Ultimate Career Goal: Successful House Husband
favorite 64 crayon box color: Aquamarine

Bailey Adamik - Secretary

Name by choice: Molly
#1 favorite thing to do: Pottery
favorite book/movie: I <3 You, You Haunt Me
Ultimate Career Goal: Occupational Therapist
favorite 64 crayon box color: Cerulean



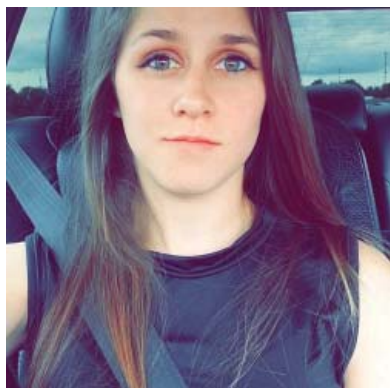
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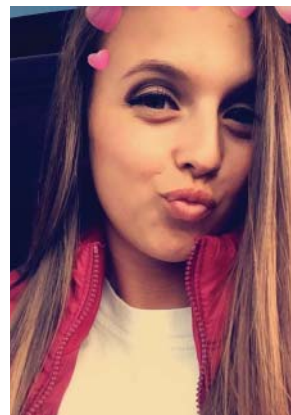
DAYTON



LANE



STEPHANIE



BAILEY

Honors Events



FALL 2017 ORIENTATION

This year's orientation was another great one. Mr Yerby did a phenomenal job leading the meeting and providing important information on the upcoming school year. This year, we participated in a campus-wide scavenger hunt created by the officers. The winners won OTC Swag Bags filled with all sorts of goodies. We ended the meeting by eating some delicious pizza while listening to some of our peers give their Honors Service presentations.



COMING UP...

SPRING ORIENTATION

**January 20th
2018
10 AM-1PM**

HONORS CONFERENCE

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

Viktoriiia Hryshchenko: Exchange Student

Hi! My name is Viktoriiia Hryshchenko. Originally, I am from Ukraine, but the last few years I have spent in the United States. I was an exchange student in Marshfield High School in 2014-2015. That year I got accepted to OTC, became an international student and started my career path in Spring of 2016. I am pursuing a Behavioral Science degree, with the plan of transferring to a 4-year university. Let me tell you my story of being a foreign student here, in Springfield Missouri.

After studying in OTC for 4 semesters, I noticed being an international student is quite challenging. After I talk to people, the most common question they ask is, "Where are you from?" After telling them that I am from Ukraine people divide into 3 categories: "Oh, cool", "It should be very warm for you here, huh?" and "I think I know where it is". I love all the responses I hear.

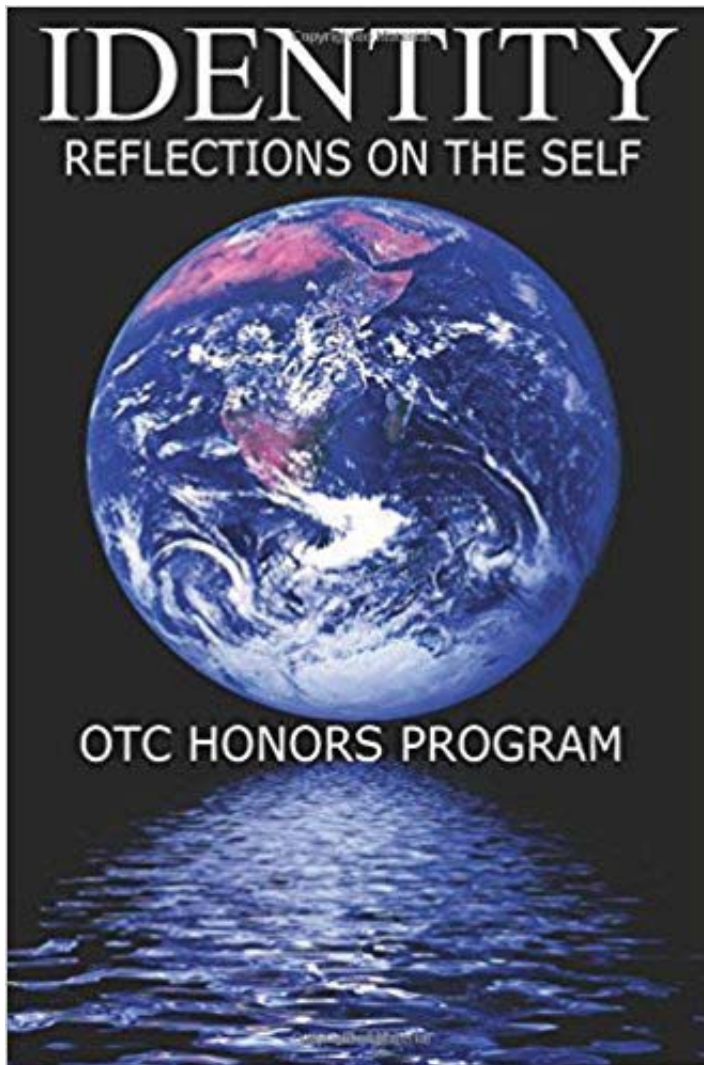
Mostly people are nice to you when they hear the accent. However, sometimes it is more a challenge rather than a benefit. I remember sitting next to a classroom, where there was a note saying that my class was cancelled. I saw it, but I had a gap for about an hour and a half, so I just sat next to the classroom. My classmate came, looked at the note and stood in front of me. "Hey, the class is cancelled" – she said. I responded to her, "Okay". "No, no, you don't understand. The class is cancelled. The teacher won't be here today. You can go" – she said. I told her that I understood, so she started repeating again "Nooo, nooo, you don't understand. Class, our class (stretching the sounds) is caaaaaancelled. You can go home now". I looked at her, she looked at me and then she left. Till this day, I am still confused because I knew that the class was cancelled, I just wanted to sit next to the classroom.

Another part of being an international student is stereotypes. I don't know as far as others, but I totally enjoy them. A lot of people confuse Ukraine with a part of Russia (it is not a part of Russia, Ukraine is a separate country) and I get a lot of questions like, "Do you have a lot of snow during summer?" (No, the climate is the same as Missouri), "You are not a spy, are you?" (Definitely, I am not; even if I were, I would not tell you that). During the years, I have heard so many questions about my country but questions "Do you have ghosts in Ukraine?" and "Do you have electricity there?" are my favorite. We do have electricity (Ukraine is a quite civilized country), and as far as ghosts I am still looking for the answer...

Besides a few exceptions, being a student from another country is great! Just remember that we, international students, do understand English (not always, but most of the time) and we are nice! If there is something that we don't say in a proper manner – correct us; if there is something that you don't understand – ask us; if there is something we do wrong – teach us.

Identity: The Honors Book

Mr. Turner's Honors English 102 class of the 2017 Spring Semester did something that was no small feat. With their combined efforts, they put together a World Masterpiece book, *Identity: Reflections on the Self*. The book is available for purchase on Amazon for any who would like to journey into the minds of a diverse group of individuals who have very unique views on the sense of self.



Identity, Reflections on the Self is a collection of essays written by student-authors in the Honors Program at Ozarks Technical Community College. These reflections on the topics of identity and the notion of self come from a range of perspectives as diverse as the writers themselves, including philosophical, psychological, biological, theological, social and historical interpretations.



2017 Honors Student Graduates



Congratulations to the wonderful students who graduated in 2017 with honors:

**Sarah Buxton
Davis Collins
Thai Dinh
Jon Donigan
Stephanie Lundstrom
Jacqueline Ratcliffe**

**Andrea Savage
Kathy Sheldahl
Wade Southwell
Karen Wilson
Hannah Winder
Leora Yates**



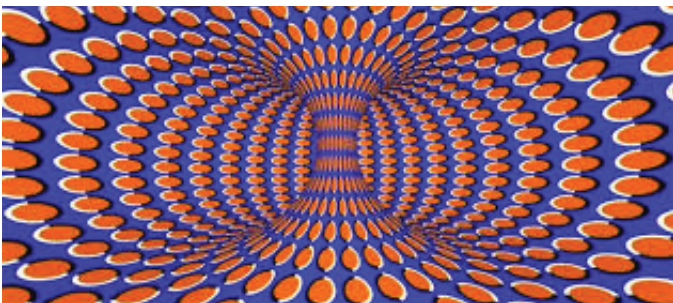
MENTAL BREAK



Riddle me this:

- What dries as it gets wet?
- What two things can you never eat for breakfast?
- When is 99 more than 100?

Optical Illusion



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We can complain that rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice that thorn bushes have roses
- Abraham Lincoln

