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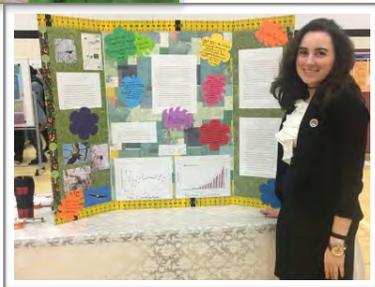
NEWS: Caldwell Research and Creative Arts Day

On April 26, 2017, Caldwell University hosted its first annual research and creative arts day to showcase undergraduate and graduate accomplishments. In this year's event, sixteen Caldwell University Honors students presented research they completed for their final Honors project. The topics were diverse, including Alondra Sanchez Solano's project (pictured above) "Evaluating the





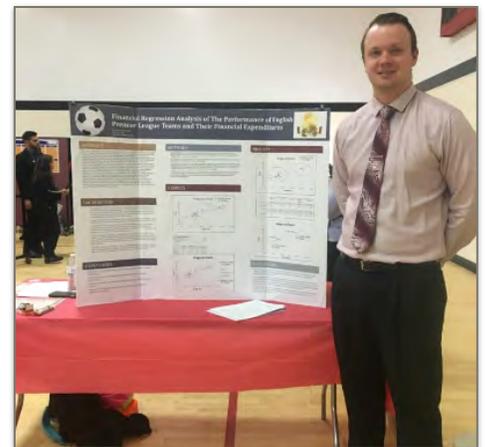
Relationship Between Postpartum Depression and Parental Attachment Patterns in Children with Socioemotional Deficits.” Alondra will continue research this fall as a graduate student in Caldwell University’s Applied Behavior Analysis program. Maxine Alonso (pictured upper left) completed her research project, “Reaching into the good



book: A method of reducing stigma of psychological disorders with religion.” Additionally, Gabriella Armalar (pictured upper center left) completed a “Comparative Statistical Analysis of the Endangerment of the Bald Eagle.” Other



topics included “South Africa Post-Apartheid: Truth Without Reconciliation” (Sylvia Riley, pictured upper right), “Financial Regression Analysis of the Performance of English Premier League Teams and their Financial



Expenditures.” (Sieuwerd Blankenstein, pictured lower right), “A Portrayal of Female Athletes in the Media,” (Randall Stafford, pictured lower center left), and a project on “Improving US Healthcare, One Statistic at a Time” by Emily Romero (pictured lower left).

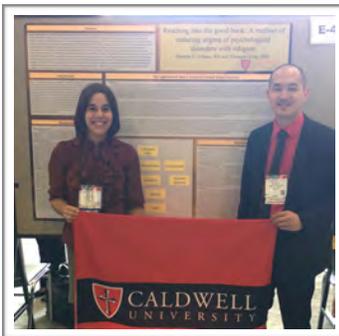


Phi Kappa Phi New Inductees:

The Caldwell University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi inducted thirty-four new members this past spring, including Honors Program students Michelle Eng, Theresa Henry, David Jones, Michelle Mayer, Jessica Mitchell, Lisa Paradiso, Shyam Sharma, and Tulaja Shrestha. We congratulate the new members of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest, most selective and prestigious all-discipline honor society.

RECENT SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES:

In the first week of August, Dr. Ling (associate dean in the School of Psychology and Counseling) and fourteen students from Caldwell University attended the American Psychological Association's convention in Washington, D.C. Honors Program students Maxine Alonso ('17), Elizabeth Kocis ('18), and Allison Osorio ('18) were among those who participated. Maxine Alonso (below left and center with Dr. Ling) was one of seven students selected to present her research. In addition, she along with fellow Honors student Elizabeth Kocis (pictured below right and center), presented in the session "Lost in Translation—A Road Map for Developing a Multicultural Competence in the Real World." Regarding her experience in this professional setting, Maxine stated the convention was both "exciting and stimulating" and it helped her grow professionally. Both will continue to pursue graduate studies in psychology: Maxine will begin the program in Mental Health Counseling this fall and Elizabeth will complete her bachelor's degree this academic year and will begin the graduate program in Art Therapy at Caldwell University next fall, 2018.



IN OTHER NEWS... Emily Romero ('17) participated in the Anxiety and Depression Association of America's annual conference held on April 6-9, 2017 in San Francisco, CA. Emily and her research partner Svea Joaquina (BA from University of California, Berkeley) under the guidance of Dr. Jennifer Sumner (instructor of medical sciences) presented research completed last summer in Columbia University's Biostatistics and Epidemiology Summer Program. Their project entailed using biostatistics to assess aspects of the public health and biomedical fields. The opportunity to attend a professional conference as an undergraduate was very rewarding for Emily. She noted, "I can truly say attending the ADAA conference changed my life. Not only was I given the opportunity to present the research I worked on at Columbia University to public health experts, but I was also able to attend workshops to learn about the latest research." Emily will continue to pursue studies in public health this fall at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES:

Huong Nguyen (right), a sophomore majoring in communications and marketing, completed an internship with ELSA, Corp. in Vietnam. The company, based in San Francisco, CA, develops mobile applications that helps speakers correctly pronounce words in the English language. As an intern, Huong worked on the company's social media channel, helping to create content that would attract new users. Huong was also given the opportunity to work with e-mail marketing and data analytics used to assess audience responses to social media. Of her experience she remarked, "The most valuable lesson that I learned in ELSA is self-awareness, knowing who I am, where I am standing and what I need to do for my career. Having an internship after my freshman year was an extraordinary opportunity."



On August 16, 2017, Kornelia Paszcza (left), a sophomore majoring in financial economics and accounting, participated in the Global Summit for Young Leaders at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Sponsored by the International Young Leaders Assembly, the summit addressed ways to "empower young leaders to positively impact their communities, nations, and the world." Kornelia found the summit to be both inspirational and informational. She remarked, "I think that it's great for students to attend events like this one because you can meet people outside of Caldwell that are working in the financial field." Kornelia believes networking at this event helped further her career plans of becoming a CPA and working in financial management and consulting.

Chelsie Deusa, a senior majoring in political science and communications, spent a few weeks this past summer at the Saleeby and Cox law firm in South Carolina. While there she had the opportunity to shadow attorneys as they met with clients; she also accompanied attorneys as they visited clients in detention centers and prisons, and she witnessed court trials. Chelsea will graduate in May of 2018 (a year early) and she plans to attend law school. This experience helped further that goal.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES:



This past summer Shreyoshi Hossain and Prithy Adhikary, (left) sophmores majoring in biology and chemistry, returned to their home in Bangladesh where they completed an internship in the Lab Medicine Department of the renowned Apollo Hospital in the capital of Dhaka. The internship lasted for two months and during that time they worked in the biochemistry lab, the microbiology lab, and the hematology lab where they learned how medical tests were performed; they collected and centrifuged blood samples, analyzed samples in automated machines and prepared reports.” For Prithy the most interesting part of the internship was found in the



Microbiology Department where she “incubated bacteria in petri dishes and learned all the steps needed to obtain accurate results.” She stated, “the whole experience gave me a deeper understanding of the importance of biology and chemistry at a professional level.” The internship confirmed her desire to pursue research.



Elizabeth Kocis, (above) a junior majoring in psychology and art, completed an internship at Camp Pegasus. Located in Pennsylvania, the day school camp teaches social skills to children who are on the autism spectrum or have other disabilities. Elizabeth, working with a certified art therapist, created art activities and directives for groups of children with various levels of functioning. Elizabeth also had the opportunity to meet each week with a clinical team to address difficulties that arose and then work toward solutions.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES:



Roksana Korbi, (left and right) a sophomore majoring in biology, completed the PULSE program at the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, New Jersey. The program, which lasted for six weeks, provided Roksana with a deeper understanding of science, issues in health care, and medical procedures. For example, she had the opportunity to “learn about health disparities that exist for people in economically disadvantaged communities.”

Additionally, she (and two other PULSE program participants) worked at The Neighborhood Center in Camden, NJ, which is a nonprofit organization that offers various after school programs. While there, she and her fellow interns also completed research on the urban farm located behind the center. They presented their research findings on the last day of the program. About the program, Rossana stated, “Being part of PULSE was a privilege and now I am more aware of the steps I need to take to get into medical school.... PULSE brought me a step closer to achieving my goal.” She looks forward to returning next summer for phase two of the program.



This past summer Colleen Lashley, a sophomore nursing major, completed phase I of the Northeast Regional Alliance Medical Prep Program at Rutgers Medical School in Newark, NJ. Colleen took classes in organic biochemistry, physics, and communications. The program also offered students the opportunity to attend a medical fair where participants could talk to representatives from various medical schools. Program participants toured medical units in the hospital. The most rewarding part for Colleen was “the connections made with the program director, the many physicians and nurses that spoke to the group.” The program gave her a better understanding of what applying for and being in medical school entails.

Heba Bou Karroum, (right) a junior majoring in communications, returned home to Lebanon this past summer to work as a digital intern at Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation International. Heba worked directly with the digital producer in research, edit and upload on LBCI’s Instagram page. She was also given the opportunity to draft a report that assessed the effectiveness of the social media. Due to her success, she was offered a production internship at Al Roker Entertainment this fall. Heba is “really looking forward to being part of the process involved in producing television and internet programming .”



PAST ACTIVITIES:



CULTURAL EXPERIENCE: In the fall of 2016, students in the Honors program (left) enjoyed a walking tour of lower Manhattan. Guided by a local historian, students learned about the history, culture, and development of Wall Street, Trinity Church, and the surrounding area. This was followed by a guided tour of the 9/11 memorial and a visit to the adjacent museum.

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE: On April 29, 2017 students in the Honors Program visited the Brooklyn Botanical Garden (right) to see the annual flowering of the cherry blossom trees and to enjoy the many festivities. After students enjoyed a group lunch, many visited the adjacent Brooklyn Museum of Art while others toured the local shops in the neighborhood of Park Slope.



DAY OF SERVICE: On October 4, 2016 students, faculty, and staff took part in Caldwell University's annual day of community service, which is in keeping with living one of the four pillars of the Dominican tradition. Honors students (above left and right) worked together in the Community Food Bank of New Jersey where they sorted and packaged foods and household items provided to people in need.



BOOK CLUB: Honors students and Dr. Sanchez (left) gathered to discuss Julia Alvarez's *In the Time of Butterflies* at the first book club meeting in the fall of 2017.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

JOIN US:

On Friday, September 8th from 8:00-9:00 in the Cougar Den. While you are enjoying coffee, bagels, and pastries, we will cover what's new and upcoming in the Honors Program. Please R.S.V.P. to KKornacki@caldwell.edu if you plan to attend.



T-SHIRTS ARE IN:

If you haven't already picked up one, please see Dr. Kornacki in Viceglia 245 during office hours to select a long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt.



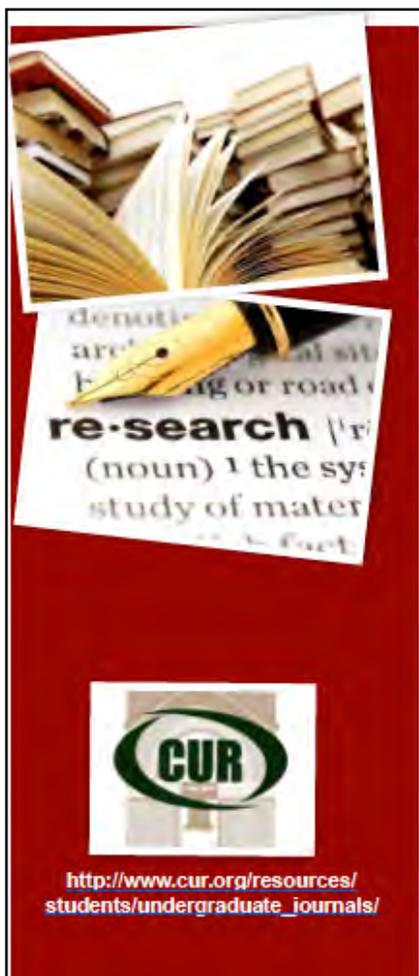
UPCOMING EVENTS:



This fall Honors students will have the opportunity to experience more of the history and culture of New York and New Jersey. If you are interested in attending, look for further announcements from Dr. Kornacki.

Additionally, we offer an Honors Program Book Club. The club meets about twice a semester during the activity hour. The discussion is led by Dr. Sánchez (assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages). If you'd like join the discussion (and enjoy free pizza), please let Dr. Kornacki know.

OPPORTUNITIES:



Caldwell University will hold its second annual CRAcad in April of 2018. Announcements will follow in the spring, but if you would like more information now contact Dr. Agnes Berki, ABerki@caldwell.edu



The Council on Undergraduate Research lists research and publication opportunities for undergraduates. On their website (http://www.cur.org/resources/students/undergraduate_journals/) you will find a list of journals and short descriptions of the discipline or research published within each journal. Below you will find a small sample of their offerings. We would encourage you to consider submitting your research, including your Honors project. As always, the Honors Committee is here to help in that process, so please feel free to contact Dr. Katie Kornacki—KKornacki@caldwell.edu.

MULTI-DICIPLINE JOURNAL:

American Journal of Undergraduate Research:

(AJUR) is a national, independent, peer-reviewed, open-source, no-cost-to-authors quarterly multidisciplinary student research journal.

HUMANITIES:

Proto: Undergraduate Humanities Journal—Loyola University

This journal welcomes scholarly articles and creative non-fiction messages from undergraduates enrolled in mid-Atlantic area institutions. (MD, PA, DE, VA, DC, NJ)

SCIENCES:

Columbia Undergraduate Science Journal—Columbia University

This peer-reviewed, open-access academic publication is committed to publishing manuscripts of the highest scholarship resulting from significant research or outstanding scientific analysis.

BUSINESS:

Edinburgh Napier Journal of Finance & Economics—Edinburgh Napier University

The journal publishes outstanding student papers from universities around the world, covering a variety of topics related to finance and economics.

PSYCHOLOGY:

Journal of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences—Fairleigh Dickinson University. *JPBS* is an annual periodical published by the Psychological and Counseling Department of FDC.

Other Opportunities:

—The annual Northeast Regional Honors Council conference will be held in Providence, Rhode Island from April 11th-15th, 2018. This year's theme is a "A Lively Experiment: Seeing Anew," which is "about having the courage, the knowledge, and a sound research methodology to challenge old belief systems." The call for papers, therefore, seeks scholarship that provides each author's "thoughts" and/or "new perspectives" on established ideas. If you would like to participate you must submit a proposal between September 10th and November 19th. For more information see <http://nrhchonors.org/2018-conference/>

—As always the National Collegiate Honors Council offers opportunities for students to present research at a national level. For more information see <https://www.nchchonors.org/students>