

## FIDES ET RATIO

## The Freshman, Perspective

The Freshman Orientation Newsletter for John Wesley Scholars



ASHLEY WHITNEY HCSA PRESIDENT 2006-07

### Welcome JWHC Class of 2011!

As I speak for the graduated class of 2007, I want to wish you only the best. The four years will go faster than you can imagine. Don't miss out.

One of the biggest pieces of advice that I can give is to be involved. Not only in the Honors College but in all aspects of college. You get out of the experience what you give. As for the Honors College, it has many wonderful opportunities and spectacular people that you definitely do not want to miss out. Take part in the

chapel services or the service projects. By taking part in events, you make more friends and learn more about the people whom you sit next to in class.

The next four years are what you make them. I just have a few more pieces of advice. Study hard but also have tons of fun. Grades are important but so are the relationships that you are building. Take time to get to know your professors. They

are brilliant and have so much to offer you. Be yourself. College is a time to be who you want to be. You are unique and have qualities that no one else does so show them off.

Finally, Love God. As Honors students, I know you have a great head on your shoulders so use your mind and intelligence in a way to glorify the one who made you. We, as a senior class, will be thinking about you and praying for you.

Much love, Ashley Whitney



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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW HCSA PRESIDENT...

Hey guys!

Welcome to Indiana
Wesleyan and to the John
Wesley Honors College. My
name is Jade and I am
the president of the Honors
College Student Association
Senate, which is a group of
students that organizes activities for John Wesley scholars. We have many events
each semester, ranging from
alternative chapels and
book clubs to community
service projects and cook-

outs with professors. You'll find that the Honors College is a great community on the campus of IWU. It will bring you into contact with people you might not ordinarily meet and give you chances to do things that are fun and new. I hope you'll take advantage of the opportunities presented to you as a member of the JWHC and that it will help you make the most out of your learning experience at Indiana Wesleyan. I look forward to

getting to know you and please feel free to contact me or any of the office staff if you have questions or comments. Best wishes as you begin your first year!

Sincerely,

Jade Avelis



JADE AVELIS HCSA PRESIDENT 2007-08

### MEET THE HCSA (HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION)

### **BOARD**

Want to be on Honors College Senate representing your class?

We will take nominations the first week of classes, so get to know each other during freshman orientation weekend! Once nominated, we will confirm with the nominee whether or not they accept their nomination. And feel free to nominate yourself! We do everything via your student email account, so make sure you are checking it daily for Honors College info and the Weekly Update!

Once we've received all the nominations, an email is sent out to all Freshman. You vote for your top 3 candidates. The winners are announced via email and the Honors College President, Jade Avelis, will follow up with each Freshman Senator

> **BEST OF LUCK TO** YOU!



HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



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BRIAN BITHER HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT



KATE COOK HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

### **SENATE**

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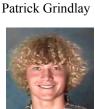


Steve Hands

Andrea Rahman

Joel Yoshonis





Matthew Nygaard



Erin Suplinskas

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Mel Nishimura



Chika Nwulu



Lauren Sheehan

### AT LARGE



Jessica Logan (SO)



Vanessa Stebleton (SR)



Laura Walker (SR)



### MEET THE DIRECTOR, DR. DAVID RIGGS

Dr. Riggs joined the IWU community in 2000. In addition to his duties as the Director of the John Wesley Honors College, Dr. Riggs teaches courses in history, religion and undergraduate research. His primary area of scholarly interest is the ancient Mediterranean world, and especially the social, cultural and religious aspects of late antiquity. Dr. Riggs also has a developing interest in the history of the Muslim-Christian encounter.

Dr. Riggs has written various articles and book reviews and presented several papers on ancient Christianity, Greco-Roman religions, and the social and political institutions of the Roman Empire. He is currently revising his doctoral thesis on the religious world of late antique North Africa for publication in the Oxford Classical Monographs series of Oxford University Press (Divine Patronage in Late Roman and Vandal Africa: Reconsiderina a Local Narrative of Christianisation).

Dr. Riggs has been married to his high-school sweetheart (Laura) for 17 years and has four children: Patrick Augustine (10), Christian Tertullian (7), Alexandria Perpetua (5), and Faith Briaette Felicita (2). When he is not sifting through ancient texts and artifacts, he enjoys such things as decorating the house with Laura, playing football with the Riggs boys, and spoiling his precious little girls rotten.



DR. DAVID RIGGS





DR. TODD REAM

### **Honors Courses:**

News and Views through the Eyes of Faith

Honors Research Seminar

PHL180—Philosophy

### MEET THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, DR. TODD REAM

Dr. Todd Ream (B.A., Baylor University; M.Div., Duke University Divinity School; Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University) formerly served as the Director of The Aldersgate Center before becoming the Associate Director of the JWHC and Director of Undergraduate Research.

Prior to coming to Indiana Wesleyan, Todd served as a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, a Dean of Students, and a Residence Director. In addition to his administrative and teaching duties, his research interests include the his-

torical, philosophical, and theological explorations of curricular and co-curricular programs in higher education. He is the author (w/ Perry L. Glanzer, Baylor University) of Christian Faith and Scholarship: An Exploration of Contemporary Developments (Jossey-Bass, Fall 2007).

He has contributed over 75 articles, reviews, and review essays to a variety of academic journals and popular periodicals such as Books and Culture, Christian Scholar's Review, Christianity Today, Educational Philosophy and Theory, New

Blackfriars, and the Newman Studies Journal. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), the Association of Christians in Student Development (ACSD), the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE), the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), and the Venerable John Henry Newman Society.

His e-mail address is todd.ream@indwes.edu.





### MEET VANESSA....



NAME: Vanessa Stebleton

AGE: 20

YEAR: Senior

MAJOR: Nursing

HOMETOWN: Chelsea, MI

LIFE VERSE: 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us

a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of

love and of self-discipline."

### FAVORITE ASPECT OF HONORS COLLEGE SO FAR:

Forum events are way too much fun, and the small class sizes allow an opportunity to really get to know professors and ask the questions you want to ask. There is never a time when one is not challenged!

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT IWU?

There are so many opportunities to expand your world through cultural experiences, spiritual emphasis, and intelligent discussion with professors and fellow students. Plus, you can form a core group of friends who share your same beliefs.

### WHAT ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ON CAMPUS?

JWHC (obviously), dorm leadership, Nursing Department's Curriculum Committee, Student Nurses' Association...

### WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

Watch movies, workout, read, and spend lots of fellowship time with my friends.

### ADVICE FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN?

Don't get too bogged down with the details, just figure out what you want to do and do it wholeheartedly! Also, make the most of the next few years you have in this incredible learning environment. Every minute you put in will benefit you exponentially.







### MEET JAKE....



### FAVORITE ASPECT OF HONORS COLLEGE SO FAR:

The small class sizes with the best professors for required classes are the best! Oh, and the HC newsletter.

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT IWU?

We have some really cool professors.

### WHAT ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ON CAMPUS?

IWU Democrats, Political Science Club, Student Government, Hodson Leadership (next year), and Information Desk Worker. I've also written for the Sojourn and am working with student development on creating some new programming for next year.

### WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

I like taking over the world (in video games, of course), watching TV shows on DVDs, reading the news (nerd!) and hanging out with my friends

### ADVICE FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN?

Consider graduate school! It wasn't until my junior year that I realized that I could get a PhD and be a professor or advisor of some kind. You can do it and your professors will help you get there!



### FEATURED FRESHMEN



A Favorite Verse: "You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live" Ephesians 2:1 MSG

### What I Will Miss Most About High School Is:

Its laid back nature and the friends that I have gone to school with for 12 years!

### What I Am Most Looking Forward To In College Is:

Meeting new people and coming closer to my dream of becoming a lawyer!

### **BRITTANY HOLLETT**

Rochester Hills, MI

Political Science,
Pre-Law

### What I Like To Do In My Spare Time:

Shop, work-out, and read!

### Something Memorable About Me Is:

In our senior mock elections I won "Most Likely to Be The Next President"...who knows?!



A Favorite Verse: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is,

and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelations

1:8

### What I Will Miss Most About High School Is

I will miss my friends, teachers, marching band, and the gymnastics team.

### What I Am Most Looking Forward To In College Is:

I am looking forward to meeting new people and discovering God's purpose for my life.

### **NATALIE DAVIS**

Crawfordsville, IN

Psychology or Music

### What I Like To Do In My Spare Time

I like to play piano, read, and hang out with my friends and family.

### Something Memorable About Me Is:

I have a wide range of interests from showing llamas in 4-H to advocating for passenger rail and competing in gymnastics to being active in band and piano.



A Favorite Verse:

"How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on

those who take refuge in you." Psalm 33:19

### What I Will Miss Most About High School Is:

Lifetime friends, and easy classes!

### What I Am Most Looking Forward To In College Is:

Starting over, being on my own, meeting new people.

### What I Like To Do In My Spare Time:

Play guitar, video games, surf the web.

### Something Memorable About Me Is:

The summer right after 5th grade, I broke both of my arms in a bicycle accident. I spent the entire summer on a couch with 2 casts!



Logansport, IN

Biology, Pre-Med

A Favorite Verse:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13

What I Will Miss Most About High School Is: Being in Kenya with Tenwek MKs

### What I Am Most Looking Forward To In College Is:

College life... intramurals, hanging out with classmates, etc.

### What I Like To Do In My Spare Time:

Spend time outdoors, play sports, read, travel

### Something Memorable About Me Is:

I guess MK is the easy and obvious answer. :)



Jonathan Freije

Tenwek, Kenya or Indianapolis, IN

Business... for now



A Favorite Verse: "And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us" (Rom. 5:2-5).

What I Will Miss Most About High School Is: I will miss spending time with friends

and actively participating in my youth group and other community and school activities. I will miss my teachers and

many other adults who have guided and supported me to become who I now am as a student and as a person in general. I will greatly miss my church family as well.

**SARAH MEYER** 

Kokomo, IN

What I Am Most Looking Forward To In College Is:

I am ecstatic about discovering more about God's will for my life through ministry

Christian Ministries

courses and personal experiences! I want to engage myself in many aspects of college life by establishing and building close-knit relationships with other students who are hungry for God's Word and for knowledge, and I am so excited to become involved in serving and participating in the IWU community.

What I Like To Do In My Spare Time: I absolutely LOVE to sing and to play piano, as well as write songs. I greatly enjoy riding horses and reading. I treasure spend-

ing time with friends and family, and I am most fulfilled when I am serving.

Something Memorable About Me Is:

One characteristic that sets me apart is my blindness. I have been blind since birth and have a very limited amount of vision. In spite of the challenges that my disability presents, I try to over-

come this obstacle and engage in life as any other person would. I have come to view my blindness as a gift because God has revealed so much of His character to me by providing to meet my needs and because my blindness has given me opportunities to witness to people about His love and grace.



A Favorite Verse: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of

what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons

believe that—and shudder. James 2:19

What I Will Miss Most About High School Is: Looking forward to college.

What I Am Most Looking Forward To In College Is: It not being high school.

### DAVID EMERSON

### What I Like To Do In My Spare Time

Born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona till I was 12, moved to Pittsburgh

Frisbee, watch sports, play sports, compete in anything, watch movies.

lived there since.

### Something Memorable About Me Is:

Economics, Political Science, History anything in Social Studies, maybe Communications.

When I have my beard I look like a leprechaun.

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A Favorite Verse: And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that sur-

passes knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. **Ephesians 3:17-20** 

### What I Will Miss Most About High School Is:

Having countless opportunities to share Jesus with friends, classmates, and teachers who have never met Him before.

### What I Am Most Looking Forward To In College Is:

Being surrounded by friends who are seeking God's will for their lives. That, and late nights with friends and movies and laughter:)

### What I Like To Do In My Spare Time:

Creative writing, 35mm photography, playing games with friends and family



**ASHLEY DAVISON** 

Granger, IN

Pre-Art Therapy

A Favorite Verse: "All who were sitting in the Sandhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel." - Acts 6:15 (quick explanation, since most people laugh when I tell them this is a favorite verse [why wouldn't it be funny when my name is Stephen?] - I like the

**Something Memorable About Me Is:** I'll be spending 5 weeks teaching art at an orphanage in Zimbabwe this summer.

verse because I want my face to reflect Christ [be the face of an angel] when others look at me.)

### What I Will Miss Most About High School Is:

I'll definitely miss my church youth group a lot. We've always done so much fun stuff together and I really like my youth pastor. I'll miss my friends there too.

### What I Am Most Looking Forward To In College Is:

Meeting new people. It'll be so much fun to learn, but I love making new friends, and college is a great opportunity to do that!

### What I Like To Do In My Spare Time:

Oh, wow... tough question... I have so many things I love to do. Read, write, paint, draw, act, sing, play board games, talk... the list could probably go on.

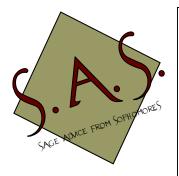


### **STEPHEN COATES**

Indianapolis, IN

English/Christian
Ministries

**Something Memorable About Me Is:** I always love to share this whenever a question like this is asked... the only bone I've ever broken in my body is my cranium... ouch!!



- 1. I can't say it enough, but TAKE THE TIME TO GET AND STAY ORGANIZED! You'll save a lot of time and stress in the long run. Keep all you assignments in one place and keep a calendar.
- 2. Ask people for help if you are struggling in a class. They are either struggling as well, can help, or will snort and tell you to go back to Kindergarten. That last one has never happened to me at IWU. Also, your professors will always, with few exceptions, be approachable and ready to answer any question, so ask anything (even if you think it's stupid!) That's why they get paid the big bucks. :)
- 3. College has its drama just like high school. When you can't avoid it, don't perpetuate it. Find someone in your department who can both show you the ropes and let you've t on him/her. Don't spread gossip around to your friends. Just vent on your mentor once a week. It's also nice to have someone in your department/major to let you in on the inside scoop.

LEAH DYKSTAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES MAJOR

Don't live off campus. The food is better, but you miss all the "lunch with professors" stuff (and other social activities).

On the first day, sit in the seat you want for the rest of the semester--sometimes profs will assign you to the seat

Talk to the people around you on the first day...and the second... and the third. Make friends with the people in your class.

Take showers--be neat--do what roommates ask.

Don't walk alone at night.

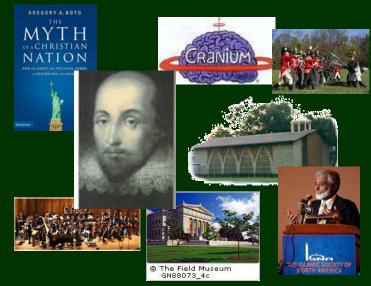
Get to chapel early if possible.

Enjoy the profs; they really are great (90% of the time).

Take forum early and often--it is a lot of fun.

TIM JONES
BUSINESS MAJOR





What do these images have in common?
Two words: HONORS FORUM!
Consider taking Honors Forum first semester.
I will have more info on all of our
Christ and Culture electives
in a later issue.

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR...

I love the Freshmen wall... I really do. I love seeing your faces up there and it reminds me to pray for you, for next year, and for the JWHC as a whole. If you look closely, I have used it as my background for this little note.

Putting this newsletter together is an intimidating experience... So many of you coming in have experience as your yearbook editor, school newspaper editor, etc. I am open to your suggestions!

Really, my goal with this newsletter is to give you a taste of what the Honors College has to offer you. I want you to be well informed young scholars by the time you get to campus. Since most of our students are involved in leadership positions all over campus, you will be hit with opportunities aplenty! I want you to

be as informed about the Honors College as you possibly can be so you can make educated decisions on what you get involved in and how it will affect your time management.

For those of you who counted the graduates in the picture, please realize not all of our graduating John Wesley Scholars are featured. Some had other commitments and some plumb forgot to meet for the senior photo. It happens every year. :) So please dear freshmen, remember to show up for your JWHC senior class photo! I send many reminders...

We look forward to meeting all of you at registration! There will be information in your registration packet about meeting with Dr. Riggs before signing up for courses.

There are so many exciting things happening within the Honors College! My position this past year was a new appointment, we are adding an Associate Director, Dr. Todd Ream, and we are growing! I will keep you posted on these happenings as they become available to share with you!

If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, please feel free to contact me at:

Deborah.austin@indwes.edu.

I check my email constantly so it is the best way to reach me. I am looking forward to the Fall!



### IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:



Oxford Opportunities! We will feature study abroad at Oxford! John Wesley Scholars Sarah Shadowen and Lauren Sheehan will share their experiences as will Dr. David Riggs, our beloved director, who received his doctorate from Oxford.

Marion Community Schools Outreach. Why our heart for service to our community focuses on the elementary schools in Marion and what we are doing about it!

Stephen Cady, Student Body President and John Wesley Scholar, will share some insights on his plans for IWU.

And more Featured Freshmen! (if you send me your pictures!) I must receive your picture to feature you in the newsletter! I know you have senior pictures! Just send them to Deborah.austin@indwes.edu. If you have no way of scanning them, send them to me via snail mail and I will scan them.

# from the archives...





The 2006-2007 John Wesley Scholars at an HCSA meeting.

