



## Classroom Sneak Peek

# COURSE ENRICHMENT TRIP



On Saturday, November 3rd Professor Victor Perez took his Honors Intro to Sociology class on a field trip to the New Castle Goodwill donation and distribution center. In class, Professor Perez's students were studying the fast fashion industry of new clothing and the world of abundant used clothing that it has helped to create. Upon arrival, the class was given a tour of the warehouse by the center's manager. This trip was an informative and impactful experience for Professor Perez's students by giving them the opportunity to experience first-hand the material that they have learned in the classroom. 🐦

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## MESSAGE

### FROM THE DIRECTOR



It has been my great privilege to lead the UD Honors Program as Interim Director for the past 17 months. A major purpose of this interim period has been to explore new futures for UD Honors, and I'd like to tell you about some of the progress. First, we have just begun a national search for a full-time faculty Honors Director. We are in the process of identifying candidates, and we expect to interview and hire in the spring. Second, a few months ago, we added the new position of Deputy Director of the Honors Program. Professor Rusty Lee of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering has been appointed to that position, and will serve as Interim Director during the search period. Third, a proposal to add new opportunities to the Honors Program is currently before Faculty Senate for action. Faculty and staff have developed ideas for a new interdisciplinary track within Honors. We look forward to working with Faculty Senate for approval. As implementation proceeds, Deputy Director Lee is especially determined to increase the campus-wide "commitment to Honors." It is an exciting time for Honors.

As I head back to professorial work, I have many people to thank for the growing experience that Honors has been for me. Faculty, staff, and administration colleagues who are the font of our success in Honors. Students who have enriched my life. The strong contributions of Honors Advisory Council, which has been inspiration and support for all that Honors has accomplished over my term. I am deeply grateful.

*Paul Laux, Interim Director, University Honors Program*  
*Professor of Finance & JP Morgan Chase Faculty Fellow*

## HONORS DOUBLE DELS

### Sarah and Rob Lackey



Sarah Gibson (AS '17) and Rob Lackey (BE '17) met freshman year in the lobby of Redding Hall. They were heading out separately for a "Humans vs. Zombies" night mission when they hit it off and became friends. Both Sarah and Rob graduated in three years, with Sarah earning an Honors BA in English, and Rob graduating with a BS in Economics. Rob proposed to Sarah on the steps of Old College and afterwards, they got milkshakes from Cheeburger Cheeburger to celebrate! Sarah and Rob got married on August 11, 2018 at the Newseum in Washington D.C. Currently, they are living in D.C, where Sarah is now working as a Digital Writer/Editor at WTOP News after earning her Master's Degree in Journalism and Public Affairs, and Rob is a second-year law student at the Washington College of Law. 🐦

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# HONORS STUDY BREAK

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## Student Feature

### ENRICHING COLLEGE EXPERIENCES

This summer, 10 UD honors students embarked on journeys of their lifetimes. From interning at a fashion company in New York City to teaching English in a small town in Costa Rica, these students experienced education outside the classroom walls.



*Amy Ciminnisi '21 at an archaeological site in Peru.*

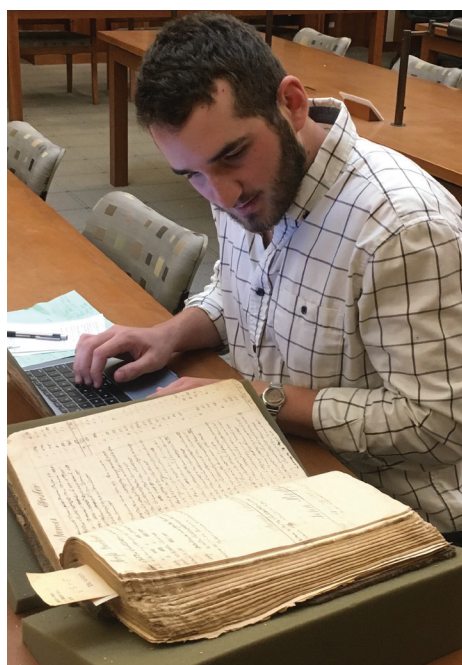
On site, Amy was immersed in Peruvian culture and forming lifelong friendships. By the end of her time in Peru, she discovered that she wants to specialize in ceramics when she becomes an archeologist! Amy's month in Peru truly transformed her as a person and she cannot wait to go back one day.

Students do not have to travel far to receive an Honors Enrichment Award. Many students choose to pursue an internship or conduct research right here on the east coast. At the beginning of June, Jack Ausmus '21, a history major, went to the University of Virginia to begin archival research on the Carter family of Oatlands, Virginia. The Carters were a family of slave owners and Jack wanted to find information about the people enslaved by them over the years. Through his week in Virginia, Jack gained a lot of knowledge about slavery records as well as the difficulties of interpreting slavery. Hopefully, Jack can apply his newfound skills to another research opportunity in the future.

Professional and academic enrichment are not the only opportunities available with an Honors Enrichment Award. More personal interests, such as an opportunity to travel with a registered student organization, may also be pursued. This summer, April Singleton '21 flew down under to attend the week-long Panpapanalya Dance Congress in Australia with her dance group, Women of Consequence. In April's words, "my trip to Australia will continue to provide value to my career at the University of Delaware and beyond." 🐦

Opportunities like these are available to honors students thanks to the Honors Enrichment Award program, which is funded by our generous donors. These awards, which provide students up to \$3,000 for non-credit bearing experiences, allow students to gain hands-on experience in their field, make lifelong connections, build their resumes, and pursue experiences they only ever dreamed about.

With an Honors Enrichment Award, honors students can travel abroad to pursue an internship or volunteer work in their field of interest, like Amy Ciminnisi '21 did in July. For four weeks this summer, Amy volunteered at an archaeological excavation site in Peru. When not working



*Jack Ausmus '21 used an Honors Enrichment Award to do archival research in Virginia.*

## Alumni Feature

### UDHP GRADS THRIVE AT GOOGLE



*Zach Senzer '17 and Dave Sang '15*

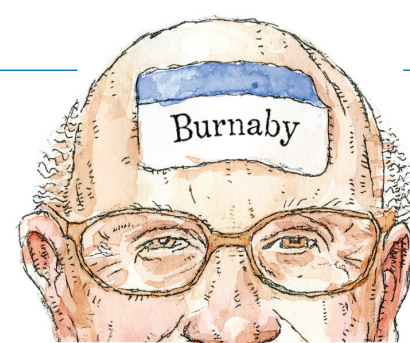
Last year, two Blue Hens found their way to the west coast to pursue their dreams of working in the technology industry. Zach Senzer '17 graduated from the University of Delaware with a Honors degree in Computer Science and a minor in Business Administration. Zach was very involved in the Honors Program during his time at UD, having served as a Freshman Fellow, Senior Fellow, and executive on the Honors Planning Board. Zach loved how the Honors Program allowed him to be a part of a close-knit community and gave him the opportunity to serve as a leader on campus.

Dave Sang '15 earned both an Honors degree in Finance and an MBA in four years. On campus, Dave was involved in the Blue Hen Investment Club, but also did a lot of activities with the Honors

Program. Dave appreciated the support system that the Honors Program offered, saying that it is "its own little crucible of talent within UD and students would feed off of each others' goals and ambitions."

Upon graduation, Zach joined Google as a member of the Associate Product Manager program. Zach is now a Product Manager at Google's headquarters in Mountain View, California, where he works with engineers, designers, and other stakeholders to develop and prioritize new features and product roadmaps. Dave decided to dip his feet in the consulting world after graduation and began working at McKinsey management consulting company in New York City. He stayed there for two years before moving to Google, where he works in a small strategy team that helps to answer questions across Google.

"Dave and Zach shared their advice for people looking to pursue careers at companies like Google: Network, and explore all the opportunities your degree has to offer. In Zach's words to undergrads, "at the University of Delaware you're receiving a top-notch education so you can truthfully achieve any post-graduation goals." 🐦



## MUNSON'S CORNER

Even in retirement, Dr. Burnaby Munson has continued to build his legacy adding another prestigious honor to his extensive list of accomplishments. This summer, Dr. Munson was named a fellow of the American Chemical Society. He was very excited to receive this honor, stating "I am pleased and honored by the recognition of the award. Longevity may help: I have been a member of the American Chemical Society for 60 years." This prestigious honor recognizes widely all that we already know about Dr. Munson here at the University of Delaware. His scholarship has benefited science, the chemistry profession, and society as a whole. All those who interacted with Dr. Munson during his 50-year tenure at UD know how much the institution and students benefited from his dedication and brilliance. In addition, Dr. Munson's endowments continue to support faculty engagement and undergraduate research here at the University of Delaware, keeping his legacy alive to current and future honors students. 🐦

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