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1st Year, Advertising and Public Relations

Want to display your artistic talent right on the front cover for all of Honors Congress to see? With our cover contest, one cover submitted by an Honors Congress member will be featured on the front of The Honor Roll.

Entries can be photography, digital art, or scanned 2D art. They can be anything but should embody Honors Congress and the BHC. Additionally, entries should not include "The Honor Roll," "Honors Congress," or similar text in the artwork. Visit the Honors Congress website to submit. All submissions will earn 1 DM point. Email the Director of Publications & Marketing with any questions.

Submissions close Friday, October 14 at 11:59pm.



members of the month

Recognizing exceptional Honors Congress members for their dedication and high level of involvement.



Lea Wright

Lea Wright is a first year at UCF majoring in English Literature, and she is currently serving on the Honors Congress Social Affairs Committee. On campus, she is involved with other organizations such as the quiz bowl team, the Up All Knight book club, and yDSA. She loves the arts, and her hobbies include singing, reading, writing, acting, and sewing.



Jack Andrews

Jack Andrews is a second year Honors Computer Science major minoring in SCAN. He is involved with Hack@UCF, KnightHacks, and HonCon at UCF in addition to being a Tuesday night Team Leader for the Honor Symposium. Neat.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/27 - 10/27

BOO(b) BAGS

October is finally here and you know what that means: SPOOKY SEASON!!! This month, our Director of Fundraising and Relay for Life Team Captain are joining together to spread awareness for breast cancer while providing members with a fun way to get in on the Halloween spirit. Our BOO(b) BAGS are filled with a variety of Halloween treats and goodies and are only \$2! All proceeds will benefit cancer research and women's reproductive health. Be sure to fill out the Google Form and Venmo @ Honors-Congress with the subject "BOO(b) BAG" and we'll handle the rest. For a short time, we will be running a special promotion of "buy two, get one free!" Make sure to follow our Instagram so you're aware of when the flash promotion starts! 1 DM Point will be given for each bag purchased, with a cap at 2 Points. Don't wait, order a BOO(b) BAG for you or your breast-friend now!!



10/3 Monday

DANCE MARATHON EXPERIENCE

5-8pm @ the Student Union

Are you wondering what Knight-Thon is all about? Then, come to our Dance Marathon Experience on October 3th from 5 - 8 pm at the Cape Florida 316AB room in the Student Union. You will get the opportunity to get a hands-on introduction or experience for Knight-Thon and potentially meet some of our miracle families. Every donation to our Venmo (@honors-congress) is an entry to a raffle for a \$15.00 Amazon Gift Card! You will receive one DM point for attendance to DME.

10/5 Wednesday

A PADDLE IN PARADISE

4-6:30pm @ Lake Claire

Paradise is just a paddle away! Take a break from the stress of the classroom and come join Honors Congress at the Lake Claire Recreation Area on Wednesday, October 5th at 4:00 PM to enjoy an afternoon of kayaking, sports, and games. Kayaks and canoes are first come first serve, but everyone will get the opportunity to show the strength of their oars and explore the waters. Enjoy games of kickball, flag football, and volleyball as well as board games and card games as you wait to kayak. Food and drinks will be provided! Members will receive 1 DM point for attending.

10/6 Wednesday

PUMPKIN PALOOZA

6-7:30pm @ the BHC Garden

It's time to fall into some seasonal fun! Put your creativity to the test at this year's Pumpkin Palooza! Join us on Thursday, October 6th at 6:00PM in the BHC Garden for a night of pumpkin-inspired activities. Members will be able to join our pumpkin painting contest and vote for their favorite pumpkin. The winner of the contest will be awarded a \$15 gift card! Enjoy some apple cider, make a pumpkin s'more, and munch on some pumpkin-inspired snacks while showing off your pumpkin painting skills. A suggested donation of \$3 to our Relay for Life team is strongly encouraged! One DM Point for attending, one for entering the pumpkin painting contest, and one for donating - 3 possible points!!

10/7 Friday

GIVE KIDS THE WORLD: CAFÉ CLAYTON

5:30-8:30pm @ 210 S Bass Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746

Help out in Café Clayton, a two-story building covered in chocolate kisses, swirly lollipops, and colorful gumdrops! On Friday October 7th starting at 5:30pm, Honors Congress members will be preparing and serving dinner for families with critically ill children. Let's help make it a

wonderful night for these families! Before the event itself, coordinators will inform us on all we need to know to make the night a success.

Sign ups close on September 28th after 7PM! Only sign up if you are confident you can attend. Spots are limited! This event is worth 2DM points and 5 service hours.



10/10 Monday

STARRY KNIGHTS

8-10pm @ the UCF Robinson Observatory

Twinkle twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are. Learn all about space and the different stars and planets that surround us. Come join us on Monday, October 10th, at the UCF Robinson Observatory from 8:00-10:00PM and participate in a private guided tour! Earn 1 DM point for attending, and an RSVP on KnightConnect is required for attendance!

10/12 Wednesday

BLAZE PIZZA PARTIAL PROCEEDS

4-8pm @ Blaze at UCF

Pepperoni, Cheese, Tomatoes, Oh my! On Wednesday, October 12th, Honors Congress is hosting a partial proceeds event at Blaze Pizza near UCF. Show up anytime between 4-7 PM, show the cashier the digital flyer or use the online code, and enjoy! 25% of proceeds go to the HonCon Knight-Thon team, benefiting the Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. Also, if you email a picture of your receipt to honorscongress+treasurer@gmail.com or complete the Google Form with your receipt, you receive a DM point!

10/18 Tuesday

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

7-9pm @ BHC 130/131

Wanting to get into undergraduate research but not sure how? Look no further! Join us on Tuesday October 18th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in BHC Conference Room 130/131 for an Undergraduate Research Workshop! Learn about what it means to be an undergraduate researcher and meet with professors looking to take on students. Earn 1 DM point for attending, business casual attire and resumes are recommended for this event!

10/19 Wednesday

HALLOWEEN BAKE SALE

1-5pm @ Memory Mall near Starbucks

This spooky season, trick or treat yourself at the HonCon Halloween Bake Sale at Memory Mall on Wednesday, October 19th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Stop by and pick up some fresh treats and pumpkin pie for a suggested donation of \$2 to support the Breast Cancer Foundation of Central Florida. Honors Congress members will receive 1 DM point for attending.

10/20 Thursday

TAYLOR SWIFT: MIDNIGHTS RELEASE PARTY

11pm-1am @ BHC 130/131

Celebrate the release of *Midnights*, Taylor Swift's 10th Studio album, with Honors Congress, at 11:00 PM on Thursday, October 20th in the BHC. Members can participate in Taylor Swift karaoke, raffles, and enjoy Midnight snacks leading up to the album release! Members will receive 1 DM point for attendance and an additional DM point for coming dressed as their favorite Taylor era. Get ready for a sleepless night as we make memories with Taylor at Midnight!



10/21 Friday

NIGHTMARE ON HAUNTED ROAD

6:45-9:30pm @ the Haunted Road
15239 Lake Pickett Rd,
Orlando, FL 32820

Witching you all a Happy Halloween! Farmer Dave has invited Honors Congress to explore Orlando's last Haunted Road on Friday, October 21st from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Get ready for a 25-minute drive down Orlando's most terrifying haunted road where you will encounter ghostly sights and spooky scare zones. At the end of the road, enter the Human Slaughterhouse Haunted House if you dare and have a skele-ton of fun at the Afterlife Party! We will meet up in front of the BHC at 6:45 PM and drive to the Haunted Road for our 7:20 PM reservation. There are only 15 slots available on KnightConnect! Members will receive 1 DM Point for attending. Get ready to have a spooky good time!



10/22 Saturday

CHILDREN'S SAFETY VILLAGE: TRUNK OR TREAT

9:30am-3pm @ 910 Fairvilla Rd,
Orlando, FL 32808

Trunk or Treat! Children's Safety Village serves the community by informing both kids and their parents on pool, traffic, and fire safety! The Halloween season is a great chance for CSV to create a safe trick-or-treat space while also educating parents of the local program and how we can prevent childhood accidents. On October 22nd, starting at 9am, help CSV raise awareness but also have fun at this festive event. This event is worth 2 DM points and 6 volunteer hours. Food and drinks will be provided.

10/26 Friday

SECOND ANNUAL OPEN MIC KNIGHT

7-9pm @ the stage in front of
Addition Financial Arena

Check 1 - 2 - 3! Come experience the talent of your fellow Knights at our Open Mic Knight in front of Addition Financial Arena on Wednesday, October 26 at 7pm! We will be hosting incentives for donations to our Knight-Thon team all night! This event is open to all UCF students, and if you would like to perform, sign up with the link on KnightConnect. Members can earn 2 DM points: 1 for attending and 1 for performing. All performances must comply with school regulations.

10/27 Thursday

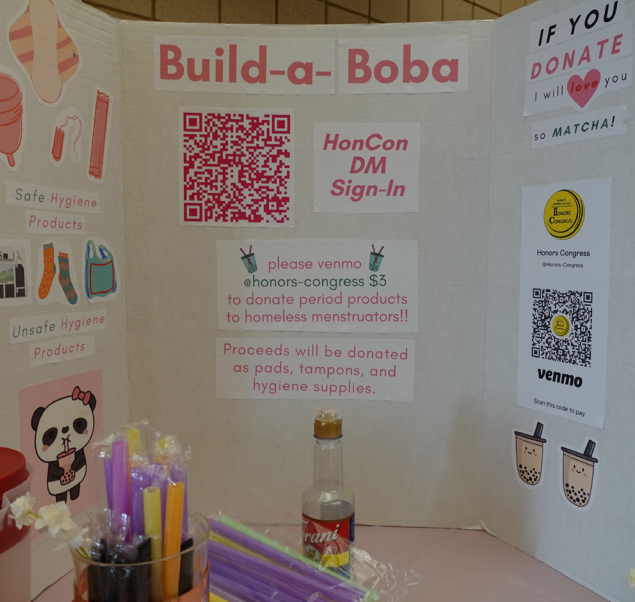
HONCON'S SPOOKTACULAR SOIRÉE

7:30-10:30pm @ the BHC

Ghostly greetings! We're dying to see you at Honors Congress's annual Halloween party on Thursday, October 27th from 6:30 - 9:30 PM for a spooktacular night of food and drink, games, and prizes! Stop by the BHC lobby for a eerie-sistible Halloween feast and make your way to the conference room to customize your own Jack O' Lantern float and participate in spine-tingling minigames: Ghost Piñata, Candy Corn Guess, Pin the Eyeball, Ghost Dart Board, and more! Don't miss out on the showing of Hocus Pocus 2 later on in the night! Dress up for an extra DM point and get ready for an unboolievable night!!

memories of September





CREATIVE CORNER

A HUMAN DANDELION

Writing by Zayne DeVoe

1st Year, Clinical Psychology

The summer swallowed me; the fall spat me out.

The sun's rays seeped down like sap against wood, against the bluest bark of the defenseless sky. Sweat stuck to my burnt skin, drizzling down my calf and onto the pedals I pressed with flip flops and courage. This year, there was a new weight against my chest, a compression of nude fabric splitting at the seams.

I should not have been so cheap. I should not have been so impatient. Above all else, I should not have worn my binder while cycling. The website warned me, stating how such misuse could cause it to squeeze my lungs until I became the same cold cobalt as the impenetrable, lethal sky.

My bike was my second brain. Instead of synapses, thoughts are fired through spokes, reaching the neurons buried in the rubber tires. My mind was left to wander the streets of my tired neighborhood, fumbling down the worn concrete path. I have biked since childhood, and I have been trans my whole life. The summer revealed this, peeling my flesh back and hosing me down until I saw the bones of my core identity in every passing mirror.

My body was not a temple. My body was not a home. My body was a house I was not allowed to renovate, whose walls were covered in heirlooms from families that were not my own. I was never allowed to live there because a child with my voice locked me out and allowed guest after guest to take over and destroy him.

The sun scared them off or lured them out, I am unsure of which. They left the door open and the child alone in my care. Despite having been a babysitter and nursery worker, I had a difficult time managing this particular kid. It took him the whole summer to say that he liked me. Maybe one day he will love me.

Maybe one day I will love myself for what I am instead of what I once was. My senior portrait continues to hang over me, both metaphorically and physically: the bright red hair, the bright red lips, and the dull, dark eyes. I did not attend my graduation ceremony; I no longer had the space to be something I was not.

The last time I cycled was in that ill-fitting, ill chosen binder. I did not bring my bike to college. Some days it felt like missing a limb. I had to find different ways to cope; I had to become someone different, someone less popular, someone less accepted and praised. I did not bring my bike to college, but I brought four new, better binders.

Autumn consoled me. Autumn sheared the leaves off dying trees and used its breeze to discard my unneeded worries. Autumn made me a dandelion; autumn, with its promise of a new school year, of a fresh start, made me free.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Writing by Carly Simpson
1st Year, Clinical Psychology

Back to School Supply List 22-23
UCF Freshman

~~Sparkly pencil case~~ Sparkling smile, as you fake being so excited to tell someone your name and major for the billionth time
~~3 Unicorn notebooks~~ 3 mattress protectors, so that maybe when you get in bed, you feel like someone is hugging you
Erasers Ear buds, so that you can listen to all your old music as you walk to class. At least that's the same
One box of Kleenex, to wipe your tears when you actually start missing your parents
A new place, new faces, a new life
I've done this all before, hands held tight
Now I grip the straps of my backpack

The mission of Creative Corner is to create a safe-space for Honors Congress members to showcase their creativity in response to the monthly prompt or theme.

Responses to prompts can be delivered in ANY medium: writing, visual, auditory (music), videography, etc. Please follow submission guidelines through the Honors Congress website.

Honors Congress members will be able to receive **up to 2 DM points** for each submission (in total, 2 artistic works that do not have to be the same medium).

This month's prompt:

*"Tis the season for spooky frights and delights!
But are the monsters and creepy-crawlies that lurk
in the shadows really so scary? Tell us what those
beings—from witches to ghouls and anything in
between—are really like.*

This month's theme:

monsters, magic, misconceptions

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SHOP BHC

To order, visit our online store on the Honors Congress website! Unfortunately, we are not currently able to ship items. Head to an office hour or email us to set up a date and time you can visit us at our office in the BHC Computer Lab to pick up your items. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions!



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