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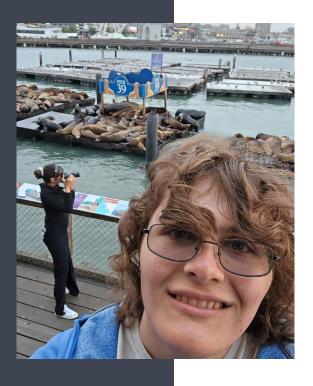
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Members of the Month

March

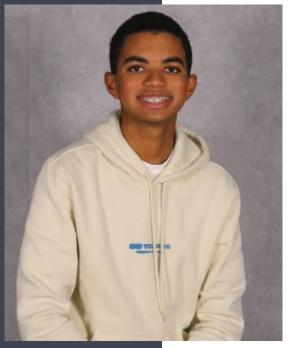
Connor Mimnaugh

I'm a first year mechanical Engineering major with a minor in Physics. Between classes and my Undergraduate Research, I love to watch critters like these sea lions do their silly critter things (Yes that is one of my iconic Ted shirts in the pic). I'm also determined to best Noah in the DM point hunt.



FebruaryMario Torres

Hi! I'm Mario Torres from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. I'm a first year studying Finance. I love music, I love Lego and I love HonCon!!!



Social-Affairs



The Publications and Marketing Committee aims to feature committees in each edition, highlighting involvement opportunities within Honors Congress.

Honors Congress strives to engage our community and keep everybody involved in the goings-on in the community surrounding our school. One of the many ways we do this is through the Social Affairs Committee, whose main purpose is to get the club involved in events and opportunities off campus.

Cole Cabanas, this year's director of the Social Affairs Committee, is passionate about participating in their community and helping others to do the same.

"I ran for Director [of the Social Affairs Committee] because I enjoyed so many of the events in the fall and wanted to become more of a part of Honors Congress. The main thing that led to this was the Halloween haunted house. I volunteered as a scare actor, and I had helped set up the room as well. I really enjoyed setting up the event, taking part and then the breakdown, everyone was a community and we had a blast scaring people!"

The Social Affairs Committee also hosted a plethora of events this past semester, ranging from an escape room to roller skating at a local rink. While we should not have favorite children, Cole did have a favorite event.

"My favorite event was the Valentine's Day scavenger hunt. This is because of the work I put in to make the questions and the vibes of everyone while participating. I had walked around the Oviedo

Mall myself with a friend to make this scavenger hunt, and I was glad that more people were able to participate."

Cole also strives to grow and improve the committee's reach and do more fun events with the rest of the club.

"My personal goal is to do larger events to prepare for the fall semester because of all of the freshmen coming into honors congress for the first time. Going to events was fun for me, so I want to make it fun for others."

They are also looking forward to next fall, teasing, "I can't wait for the fall, come to some fun events from all of us directors!"

Written by Brad Rothbaum

Academic Affairs

[My favorite thing about HonCon is] making friends and meeting people in the club that you can relate to. The escape room was a fun challenge that they barely managed to get out from.

Connor Mimnaugh, Dr. Braingood's Evil Escape Room

I get to hang out with and meet new people, getting to enjoy all the activities. I enjoy making fun little knick knacks, like magnets!

Rachel Waldman, Make Magnets

I came to [Queen Bee] because the officer who organized it is my dear friend and I very much enjoy the effort he puts into his events. My favorite part of it was the spelling section because I am apparently very good and spelling and I thought it was very nice how he made a lot of it center around bees, since it was a Queen Bee.

Micheal Zmed, Queen Bee

Honors Congress consists of a myriad of unique and engaging committees, each with a different focus and goal in mind. One such committee is Academic Affairs, led by its Director, Jackson Hochstetler. Although Jackson did not initially intend to lead the committee, his enjoyment of the Honors Congress, combined with his love of academics, gave him the desire to run for Director, a position he later secured.

"It was a bit of a last-minute decision," he recalls, but he's glad he did it, as he enjoys the opportunity to organize events and share things he finds engaging with HonCon.

Even though his committee focuses on academics, it doesn't mean they don't throw fantastic events, such as Pi Day or Queen Bee, celebrating the mathematical constant pi and the fun competition of spelling bees, respectively.

"What I like most is the opportunity to take something

I find interesting, something usually obscure, and turn it into a fun event for the club," Jackson said regarding January's Cut and Fold event, which was inspired by his fondness for a little-known geometric theorem.

Aside from brainstorming ideas for events, the members of the Academic Committee largely help set up and break down the events they plan. Each attendee enjoys their time with fellow HonCon members, walking away with a new piece of knowledge from each one. Jackson is looking forward to his committee's future events, working diligently to ensure they come to life. Currently, he is eyeing a bridge-building competition, which he says he's excited to see through.

Overall, the Academic Affairs Committee specializes in hosting fun events where members can bond while learning new pieces of trivia

Written by Chris Crespo

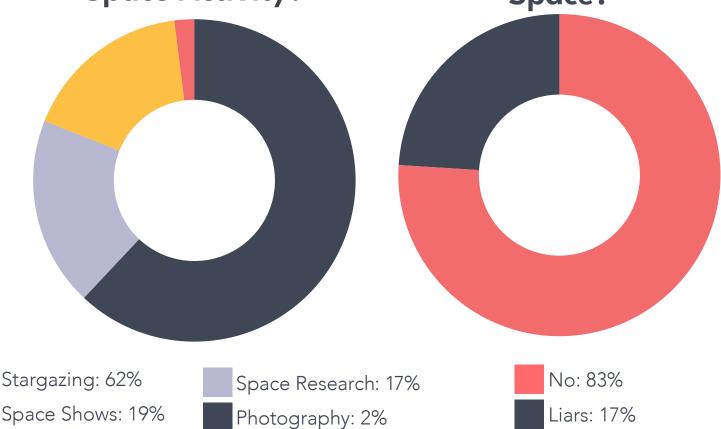




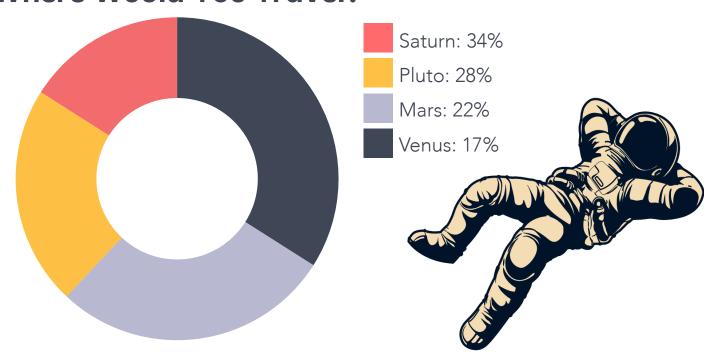
Gelestial

What is Your Favorite Space Activity?

Have You Ever Been to Space?



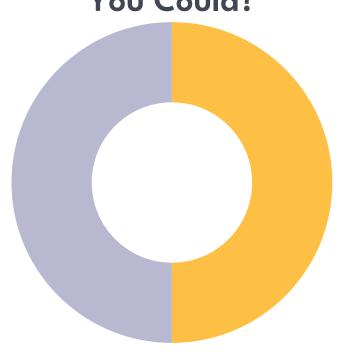
Where Would You Travel?



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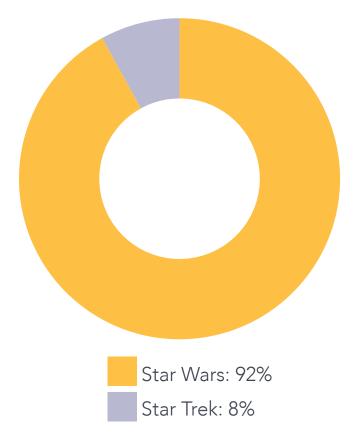
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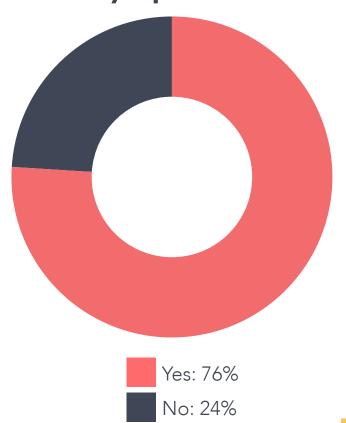




Star Wars vs. Star Trek?

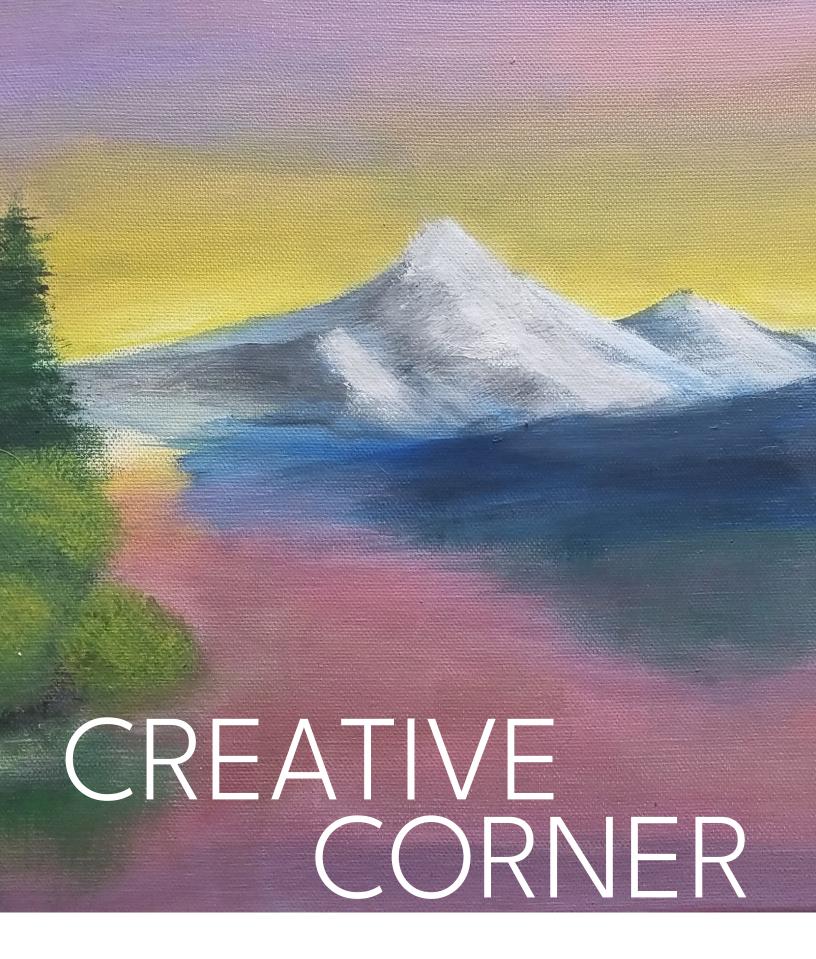
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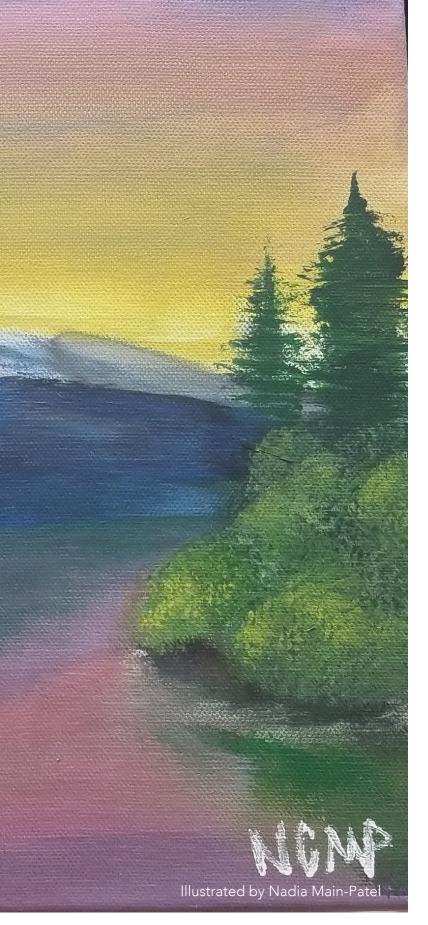












Space Friends

What is it like among the stars?

My friend, my faith, my family. I gather you here before me to tell a tale of lovely lives and faintest falsehoods, the ones that I exhale on the night wind under a glorious cloudy cold sky. Or perhaps I am above the sky. Perhaps I am on the center of the earth looking out at you, and you are on the center of your world, axis tilted so that you may find me too.

Am I a speck on your horizon? A circumpolar star you can never quite trace? Tell me, tell me, and I will tell you how I never meant to leave you, how I regret every evening like this one that I never measured my words carefully enough when you were around. I was reckless, you see—that was always what they called me. I was stubborn and relentless and you were wise enough to tell me that our souls are too strong to snap so they bend and refract between us like waves of light instead.

Somehow, somewhere, I know you're alone right now. I am never alone these days and I still see your shadow on the wall at my holiday party, a paper crown in my hair and a plastic cup in my hand. Space friends must surpass the distance. I read in a magazine at a nail salon once that the universe is always expanding and I think now that that must be true, because the ache in my chest gets farther and duller the longer I think about it.

These constellations are unfamiliar. They are slightly out of sync with the glow-in-the-dark stars I used to fall asleep under as a child. Here, I will name them. Terror—for the time that chasm opened under your feet. Hope—for when I realized that the universe was more than three square city blocks that got a little bit colder every day that spring. I will name this last one snow—for the flakes on your jacket the night that we met and the flakes on my gloves as I stood next to you and pointed at the stars and told you I wanted to travel all the way there and you didn't laugh.

I will find my way to you again someday. I have held the universe within my veins and survived. One day I will wake up again, naively nineteen, and the constellations above me will make sense once more. Written by Heidi Rivera

The Wake

When the visions of soul are long and departed Up to the faraway stars

The body, it lingers, in pennies and portraits In water oaks at a musty grey lake

When the visions of gods have claimed one of your own

And the south winds wring their hands You'll sling arms around passing figures (well wishers): "Thank God we had money for a wake."

When the visions of days yet to be are upon us, And night places cold fingers on brows Remember you laid a blanket upon me That my memory'd be warm in the sky.

When the walls of your hurricane parlor are shaking

The earth raging by branches and leaves

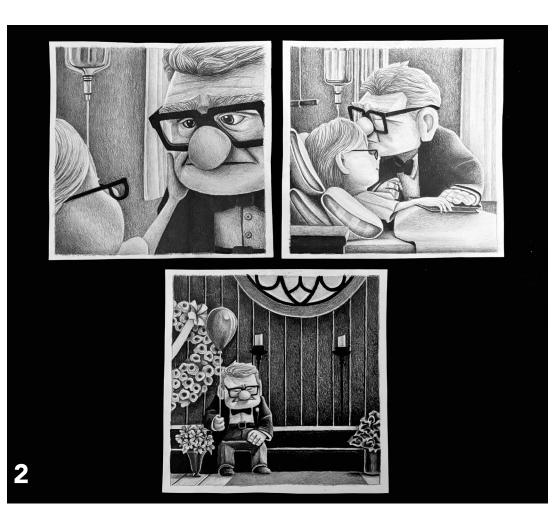
Feel that sometimes the dead, they are with you in living And ghosts go smoke-trailing by.

Written by Carolyn Conrad

- 1 Madison Livingston, photography
- 2 Mercia Steinborn, graphite
- 3 Mercia Steinborn, acrylic paint
- 4 Jackson Hochstetler, paint
- 5 Gabby Battenfield, hghlighter, pen, pencil







Great Oak

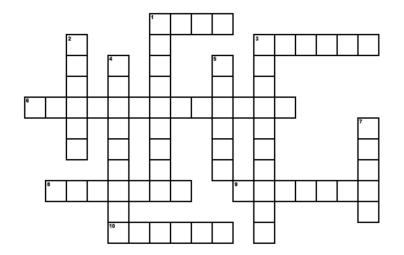
Tall are you above me, Your shadow I find loving. Rain or Shine, Leaf and vine, All of these you help me to find. Though we may grow old, And time may take and separate. Forget you I will not The impact you have taught. I shall love you, Father Written by Alex Martin







PUZZIES



Crossword Bank

DOWN

- an object in space (such as a moon) that moves around a larger planet;
 - a machine that is sent into space and moves around the earth, moon, sun, or a planet
- 2. the 7th planet from the sun
- 3. the layer of gases that surrounds the Earth
- very large chunks of rock in space that are larger than 100 meters
- a piece of rock or metal that is smaller than 100 meters, that burns and glows brightly in the sky as it falls from outer space into the Earth's atmosphere
- an icy object in outer space that develops a long, bright tail when it passes near the sun

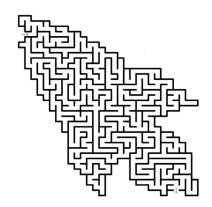
ACROSS

- a large ball of burning gas in space that produces light and heat
- 11 was the first manned mission to land on the Moon.
- a group of stars that forms a particular shape in the sky and has been given a name
- 8. the 5th planet from the sun
- 9. the 8th planet from the sun
- 10. the 6th planet from the sun

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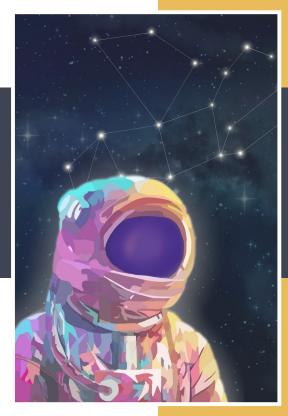
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