

Honors Reflection 2024, Tate Kaudy

Name: Tate Kaudy

Major: Electrical Engineering

Honors Courses

Art Appreciation, Summer 2023, 1st 5 Weeks, Eric Smith

Survey of World Literature to 1650, Fall 2023, Sabrina Chesne

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2023, Don Merrell

General Sociology, Spring 2024, Dr. David Woodring

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Me (Left) with Professor Chesne (Right) at the Honors Gala

Projects and Engagement

My engagement at NWACC through the honors program has been extremely rewarding, fun, and varied. Since taking my first Honors course, Art Appreciation with professor Eric Smith where we'd evaluate, discuss, and share some of our favorite artists and movements – I was really excited to show the class some amazing Islamic architecture which I've admired for a long time – I've been pretty involved with the Honors Program shortly after joining HSA and eventually became an officer. Since joining HSA I've mostly been interested in growing and spreading awareness of the program itself. I've talked to many students in order to get the word out and to get more new members that to me seemed like the perfect fit. I've also been proactive in volunteering for certain honors events and have been a large part in facilitating them, helping with planning/scheduling, setting things up, and a lot of presentations. Things like game night where I helped organize schedules, supplies, set up surveys to meet everyone's expectations, etc proved to be more than worth the effort to have a fun community night for everyone who works so hard at school. I've done the J street cleanup twice and have had a great time at each because everyone involved in our Honors program is really enthusiastic and genuine. I had been involved with a voting and media project where the Honors' secretary, Braiden Burton and I, discussed and engaged with NWACC students and faculty about the importance of local votes and media subversion. I got involved after I had been asked by professor Chesne if I wanted to help create a subversive poster that the group would present and I thought that sounded like a fun and creative project. I ended up creating a poster advocating for students to have their political voices heard, and the group kept me on and eventually we hosted a presentation where NWACC students and faculty got to discuss local voting and create their own piece of subversive media. It was a really fun and, in my opinion, educational event for everyone involved. I later talked at OSU where a number of HSA officers represented NWACC, my portion being specifically to our voting project. Our team of great honors students who all had their own big contribution in their own events at NWACC made the entire event a great thing to be a part of and really showed just how active HSA is. Whenever there is an ongoing project that is primarily in the hands of another HSA member, I like to ask about what I can do to help and if I can get involved and have found that just asking around can help quite a bit, even basic things like helping someone set up tables or help organize something, especially because it's rewarding to help out people who really are working hard to

produce good results. I have volunteered to host the award ceremony during the Honors Gala because I've really enjoyed speaking roles in these projects, something I hadn't had much experience with, but something that other HSA members thought I'd be good at, so I tried it out and did really well I thought. I was excited to speak at the Gala because I knew it'd be a great time to be involved in our own celebration because I've seen how hard everyone works to make Honors a great thing to be a part of. My experiences in Honors and HSA have really encouraged me to get more involved in my community, actually seek out interesting and impactful things to help contribute towards, and I hope to benefit more general community issues in the future.



The OSU Team: Yullyana Laguna, Braiden Burton, Tate Kaudy, Allison Davidson

Lifelong Skills

Honors has been an integral program for me and my development as a student. I don't think I'd have nearly as much confidence in myself going forward as I do now if I hadn't gotten involved with Honors or HSA. The amount of lifelong skills that I've learned to utilize by being active in various projects has shown me just how capable I really am. I've learned how to work in a team setting, both as a leader by being a front liner in OSU and our voting project, and as a supporting role, namely by assisting with room setups, gathering contacts, sending emails, just doing whatever might help get the job done. I've learned how to manage not only my time but how to manage schedules and plans involving numerous group members, namely setting up our game night and preparing for the Honors gala. I've become a better student by pushing myself to achieve what I knew I could in my honors courses, courses that are more involved and more thorough, offering a more complete and in depth variation of the standard course. Because of how Honors students work I've learned how to collaborate with other students in order to help each other succeed and create an encouraging group. I've honed my abilities to do public

speaking by presenting at OSU, helping host the Honor's Gala, and presenting our Voter's project at NWACC. I feel as though I understand how to network with like minded people in order to get an objective completed after seeing so many projects from start to finish. I also feel as though I've seen very professional gold standard individuals that have succeeded in places that I'd like to go, and so have shown me exactly what it takes to accomplish my goals. Joining Honor's and HSA has really been nothing but a positive experience. I know once I move on from NWACC to University, I'll remember what Honor's has done to set me up for success.



J Street Pickup, Spring 2024

My Favorite Experience

There's more than a few great experiences that I'd like to share while being in Honors. Things like our trip to OSU for our presentation was one of the highlights of being at NWACC for me. It was a really cool experience to be able to see so many other students from different schools show us exactly how hard they work and the great things they've been up to and it was a great experience to be able to speak at a university as a community college student. Another event I've always had a lot of fun doing has been our J street pickup project, where HSA members cleaned the street of litter. The people who get involved with J street are some of the best people I've met during my time at NWACC. They're dependable, hard working, fun, intelligent, encouraging, as well as enthusiastic, and because of that it's been something that I've really looked forward to. I love studying and hanging out with other Honors students in the Honors hub as well, but I think the specific thing that I'd like to talk about is game night. Game night is this great event that Honors students can set up – really as many times as they want to – to get together and just hang out, play board games, video games, eat pizza and other food, bring great snacks, and just have a good time. We had board games, video games, card games, and some people there played one of the most intense games of Risk I've ever seen. I think the first game night that I went to was my favorite because it was the first time I got to see all these super hard working people just kick back and have fun. It's something that's really meaningful because these are people who you've seen countless times every week. People who you've collaborated with, asked for help from, and most likely have taken or are in classes with. It's a great reward for everyone's hard work and has really solidified the friendships that I've made through honors. I think the first game night I went to must have had about 30 different games and at least 300 dollars worth of pizza, ice cream, cakes, snacks, drinks, etc, and about 30 people showed up, all of whom were good friends.



Game Night, Fall 2023

Some Quick Advice

My advice would be: Reach out to other Honors students, they're usually friendly and don't bite! Get involved in projects that may not jump out immediately at you; you'd be surprised what sorts of events you'll really enjoy. And of course, **spread the word**. Definitely put your word in for any ideas you think might be fun or beneficial to honors, you'd be surprised what you can pull off. Get as many people to know about Honors as you can that'd be good fits to make it the best program to be a part of!



Honors officers at the Greenhouse