

Tabitha Novotny's Honors portfolio

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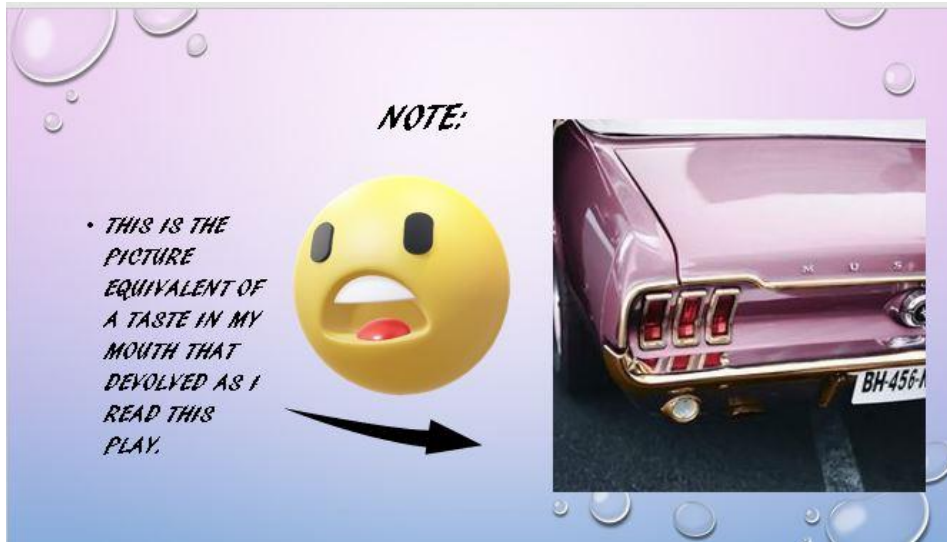
Courses taken in honors

1. Gender Studies
2. Survey of World Civilizations from 1500
3. Introduction to Theatre
4. History of American People Since 1877
5. Cultural Anthropology

Demonstrate Engagement

NWACC's honors program helped provide me the opportunities and encouragement to engage in the community whether that be through Dr. Huggard's Service Learning project, to going to local play productions, or attending lectures outside of the classroom. My various honors classes have helped me become more engaged academically, strengthening the quality of my work, stimulating my currently held ideas, and introducing new experiences such as a Ryan Sallands moving transition story, experiencing the theatre through various avenues such as breaking down a play into its various parts, visually, attending staged readings of my classmates works, and meeting a local group called LatinX (we also saw them perform.) Not only through my Intro to Theatre class but through the honors program as well I was able to attend three different plays; The Wolves, The Humans, and Skeleton Crew which all worked together in touching on our individuals issues, and struggles within ourselves, our family dynamics, the struggles of school, and that we are all, human. I have been exposed to various cultures as I immersed myself in my studies through food in Survey of World Civilizations, I have gotten ankle deep in dirt , and mossy grime for the benefit of monarch butterflies for my American History class, and I've understood the struggles we face as we are effected by a steam of ideas,

“truths”, and stereotypes through sitcoms in my Introduction to Gender Studies course.



-snapshot of one of the slides in my Intro to Theatre final project powerpoint 2018



-World Civilizations 2018

Cultivate Curiosity

I've been on the edge of tears as I wrote papers on the brutality of history, of the killings of hundreds of people, as slaves were cut by the leaves of sugar plants burning with the sweat and tears of their ancestors as ants ravaged their bodies all in the name of sugar. On the other hand I've seen the sweetness of human kind, I've laughed as I experienced a slice of Korean culture through my Kdramas for Cultural Anthropology, filled with hope at the philosophical discussions in class, and the kind acts of the people around me; I'm filled with hope. Humans are complicated creatures who have different views on what is “wrong” and “right” who eat different foods, and dress in different styles, and who speak different tongues. All of my honors classes has fueled my curiosity for learning about these different people, their experiences; past and present, and my yearning to be a part of that in some way (this is what inspired and

motivated me to join my World Civ professor, Dr. Gallo on her study abroad to Greece last summer.)

Explore Perspectives

I believe that college is a wonderful place where we have the ability to safely house the exchange of ideas, and perspectives whether they be controversial or not, and that we have a place where we can ask questions. I believe that each of my honors classes have afforded me the opportunity to explore a variety of perspectives from that of the ancient Greek people stopping war with sex, from the Native Americans struggles in the early 1900's, to the cultures we are a part of in modern times through the analysis of sitcoms, k dramas, videos in class, and various textbooks.



Cultural Anthropology 1019 Korean Drama



Korean Shaman Presentation Cultural Anthropology 2019

Section 2

I think the most important skill I received from the Honors Program was the ability to make connections with fellow students, professors, and local event curators in the area. I have the confidence in my ability to talk to others in a way that will benefit my end cause, and not be intimidated by the fact that I am a young adult who is a newbie to all of this. I've overcome much of my social anxiety, gained confidence in myself (I have bigger dreams now), and I've overcome my anxiety with presenting in front of a group of people. This all proves to myself that I have ideas worth sharing, and that I can work under pressure has really changed my view point on how I go about dealing with situation in life, college, and my workplace.

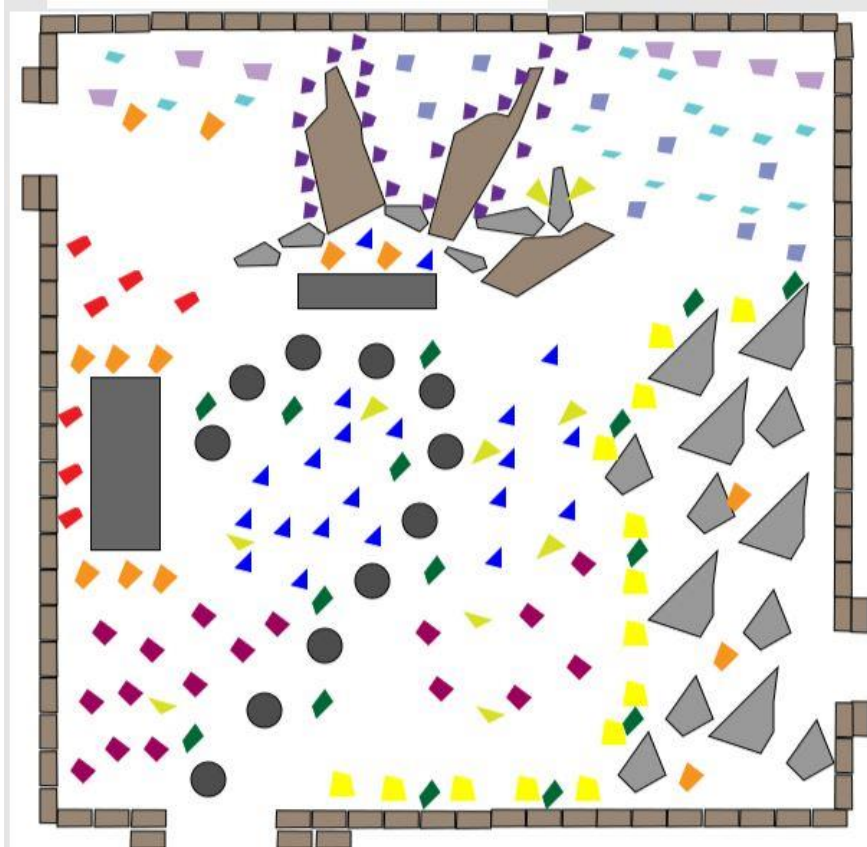
Section 3

I absolutely loved the experiences I accumulated during my 20-hour service-learning project for Dr. Huggard's History of the American Peoples class. Our objective was to build a garden, as a team to 1. Preserve the migration patterns of Monarch Butterflies, preventing extinction, 2. Have a place for generations to come to study, and be a part of the natural processes of nature 3. Add to the beauty of the surrounding area without disturbing the native plants in the surrounding area with non-native plants. I was able to get hands on experience and enjoyment with this project as I helped turn dirt/compost, collect native rock for the borders of the garden (with my new found friends, aka the other people in my class), and help create a guideline/key for Dr. Huggard's future classes who would contribute to the garden. Dr. Huggard's love and empathy for others through his teachings of history, and even through our time working with this garden for butterflies helped me see the world in a new light, and it inspired in me to become a better person; to be an inspiration to others as he was to us. I believe that hands on experience is beneficial to our educational experience because it reminds us that we can make a difference, even now as young college students, we are not powerless. Because of my contribution to the project I was awarded two scholarships; Service Learning Scholarship, and the Warbington Scholarship.



Service Learning 2018





Project for my Service Learning I created a visual guideline/key for our Monarch butterfly garden. 2018

Section 4

Advice...well I would tell my fellow student before they started this wonderful journey that they should never be afraid to ask questions, and to ask for help. I encourage you to stimulate your mind, be willing to advise your preconceived notions of things such as history, and to always ALWAYS strive for what is right, what is true, and what sets your soul on fire.



Honors Academic Awards 2018