## Muriel A. Howard Honors Program Newsletter

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## BENGALS DARE TO CARE DAY

On Saturday, September 25th Muriel A. Howard Honors Students participated in the Civic and Community Engagement Offices Dare to Care Day.

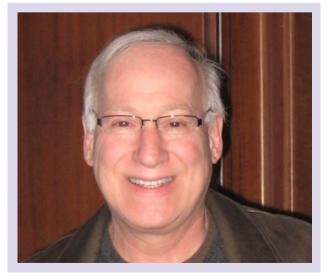
Ninety Honors students signed up for Bengals Dare to Care day. They were split into multiple groups and sent out into the Buffalo community. Students went to the Pelion Community Garden to help prepare it for the next season; The Foundry to paint and move mulch and wood; The Black Rock Riverside Alliance to help form the new National Federation Wildlife Habitat; the Historic Concordia Cemetery to help with fall maintenance activities; and to the Grant St. Corridor to help maintain lawns. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead

have been a teacher at Buffalo State for 40 years earning my Professorship in Metalsmithing in 1994. During that time, I was elected to serve on the College Senate for three different terms, and served on any manner of Departmental, Arts and Humanities, and All-college committees, chairing any number of them to move the business of this College forward. I was invited to deliver a dialoque as the guest speaker at the 2013 Honors Convocation, was twice elected Chair of the Design Department, initially from 1992-1997, and then from 1999-2001 upon returning from a twoyear hiatus Directing the Siena International Education Program in Siena, Italy where my family and I spent two glorious years taking students very much like you to numerous places in that country. This program's total immersion format afforded these students a transformative cultural experience that will follow them for the rest of their lives. On the Scholarship end over these many years, I have exhibited in close to 100 International, National, and Regional art exhibitions covering juried and invitational formats; been awarded two, New York State Foundation for the Arts Fellowships; and included into several articles in periodicals relating to my field as well as cited in four Metalsmithing associated books. In matters relating to the Honors Program, I have pretty much been teaching in it since its inception. I have especially enjoyed teaching students in this program because they always seem to be motivated to excel in arenas outside their major areas of expertise. In a field all about ideas, Honor's students rank at the very top so it's been quite fun to place them into an environment that is foreign to them and see them develop and excel at building their projects.

### **Stephen F. Saracino**

Art & Design





#### **Daniel Blum** History & Social Studies Education

I have been teaching at Buffalo State College since 2002, primarily European history and introduction to college courses. Prior to my teaching career, I worked in professional politics for ten years. There is a link between European history, modern American politics, and teaching ... all revolve around my fascination with people and how we live and think. Humanity is endlessly interesting. So much so that I read European history in my spare time, for fun. Really. Teaching history and engaging with students is part of my ongoing exploration of learning not merely how to live, but how to live well.

My dream for Buffalo State College is to form a chess club. The intellectual and social engagement natural to chess would be a positive addition to our campus. If you are interested, please let me know.

I also play the piano (poorly), walk five miles a day, coach little league baseball, enjoy woodworking, and labor diligently at raising my five children (ages 14 to 21).

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

# **Heathers: The Musical**



For the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Buffalo State Theater Department is gracing Buffalo State with a musical. *Heathers The Musical* is the darkly delicious story of Veronica Sawyer, a brainy, beautiful teenage misfit who hustles her way into the most powerful and ruthless clique at Westerberg High: The Heathers. But before she can get comfortable atop the high school food chain, Veronica falls in love with the dangerously sexy new kid, J.D. When Heather Chandler, the Almighty, kicks her out of the group, Veronica decides to bite the bullet and kiss Heather's aerobicized ass...but J.D. has another plan for that bullet.

On Thursday October 21st, 27 honors students and staff attended the Buffalo State production of Heathers: The Musical to cheer on not only Buffalo State Theater but also the Honors Students involved in making it happen. To read more about those students check out the spotlights on the next page!

# **Honors in Heathers**





**Carolyn Freeman –** Heather Chandler Senior, English Education

Link Hagerty – Heather Duke Sophomore, Theater

**Kathleen Dunne –** *Heather Macnamara* Senior, Music Education

**Angelina Santiago –** *Cheerleader* Junior, Social Work

Yamilla Tate - Band (Bass) Senior, Music

**Michael Parrizzi –** Band (Guitar) Senior, Music Education

**Grant Asklar -** *Band (Reed)* Senior, Music Education

# Spring Registration – Nov. 3rd

How to find the right Honors class for you!



Before logging onto banner and registering for your classes be sure you know what classes we are offering this spring!

The Spring 2022 classes can be found on the Honors Website! https://honors.buffalostate.edu/spring-2022-courseschedule

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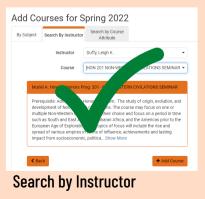
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#### Search for courses by INSTRUCTOR

Some Honors courses share the same Course Number. For example, three different courses are listed as HON201. If you search the Schedule Planner by SUBJECT, you will not know if you are selecting the correct HON course. If you search by INSTRUCTOR, however, you can select the instructor of the Honors course you want to take and click the correct course from there.



#### Search by Subject



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The Honors program is looking for students to do Instagram Takeovers! If you are interested in taking us through a day in your life send us a DM.

> Social Media Takeovers

## **Upcoming Events**

M&T Interviewing Preparation and Best Practices Virtual Seminar: Oct. 29

Virtual: 10:00a-11:00a

Honors Halloween: Oct. 29 Honors HUB: 1:00p-4:00p

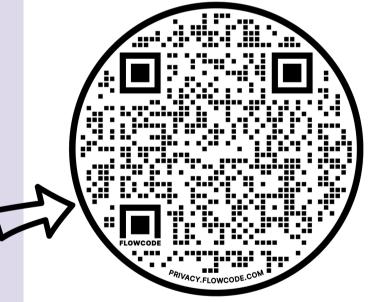
**CDC Interviewing Workshop:** Nov. 1 Honors HUB: 3:15p-4:15p

**Going Beyond: Leading with a Creative Mindset w/ Dr. Cyndi Burnett:** Nov. 5 Bacon Hall 115: 3:30p-6:00p

Honors Faculty Talk - Steve Saracino: Nov. 9 Honors HUB: 12:15p-1:30p

M&T Working as a Professional – Perspectives and Pointers Seminar: Nov. 10 Virtual: 2:00p-3:00p

Career Decision Making Workshop: Nov. 16 Honors HUB: 12:15p-1:30p



Register for our workshop: Going Beyond: Leading with a Creative Mindset Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cyndi Burnett

# **Looking Back**

# **Moving Forward**

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**Buffalo State College** 

In 1871, when the Buffalo Normal School opened its doors to its first class, the school's sole purpose was to train teachers to serve Buffalo's fast-growing student population in the public schools.

On September 13, the first day of classes, the complement of the new normal school consists of 86 students (75 women, 11 men), Principal Henry B. Buckham, 15 faculty members, and 195 children in the School of Practice. All were housed in the three-story Victorian building at Jersey and 13th Streets (now Normal Avenue) on Buffalo's West Side.

In 1931 students and faculty moved to the new, five-building Elmwood Avenue campus.

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