



Arcadia University's Honors Program

HONORS PROJECTIONs

Featuring projects of all disciplines created
by our accomplished students
Spring 2025

Tuesday, April 17th, 2:45pm - 7:30pm

Commons Meeting Rooms 2-3

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Honors Students, in lieu of a traditional thesis, are required to do a semester long project outside their majors. Here at Arcadia, the Honors Students are encouraged to explore their passions. We know, with the right support, students can accomplish anything they choose to pursue. So we provide the tools and support to help them realize their potential. And they take their tremendous talents, dedication, passion and vision to accomplish formidable projects. Thank you to all the mentors who helped our students achieve these amazing projects this year and for all years. We invite the Arcadia community to engage in the larger conversation around these projects on April 17th in the Commons Meeting Rooms!

Congratulations to this semester's Honors Project Students!

Zoom link for April 17th

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SIMON LUDWIG (HE/HIM)

2:45

From Ancient Waves

Marie Taylor, Adjunct Professor

Scientific Illustration, 2027

For my project I took a rough four-page storyboard I previously created and turned it into a short story. In the process I also added more depth and details to take it from a basic concept to a full-fledged story. The tale illustrates how a pirate captain, Jasper, bored of his everyday life faces a new adventure in the form of a massive shipwreck. As him and his crew approach they discover a survivor, which creates even more twists to the tale. Who is this mysterious man and how is he the lone survivor? Can he be trusted?



DELANEY BELL (SHE/HER)

3:00

Delaney's Dessert Blog

Alix Cucinotta, Associate Director of Athletic Communications/Social Media Coordinator

Media & Communications, 2026

For this project, I centered my work around dessert blogs. I took the challenge to try many local dessert shops in Glenside and see which one is the best. The desserts range from ice cream, to donuts, to gelato. I have created a website that displays all of the places I have visited. Each blog post contains the what I ordered, the history of the shop, my experience, my review, and my overall rating. I also attached pictures of all of the items and throughout my journey taste testing all of these places.



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ANGELA BRUCK (SHE/HER) & JOANNE MCGINNISS (SHE/HER)

3:15

A Mockumentary: The Campus Store Crime

Sarah Edmonds, Adjunct Professor

Both Early Childhood Education, 2027

This film focuses on a documentary styled video that pokes fun at true crime documentaries. Inspired by the hit show "The Office," this film follows a student named Patrick as he gets carried away on his shoplifting journey. As Patrick works to grow his Arcadia Swag collection his self entitlement and sheer stupidity gets in the way and begins to cloud his judgement. What happens when a event like this happens on a normally calm and uneventful college campus?



AJ LAIBACH (HE/HIM)

3:45

Finding My Range: Memoirs of a Student Athlete with Type 1 Diabetes

Tracey Levine, Director of Creative Writing Major
Biology, Pre-PT, 2027

Being both a student-athlete and a type 1 diabetic are both major parts of my identity and impact my life nearly everyday. I have had experiences that have changed my mindset, forced me to adapt and have allowed me to become the person I am today. In my project, I delve into some of the most challenging and life changing moments that I have experienced on and off the field through a series of memoirs.



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ALEXA BARNETT (SHE/HER)

4:00

The Ultimate Travel Guide: New Zealand

Wilfredo Amill, Study Abroad Advisor

Biology, 2026

I am writing a travel guide for a student studying abroad at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. The guide will include a calendar with a general description of where you could go on the weekend, a hyperlinked document with a planned itinerary for each weekend with prices and how long it takes to travel, as well as a budget listed out. There will also be things to know before you go as well as tips and tricks to try to give the student as much information as possible before they make the decision to go. The goal of this project is to help ease the stress of going abroad, while also giving options once they are there.



SAMANTHA TOPACIO (SHE/HER)

4:15

Love Letters to My Viola

Mark Gunderman, Orchestra Conductor and Professor

Computer Science, 2026

This project is a personal narrative through music, captured in a small collection of viola solos composed by myself, each representing a distinct phase of my development as a violist. From the learning stages to moments of artistic growth and personal expression, each piece serves as a musical reflection of my relationship with the instrument. The music highlights key influences, milestones, and emotions that have shaped my playing over time.



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GABBY CACCIATORE (SHE/HER)

4:30

Logic Logistics: Song Production for Beginners

Gralin Hughes, Communications Professor

Psychology, 2026

Despite having very little music production, songwriting, and composing experience, I sought out to learn how to create a song and apply those skills by creating one of my own songs by the end of the semester because I've always wanted to learn how to make (specifically produce) a song. After exploring and learning about a few important aspects of the song development and creative process, I settled on producing a song using materials on-campus, such as a music production software, with the help of my more experienced mentor.



KARAH DANIELS (SHE/HER)

4:45

Writing a Book: Crimson Petals

Alex Pixton, Story Editor

Early Education, 2026

For my honors project, I decided to write a short story. While I'm very passionate about creative writing, I lack in many areas of expertise. I've written many stories before, but I always felt that they were lacking. For this project, I came up with characters, and a plot and even made art for the book. My Mentor is helping me greatly by taking the time to read what I wrote and giving me suggestions on how to make it better. The story is a romance/mystery between two childhood best friends. One day the boy goes missing after his high school graduation. The girl is devastated but determined to find him. Will she find her long-lost best friend or will she move on?



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ETHAN PIPERNO (HE/HIM)

5:15

Esports Streaming and Casting

Nicholas Letherbarrow, Assistant Esports Director

Biology, 2027

I help the esports teams, mainly Rainbow Six Siege, stream their games and commentate on the stream about gameplay, plans, how each round goes, etc. It is basically like broadcasting for a sporting event, but it is esports instead!



GABRIEL CONN (HE/HIM) & **MIKAELA FABEY** (SHE/HER)

5:30

Grand Misbelief Reviews

Logan Fields, Psychology Professor

Psychology and Chemistry (respectively), 2027

Grand Misbelief Reviews is a movie review blog, rating different films, specifically based off of the idea of suspension of disbelief. With being STEM majors, we wanted to incorporate this idea into the movie reviews to try and create something new. We watch the movie, rate the movie based off the suspension of belief and how well we liked the movie. From there, we also go into specifics regarding directing styles, soundtracks, and even comparing directors different movies.



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MAEVE HOURIHAN (SHE/HER) & CARYS JELLEY (SHE/HER)

6:00

The Ins and Outs of Being a D3 College Athlete
Lexie Austin, Athletic Trainer

Biology, pre-PA, 2026 and Criminal Justice, 2028

Our project is a podcast called "The Ins and Outs of Being a D3 College Athlete." In this podcast, we will be covering various topics about what it is like to be a Division 3 College athlete. We will cover topics such as The Reality of D3 Athletics, Mental Health and Well-Being, and A Day in the Life of a D3 Athlete. Since both of us are D3 athletes, we offer a unique insight into what it is like to be a D3 athlete based on our first hand experience. Our goal is for others to become more familiar with the athletics side of university and the reality of being a D3 Athlete. This is the show where we dive deep into stories from athletes who are grinding, balancing, and pushing their limits, all without the hype of the big lights.



CHASE KASARDA (SHE/HER)

6:30

A Look into Childhood: A LPS Mini-Series

Alan Powell, Professor

Biology, pre-PT, 2026

This project takes a trip into mine and I hope many others' childhoods. Littlest Pet Shops come to life through my imagination in a short mini-series based on the board game Clue. The story is fun, light-hearted, and as if my twelve-year-old self made these.



THOMAS LOMAS (HE/HIM)

6:45

Stellar Spectroscopy

Kimberly Small, Adjunct Professor

Computer Science, 2026

My project involves collecting and analyzing the spectral lines of various stars observed in the night sky. The spectra are gathered using the Celestron Edge HD 11-inch telescope available on campus, in collaboration with the RSpec Astronomy software.



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LIANNE GORMLEY-DEVINE (SHE/HER)

7:00

Impress Your Mind Board Game

Rick Arras, Professor of Computer Science

Psychology, pre-PA, 2025

The Impress Your Mind board game is designed to improve memory and cognitive skills. Players navigate a colorful map, encountering different themes around a town that target different areas of cognition like memory, reasoning, and speed! Each turn involves drawing cards with memory-based tasks such as identifying patterns, recalling phrases, unscrambling words, trivia, remembering item locations, and more! This board game is supposed to induce social interaction, conversation, and critical thinking. While it is aimed toward older individuals with mild cognitive impairment, Impress Your Mind promotes mental agility and offers fun, engaging ways to sharpen memory and recall skills.



AALEXIYAH RODRIGUEZ (SHE/HER)

7:15

Poetry

Michelle Reale, Professor, Access Services and Outreach Librarian

Sociology and Gender Studies, 2026

My project focuses on the world around me and how the way I see the world helps shape me into the person I am. My reality and childhood experiences are not a typical example for many but as a proud Puerto Rican, I wish to share the parts of my world that others have never got the chance to experience. There are moments and memories that made me the person I am today and without those memories I would be a completely different version of myself. Our lived experiences create the lenses in which we see the world especially when you grow up in such a loving community and family and I chose to share this through a series of poems about the world in which I grew up in.

