

SKIDMORE HONORS FORUM



NEWSLETTER TWO

2021

Welcome to the first Honors Forum Newsletter of the Spring 2021 semester! This issue will include a line up of upcoming HF events, remind you of general HF requirements, and more!

MARCH

A NOTE FROM EXEC CO

We are so happy to be sending out the second issue of our new and improved Honors Forum Newsletter! We are continuing with our mission to use this Newsletter to strengthen the sense of community within the Honors Forum. So, in these Newsletters, you will find information about upcoming events, spotlights on your fellow Honors Forum members, submissions from you, the Honors Forum community, and fun, helpful articles from the Exec Co. We would also love to include your stories, news, or anything else you are working on and are passionate about! Just email our VP Kaleigh (khoward1@skidmore.edu) or President Eliza (ekupers1@skidmore.edu) for more information. With that said, enjoy this issue!

WELCOME NEW HF MEMBERS

This spring, the Student Executive Committee and Honors Faculty Council have been hard at work selecting the newest class of HF members.

This year, we saw the largest pool of applicants in recent history: over 160 eligible first and second years submitted applications to the Honors Forum. The Student Exec Co conducted over 120 virtual interviews and teams of readers combed through piles of application packets.

The effort was well worth it, we accepted a highly qualified and highly motivated group of 108 students, the largest class of inductees we have ever seen.

If you are a returning HF member, take the time to reach out to new members and get to know them! In this time of isolation everyone is eager to build community.

If you are a new HF member, congratulations and welcome! We can't wait to see how you use this opportunity to thrive.

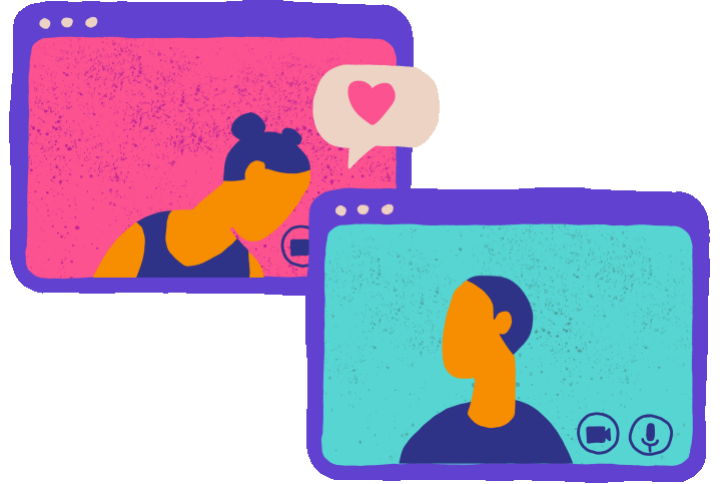
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UPCOMING EVENTS

For the Spring Semester

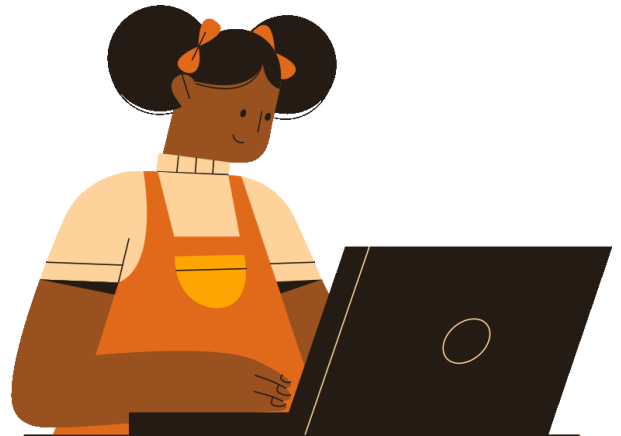
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NEW MEMBERS ONLY General Meeting: Come meet the Exec Co, learn about upcoming events, meet other members of the forum, and have any of your HF questions answered.



APRIL 7

ALL MEMBERS "Speed Friending": Looking to meet your fellow HF members and make new connections? Join us for this virtual crash-course in connection!



APRIL 14

ALL MEMBERS Virtual Movie Night: Bring snacks and join us on Zoom for a movie screening!(movie TBA)

APRIL 23

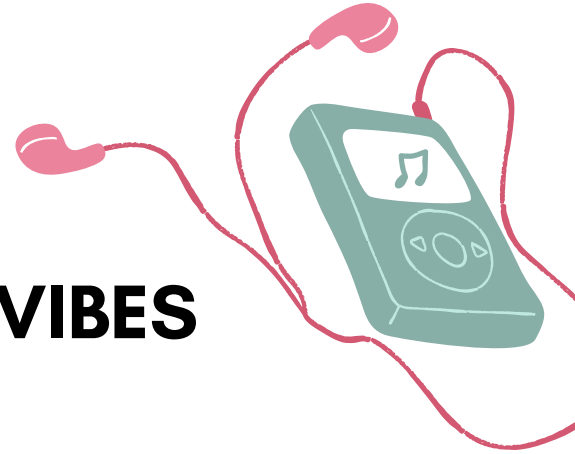
ALL MEMBERS Game Night: Kahoot! Jackbox! Board games and more! Join us for a virtual game night.



STUDY PLAYLISTS

Click the Spotify logos below to listen to some awesome study music!

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ACCUSTIC, LOWFI VIBES



or



SOFT AMBIENCE



R&B/ ALTERNATIVE



A [HIGHLY IMPROBABLE] WEEKLY HF HOROSCOPE

March 14- 19



Aries: March 21- April 20

You are most likely going to get some good news at school this week but don't let it go to your head!



Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

This week is going to be a good one, especially at the beginning. Just make sure to stay on top of things so the rest isn't overwhelming.



Taurus: April 21- May 21

This week you are going to be able to catch up on a lot of your work as long as you don't get sidetracked



Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 22

This week may be a little tricky for you. Try to not make any quick decisions without thinking them through this week.



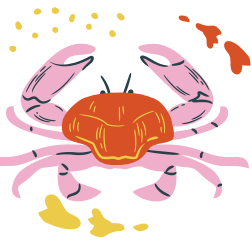
Gemini: May 22 - June 21

This may be a challenging week for you so try and take it easy this week. Go buy yourself a coffee or something



Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

You may come across a person who could influence your future career goals this week. Try and make a good impression.



Cancer: June 22 - July 22

This is going to be a week where you make a lot of decisions and not just "what toaster strudels will I have" type of decisions



Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 20

This may be your lucky week! You are going to grow some of your relationships this week, and get closer to them.



Leo : July 23 - Aug 23

The planetary positions signal some challenging times upcoming so take care of yourself!



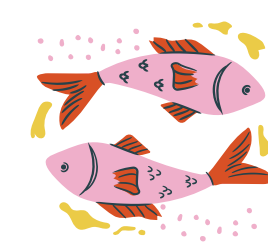
Aquarius: Jan 21 - Feb 18

Hunny last week was just crazy for you. Just go take a nap.



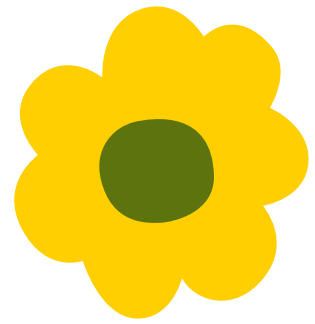
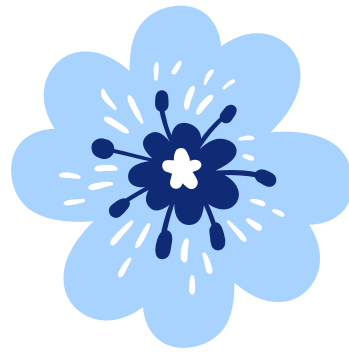
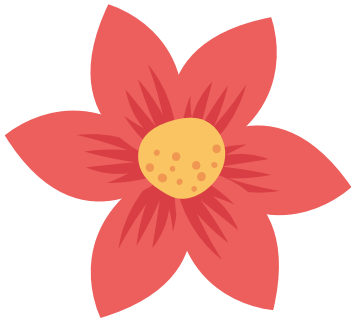
Virgo: Aug 24 - Sept 22

This is going to be a week where you make a lot of decisions and not just "what toaster strudels will I have" type of decisions



Pisces: Feb 19 - March 20

You may face some difficulties with a partner or coworker this week. Make sure to stick up for your needs!



MEET THE STUDENT EXEC CO... WITH BOOKS!

In a reading slump? Looking for a new book to read? Or maybe you're just curious about the Exec Co's most recommended books? Read on to learn more!



EXEC CO BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



ELIZA KUPERSCHMID '21

President

Eliza is a senior Music and English double major. Her favorite book right now is called *Jane: A Murder* by Maggie Nelson. She loves it because it combines creative nonfiction with poetry, artifacts, and suspense!

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MAALIK DUNKLEY '21

Vice President

Maalik Dunkley is a senior English major and his favorite book is *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. He loves this book because it tackles time, legacy, slavery, and trauma - and numerous other large topics that deserve deeper note than a small blurb - in a narrative style that he's never seen before and have not seen replicated.

Memory weaves in and out characters' thoughts while its effects are constantly present in their lives - similar to how this novel continues to reappear in his life.

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HANNAH TUOHY '22

Co-Vice President

Hannah Tuohy is a Junior Political Science and Spanish double major. Her favorite book at the moment is the nonfiction book *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle!

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KALE HOWARD '22

Co-Vice President

Kaleigh (Kale) Howard is a junior Psychology major and statistics minor.

Her all time favorite book is *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott, but is currently loving *Love in Colour: Mythical Tales From Around The World*, Retold by Bolu Babalola and *King and the Dragonflies* by Kacen Callender

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EMILY CHASE '22

Secretary

Emily Chase is a junior Environmental Studies major and her favorite book is *Educated* by Tara Westover! That book opened her eyes to how valuable our access to education is.

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CAITLIN NEUHAUS KILGORE '22

Marketing and Outreach

Caitlin Neuhaus Kilgore is a junior majoring in political science. Her favorite book is *Know My Name: A Memoir* by Chanel Miller. This Memoir chronicles Millers survival story after she was sexually assaulted on Stanford's campus. She highlights how our culture often protects perpetrators and how her statement to the media helped to reverse unfair sentencing and reverse California law.

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OVERVIEW OF HONORS FORUM REQUIREMENTS

Whether you are new to the Forum or just need a refresher, here is an overview of what you need to do to maintain your Honors Forum minor.



GENERAL OVERVIEW

Maintain a 3.50 GPA or higher each semester and a minimum 3.50 cum GPA at the end of senior year.

Take at least **3 Honors classes, add-ons, or independent studies or 7 Honors credits**. You will have until the end of your senior year to complete your course requirements.

Complete the **Student-Led Honors Project** by the end of your senior Fall semester.

Complete an **Honors Capstone project** and present it during your senior year.

Maintain social and academic integrity as outlined by the Student Handbook.

Participate actively in planning, coordinating, or even presenting at Honors Forum events. **Must attend two events minimum per semester normally at least, but this is waived Fall 2020 for COVID.**

STUDENT LED HONORS PROJECTS

There are two ways in which you can complete this HF requirement:

OPTION 1: MAKE A DIFFERENCE PATHWAY

Think of an idea. How can you help a community? This community can be within the HF, the Skidmore community, Saratoga Springs, your hometown, or an international community. Fill out a proposal form. These are due the third Friday of the semester you are proposing to complete the project. You should dedicate 10 hours to this project once you begin. For more information, check out our [webpage](#)

EXAMPLES OF PAST PROJECTS: Raking leaves for seniors in the Saratoga Springs community, creating a campaign on Skidmore's campus to raise awareness about sexual assault, volunteering with a non-profit organization, etc.

OPTION 2: GREAT CONVERSATIONS PATHWAY

Think of a topic that you are interested in exploring. Do you like oceanography? The psychology of childhood development? Interested in why certain movies make the cut for the Oscars? Anything of interest to you is fair game! Create a proposal and explain how you will turn your topic into an organized syllabus. These proposals are due the third Friday of the semester you are proposing to complete the project. You will meet with a small group several times during a semester (10 total hours), complete readings/film viewings and discuss your findings. This is a great project for students interested in investigating a topic from class in further depth, or exploring something you haven't learned in class but are curious about. For more information, check out our [webpage](#)

EXAMPLES OF PAST PROJECTS: Picking a book written by a Skidmore faculty member, reading the book, and having the faculty member join some discussion meetings as a guest. Watching every Oscar-Nominated movie in a season and discussing why those movies were nominated.

SENIOR CAPSTONE PROJECT

Another HF requirement is the senior capstone - keep this in mind sophomores and juniors as it comes up fast than you'd think!

CAPSTONE BASICS

Each graduating Honors Forum member must complete a culminating Capstone project in their senior year. Most of the time, HF members already must complete a Capstone project for their major, such as a thesis, research report, performance, 300-level class, exhibit, etc. This could double as your HF capstone, just make sure you still fill out the capstone application form located on our HF [webpage](#). If your major does NOT require a Capstone, you still must complete one to fulfill the HF Capstone requirement.

PROPOSAL

In order for a project to count toward the Honors Forum Capstone requirement, you must submit a proposal by the end of the second week of classes for the semester in which you are proposing the project. Once the faculty Director of the HF approves, you will be good to go.

EXAMPLES

Capstones in the past have involved writing a novella, conducting research in the fields of Psychology, Economics, English, Chemistry, and Business and more! Get creative with this, it's your chance to show off all that you have learned as a Skidmore student.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CLICK [HERE](#)

WANT TO BE FEATURED IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER?

We want YOU to submit your work to be featured in our future newsletter editions!

Have a piece of creative writing like a poem or short story that you've always wanted to share? Wrote a scholarly paper in a class last month that you think others should read? Have an opinion piece that you think the academically-minded students of the HF would love to read and discuss? Working on a HF project that you want to share? Have a joke you want to tell or a random thought you want others to see?

Submit anything and everything and we might just publish it in our next issue! Email our VP Kaleigh (khoward1@skidmore.edu) or President Eliza (ekupers1@skidmore.edu) for more information.

THANKS FOR READING!

We hope you enjoyed reading our Newsletter! We look forward to your future contributions and making this a space to celebrate academia and you, our hard working members.



Have a great rest of your March, Spring is just around the corner!

