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## Students Prepare for CSA Day Presentations

Julia Dent, Editor in Chief

The abstracts for Celebrating Student Achievement Day have been turned in, and students are busy working on a variety of theses and research projects. Although CSA Day isn't until Apr. 14, here's a glimpse of the fascinating presentations that are to come.

Senior Stephanie Livesay is a Graphic Design major, and she is designing an additional project to go with her paper. "I am designing the identity, stationery suite, website, way finding and various print materials for a boutique hotel of my own creation," she said. "The hotel, Chroma, is a modern yet eclectic boutique hotel located in downtown Raleigh that reflects the vibrant and unique culture home to Raleigh. Complementing the design, I am researching the relationship between hotel success and effective advertising and branding... Through my presentation I hope to demonstrate to the Meredith community that design reaches across multiple disciplines and that great design employs various skills and knowledge beyond creative talent."

Junior Kim Hinton is working on her Chemistry thesis, which is based off of two semesters of research. "The idea came from a conversation Dr. Powell and Dr. Agorham had about connecting organic synthesis to biochemistry," she said. She will "examine the effects of two inhibitors, difluorosuccinic acid and 2,4-di-

nitrophenol, on the succinate dehydrogenase complex. The question posed is to what extent the two synthesized inhibitors will obstruct the succinate dehydrogenase's ability to catalyze the removal of two hydrogens from its substrate succinate... The samples were examined using ultraviolet spectrophotometer in order to numerically measure the enzyme kinetics of our inhibited succinate dehydrogenase." After graduating, Hinton wants to pursue a doctorate of pharmacology, and she hopes her project will "communicate how research can lead to cross departmental connections, specifically Chemistry and Biology."

Senior Connor Dixon hated reading when she was a child, but that changed when she read the Harry Potter series. She became interested in how the series and the films were so wildly successful and focused her English thesis on that. "I focused my argument around the successful adaptation from novel to film and exactly how that happened through production, narrative scope and staying relatively true to the novels," she said. "I learned a lot about film production and the massive amount of work that goes into making a film adaptation of a novel... I discuss some of the changes made in the translation process and yet how the film series still stays true to J.K. Rowling's beloved novels."

Dixon hopes to continue her research and "one day become an encyclopedia of Harry Potter knowledge," she said. "I feel as though I'm getting there right now, but I don't think one can ever know too much about Harry Potter. Hopefully I can continue to develop and expand more on this subject and one day get it published as an article or book. I believe Harry Potter is important for many reasons, and one of those reasons is how it reaches out, across industries, across genres, across readers' ages and reading levels, and inspires people to wait patiently for their acceptance letters to Hogwarts."

### Honors Thesis presenters:

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## RHA Plays a Big Role on Campus

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Resident Housing Association obviously plays a big part on the campus of Meredith, but do you know exactly how big? Actually, RHA hosts several events in the fall and spring, and they've been busy this year. This fall, RHA hosted two Meredith and a Movie events, a BRA Day Drive, a breast cancer awareness panel, the Penny Barrels fundraiser and Pancakes @ 11.

The BRA drive, done in partnership with Sisters United, was very successful, spreading awareness for breast cancer and receiving 50 donated, gently used bras.

This was RHA's second year hosting the breast cancer awareness panel, and RHA Chair Ashley Byrnes says it won't be the last. There were five panelists, including three survivors who shared their stories. "I think this issue is especially important at an all women's college, since we are all women students and we need to be aware of this disease and how early it can affect people," said Byrnes.

Penny Barrels during Cornhuskin' week was a huge fundraising success; \$1,500 were raised and donated to Sisters United's mentorship program. "I heard from seniors that every bank within a mile radius was out of pennies one day," said Byrnes jokingly.

Pancakes @ 11 has become a tradition for the last day of classes, and this year RHA partnered with two organizations to help with the event. FCA and Delta Upsilon both came to help, and are both planning to come for the spring Pancakes @ 11 event as well. The event is usually \$2 per person, which gets you in and purchases a cup commemorating the event. The guys from NC State that help actually make the pancakes, and other fun things like dancing also take place.

This spring, RHA got the ball rolling early. Two Meredith and a Movie events have already taken place this semester, and more are scheduled.

The weekend of Feb. 6-8, the members of Meredith's RHA attended the NCARH conference and plan to bring some ideas back with them to campus. "The conference reminded me of Cornhuskin' to be honest," said Byrnes. "We actually won awards for Best Banner, Best Display, and Most Spirited. We're really excited to take from that conference ideas for campus; expect new and improved socials coming up!"

Be on the lookout for more RHA events this spring, including a possible fundraiser and Pancakes @ 11 just before finals.

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