Happy Spring!
What a year we have had at Wesleyan! Congratulations on another great year. The H&S program has grown into an incredible academic force and I am very proud to be a part of it. I would like to thank Dr. Easter for her time and dedication to us, making sure that we indulged in all that Hampton Roads has to offer.

Our social calendar was booked with a variety of activities which I hope everyone was able to experience. The dessert social with Dean Buckingham this past fall was very positive. It is great to have our voices heard and hopefully see our thoughts and opinions put to use. The past four years at Wesleyan have been wonderful for me and I would like to thank everyone and wish good luck to my fellow graduating seniors and the underclassmen!
Have a great summer!

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Notes from The President

Production rolled out on our first H&S T-shirt

This spring members of the H&S Association designed and released our first T-shirt. In an appealing shade of bay blue, the shirts feature the VWC logo on the front chest and a quote by Aristotle on the back.

Proud to be part of the scholars community, members have already been spotted wearing the shirts on campus.

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Dear Honors and Scholars students,

As the president of Honors and Scholars for the 2006-2007 school year, I would like to say congratulations to all of our graduating members and to all members congratulations on a successful Spring semester. I am excited to see the Honors and Scholars program grow and improve every year and I have no doubt that next year will be a wonderful one.

A few years ago I came across a quote by Robert Collier that particularly caught my attention: “Your chances of success in any undertaking can always be measured by your belief in yourself.” I think that Honors and Scholars students truly believe in themselves, and when they set their goals high, it is this confidence which helps them to achieve those goals.

I would be glad to hear input from all of you about what you want to see happen with the program next year. You can always contact me through e-mail at acwolk@vwc.edu. Keep in touch with your ideas. Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer!

~ Amanda Wolk

Senior Spotlight: Martha Blevins

Hometown:
Montgomery, Alabama, now Virginia Beach, Virginia
Education before VWC:
Loveless Academic Magnet Program High School, Montgomery, Alabama
Major:
Social Sciences
How long have you been at VWC:
Since 2002
One thing that attracted you to VWC:
Definitely the small community-style of campus. I love that everyone knows my name!
Favorite Quote:
“Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice. It is not something to be waited for; but, rather something to be achieved.”
~ William Jennings Bryan
What you do for fun:
Volunteer for a worthy event/cause, movies with friends, spend time with family
Favorite course:
Marketing Principles with Dr. Ferguson. I'm not a MBE major, but I learned so much from the class and Dr. Ferguson!
A professor that has inspired you:
Dr. Dobrin has always pushed me to go the extra step. Diane Hotaling has inspired the volunteer in my soul. Robin Takacs has added a smile to my face every time I see her!

A great memory from VWC:
Winning the field hockey ODAC championship!

Future plans:
Grad School at ODU

Senior Spotlight: Kristen Jehl

Hometown:
Campton, NH
Education before VWC:
Plymouth Regional High School
Majors:
Criminal Justice & Sociology
How long have you been at VWC:
4 Years
One thing that attracted you to VWC:
The BEACH!!! The academic and athletic programs, and the people.
Favorite Author:
I have started reading Jodi Picoult and I really enjoy her books.
What you do for fun:
play field hockey and lacrosse, read, watch movies, and of course shopping.
Favorite course:
Criminal Investigations
A professor that has inspired you:
Dr Lopez
A great memory from VWC:
Winning the field hockey ODAC championship!
Future plans:
Grad School at ODU
Dr. Lopez is originally from Philadelphia, PA. He did his undergraduate work at Geneva College where he earned a double major in Psychology and Broadcasting. Dr. Lopez then went on to conquer a Master’s and Doctoral Degree at Penn State in Psychosocial Science with an emphasis in Criminal Justice.

Dr. Lopez has always had a passion for teaching. As a very young boy he used to carry around books with a pad and pencil. He was nicknamed the little professor by his uncle. The inspiration to teach also stemmed from the impact that a professor had upon him during his undergraduate education. He described his mentor, Dr. Peter Steen, as energetic and dynamic as well as memorable.

Outside of the classroom, Dr. Lopez spends his time with family. He has a wife and two daughters, one being a graduate of Wesleyan. He also has an 18 month old granddaughter. Dr. Lopez is also a man of many talents. In both high school and college he played guitar and sang in a group. He also has a passion for photography and an extensive collection of coins and metals. His collecting has spanned over 25 years and he has gained an international reputation as a consultant for major collectors.

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Senior Spotlight: Robert Thompson

**Hometown:**
Alexandria, VA

**Education before VWC:**
Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School

**Major:**
History

**Minor:**
German

**How long have you been at VWC:**
4 years

**One thing that attracted you to VWC:**
Admissions staff

**Favorite Author:**
Albert Camus

**Favorite course:**
All of my history courses were great

**A professor that has inspired you:**
Dr. Margolies

**A great memory from VWC:**
Studying abroad in Vienna, Austria

**Future plans:**
Graduate school in history at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

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Senior Spotlight: Kevin Wright

**Hometown:**
Yorktown, VA

**Education before VWC:**
Grafton High School

**Majors:**
Biology & Chemistry

**How long have you been at VWC:**
4 years

**One thing that attracted you to VWC:**
Friendly, community atmosphere

**What you do for fun:**
I like to just relax and hang out with my friends.

**Favorite Author:**
I'm a big fan of Dan Brown, but I don't really have a favorite quote.

**Favorite course:**
I don't really have a favorite class, there was something unique about every class that I took.

**A professor that has inspired you:**
One of my biggest inspirations is Dr. Easter. She believed in what I could do, and gave me the opportunity to really get into my research interests.

**A great memory from VWC:**
I have way too many great memories of VWC, but one of the biggest was the night that I became part of Phi Kappa Tau. That has truly changed my life.

**Future plans:**
Graduate School at Miami University in Oxford Ohio, studying molecular and developmental biology.
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Year End Wrap Up

Wow, what a year. When I took the reins from Dr. Vial last June, I did not know what was in store for me or the program. I had two goals for the program—increase membership and increase the visibility of the program. I am happy to report that membership in the Honors Program has more than doubled since last summer. Many people on campus are unaware of the Honors Program and the requirements to join. Last summer and again after the fall semester, invitations were sent to all students who based on GPA would qualify to join the program. All the freshmen who received Presidential Scholarships were invited to join in the fall semester.

The year started with an H&S Association meeting at the library to elect a president and to promote the study carrel initiative. Name plates were placed on study carrels assigned to interested scholars. This initiative, prompted by President Greer’s desire to highlight VWC scholars and to revitalize student use of the library, was successful with over 40 carrels assigned.

H&S Association programming aims to provide social, cultural and recreational opportunities. This year began with a dessert social, which included a conversation with Dean Buckingham. This provided a rare opportunity to have a direct effect on student services. Then in November, members visited the Chrysler Museum of Art and attended a Norfolk Admirals hockey game. Three theatre performances were attended: A Christmas Carol at Wells Theatre, The Lion King at Chrysler Hall, and Of Mice and Men at Wells Theatre. Director of Career Services, Ms. Hicks, offered an Etiquette workshop, which was very informative and included a multi-course dinner along with etiquette tips and general advice. The spring semester ended with a trip to Busch Gardens and the annual Scholars Spring Banquet. At the banquet, we heard an inspiring story from Dr. Laura Landolt along with the honoring of graduating seniors.

“Life is a process, not a goal.”
~ Dr. Laura Landolt

~ Dr. Joyce Easter