Tip of the Cap

Announcements

Writing Studios
Tuesdays 6:00—8:00 p.m.
Fridays 11:00-1:00 p.m.
LRH Great Room

Science & Math Studios
Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 p.m.
LRH Conference Room

Mentoring Programs
May 7
Spring Semester Finals
May 12—17
CAP Banquet
May 9
Graduation Breakfast
May 17

Peer Mentoring News

CAP371 is the CAP Peer Mentoring course. It "provides an experiential learning environment" where students can learn, receive training, and develop new skills as they mentor in groups and one-on-one. The course is specifically for Capital Scholars Honors students, and meets the Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirement. It can be taken for one or two credit hours. The peer mentors usually put on various events throughout the year, so stay tuned to find out more. For more information, please see Nikki Overcash in the CSHP.

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Special points of interest

- Capital Scholars Honors Program Alumni visit UIS for reunion
- CSHP goes "Under the Dome"
Alumni Reunion—Where are they now?

On Saturday, April 12th, the Capital Scholars Honors Program welcomed the class of 2008 back to LRH and its campus home, hosting a reunion for some alumni. The brunch featured a greeting and campus update from Chancellor Koch, a slideshow of photos and documents from past years, an update on the soon-to-be-built Student Union, along with a tour of the newest buildings on campus including TRAC!

All of these alumni have taken huge steps in their lives, every day getting closer to their respective goals. Former Communication and English major, Heather Keller, is currently the Coordinator of Career and Internship Services at Culver—Stockton College in Canton, Missouri, while Daniel McCarthy is an Internal Revenue Agent in the Special Enforcement Program with the IRS (clearly a job for a former Accountancy and Business Administration major). Others have spread out around the country, from Massachusetts to Virginia, and even a few have remained close to home here in Springfield.

Each of these students’ journeys are examples of the greatness that can come from being a CAP graduate.

Thank you, Class of ’08!
CAP Honors Students “Under the Dome”

“Under the Dome” is a new annual program that brings together students engaged in scholarly research to the State Capitol to present and showcase their work. Students from all three University of Illinois campuses will be highlighted. The event serves to connect the academic activities of our students with the general public and will be presented to our elected government officials and general public.

This year a few Capital Scholars Honors Program students have been selected to participate in the event. Participants include Matt Motley, Annu Joanna Paul Daniel, and Megan Bott. Megan, featured in our previous issue, will discuss her research, “From Asian Fusion to Asian Hipster Cuisine: Consuming Cosmopolitanism and Constructing Authenticity” while Matt will present his topic, titled “IRS: Just Another Politically Biased Organization.” Annu, a biology major, will present work on the “Past and Present Uses of Breast Milk.” These students all represent the interdisciplinary approach strived for by the Capital Scholars Honors Program. The event is scheduled for May 1st.

What to Watch

In keeping with an “Under the Dome” theme, this month’s entertainment suggestion is the recent television series, Under The Dome — A Mini Series based on the novel by Stephen King. The first season aired on CBS in 2013, and continues through to 2014.

An invisible and mysterious force field descends upon a small fictional town in the United States, trapping residents inside, cut off from the rest of civilization. The trapped townsfolk must discover the secrets and purpose of the "dome" and its origins, while coming to learn more than they ever knew about each other.

The cast includes Mike Vogel, Natalie Martinez, Alexander Koch, Colin Ford, Mackenzie Lintz, and more. The acting is on point and the directing equally as excellent.

Watch an episode of Under the Dome during your study break and see what you think!

Praise for Under the Dome

There were rave reviews, many of them even giving the series a perfect 10/10 score. Viewers call it, “addictive” and “mysterious” with an intriguing storyline and “sharp, focused directing” (IMDB).

Ratings

Metacritic gives Under the Dome 72% and 3.5 Stars

Rotten Tomatoes gives Under the Dome 81% and 4 Stars.

The Internet Movie Database (IMDB) gives Under the Dome a rating of 7.2/10.
Capital Scholars Honors Program

“The mission of the UIS Capital Scholars Honors Program is to provide a challenging, interdisciplinary, educational experience in which well-qualified, motivated students gain understanding and leadership skills to engage the world.”

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