

# Semester in Review

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The Florida Tech Honors College has gone virtual in Spring 2020! While we miss the community and camaraderie found in live meetings, events and activities, we are embracing our creativity during these unprecedented times.

We have had the opportunity to develop online platforms, using Canvas and Microsoft Teams to host activities and meetings. Our inaugural Honors Symposium, co-hosted by the Honors College and Evans Library, recognizing student research has been transformed into a virtual showcase featuring ePosters. Online honors activities

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arts and culture, and professional development.

Our communities—the larger Honors College and individual subsets—are thriving. r comshasubso 91.3 (s)-166e1 sne1.2 (o)-11.2 (n)-96 H2-16e1 su5d tnise he hiay3thr cors



## Looking Forward to Fall 2020

- Orientation for new Honors College students
- Welcome Back Social
- Leadership Lecture Series
- Research panel discussion
- Workshops:
  - » Abstracts and Proposals
  - » Presentations
  - » Publishing
- Disney Youth Education Series Leadership Strategies trip
- Development and implementation of an online honors journal
- Quantum computing lecture presented by Steven Atkin, Ph.D., Distinguished Engineer, Chief of e o h d h dl d eh
- Social events

## Seraph Brass Concert

## Honors College Faculty and Staff, Spring 2020

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## Honors Path

HONORS PATH: A PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE PROGRAM ENHANCING  
at Florida Tech so that high-achieving students can make the most of their potential.  
The software portal encourages honors students to plan ahead so they graduate  
FROM FLORIDA TECH WITH A CAREER PROFILE THAT GOES BEYOND

# Student Reaction On Online Classes

By Thomas Mathey

The switch to online classes for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester created mass confusion and concern among the student and faculty bodies. For me, the switch to online classes was more frustrating than stressful. The courses were all being revised,

YET MY PROFESSORS ALL HAD DIFFERENT IDEAS ON how to conduct their online classes. Some professors increased the workload, saying that it would make up for the lack of lectures, while other professors reduced the workload so that we would not be overwhelmed during this transition. They were all over the place, and it was frustrating trying to put all the new information that was being thrown at me in order.

My frustration came from the same place

WHERE I ASSUME MANY OTHER STUDENTS frustration and fear came from. A place of confusion. Just like the professors, we were



# Free Speech Week

By Olivia Baldino

THE WEEK OF FREE SPEECH WAS EVERYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE. The event is at what the did to conduct the at Florida Tech, and it encompassed a OUR ANGER TIPS WE TEND TO RESEARCH ONLY ONE OF THE TRUTHS. True celebration of the First Amendment of the know a story intimately. It is easy to read and accurate report on the failures that U.S. Constitution and a synopsis of why a headline or see a blurb in a tweet that OCCURRED THAT DAY YOU CAN freedom of speech is so important. The brushes over a story and move on, but there Unprepared and Overwhelmed," at members of & LORIDA 4. Each some stories where it is important—not PROJECTS SUN v SENTINEL COM only student-run newspaper, and its advisor only culturally, but for our own moralities— park19 (y nk)2.5 3>-7.8 <0043>-3.8 <004C>>-11>10. 4 ED OETERSEN OH \$ OR CAN BE THE HEADLINE THE entirety of an throughout the week to educate students important story so that we as people can on the issue of free speech and to allow them grow in wisdom and in righteousness. campus community to embrace their rights The presented an important in as many ways as possible. I attended story from its coverage on the Parkland two of the presentations during the week: shooting. That story resonates with most ONE ON THE SEXUAL ABUSE CASES SURROUNDING college students because it happened when \*EVERY %PSTEIN AND ONE ON THE PARKLAND most of us were in or had just graduated SHOOTING "OTH PRESENTATIONS WERE A MIXTURE from high school. School shootings usually of informing about the story and then make a lasting mark on the media long after describing the journalism behind the story. THEY OCCUR 0ARKLAND WAS NO EXCEPTION

The investigated and reported in fact, students who attended Marjory ON THE HORRIFIC THINGS %POME NADIDOUTHALTA S ENGH 3 SCHOOL LED A unnoticed and were greatly diminished in movement for an end to gun violence and severity once brought to light. The story used the media as a platform unlike any behind Epstein is one that truly lessens your other students had before. Their message faith in humanity and the moral compasses was strong and struck an emotional chord OF THE SOCIETY AND EVEN WITH AUDIENCE OF THE articles the politicians. The corruption of politics is published about the Parkland COMMONLY KNOWN TO EXIST BUT THIS ONE IS MORE EMBELLISHED THAN THE AVERAGE unacceptable, especially when it comes to news coverage. They covered the reasons things like this. I highly suggest you take the why the shooting could have been prevented time to either read the article, "Perversion off just one single line of defense for the Justice," or watch the 20-minute Perversionschool had properly done its job. The of Justice video (miamiherald.com/news/ speaker emphasized the backlash that LOCAL ARTICLE HTTMejournalists receive for their work. As theme during the week was a refusal to deny EVERYONE KNOWS THE SYSTEM DOESN the truth. As people living in a society where WHEN WE SUE AGAINST ITSELF WHICH IS EXACTLY