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# Honors Program

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I think.. if it is true that there are as many mind as there are heads, then there are as many kinds of love as there are hearts"

~ Leo Tolstov



**Penny the Pangolin**

**UHP'S UNOFFICIAL MASCOT**

As the semester gets rolling, remember to find the best schedule that works for you and your classes. Most importantly, it is totally okay to try tons of different methods for managing your time and study schedule! What may have worked for you last semester, may need some adjusting this semester to better fit your needs! That's okay! Whatever it may be, just remember, you will succeed and your hard work will pay off in the end. Keep being the best you!

**TAKE CARE OF  
YOURSELF AND THOSE  
WHO MAKE YOU  
HAPPY!**

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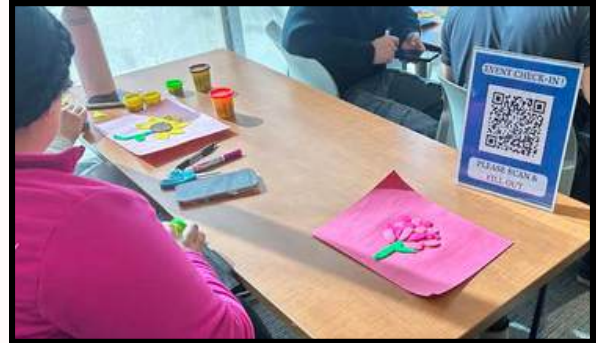
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**Team-Building  
Marshmallow Tower  
Winning Team!**



## Spring PAES Retreat

### January Event Recap

## Why English-Medieval Studies?

"The medieval interest goes back to being a little kid. I saw Disney's Robin Hood and was hooked...[Later studies in medieval archetypes] took me to York, England, where I earned a Master's in medieval studies, with a focus on early medieval religious culture".

"My research has been focused on the ways the middle ages get used in popular culture, like in movies, novels, and games—especially games. Five years ago, I shifted my research to Game Studies, because I've always loved games. I decided that, pushing 50, I needed to focus on the things I love and can have lots of fun with. So, now I'm working on an article about character creation in Dungeons & Dragons".



## Some Awesome Facts!

Dr. Marshall has a collection of about 300 board games, 60 different TTRGs, & a collection of about 18,000 cards from Magic: The Gathering! He also loves to write & is currently writing a memoir that draws on science fiction and magical realism to talk about the effects childhood trauma had on his life.

Dr. Marshall was the type of student who found everything interesting & his focus was all over! "I thought about being an oceanographer, a marine biologist, an actor/singer, a philosopher, a photographer, a war correspondent photojournalist, a linguist, a writer/poet, and even a monk. I majored, however, in English. I chose English because I love stories and because I love how malleable language is. Stories are how I make sense of my experiences".

## Hobbies & Favorite Pass-times?

He loves games and their ability to immerse you in a different world! Dr. Marshall is also an aspiring woodworker and even made a fancy game table, complete with LEDs, wireless phone chargers & power outlets! He has always loved music, reading & movies. He used to go to the movies 7-8 times a week in his mid-20's! Dr. Marshall especially loves hanging out with his dog/best buddy, Mikey!

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

# Dr. Marshall

## Thoughts on Returning?



"I am looking forward to running programs and activities that allow me to spend time with Honors students. More than anything, I'd like that to happen. I've started the 'Get Inspired!' documentary series, I plan to start a tabletop games group, and I have some special projects that I actually need students' help with. One of them involves making a short film that features as many Easter eggs that refer to Ryan Reynolds & Hugh Jackman as possible. The other thing I am eager to do is continue building the Honors program"

"The current political situation in our country deeply troubles me. Nevertheless, I follow Paolo Freire in believing that a key purpose of education is to empower people who have been disempowered to advocate and fight for their communities."

## Current Exciting Projects?

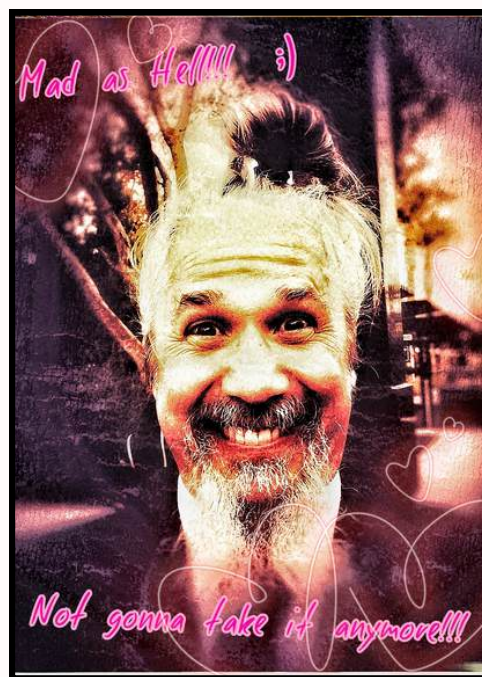
"My goal is to build an Honors college. I began in July of 2015 and I will finish it. In my research, I'm excited to be working on a study of how roleplaying games have leveraged character creation processes to induce an immersive experience in players. My research partner, a grad student named Megan Haynes, and I are interested in how having players identify with and immerse into their characters might leave them open to behaviors or belief systems that are problematic. Personally, I'm taking that research and turning towards a different purpose. I am working on developing a game studies program at CSUSB. My thought is that we might teach students how games work, how to design them, and then create a group who tries to develop and market small games that require players to question their beliefs".

## Fun opportunity!

If you're interested in working with Dr. Marshall on some of his special projects, such as his short film for Ryan Reynolds & Hugh Jackman, catch him in the Honors space and have a chat!

## Piece of Advice for Honors Students

"Be Bloody, bold, and resolute." From Macbeth  
It says: commit and act. Do not give up. I like it because it tells us to take initiative, to not wait for someone to give you something, to not assume someone will tell you what to do. So, for me, "Be bloody, bold, and resolute" means pursue your interests and goals with determination and creativity.



## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

*Dr. Marshall*

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## *Upcoming Events*

**SOPHOMORE PAES SCHOLARS**

# **ZOOM MEET-UP**

**JOIN US FOR LEADERSHIP  
DISCUSSIONS WITH  
BRANDON!**

**FEB. 11TH 2025**

 **MEETING ID:  
851 1560 1625**

**12-12:45PM**

The poster features a blue and white grid background with decorative elements like zig-zags, circles, and starbursts. The text is primarily in bold, blue, sans-serif fonts. The event details are contained within blue rounded rectangular boxes.

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# Upcoming Events



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TO JOIN US FOR

## Valentine's Day Craft

**February 12**

PALM DESERT CAMPUS  
IW-205  
12:00-12:45



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# *Upcoming Events*

SAN BERNARDINO CAMPUS

UHP INVITES YOU TO THE

## **VALENTINE'S CRAFT CORNER**

ALL DAY IN CJ-140

COME TAKE A BREAK FROM  
STUDYING AND STOP BY CJ-140  
TO MAKE SOME FUN  
VALENTINE'S PAPER CRAFTS  
AND COLORING!

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## *Upcoming Events*

FRESHMEN PAES SCHOLARS

# PAES MEET-UP

DISCUSSION ABOUT  
UPCOMING EVENT LED  
BY THE FRESHMEN  
COHORT!

**FEB. 13TH 2025**

 **IN-PERSON MEETING RIGHT  
AFTER CLASS ENDS!**

**11:45AM**

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## *Upcoming Events*

**JUNIOR PAES SCHOLARS**

**ZOOM  
MEET-UP**

**DISCUSSION ON  
LEGACY PROJECT  
PLANNING!**

**FEB. 19TH 2025**

 **MEETING ID:  
TBA**

**12-12:45PM**

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# *Upcoming Events*

**RESCHEDULED TO FEB 20TH**

*University Honors Program Presents*

# **PAES** **February 20th** **Meet Up** *Palm Desert Campus*

 **9:00am**

**PDC PAES Scholars**  
please join us to get  
important information  
regarding the PAES  
program such as the  
Legacy project,  
expectations,  
internships, & more!



**IW-205**



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## HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE HONORS PROGRAM?

If you ever have questions or issues that you want to get answers from Honors Program Staff, the best way to contact us is by **direct message** through **Canvas** OR via email: **honors@csusb.edu**! We will not always have someone available at the front desk or at the phone who will be able to answer in person.



## VISIT THE WEBSITE!

The University Honors website on the CSUSB website is a superb reference for all of your general questions or curiosities on curriculum, and other aspects of the program!

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**NEXT**  
**TIME**