

# King's College

## Honors Program Newsletter

Volume III, Issue 1

October 2009

### BOOK DISCUSSION

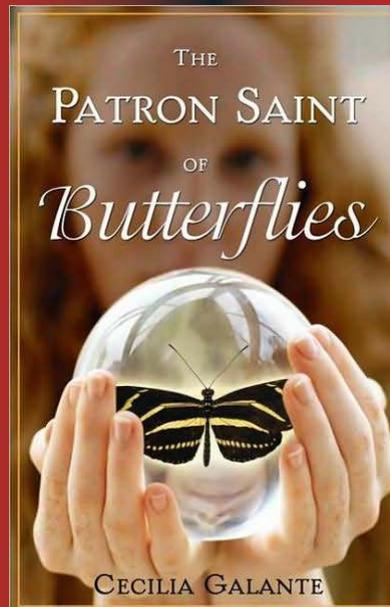
November 4th

7:00 pm in the Honors Lounge

## Author Cecilia Galante Returns to King's

Cecilia Galante, a former King's student and published author, returned to meet and speak with students of the Honors Program at their monthly Lounge and Learn held Tuesday, Sept. 15 in the Honors Lounge. "It was very exciting to have a published author visit us and I was very grateful that she would take time out of working on all her books and being on her tour to come and speak with us," said Samantha Mraz, King's senior and President of the Honors Program Advisory Council. The charismatic and upbeat Galante revealed the publishing process in a quirky manner establishing the loss of sleep, the pile of rejections, and finally the debut of her young adult novel: *The Patron Saint of Butterflies*.

"Ms. Galante was dynamic and had the students glued to their seats. Really, no one wanted to leave," said Dr. William Irwin, Philosophy Professor and Honors Program Director. The author opened up about her personal life where she had grown up in a religious cult, the Mount



Hope Foundation, and she was 15 years old. The group was based on a drawn out form of Catholicism and had great control over their members. In fact, *The Patron Saint of Butterflies* is about two

young girls that run away from a religious commune and try to understand the new world around them.

This was the first Lounge and Learn of the fall semester for the Honors Program and their guest speaker was more than impressed. "Meeting the honors students from Lounge and Learn was one of the most enjoyable experiences I have had as an author so far - and I've had a bunch! They were warm, intelligent, incredibly funny, and did I mention intelligent?" said Galante.

With praise such as this, we could not help but invite her back. The perfect opportunity presented itself in the form of a book discussion. The Honors Council chose Galante's book as the opening novel to be discussed at our first meeting. Join us on November 4th at 7:00pm to take advantage of this unique opportunity to speak with the author herself. Whether you've read the whole book or just bits and pieces, this is one experience that you don't want to miss.

### THEY'RE BACK!

Running out of clothes? Want to avoid doing laundry? Buy an Honors Program T-shirt! The Advisory Council is offering Honors Program T-shirts for the second year in a row! No need to worry if you bought one last year. This year will have a completely new design and a wide variety of colors. All shirts will have white writing and you can choose from navy blue, dark purple, or light green as the main color. Look for exact details, prices, and order forms in November!

Front: King's College Honors Program

Back:

"We're smarter than you" - Translated into Latin

# King's College

## Honors Program Newsletter

Volume III, Issue 1

October 2009

### Student Lounge and Learn: A Guide to Europe

In the first-ever Student Lounge and Learn, Christine Guarino, sophomore, shared her travels of Europe with members of the honors program. From Venice, Italy to Heidelberg, Germany, Guarino explored new terrains and various castles from July 21 through Aug 10, 2009. Students learned about some unique distinctions in lifestyles between Germans and Americans such as the way that blinds on a window are on the outside rather than the inside in most German households and institutions. She also spoke of her travels to Vienna, Austria, Prague, Czech Republic and Bratislava, Slovakia leaving from her friend's house in Germany which served as a home base for the trip. As the first student to present a Lounge and Learn, Guarino was nervous but felt comforted by the familiar faces of her peers, delivering a presentation full of pictures, fun and experience.

### *Recommend Your Friends!*

**If you know anyone who has an interesting story or research project to present, recommend them for the next Student Lounge and Learn!**

### Ice Cream Social Welcomes Freshmen to Program

At the beginning of the semester, Samantha Mraz and Cristopher Kasbohm, co-presidents of the Honors Program Advisory Council, coordinated an ice cream social to introduce freshmen to the program. While playing games such as Apples to Apples and Jenga, students ate ice cream and enjoyed one another's company. The event was designed with various tables set up for which students split into groups to play their choice of games. Also, members of the Honors Program Advisory Council were in attendance to not only join in the fun but answer questions about the program. Overall, a high number of new students participated in the event with most of the ice cream eaten by the end of the night.

# King's College

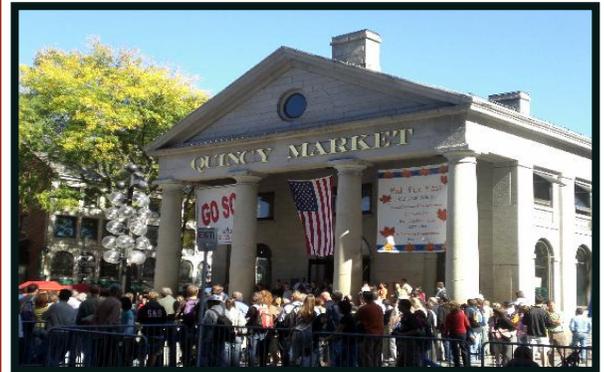
## Honors Program Newsletter

Volume III, Issue 1

October 2009

### LOVE TO TRAVEL?

If you can't resist an opportunity to leave Wilkes-Barre and see the world, join the Honors Program on a weekend trip to Boston! Next semester, we will be taking approximately 17 students for a thrilling adventure in Massachusetts. For two nights, we will stay in a downtown hotel and discover what the city has to offer. Some potential excursions include walking the freedom trail and visiting our country's most famous historical sites, visiting MIT's technology lab, and touring the John F. Kennedy Presidential Museum. In addition to these various activities throughout the day, students will be able to explore the city on their own in the evening. Stay tuned for more details in November!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

With half of the semester left before Winter Break, the Honors Program has a packed schedule full of both educational and entertaining events. The first night to look forward to is the return of the Honors Program Trivia Night! Back for the third time, the Advisory Council will host a game night full of intense trivia and competition. This event will be happening right around Thanksgiving break. Also planned for November is our second lounge and learn. This month we welcome Dr. Kohlert to the Honors Lounge. Dr. Kohlert will be discussing the relationship between ethics and scientific studies. He will offer his perspective on November 17th at 5:00pm.

### PICTURE OF SUCCESS

The Honors Program would like to extend a warm thank you to Matt Deegen for his presentation on Tuesday, October 27. Matt displayed his artistic photographs from his trip to Auschwitz. His discussion about the implications of the Holocaust in the modern world was fascinating. If you could not make it to the Lounge and Learn, you still have an opportunity to view the photographs. They are currently being showcased in the lobby of the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center.