



Honors Students Engage in Fall Fun Through Service



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Fall festivities, shimmering holiday lights, stunning displays of nature, smells of warm apple cider and hot chocolate, and interactive displays with scientific concepts filled Beech Creek Botanical Garden Nature Preserve for this year's annual Spooky Science Event. Students from Walsh University's honors program volunteered to provide interactive, educational experiences for elementary and middle school-aged children during each weekend in October for Spooky Science.

"I had an amazing time volunteering at the Nature Center! It was great interacting with the young children and teaching them about science. The kids were adorable and hilarious. It was a great experience not only as an honors service

project but also for my major which involves teaching young children," said Christina Gordan, an honors student at Walsh who is a Dual P-5 Elementary Education and Intervention Specialist major.

Spooky Science is a seasonal event that runs each Friday and Saturday evening from 5-9 p.m. The event began on October 6 and ended on October 21. For each date, different honors students from Walsh's honors program engaged with families and children, educating them and engaging them with interactive scientific activities.

"We want children and adults to learn about the things in nature that scare them so that they can care about helping to preserve those things and how to respect them," said Melinda Carmicheal, the Executive Director of Beech Creek Gardens. This year, the activities were centered around learning about blood. Children were able to create their own "blood model," which contained red beads, white beads, and a plastic straw, to represent red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets. Children were given the beads and educated on each cell and its function in the blood. After this, they were invited to look through a microscope at a slide of cells to compare what they learned to real blood.

Children excitedly rushed to the microscope, eager to point out what they saw to their parents.

"My favorite part about volunteering at Spooky Science was seeing the interest on the kids' faces when they looked at the blood sample under the microscope. There was one kid in particular whose face lit up, and he exclaimed at how cool it was. It made me wonder if down the road he'll remain interested in science and attribute his interest to the day he looked at blood through a microscope," said Micheal Yarber, another honors program student who is a Biology major studying Pre-Medicine.

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Gordan agreed, adding, “I loved watching the kids ‘get it’ and the smiles on their faces when they looked through the microscope. It was sort of a confirmation of what I want to be doing for the rest of my life, which is educating and guiding children.”

The activity was one the Walsh Honors program has done in the past and Honors Students Kayla Testa and Isabelle Rammel worked with the advisers of the honors program, Dr. Jennifer Clevinger and Dr. Nina Rytwinski to make this possible.

Besides other booths by schools, Boy Scout chapters, and other organizations, Spooky Science additionally had Mad Scientists Shows, a Mystical Creatures Trail, and crafts, such as slime, spider webs, clouds, glow creatures, and owl pendants.

The night was filled with children excitedly showing off their crafts, candies, and experiences, and the students at Walsh were excited to listen to what they had to say.

Yarber added, “I think the activity we provided was great for getting kids interested in science; we were able to connect it to Halloween, and being able to look through the microscope is something that a lot of the kids have never done before.”

Each year, students in the honors program are required to obtain six hours of service “to more fully embrace the Walsh University mission of service to others,” as outlined by the honors program handbook at Walsh.

“The Honors College at Walsh isn’t just a separate program with special classes; it’s in-depth in that the whole process of developing a Senior Thesis engages students with academic content in fields that they’re interested in. Moreover, with aspirations of going to medical school, I feel that being in the Honors College and developing a unique, interesting thesis will be fruitful when it comes time for me to apply to medical school,” Yarber concluded. In previous years, Honors Program students have volunteered at the Honors Scholarship Day, river clean-up at Price Park, blanket tying for the Domestic Violence Project, creating t-shirt bags for local food banks, and previous Spooky Science events.



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Walsh’s Commitment to Athletics

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Walsh University, located in North Canton, Ohio, is renowned for its welcoming and multicultural environment. A substantial part of this complex tapestry is played by international students. The institution becomes a magnet for cultural exchange thanks to these students’ diverse backgrounds, who offer a global perspective to campus.

A noteworthy quality is the university’s dedication to fostering a supportive environment. Cultural clubs and events foster cross-cultural understanding, while the Office of International Student Services provides advice on a variety of topics.

International students challenge stereotypes in the classroom, enhancing scholarly debates. They also give back to the community, which promotes respect for one another.

Campus friendships foster significant cultural dialogue that dispels preconceptions and creates understanding. Diversity isn’t just a box to check; Walsh University understands its importance to education. It’s a school that welcomes foreign students and even promotes them, preparing pupils for a society that is increasingly interconnected on a global scale. Walsh University

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is a location where the world unites because of the international students there, who are more than just names in the crowd.

What's Going on Around Walsh's Campus?

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In October, the campus of Walsh had many fun plans in store. Ranging from fall sign-ups to seasonal events, the students could find almost anything they need within their emails or posted on the walls of Walsh. Included in your emails, you will find any information regarding upcoming events and activities you can become a part of on campus.

Currently open for sign-ups including bowling and tryouts for flag football. Those who make tryouts will be playing for Walsh against Malone. You can find more information and important dates for these events in your Outlook inbox from Blaise Rudmann. Other intramural sports will open up throughout the year, so if you missed these sign-ups, there will be more opportunities to be involved in intramural sports all year.

Another source of campus events is the Walsh Wire, which can also be found in your Outlook inbox. The Walsh Wire briefly addresses several things happening on campus in a given week. Included in the current Walsh Wire, the campus welcomes a world-renowned professor who will teach on campus for Fall II and summer. You can find more on Dr. Joe Wood, including which classes he is teaching and more information, in the Walsh Wire. Other happenings included are the Community Cybersecurity Summit, information for Enrichment Week, and the new launch of Cavs Coalition.

The community event, Boo at WU, will occur on October 25th. It will involve several activities and attractions and welcome families as well as taking donations for candy. The event itself is also collecting canned goods which will be given to a local nonprofit.

Each of these events, and more, can be found in the Walsh Wire as well as a detailed list of upcoming events with immediate information for each. They each have their



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source with an abundance of more information, as well. There is so much more taking place than you might know. If you are a Walsh student and looking for something new to do or experience, start with the Walsh Wire. There is a good chance you will find something.



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Walsh Students Participate in Boo At the WU

BY: NADYA HUDAK, LAYOUT & DESIGN

Walsh University's Boo At the WU is an event that local parents and community members look forward to each year. In the past, the event has been held in multiple places, with last year having the participants going through the residence halls and buildings on campus.

This year, the event was held across the street at the Larry Staudt Field with inflatables, games, and lots of candy for the kids to enjoy and get from the Walsh community. I, for one, enjoyed this format as opposed to the other times when the visitors traveled through Cecchini or the dorm halls. It was easier to see all the costumes that the families wore and had a relaxing feel since students were able to see when kids were coming.

Students from clubs, athletic teams, and even those who just wanted to participate gathered across the street and got to see the North Canton community come out and celebrate the holiday with them.

As someone who was able to see many of the costumes across the street, it was entertaining to see what different groups put together. One group was able to put a Despicable Me themed costume together which included one of the members, Olivia, as Gru and the others as the minions.

Many students enjoy this event each year and look forward to the members of the community that are able to come over and get candy.

Fall Trivia Questions to Test Your Knowledge

BY: HAILEY METZGER, STAFF WRITER

Here is a fun list of seasonal trivia questions that will get your wheels turning and can pass some time if you're settling down between classes. The answers are included at the bottom.

1. In the Northern Hemisphere, what marks the start of the fall season?
2. In Colonial times, apples were known by another name.
3. What is the most watched sport during this season?
4. What happens if hay bales get too wet?
5. What was the original name for fall?
6. Who was the first to use scarecrows in history?
7. What do you call a male turkey?
8. When does fall occur in the Southern Hemisphere?
9. How many pies can be made from one bushel of apples?
10. Which month does a full corn moon occur?
11. What kind of trees lose their leaves? (Coniferous or Deciduous)
12. Is a pumpkin a fruit or a vegetable?
13. How much did the largest Pumpkin weigh?
14. What does a teal pumpkin on a front porch mean?
15. What percentage of a pumpkin is water? Will a pumpkin sink or float?
16. T or F - Pumpkin flowers are edible
17. What year was the first Thanksgiving?
18. Where was Christopher Columbus from?
19. What year were there 2 thanksgivings?
20. What animal is thought to bring bad luck and is associated with Halloween the most?

1. Autumnal Equinox 2. Winter Bananas 3. football 4. They spontaneously combust 5. Harvest 6. Egyptians 7. A Gobbler 8. March through May 9. Approximately 21 pies 10. September 11. Deciduous 12. Fruit 13. 2,702 pounds 14. This house is handing out non-food items so allergy-sensitive kids can participate without worry 15. 94% and a pumpkin will float 16. True 17. 1621 18. Italy 19. 1939

20. A black cat

Questions and answers were taken from lovetoknow.com and the rest of the trivia questions can also be found there if you want to further test your knowledge. The article is titled, “60 Fall Trivia Questions That Might Just Stump You” and it contains 40 more questions.

Walsh Volleyball Continues Despite Setbacks

BY: NADYA HUDAK, LAYOUT & DESIGN

Walsh University’s Volleyball team lead a triumphant and victorious season for their first eighteen games. The team went 18-0 for the season up until their games on October 15 in Indiana.

While the team kept up their streak for the first game against Purdue University Northwest, they would meet their match against Rockhurst University and Lewis University.

The match against Purdue University Northwest was strong, with Walsh ending the match 3-1. Players Keanna Avery and Aaliyah Couch leading the charge with 23 kills and 49 assists, respectively.

Following this, the team would face off against Rockhurst University unfortunately losing their first game of the year in four sets. The team fought hard, with the first two sets ending with them having 22 points and then 23 points. The team won the third set with a ten point lead, but unfortunately couldn’t come back enough in the fourth set, finishing six points behind their opponent.

In the third game, Walsh unfortunately suffered another loss against Lewis University, losing again in four sets. The team again fought hard, with coming close behind Lewis University in the first three sets, winning the third game, but losing the fourth.

If you’re looking to support the Walsh Cavaliers in their upcoming games, the team will continue to play in the Cecchini Center for a few more games in November until their tournament games.

Upcoming Sports Events:

Women’s Basketball

11/28/23 - Home vs D’Youville University

12/2/23 - Home vs Ashland University

Men’s Basketball

11/11/23 - Home vs Grand Valley State University

11/13/23 - Home vs West Virginia Tech

Women’s Bowling

11/11/23 - Raider Classic, Dayton, OH

11/18/23 - Ohio Bowling Conference 3, Columbus, OH

Men’s Bowling

11/18/23 - Ohio Bowling Conference 3, Columbus, OH

Women’s Cross Country:

11/18/23 - NCAA DII National Championships, Joplin, Missouri

Men’s Cross Country:

11/18/23 - NCAA DII National Championships, Joplin, Missouri

Football:

11/11/23 - Home vs Northwood University

Sprint Football:

11/11/23 - MSFL Semifinal, Location TBD

Stunt:

11/19/23 - Cavalier Cheer Classic, Alumni Arena

Women’s Volleyball:

11/10/23 - Home vs Ashland University

11/11/23 - Home vs Ohio Dominican University



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Walsh Trumps Malone in Flag Football Game

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Last Friday, November 3, Walsh University's flag football intramural team played Malone on their home soccer field in the Mayor's Bowl. The team, composed of men and women from across campus in different sports and organizations, came together to triumph over Malone and defend their title.

The game started out strong with a touchdown from Damen Launder within the first half. Freshman Robby Klockner helped the team stay strong throughout the game and lead them to five passing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown. Senior Jax Miller helped the team get three touchdowns and two interceptions, one of them being in the last two minutes of the game.

Other notable moments came from Brody Pumneo who was able to get an interception to a touchdown, leading to a lively response from the crowd. Teammate Koby Dunford supported the team by getting a passing touchdown. Other team members who were able to support included O'Rhen Martin with a touchdown reception and Michael Yoder with an interception.

The crowd that came out to see Walsh's team stayed lively and supported the team fully. By the end of the game, each spectator was by the field cheering them on and ensuring the team could feel their full support. Even President Tim Collins and his wife, Drenda stopped by toward the beginning of the game to show their enthusiasm.

Those who would like to be involved in an intramural team can sign up for Co-Ed Basketball or Volleyball in the spring when sign-ups are released. Currently, intramural bowling is each Monday at 9:30 PM at Park Center Lanes.



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A Senior's Perspective on Graduation

BY: MARYBETH EDMUNDSON, STAFF WRITER

Graduation, for the most part, seems like a far-off imaginary concept that most people in college can't grasp. I felt that for the first three years of my college experience. Senior year graduation seemed like this foreign concept that applied to other people, but not to me. I watched as my friends graduated, moved on, and left their college years behind for real jobs and what seemed like the real world.

Lots of friends were older than me, so this has been stewing in the back of my mind since I was a sophomore and the first wave of friends graduated. Meanwhile, I was stuck behind in the world of classes, roommates, and lots and lots of socializing.

Even in this past semester, I've felt no pressures of my impending graduation. Even with it coming up in December, Fall 1 seemed to fly by as usual. It's strange, because, even with the amount of times I've double checked that all my credits and classes are taken care of and I'm actually able to graduate, it hasn't sunk in.

Even though I'm working off campus in a part time job that will turn full time once I graduate, even though I'm commuting and am separated from the college life I once knew, I haven't felt it hit yet. And I wonder if I'm the only once feeling this. Because yes, graduation is coming, quicker than a blink of an eye, I still feel like I'm in the

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thick of college life, trying to make every deadline, get everything in on time, and no let my GPA slide. It doesn't feel like the end is coming. But graduation is coming, and whether or not those of us seniors waiting for December feels the pressure.

I think back to all my friends who have gone before me, and how they're thriving outside of college. It doesn't even feel real, honestly. It doesn't feel like I'm the one who is supposed to be me yet, like I have impostor syndrome about growing up. Maybe I'm thinking too much about this or am feeling too sentimental, but the way the past 3 years (and the quarter of a 4th) have flown by make causes me to stop. It's all coming to the end now. All we can do now is finish our classes, hoping that we don't succumb to the senioritis that is looming ahead of us, and finish strong.

The Walsh Student Experience: Brynn Diglaw

BY: NADYA HUDAK, LAYOUT & DESIGN

What is your name, year, and major?

Brynn Diglaw is a junior majoring in Biology Pre-Physical Therapy with a minor in Chemistry.

What group on campus are you a part of?

Student Ambassadors

Why did you choose Walsh?

Brynn chose Walsh because she felt safe and at home here. When she had her tour, she felt content and knew it was where she belonged. She loved the personal connections and class sizes.

What are your plans after Walsh?

Brynn plans to go to Physical Therapy School and become a Physical Therapist. She wants to work on a professional team if that's possible.

Are you a part of any other activities? (Ex: Blouins, Honors, clubs, etc.)

Brynn is a member of the Blouin Scholar Program, Science Club, and Pre-Health club.

If you could choose one thing to change about Walsh, what would it be?

Brynn would like to change the eight week terms due to the difficulty of first coming in as a freshman and adjusting to it. She believe that students don't have enough time to fully grasp all the information they're given when they only have eight weeks to get it all. With those terms, she feels like they get all the information just to learn it for exams and then move on.

What's your favorite part of being a Student Ambassador?

Brynn enjoys meeting students and families from all over the United States and hearing about where they're from.

What's your favorite part about being involved on Walsh's campus?

Brynn's favorite part about being involved on campus is having many opportunities to make relationships with faculty and staff as well as those with other majors than her.

What's something you want other students to know about your activity?

"When giving tours, it is very rewarding when you find out a student you gave a tour to has decided to come to Walsh University. It just means you did your job well and made both the student and parents feel safe where they were."

What's something your group leader (advisor, coach, etc.) has taught you that you've held on to?

Brynn says that her advisor Emily has taught her to do her best and if she does that, then it's all that matters. She does her best in everyday life and believes that will help her succeed in anything she puts her mind to.



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