WELCOME, CLASS OF 2022!

On the evening of Monday the 20th, Dr. Pitts and the other Honors faculty advisers welcomed the new Honors students of the class of 2022 with dessert—surprise, a sheet cake—in the Gaddy-Hamrick art gallery. Amidst introductions and anecdotes, we pulled aside three new Honors students to learn more about them! Below, they share what they intend to study, their hometown, why they decided to attend Meredith, and one fun fact!

MOLLY PERRY

Molly is an intended psychology major from Wilson, NC. After years of looking through her mom’s yearbooks and seeing her flash her onyx around, Molly was ready to go to Meredith. Before she even got out of the car on her first campus visit, she felt at home! Though now you’ll see Molly with long curly hair, it was actually naturally straight until she was 12 years old!

MADISON SHOLAR

Madison is an intended political science or history major from Beulaville, NC. When she visited Meredith as a junior in college, she felt valued the moment she saw her full name on that Admissions lot parking spot. Madison played tennis through all of high school and also loves dancing: she’s been doing it for 15 years and her favorite style is tap dance.

ALLY CEFALU

Ally is from Wake Forest, NC and plans to study either biology, psychology, or chemistry. Her mom, an alumna, first brought her to see Meredith, and after being accepted into the Honors program and visiting twice more, she really started to see herself in our community. The best 80 bucks she ever spent was to see Brendon Urie at a Panic! at the Disco meet-and-greet!

NAVIGATING OUR NEW ONLINE PORTAL

This year, we say hello to Brightspace and goodbye to Blackboard—and with it, our old Awesome Honors portal. But fear not, all that useful information is still accessible on the new MyMeredith page.

The new MyMeredith replaces all the elements of Blackboard that didn’t relate to individual course resources. On it you can find things like academic calendars, the student handbook, links to Meredith sites like WedAdvisor and Brightspace, and resources for every campus department from Campus Police to SLS to the Honors program.

To access the Honors page, click the dropdown “menu” in the top left corner, click on “Org Team Sites” (a list of all organizations to which you belong), and select “Awesome Honors Info”! Here you can find all the Honors-related information you could ever need, including past issues of this very newsletter! Contact Dr. Pitts at pittsb@meredith.edu if you find you don’t have access to the Awesome Honors group.
SEMESTER STARTS STRONG WITH PULLEN PARK MEET-UP

On Sunday the 26th, Honors students of all ages hopped on a GoRaleigh bus for the program’s annual downtown meet-up. This year’s journey was to Pullen Park, which is less “downtown” than usual, but just as fun.

The Honors program was kind enough to procure for each student two tickets for rides or activities at the park, and one voucher for a famous Pullen Park Loco-Pop! Luckily they were delicious enough to be devoured before the beating Sunday sun melted them away.

Besides lovely green and wooded areas, Pullen Park’s attractions include a large indoor carousel, pedal-boats on the lake, and a little train that travels the perimeter of the park.

Pictured: all Honors attendees and Dr. Brent Pitts; Olivia Slack, ’22, on the carousel; Carol Jablonski, ’20, in her pedal-boat life vest; and Emily Kelleher, ’17, Jordan Stellar, ’20, Kim Schuh, ’21, Abby Page, ’22, Laura Jenkins, ’20, and Carol Jablonski, ’20, enjoying their Loco-Pops.