This is my first opportunity to write to you as the Interim Director of the Honors Program. Michael Arnold has returned to the Economics Department. Thanks to Michael for his dedication and many contributions to our Honors Program over seven years. His steadfastness and clear vision has been a huge benefit.

Over my first few months, my amazement in Honors Program students has only increased. Fully 40% of our Honors graduates pursue further education. Honors students are the leaders of a preponderance of campus organizations. Honors students generate films, symposiums, writing projects, and undertake so many projects of educational and practical value.

My position title says “Interim,” which needs some explanation. Under President Assani’s leadership, we have an opportunity to reconsider the future of the Honors Program. Our core—excellent living learning community, deeply dedicated staff, close connections to faculty, special opportunities for research and engagement, support for individual projects—will remain, of course. At the same time, we take this opportunity to envision what more Honors can become. A group of faculty and staff members and I are proposing new ways to look at Honors, and new ways to set the culture and programming of Honors. We will produce a proposal for faculty and administration to consider, and for a new long-term director to implement. Look forward to telling you more next time I write. Honors is deeply worthwhile work, and I am thrilled to be part of the effort.

Looking ahead, I hope you will be able to attend Alumni Weekend on June 1-3, 2018. I will look forward to meeting you then!

Paul Lau, Interim Director
University Honors Program
Professor of Finance & JP Morgan Chase Faculty Fellow

Alumni, faculty, staff, and friends celebrated Burnaby Munson's 40 years of service as an event in his honor during Alumni Weekend.

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Upon graduation, Ann worked at UD, where she was actively involved in the Alumni Association and the UD Honors Program. At UD, she was involved with self-employment. Her firm went on to become a multi-million-dollar firm. "I am always excited whenever we win a green card for a client because their future in the U.S. is finally secure. It's very gratifying to know I have helped a client's American Dream come true." Ann has been practicing immigration law for over 20 years, and she has helped many people. "I have worked with a corporate law firm for five years and had learned a lot but I wanted the personal and professional flexibility that I thought I could get with self-employment." Her firm went on to become incredibly successful, and now Ann is a nationally recognized immigration lawyer.

Ann's personal accomplishment includes bringing such exceptional talent to the U.S., "Ann said, "I had worked with a corporate law firm for five years and had learned a lot but I wanted the personal and professional flexibility that I thought I could get with self-employment." Her firm went on to become incredibly successful, and now Ann is a nationally recognized immigration lawyer. Her biggest personal accomplishment includes bringing many women from other countries, some of whom became her closest friends. As an Honors student, Ann appreciated the smaller, more intimate classes, as well as the brilliant and dedicated professors who helped shape her undergraduate experience.

Dr. Munson's Study Breaks thrived this fall with support of the Munson Fellows and faculty. Held in the downstairs lounge of Louis L. Redding Hall, the breaks are a great way for Honors students to unwind and de-stress one evening a week and get to know each other and UD faculty.

"We have had a lot of visiting professors," Olivia Mann '19, Munson Fellow said, "Professors Tague, Buckley, Van Horn, Reidel, Winkler, Sidebotham, and Hanley, to name a few! I really enjoy seeing first-year Honors students interact with their professors outside of the classroom."

The faculty come in to chat with students as well as to share their interests outside of the classroom. Professor Winkler arrived with his guitar and played a few songs. "It is intriguing to me how the interpretations of Dr. Munson's Honors Study Breaks, although differing, can be so fruitful!" said Olivia. "I was so happy to work with Sarah Georger, the co-curricular coordinator of the UDHP, and Professor Munson on the continuation of Study Breaks." Dr. Munson's Study Breaks are supported in part by the Burnaby Munson Honors Program Faculty Engagement Fund.