

## Tom Morris Holds Excellent Workshop in Wilmington



Most college students look forward to Spring Break as time away from school to go spend some quality vacation time at the beach with their friends. The Roan Scholars got to do this and much, much more. The Scholars spent their spring break this year in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina with Philosopher/Writer Tom Morris, his Institute Fellow Ed Brenegar and business entrepreneur Craig Wheeler. This

was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that no other college student has experienced.

The scholars engaged in lectures, illustrative examples, and hands-on exercises focusing on issues that they are involved in on campus and in the community. Morris, Brenegar, and Wheeler collaborated on topics such as "True Success," "Personal Responsibility and the 7 C's of Success," "Ethics, Excellence, and The Four Foundations of Leadership Greatness," and a guided tour on "What Is Excellence?"

In preparation for the trip, the Scholars received Morris' book titled "If Harry Potter Ran General Electric," which focused on the life lessons found in the Harry Potter series. Upon arriving, all participants received a copy of "True Success," and on the last day they also were given "The Bluffer's Guide to Philosophy" and "The Little Guide to Your Well-Read Life," by Steve Leveen.

The impact of the workshop was seen

immediately upon return to campus, with three of the Scholars deciding to have an impact on the university by running for SGA and one implementing programs to improve and enhance "Commitment," one of Morris' "7 C's of Success."

When asked about the trip, junior Phillip Ross said, "The week with Tom Morris was an unbelievable learning experience. I have never spent time with someone so encouraging, down-to-earth, successful, and intelligent. He took everyday things and made us put them in a whole new light. He gave us certain tools of success that we will continue to use in our school activities and daily lives. The trip was also a great time to get to know our peer scholars better. We had plenty of free time to walk around Wilmington, which was absolutely beautiful. I will continue to remember this week and use the many useful things that I learned throughout my life."

### Senior Capstone Project Turned Roan Service Day

Allison Lowe and Stephen Linebarger are currently involved in their capstone project that every senior engages in before they graduate. This spring they are serving as Project Managers for Girls Inc. as they construct their new playground, funded by several community and charity grants. The seniors work closely with Beth Hilton, director at Girls Inc., and are responsible for coordinating the efforts of the contractors and volunteers as well as selecting the equipment.

Allison and Stephen have also invited the entire Roan Scholar family to aid in their labors and the day of work has been now termed the Roan Service Day. As part of this day, the Roan Scholar students will help Stephen, Allison, and the other contractors and volunteers in the construction of the playground and any other tasks needed to complete the project.

The Roan Service Day will be held in May and the Roan Scholars look forward to aiding their fellow senior Scholars in their capstone project by spending more time with them before they graduate. Good luck to Stephen and Allison as they continue their hard work.

### Leighton Hart Gives Financial Advice to The Roan Scholars

Leighton Hart, investment banker at TriSummit Bank and board member of the Mooneyhan Family Foundation, visited the Roan Scholars on Friday, February 22, to give a presentation on "Financial and Investment Tools for Students."

The Mooneyhan Family Foundation is a donor to the program and the Scholars were excited to have someone as knowledgeable as Mr. Hart teach them about the importance of managing funds responsibly. He offered useful advice on numerous aspects of saving for both emergencies and future times including retirement. He also explained some of the pitfalls to watch for that may cause major problems for college students with regards to money.

The Roan Scholars were pleased to have Mr. Hart and thank him greatly for his contribution.

# New Roan Scholars Announced for Fall 2008

A special congratulations is in order for the five newest members of the Roan Scholar family. The newest Roan Scholars were selected from a rigorous interview process with 47 other individuals. This year, due to continued support from the Roan donors, a fifth scholarship was made possible, making the new class the first to have five Scholars instead of four.

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding performance and their new Roan Scholar status:

**Sean McNeil Collins**— Sean is the first student in the Roan Scholars from University High on the ETSU campus. His leadership positions include Senior Patrol Leader of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 37, varsity captain of the basketball and soccer teams, as well as program leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

**Victoria (Tori) Jones**— Tori has served as class president for three years, as well as captain and co-captain for the varsity cross country team. Her honors include many athletic awards including Indoor Track Team MVP 2007, Edward R. Jones Blue Chip Scholar Athlete 2005-2007, as well as Western Highlands All-Conference.

**Grace Owen O'Neill McCord**—Grace plans on participating on ETSU's soccer varsity team in addition to being a Roan Scholar. She combines her academic and athletic gifts as a stu-

dent whose honors include AIMS Scholar, SHOUT Graduate, as well as numerous athletic distinctions while proving her leadership abilities as captain of the varsity soccer team, and participation in the FCA, Student Council, National Honors Society, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, a service club, and as a student mentor.

**Daniel Justin Miller**— Daniel has exhibited leadership as editor of the yearbook, founder and devotion leader in FCA, class representative on the Student Council, and as captain of the varsity baseball and basketball teams. He has an intense desire of making the community a better place as evidenced by his volunteer experiences at the Johnson City Medical Center, Quillen Rehab Hospital, and the Special Olympics.

**Edwina Michelle Morris**— Edwina has served as president of HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America), the National Technical Honor Society, and the school service project "Autism Speaks." She has been involved as class representative in Student Government and Future Business Leaders of America while serving in many other functions, including a Health Ministry Team, peer tutoring, and in leadership positions on the track and basketball teams.

Congratulations to the above students on their outstanding high school records. We look forward to having you on the ETSU campus.

## Junior Class Engaged in Service Learning



As part of the Roan Program, this year's junior class enrolled in ETSU's Service-Learning Class. Students chose a variety of settings, including an after-class tutoring program at David Crockett High School, the Johnson City Day-care Center for the Homeless, and the Johnson City Housing Authority's youth program. Brittany Moore states, "Giving back to the community was truly a blessing. It's great that we got to see that we can make a difference at such a young age. This class touched my heart in such a way that I chose to take the Advanced part this spring."

## Alumni Update

**Aya Fukuda**—Congratulations on being accepted into the College of Pharmacy at Lipscomb University. Good luck in the upcoming school year with all your scholastic endeavors.

**Allen Barnett**—Allen is currently the Intelligence Officer for VP-46, which is a maritime patrol and reconnaissance squadron whose primary mission is anti-submarine warfare. In his Officer Candidate School, he was one of two Battalion Commanders, one of three honor graduates, then had 9 months of intel training before moving to his current position. Since his stationing at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Allen has received a Naval Achievement Medal, has attended SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape) School and has been Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, Junior Grade. In 2007, he was the only officer in the navy to be approved for a lateral transfer to a SEAL candidate slot pending a replacement for his current position. He now has orders to BUD/S (SEAL training school) for October 2008. Congratulations to Allen, we are proud of all you have done.

## Letterman Shows His Love For Mathematics

Michael Letterman, freshman Roan Scholar, one of a select few math majors at ETSU, is also the only freshman currently enrolled in a junior-level Calculus III course. Letterman was able to take this class because of his superb score on the AP Calculus exam in high school, allowing him to receive credit for the pre-requisite requirements.

Described in high school as a math genius, he is proving this title correct by succeeding in the advanced class as made evident by receiving excellent marks to date.

His love of the discipline shows in his decision to teach mathematics in the future. Letterman hopes to become an educator who will share a sense of excitement about the science and relieve math anxiety in students.

Best wishes to Michael in his math endeavors throughout his college experience.

A special thank you to the Tickles for giving us the opportunity to get together for a splendid meal before Christmas break. We are also very grateful for the Mooneyhan Foundation's funding for our trip to Wilmington, N.C. Meeting Dr. Tom Morris was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that the Scholars will never forget.

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