



**Arts, Culture,
and Humanities**

Undergraduate College

Undergraduate College of
Arts, Culture, and Humanities

aka *The BEST*

What is the Mission of ACH?

The Undergraduate College of Arts, Culture, and Humanities (ACH) seeks to unite first-year students who share a common interest in creative expression and exploration through the use of various media. Common examples of such media have included:

- drawing
- photography
- theatre
- writing (poetry, fiction, non-fiction, etc.)
- singing
- playing an instrument
- dance
- and a variety of other outlets

The ACH Team

Faculty Director:

Andrea Fedi (*Jacqueline Reich currently on sabbatical*)

College Advisor:

Jeremy Marchese

Quad Director:

Judy Jaquez

Living Learning Center Director:

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ACH Team, cont' d

- Residence Hall Directors:
 - Michael Blackman (Sanger College)
 - Kathleen Hart (Toscanini College)
 - David Iboy (Hand College)
 - Meghan Marino (Douglass College)
 - Daniel Schwartz (Dreiser College)
- Liaisons:
 - Joanna Durso, Career Center Liaison
 - Emily Resnick, Commuter Student Liaison

The ACH Theme for 2011-2012

- **The Art of Philanthropy**
 - What it means to “do good”.
 - Philanthropy
 - Goodwill to fellow members of the human race; active effort to promote human welfare.
 - An act or gift done or made for humanitarian purposes.
- Altruistic or philanthropic acts not only help those the acts are aimed at, but also have benefits for the person doing the helping. Possible health benefits include:
 - Strengthening of the immune system;
 - Decrease in both the intensity and awareness of physical pain;
 - Activation of emotions vital to maintaining good health;
 - Reduction of negative or damaging emotions such as chronic hostility and depression;
 - Higher levels of volunteer work are associated with higher levels of overall life satisfaction.

At Orientation students were given the choice of 4 charities to focus our fundraising efforts on. The charity that received the most votes was the “**We Give a Damn Campaign**” designed to promote awareness about homeless LGBT youth and increase efforts to end bullying and homophobia.

Fall Programs

- Tuesday, September 6th at 6:00P.M. (Tabler Center)
ACH Information Fair
- Tuesday, October 4th at 6:00P.M. (Tabler Center)
“Two to Tango” in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month
- October 24th – November 4th
ACH Week (a variety of events and programs will be announced)
- Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:00P.M. (Tabler Center)
“Hidden Gifts of Helping” lecture by Dr. Stephen Post
- Monday, November 14th at 6:00P.M. (Tabler Center)
National “Stand Up Against Bullying Day”
- Tuesday, November 15th at 6:00P.M. (Tabler Center)
ACH Advising Night

How Can You Get Involved in ACH?

■ ACH Council

- Meets every other Wednesday (starting 9/14) at 7:00P.M. in the Tabler Center behind Dunkin' Donuts.

■ Hall Council

- Contact your RA for specific information.

■ Battle of the Undergraduate Colleges

- ACH placed FIRST last year, so we need to keep the trophy! Events are listed on the Battle of the UGCs website: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/ucolleges/ugc/battle>

■ Become an ACH Fellow!

- Students can apply to become an ACH Fellow in late October. **Attend ACH Events Throughout the Year**

What to Know for First Two Weeks

The first two weeks (until September 12th) are known as the “**Add/Drop/Swap**” period. During these two weeks, you can make changes to your schedule without them appearing on your transcript.

What **CANNOT** be dropped on SOLAR?

- Any Writing or ESL class
- Your ACH 101 class

What **SHOULD NOT** be dropped?

- Any Math or Science class for Science/Pre-Health Students
- Any course that is required for your major

You should **ALWAYS** check with your Advisor before making any changes to your schedule.

- Every student **MUST be registered for a minimum of 12 credits** in order to be full-time (waitlisted classes DO NOT count toward your current credit load)
 - Failure to maintain full-time status by the end of the Add/Drop/Swap period can result in loss of housing, loss of financial aid/scholarships, and/or loss of health insurance.
- **The Pass/No Credit (P/NC) Deadline is October 28th**
 - This is a GPA safeguard. If you are having difficulty in one of your classes and are afraid that this will impact your GPA negatively, you can opt to P/NC the course.
 - If you receive an A-D in the class, a “P” will appear on your transcript and you will receive the number of credits the class is worth.
 - If you receive an “F” in the class, a “N/C” will appear on your transcript and you will not receive any credits.
 - Neither grade will be calculated into your GPA
 - There are certain restrictions of the P/NC option. You should not P/NC a class that you need for your major. You will not receive DEC credit for any class that you P/NC. If you P/NC a required class, there is no guarantee that you will be able to re-take it.

Course Re-Take Policy

- Certain courses are deemed “High Demand/Controlled Access” classes by the University. If you need to re-take an HDCA course, there is no guarantee that you will get a spot in it since you will only have the option to enroll in it after everyone else has finished registering for classes.
 - Examples of HDCA classes include:
 - **AMS 102, 151, 161**
 - **ANP 300**
 - **BIO 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 315, 358**
 - **CHE 129, 131/141, 132/142, 133/143, 321, 322, 326**
 - **ECO 108, 303, 305**
 - **MAP 103**
 - **MAT 122, 123, 125/131/141, 126, 127, 132/142**
 - **PHY 121/125/131, 122/126/132, 123, 124, 127, 133, 134**
 - **PSY 201, 310**
 - **If you P/NC any of these classes, you will most likely not be able to re-take them here during the Fall/Spring semesters (only winter/summer).**
 - **The point? DO WELL THE FIRST TIME YOU TAKE A CLASS!**

Resources Available to You

- Academic Resources:
 - **Academic Advising**
 - Any non-CEAS, non-Honors/USCH students will see me (Jeremy Marchese) with any questions regarding scheduling, majors/minors, policies and procedures, P/NC and other registration changes.
 - CEAS, Honors and University Scholars students should speak directly with the Advisors in their respective departments.
 - **Tutoring**
 - Residential tutoring is available in the Tabler Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the semester from 8:00P.M – 11:00P.M.
 - Subjects include: Chemistry, Math, Physics, Writing (Thursdays only) and 200-level Biology courses
 - Tutoring is also available through the academic departments. Contact the department directly to find out about getting help.

Advising Hours

- Quad Hours:
 - Mondays from 9:30A.M. – 11:30A.M. and 2:00P.M. – 4:00P.M.
 - No appointment is needed. Tabler Center, Room 117.
- Walk-in Hours in the Library:
 - Tuesdays, 12:30P.M. – 4:00P.M.
 - No appointment needed. Library N-3071
- Appointments for any other time can be made by either calling the main office or e-mailing me.

Contact Information

- Main Office – Library N-3071; (631) 632-4378
- Quad Office – Tabler Center, Room 117
- E-mail: jeremy.marchese@stonybrook.edu

To Stay Up To Date on Events:

- “Like” the Stony Brook ACH Page on Facebook
- “Like” the Battle of the Undergraduate Colleges page on Facebook.
- Check the ACH web page weekly:
www.stonybrook.edu/ucolleges/ach

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and Welcome Again to ACH
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