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Member of the Month

March Michael Zmed

Michael 3 is a freshman majoring in Industrial Engineering and a proud member of HonCon's Historian Committee. Besides attending as many HonCon events as he can, he's a member of First Step and the SOLIDWORKS Student Leadership Program. He has a penchant for retro LEGO sets, a strong liking for word play, and is on a never-ending search for good stories.



Knight-Thon



Knight-Thon Committee raises funds leading up to main event.

In this edition of the Honor Roll, The Marketing Publications team has chosen to feature the Knight-Thon Committee.

Honors Congress' Knight-Thon Committee is run by Biomedical Sciences student Breanne Peters. Knight-Thon is UCF's version of Dance Marathon.

"Our purpose is to raise money for Orlando Health's Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children," Breanne said.

This philanthropic effort is entirely student-run. Many on-campus organizations contribute to its fundraising efforts each year. Knight-Thon is a very impactful event. Breanne knew from the beginning that she wanted to get involved with Knight-Thon because it is a great cause.

"Not only is it such a fun and enjoyable event to be a part of, but we're also raising money and awareness for a very important cause and helping our community."

Over the years, UCF's Knight-Thon has donated over \$8 million to bettering our hospital systems, and Honors Congress is grateful to be a part of it.

But what role does Honors Congress play in such a widespread fundraiser? According to Breanne, HonCon raised over \$3,000 for the cause just last year alone. Her committee's specific purpose within both Honors Congress is both to host fun events for members AND to spread awareness for a cause in need of contribution.

The Knight-Thon Committee hosts events each semester. So far this Spring,

some of their favorite events have been their craft night where members got to connect with one another while painting mini canvases. Breanne also speaks fondly of their partial proceeds event, where she partnered with Blaze Pizza to raise money for the Honors Congress Knight-Thon team.

On April 6th, the Knight-Thon Main Event will take place. This is the biggest day of the year for all sections of Knight-Thon. The event is 12 hours long and hosted annually in Addition Financial Arena, featuring an array of entertainment. Families that have been part of Dance Marathon's efforts get to share stories of how they have been positively impacted by the fundraising efforts.

Written by Madelyn Kerst

Relay for Life

Relay for Life Committee celebrates success of main event

The Relay For Life committee's director is Alfonso Hilerio, who provided information about the committee and its role in Honors Congress.

For those who are unfamiliar, UCF hosts a Relay for Life each year to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

"It's a volunteer-led experience where many organizations throughout the US work together, each in their community, to raise money to put into cancer research," Alfonso explained.

The event is mainly student-led, and plenty of Registered Student Organizations raise money and participate in the event each year. Relay For Life is hugely impactful to those whose lives have been touched by cancer.

"My grandmother was diagnosed with cancer, and she was able to beat it. After seeing the challenges and effects that cancer brings to an individual, it has always been a topic that is very near and dear to my heart," Alfonso said. "When I saw that I could play a role in helping those with cancer,

I decided to try to get involved." Honors Congress has played a large part in the fundraising efforts for quite a while. This year, HonCon raised over \$1,000, placing in the top 5 of all organizations at UCF. This fundraising comes from the events that are held for members.

"The mystery auction event would have to be our favorite event because people would have to [place bids] for mystery prizes. It created more suspense as the auction continued. Ultimately, when everyone popped their balloons to see what prize they got, it was fun to see how everyone reacted."

The main event is an annual, eight-hour-long walk around part of Memory Mall to signify that cancer never sleeps. This year, it was held on March 9 from noon to 8 p.m.

"It was a lot more fun than expected. Numerous other organizations from UCF spread out throughout Memory Mall. Even though setting up our tent at first was challenging, things started to move along much easier," Alfonso explained.

Written by Sydney Rodd

The publications and marketing committee would like to thank Breanne and Alfonso for the incredible work that they do to help their communities.



"It's pretty refreshing... it's not such a huge place to make friends in. It's not as overwhelming. It's just like a small closed space and everyone's nice, so I like [meeting new people]."
Amelia Derrick, Luck of the Charm Craft Night

"I absolutely love Tangled. I have not been able to go to many other events, [because] I have been busy with work. The events I have gone to have been fun. Like this? Fantastic."
Avis Shaw, Tangled Bounty Poster Making

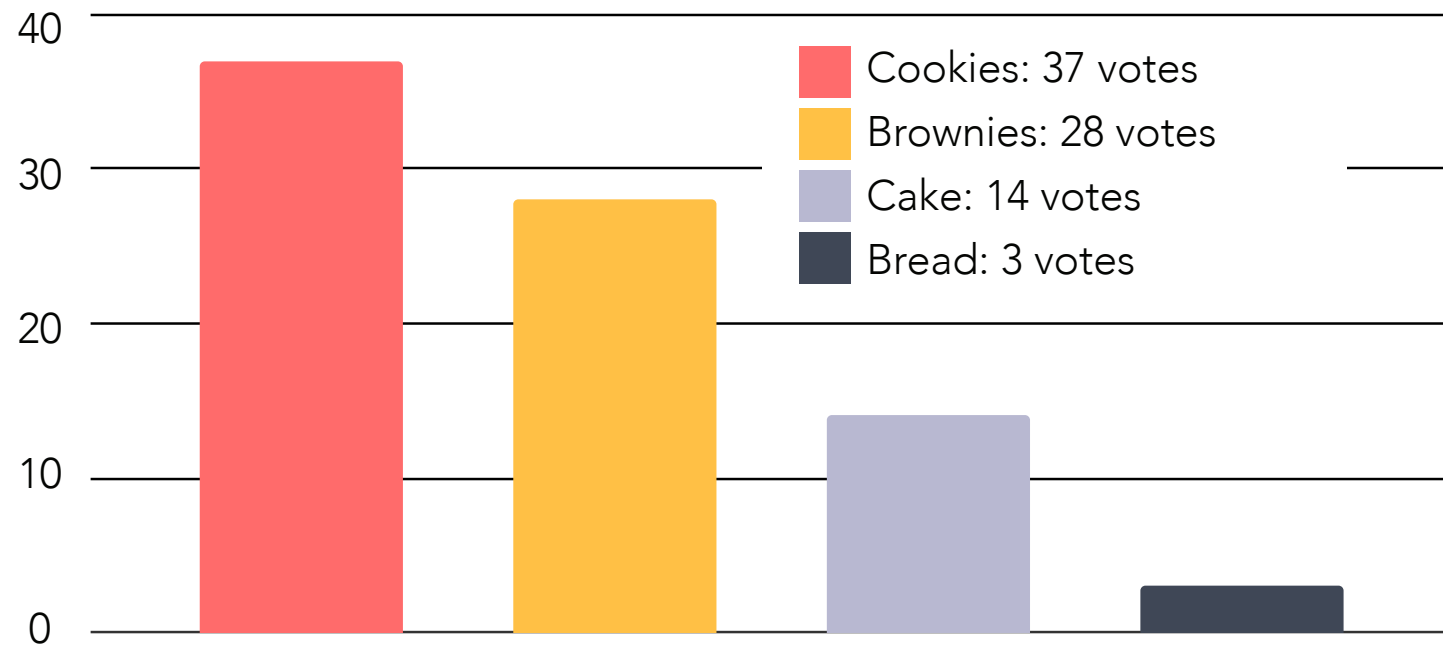
"Favorite part of Honors Congress? Just kind of having events to go to and people to kind of see around and gain a sense of community with."
John Williams, Luck of the Charm Craft Night

"I just like going to all the events. I'm trying to get those DM points, you know what I mean? [If I could plan an event,] I would do another trivia event. Trivia about what? Who knows."
Brooke Reynolds, HonCon Takes on St.Paddy's Day

"I really like food and I really like learning about other cultures and stuff. I saw this event on KnightConnect and a friend reminded me about it, so I thought it would be fun to go to."
John Moses, Snacks Around the World

Sprouting Statistics

What Is Your Favorite Thing to Bake?

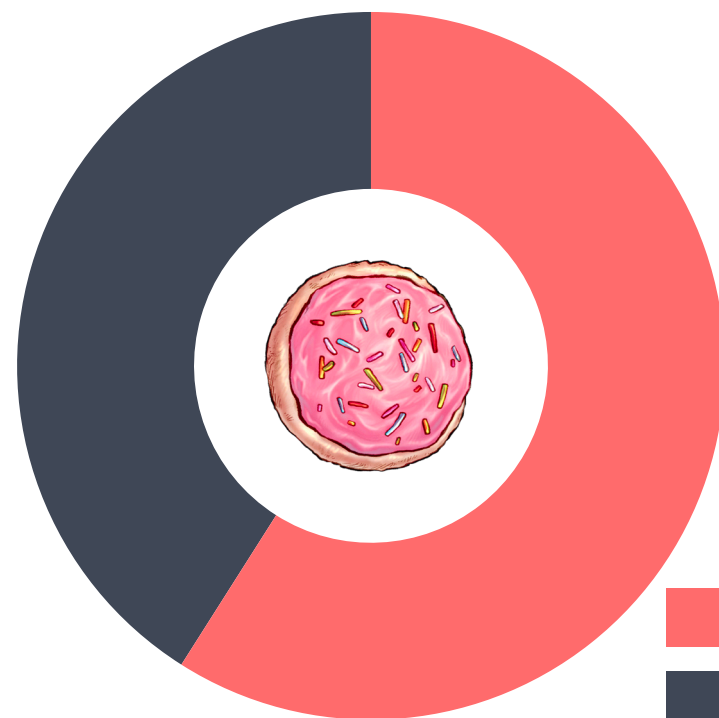


What Is Your Favorite Season?



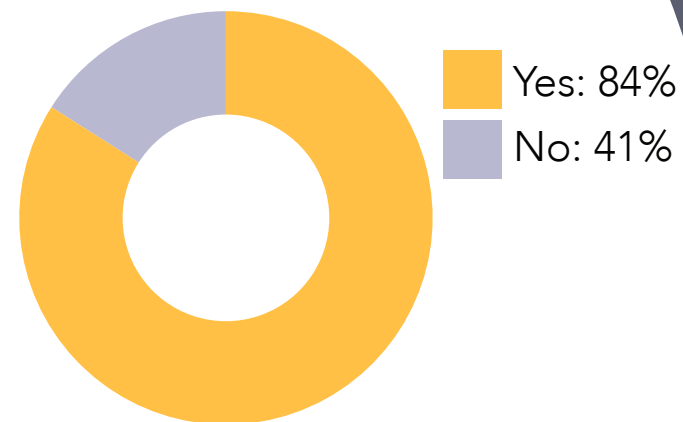
Fall: 37%
 Winter: 27%
 Summer: 19%
 Spring: 17%

Do You Spring Clean?



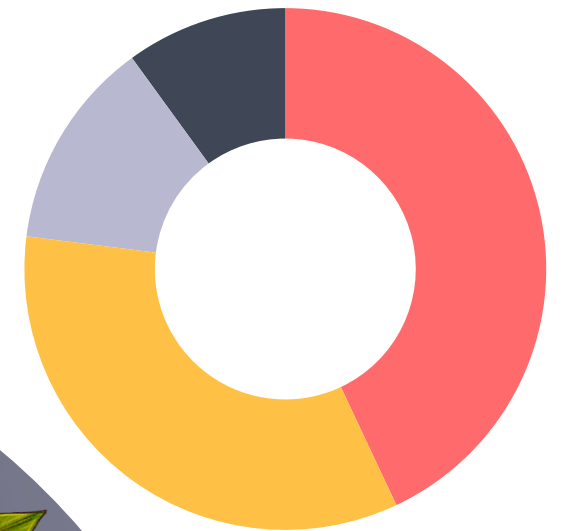
Yes: 59%
 No: 41%

Have You Ever Been on a Picnic?

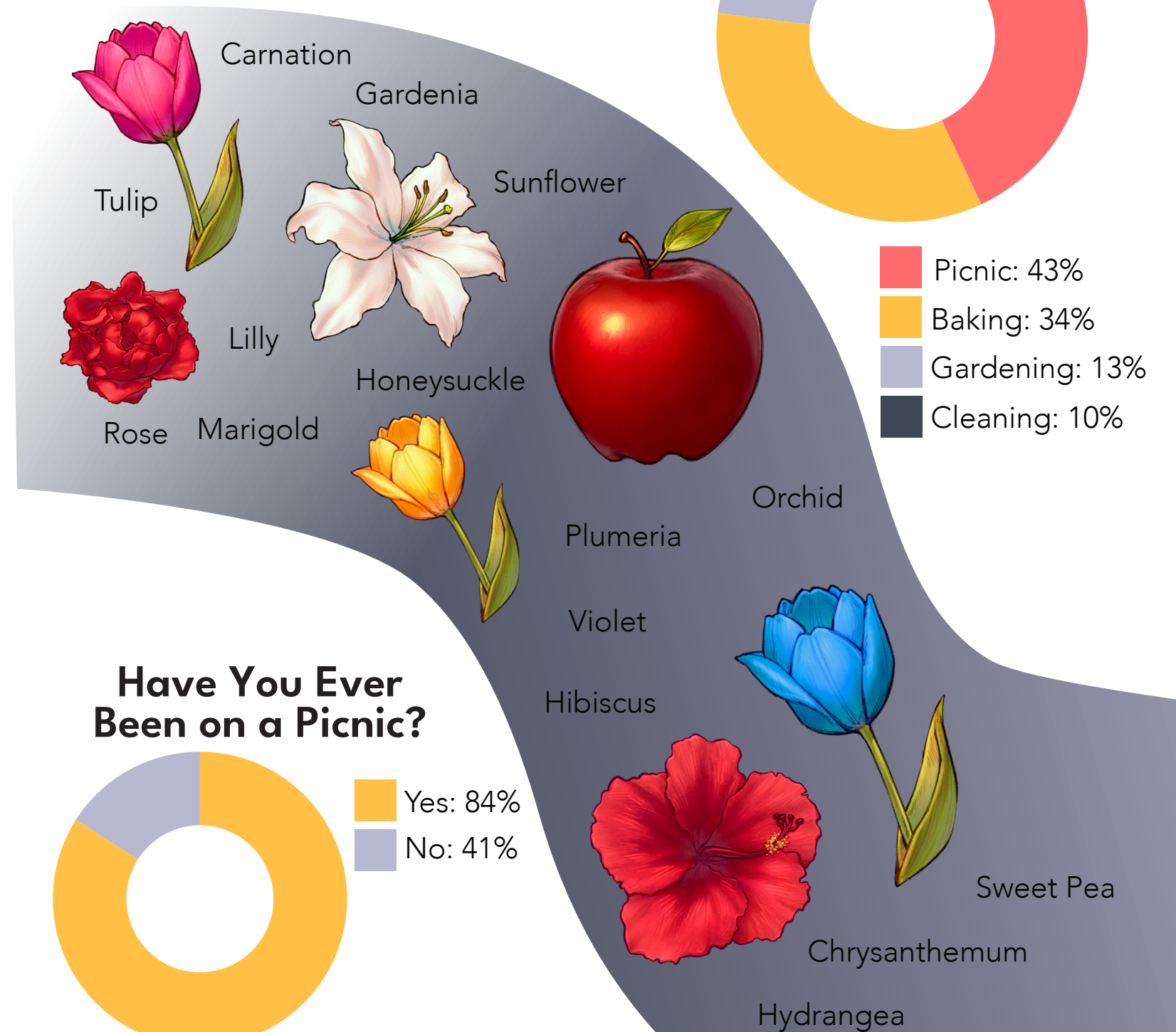


Yes: 84%
 No: 41%

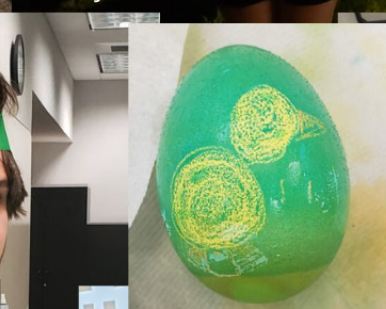
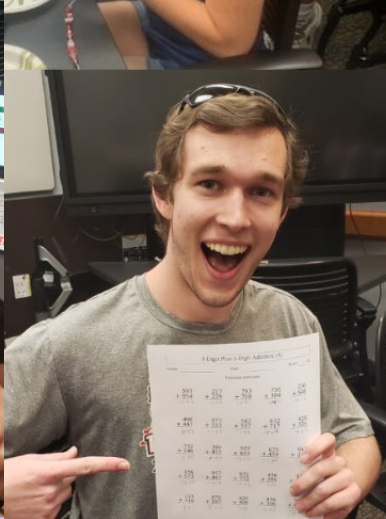
What Is Your Favorite Spring Activity?



Picnic: 43%
 Baking: 34%
 Gardening: 13%
 Cleaning: 10%

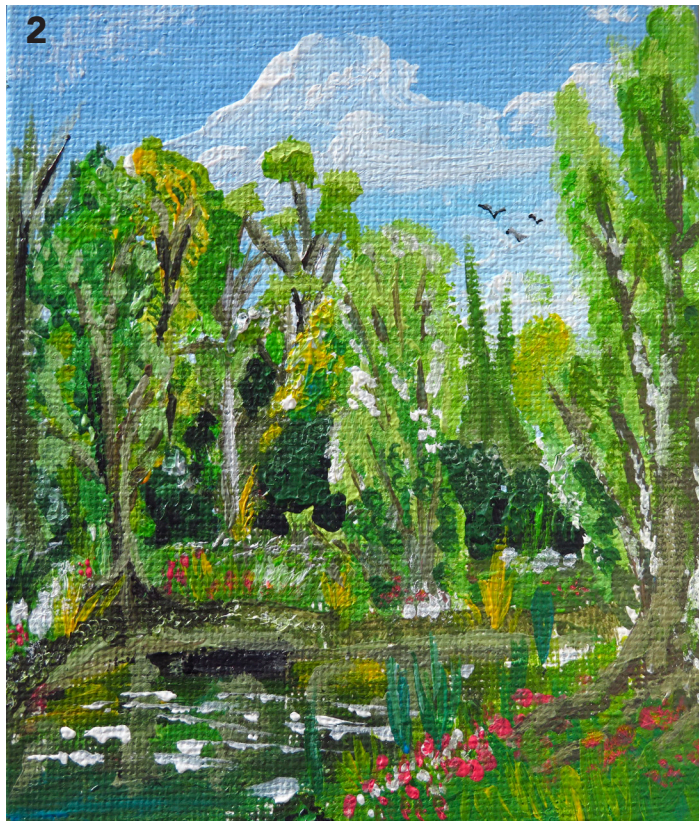


Snazzy Snaps





1 Gabriella Battenfield, "Gus the Dog," doodle with pen and pencil
 2 Hailey Scheinman, acrylic on canvas



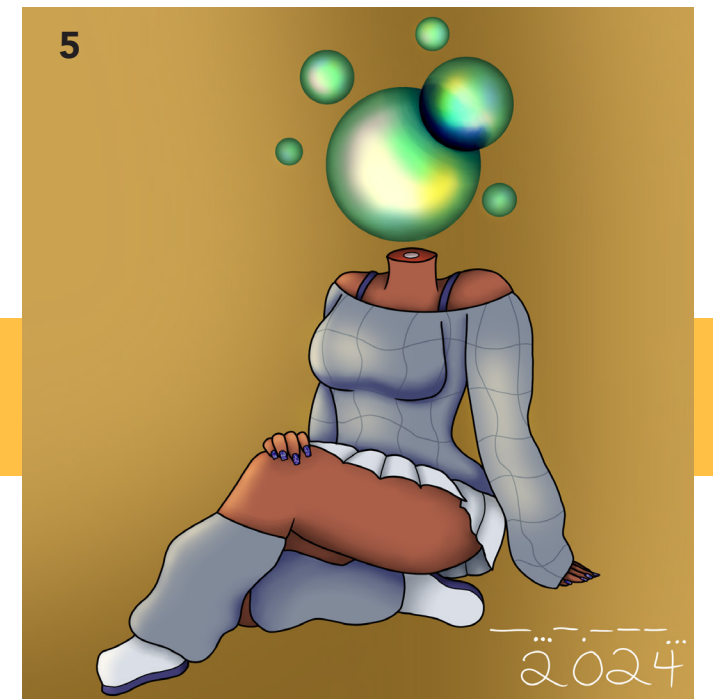
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CREATIVE CORNER



3 Brianna Bergman, un lápiz y papel
 4 Nadia Main-Patel, acrylic on canvas
 5 Shania Clarke, digital illustration
 6 Avery Chan, digital collage

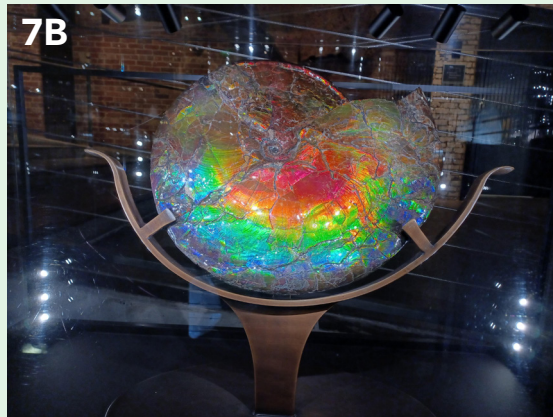


Visiting

These days, the road unfurls before us like a paper map,
 Crinkled at the edges and folding under our fingertips as we carve
 Uncharted routes across our old home.
 You read to me from the passenger seat.
 I have only ever driven with music before, but in my head
 I note the kilometer markers we travel by the chapters you interrupt
 To say "Turn right" through laughter in your best impression of a surfer in a movie.
 The salt of it tangles in my hair and peels up with my sunburn.
 "Ascend into the clouds," murmurs the sign by the trail on today's adventure,
 And I leave the ache in my legs at the coast far below,
 Following the promise of a tower we had glimpsed through mist.
 You insist on photos of the mountain; I pin them to the map and stow it in the glovebox.
 I step onto the roof of the mountainside tower and the world no longer exists:
 Fade to gray on you and I centered in a cloud with rainwater pooling in our socks.
 I check the map.
 We spread it out on the dashboard and trace the route home.
Written by Heidi Rivera



7A



7B

7 Kristi Rivera, photography
 8 Avery Chan, photography
 9 Hailey Scheinman, digital art



8



7C



Puzzles

D	U	C	K	A
B	E	F	G	H
I	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
V	W	X	Y	Z

(Hint: It is a Playfair cipher)

Crack the Code
 ZO MP QH GL AF CT DK QH ST

HonCon During Spring

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|-----------|--------|-------|
| Butterfly | Flower | Bunny |
| Sunshine | Puddle | Bloom |
| Blossom | Eggs | Rain |
| Tree | Spring | Koi |
| Rainbow | Cherry | Duck |

Y L K Z B N K E X P Y E W R D
 B J M W R A I N B O W S S R E
 Z D A J T M W X I L I U Y A B
 K Q B U T T E R F L Y N F I F
 F R H D K Z F T Z X L S V N U
 P L V T E P G U Q A X H D W D
 U U O N R I Z V J Z V I U U S
 R L D W Z E S B B C D N C B B
 Y I P D E V E P L U X E K L G
 E G U U L R T K R O N Q G O R
 F I K X Z E D O H I S N V O E
 E P D M Y D M I V N N S Y M G
 J O R M V J X A Y X H G O J G
 A T S D R Y M P G M B D L M S
 F K E B Z V L C H E R R Y T O

Secret

No further instructions here,
 just fill in the blank :)

Complete this task for a bonus DM point

Email results from your UCF email to HonorsCongress+Publications@gmail.com for one DM point for completing both puzzles
 (Crack the Code and HonCon During Spring)

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\$15

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BHC Family - \$15



\$2

Holographic Sticker - \$3



\$2

Beige Pegasus Sticker - \$3



\$1

'honcon' Sticker - \$2



\$25

Pegasus Collection: Sweatshirt - \$30



\$12

Honors College Tote Bag - \$20



\$10

Burnett Honors Scholar Mug - \$15

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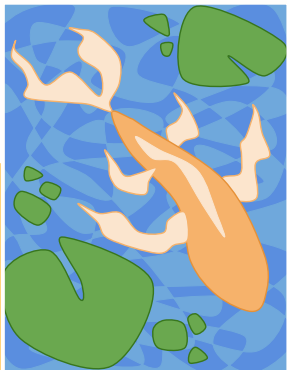


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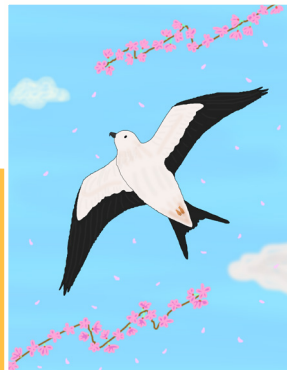
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Gabriella Battenfield



Avery Chan



Reasha Nair



Shania Clarke

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