



Hello from Seattle, Washington! This week, I am attending the National Collegiate Honors Council with my fellow student leader Camille Moore and Dr. Strom! We have heard from other amazing honors programs, wandered through the Coffee Capital of the World, and heard author Sherman Alexie give a hilarious and inspiring speech! Read on for news about the coming weeks in Smith Hall.



From right to left: Camille Moore, Anisah Spahn, and Dr. Strom

# Upcoming Events

**Monday and Tuesday October 17 and 18, 4-5 pm**  
**Spring 2017 Registration Workshops in the Smith Great Room**  
**Attendance Tracker Punch: No**

Curious about how to sign up for an honors class next semester? If you stop by this event you won't be wondering anymore, you'll get to learn about how to request your Honors RAP course and hear from faculty members about the incredibly exciting offerings for next semester!

**Friday October 21, 6-10:30 pm**  
**Corn Maze at Denver Botanic Gardens, Chatfield**  
**Attendance Tracker Punch: Yes**

Flock leader Camille Moore will be taking about 40 students to Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield to test their luck getting out of a dark, twisted, and mysterious maze! If you want to join in this spook-tacular adventure, keep your eye on the flocktivities board at 3 pm on Monday, October 17 to sign up!

**Saturday October 22, 8 pm- midnight**  
**Haunted Halls in Stearns Basement in Williams Village**  
**Attendance Tracker Punch: No**

Excited for Halloween? Attend RHA's largest event of the year and navigate your way through a haunted house designed by CU hal council members.

**Thursday October 27, 7-9 pm**  
**Pumpkin Carving in the Smith Great Room**  
**Attendance Tracker Punch: Yes**

Join your fellow Honors RAP students for the annual pumpkin carving contest. We'll have pumpkins, carving tools, and tarps on the floor so you can make a beautiful mess. Carve a masterpiece! Win a prize for best carved pumpkin!

**Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who responded to Dr. Gerland's google forms poll about the upcoming Honors movie night. The winner is... drum roll please... THE BIG SHORT with a whopping 58% of the vote! Also, a special thanks to the person who wrote in BREAKFAST CLUB: Dr. Gerland did college summer theatre with Judd Nelson!**



## Flock Activities

Want to expand your palate beyond the C4C? Join flock leaders Story and Brenna at [The Taj](#), a nearby Indian restaurant this Tuesday at 6 pm! Meet in the lobby.

Interested in a sugary treat? Maybe some caffeine? Meet Laney in the lobby this Tuesday at 7 pm for a trip to [Starbucks](#)!

Want breakfast for dinner? Join Serene's flock in the lobby this Wednesday at 5 pm to head to [Denny's](#)! Meet in the lobby.

Have you been to the restaurant [Dark Horse](#) yet? If not, consider joining Kyla and Anisah for a trip there Wednesday at 5 pm! Meet in the lobby.

Can't make it to Laney's [Starbucks](#) trip? Join Max Wednesday at 5 pm in the lobby for a Starbucks run!

For a different culinary experience, meet in the lobby Thursday at 7 pm to head to [Noodles and Company](#) with Camille and Lexie!

Interested in hiking? Like bagels? Join Aaron for a [sunrise hike of Royal Arch](#) this Saturday at 5:30 am, and be sure to bring a flashlight. After the hike, there will be a trip to Einstein's for bagels! Meet in the lobby.

# I Love Rock n' Roll: The Story of a Smith Hall Musician

By Chelsea Magyar

In the days leading up to opening for a sold-out show at Red Rocks Amphitheater (Morrison, CO), Jason Cummings could hardly eat. Now a Smith Hall resident and freshman, Cummings eats at the C4C just fine, and although he practices metal guitar slightly less, Cummings has not given up his music.

"It's the most central part of who I am and has been ever since I started playing," said Cummings. "It really helped me through some tougher times in my life."

Cummings has played guitar for six years. His experiences include playing with the School of Rock, an international program of music schools focused on rock music, on the 106.7 KBPI radio station; playing with Mark Schulman, the touring drummer for P!nk; and performing at Red Rocks Amphitheater.

"Overall, the School of Rock was the best thing that could have happened to me in terms of music," said Cummings. "There were a bunch of cool people there, and I had some of the coolest experiences."

Cummings brought two guitars with him to college. All together he has six guitars, a bass, and a drum kit. In the future, Cummings will develop his skills as a multi-instrumentalist and possibly write and record his own material.

## Honors Scholars Program



*-Writing an honors thesis and want to be part of a community of engaged and thoughtful students?*

*-Not planning to write an honors thesis but want to show you are involved in honors at CU?*  
The Honors Scholars Program, launching in fall 2016, will give you a chance to engage in thoughtful discussion and to meet students and professors outside of your major. If you fulfill all of the requirements prior to graduation (e.g. take 3 honors classes, maintain a high GPA, and attend honors events), you can show your involvement in honors as an Honors Scholar on your resume. Want to learn more? Find out the details at <http://www.colorado.edu/honors/HonorsScholars>.