

# Barry University Honors Program Newsletter

## Welcome

Greetings HP students and faculty,

The holiday season is here! During this time of year, we are all preparing for the holidays. These holidays and festivities can include Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Yule, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Festivus, Christmas, Boxing Day, and New Years, but the list can go on. Regardless of the traditions we choose to celebrate, the significance lies within the fact that we are celebrating!

As students, we also know this time of year as the time in which the semester is reaching its end. As finals are approaching, most of us are working towards maintaining our GPA's and finishing the semester strong. After finals, it is more than likely that we would be happy to celebrate. However, other than school, what will be your reason for celebrating? Often times we might forget that we have so much to be thankful for, such as being able to afford a higher education; our family and friends that have been supporting us through our individual journey; our professors who not only supply us with an everlasting education, but also giving us sound advice for our future; food to nourish our body and our brain; health to continue living the life we choose to embrace; and extracurricular activities that not only build up our resumes, but aids in making us multidimensional.

In addition to the topic of extracurricular activities, in last month's October edition, Alek gave great advice as to how school is a great place to get involved. If you feel as though you want to get involved outside of campus, this is the perfect time of year to do so. Many people are much less fortunate than us. Giving back to the community through service is one of Barry's guiding principles. Volunteer at a shelter, donate clothing, participate in a food drive, buy a gift for a child, etc. Through these acts of kindness, we are touching the hearts of those who do not have all of the luxuries we take for granted.

I would personally like to challenge all of you who are reading this newsletter to go out and get involved this holiday season. Keep in mind what you are thankful for as you become someone else's reason to be thankful. Dare to make a difference this holiday season!

Happy Holidays,  
Shade' Lovett

- > Note from the Editor:
- > Welcome to the November Edition of the Barry University Honors Program Newsletter.
- > In this issue, you will find some awesome Thanksgiving activities, be able to read about both local and world news events, and see what's coming up at Barry. There are also some picture of our last HP Event.
- > Happy Reading!

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## Thanksgiving—What Are you Thankful For?

The start of November marks the beginning of the holiday season. Grocery stores are full of Christmas trees and holiday decor. Everyone is figuring out his or her Black Friday strategies. Families are planning their Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other holiday meals. Kids are eagerly writing their lists to Santa and anticipating what presents they might receive.

Americans commonly trace the Thanksgiving holiday to a 1621 celebration at the Plymouth Plantation, where the Plymouth settlers held a harvest feast after a successful growing season. Squanto, a Patuxet Native American who resided with the Wampanoag tribe, taught the Pilgrims how to catch eel and grow corn and served as an interpreter for them; Squanto had learned English during travels in England. Additionally the Wampanoag leader Massasoit donated food stores to the fledgling colony during the first winter when supplies brought from England were insufficient. Though some controversy surrounds the relationship between the Pilgrims and Native Americans, it is important to remember the ideals of generosity and charity that form the crux of Thanksgiving.

Here is what HPSAB is thankful for:

*“Besides the basic vital necessities (i.e. food, water, shelter, and clothing), I am thankful for my wonderful family and friends. My support circle may be small, but they are strong! I am thankful that I am healthy and able to live life to the best of my ability. I am thankful for the kind and positive people in the world that make society a much more pleasant place. I am thankful for my condo and the people that help make it a safe environment.” - Shade*

*“I am thankful for all the opportunities that I have in my life, such as education. Also, I am thankful for Barry University and the professors that teach here who have helped me so much in all my classes. Of course, I am thankful for my friends and family and the people who open their hearts to me and love me.” -Hemaghini*

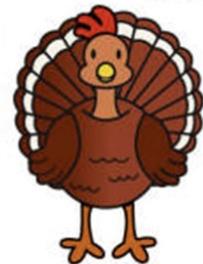
*“I am grateful for the blessing of being here now, for being safe and healthy, and for having a family that loves me. I feel grateful for the many opportunities that I have had, especially for studying here at Barry and meeting great friends and teachers.” -Paola*

**“I am thankful for Barry University. It's a place that has offered me so much and has made me a better person” - Alek**



### Thanksgiving Jokes

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What's blue and covered with feathers?  
*A turkey holding its breath!*

Why can't you take a turkey to Church?  
*Because they use such fowl language!*

How do you send a turkey through the mail?  
*Bird class mail!*

What key has legs and can't open doors?  
*A turkey!*

Why didn't the turkey eat dessert?  
*He was already stuffed!*

Why did the turkey play drums in his band?  
*Because he already had drumsticks!*

What's the best thing to put into pumpkin pie?  
*Your teeth!*

What do you get if you cross a turkey with an octopus?  
*Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving!*

What always comes at the end of Thanksgiving?  
*The letter G!*

When the Pilgrims landed, where did they stand?  
*On their feet!*

What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter?  
*"Quack, quack!"*

What vegetables would you like with your Thanksgiving dinner?  
*Beets me!*

What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner?  
*The Turkey!*

What happened when the turkey got into a fight?  
*He got the stuffing knocked out of him!*

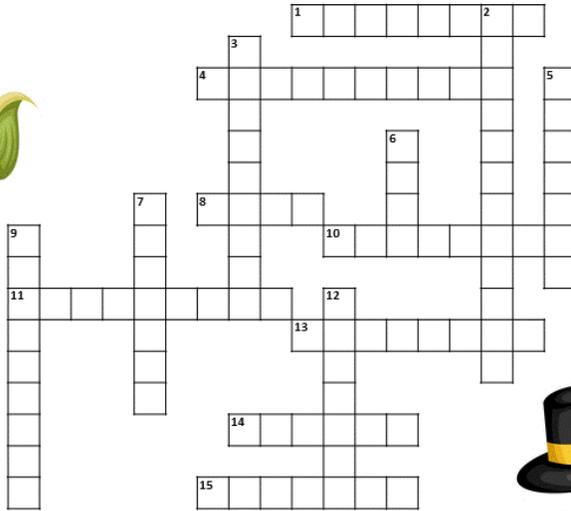
If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?  
*Pilgrims!*

Why did the police arrest the turkey?  
*They suspected it of foul play!*



Games And More Fun!

# Thanksgiving Crossword



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**Across**

- 1. First village established by the Pilgrims
- 4. Symbol of abundance and nourishment
- 8. An essential grain in the New World diet
- 10. Literally, travelers going to a holy place
- 11. The Pilgrims' boat
- 13. 16th and 17th century English Protestants
- 14. The traditional holiday bird
- 15. Indian who taught the Pilgrims many things

**Down**

- 2. 4th Thursday of November
- 3. A traditional Indian dwelling
- 5. Gathering of crops
- 6. Season for harvesting
- 7. Country the Pilgrims left behind
- 9. Indian tribe that was present at the first Thanksgiving
- 12. Bright orange squash used to make pie



## Thanksgiving Word Scramble

- 1. rsvahet \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. ipsrlmig \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. tkuanfhl \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. reonvbm \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. pnuiimpk \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. fywelrmao \_\_\_\_\_

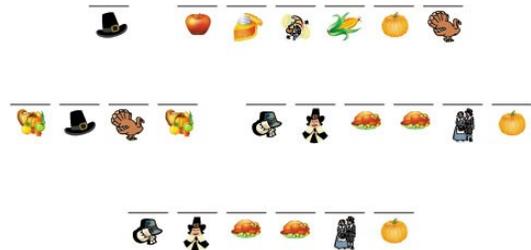


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Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Thanksgiving Secret Message Puzzle

Decode and solve the secret Thanksgiving message. Fill in the blanks with the letter that matches each picture from the box at the bottom of the page.



	= U		= K		= E		= A
	= B		= L		= R		= T
	= Y		= G		= S		= O

# What's Up In The World

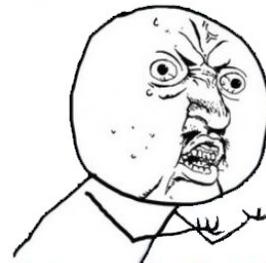
## Is Your Internet Slow???

The United State is widely known for widespread use of technology, cell phones, Wi-Fi, and more; it is also known for being one of the technologically advanced nations in the world. For that reason, one might be surprised to know that the United States has fallen behind in internet speed and affordability. Downloading a high-definition movie takes about seven seconds in Seoul, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Zurich, Bucharest and Paris, and people pay as little as \$30 a month for that connection. In Los Angeles, New York and Washington, downloading the same movie takes 1.4 minutes for people with the fastest Internet available, and they pay \$300 a month for the privilege. The problem is thought to be lack of competition in the Internet market. Usually, there are only one or two companies that provide internet, so there is little competition to always be raising standards. The major Internet companies include Comcast, Time Warner, AT&T or Verizon; overall, this is a relatively small number of companies to dominate an entire market. It's an issue anyone who has shopped for Internet knows well, and it is even worse for people who live in rural areas. It matters not just for entertainment; an Internet connection is necessary for people to find and perform jobs, and to do new things in areas like medi-

cine and education. In the United States, the Federal Communications Commission in 2002 reclassified high-speed Internet access as an information service, which is unregulated, rather than as telecommunications, which is regulated. Its hope was that Internet providers would compete with one another to provide the best networks. That didn't happen. The result has been that they have mostly stayed out of one another's markets. When New America ranked cities by the average speed of broadband plans priced between \$35 and \$50 a month, the top three cities, Seoul, Hong Kong and Paris, offered speeds 10 times faster than the United States cities.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/31/internet-speeds\\_n\\_6078204.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/31/internet-speeds_n_6078204.html)

DealingWithWindows.com



**My internet is SLOW !!!**

## Science News: Fossil Fuels

**Fossils fuels should be phased out by 2100, says IPCC.** According to BBC news, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that the time period between 1983 and 2012 has been, most likely the warmest 30-year period for the past 1,400 years. The impact of global warming has already been seen in the acidification of the oceans, the melting of arctic ice and poorer crop yields. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki states, "Science has spoken. Leaders must act. Time is not on our side...there is a myth that climate action will cost heavily but inaction will cost much more." In the IPCC discussion, there were battles between those who want the focus to be on

cutting emissions, and those who think that we must first develop economies. Nevertheless, from the science perspective, the tackling of climate change and sustainable development need to be concurrently worked upon.



<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-29855884>

## The 51st State?



Soon, Miami residents might no longer get the Florida-resident discount at Disney world and there might be an extra star to add to the flag of the United States. Florida recently submitted a proposal to break into two separate states to be known as North Florida and South Florida. Generally speaking, the two areas are just geographically, culturally and politically different. Politicians in South Miami, Florida, took that common knowledge a step further earlier this month, when they passed a resolution calling for counties in southern Florida to separate from their northern

counterparts and form a new state, known as South Florida, because of a failure to address southern Florida's climate change concerns. The proposal was written by a vice mayor by the name of Walter Harris. In regards to climate change, sea levels are predicted to rise between 3 and 6 feet. Most of South Florida is barely above 5 feet above sea level, so rising sea levels could lead to major repercussions for South Florida, where a large number of the communities are beachfront areas. In addition to not focusing enough on the impact of climate change, South Floridians allude to the fact that the culture and diversity of South Florida is very different. Also, South Florida generates a larger chunk of overall tax revenue. The resolution lists the northern border of what would be the state of South Florida as being Brevard, Orange, Polk, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. While the resolution might be unlikely to pass, it does bring several important issues into consideration for government and citizens alike, including climate change and acceptance of diversity.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/fred-grimm/article3309821.html>

### Technology News:

**Pirate Bay founder Gottfrid Warg gets lengthy jail term.** Pirate Bay co-founder, Gottfrid Warg and his co-defendant were convicted for breaking into computers owned by the Danish arm of Computer Science Corporation, and illegally downloading files. Warg was deported from Cambodia in September 2013 to Sweden where he served a jail term for copyright theft, and has been sentenced to three and a half years in prison.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-29832318>



### World News:

**Suicide bomber in Pakistan Kills More than 40 People.** A minimum of 48 people were killed and dozens were injured on November 1<sup>st</sup>, after a suicide bomber set off his explosives in eastern Pakistan, on the border with India. A group of the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack; he says, "This is a continuation of our jihad for the implementation of an Islamic system in Pakistan." Pakistani officials state that there were strict security arrangements in the main site, causing the attacker to detonate the bomb hundreds of yards away from the main site. Officials said, "Otherwise, the dimensions of the damage would have been very different." Local networks broadcast images of ambulances speeding to hospitals in the border town.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/03/world/asia/suicide-bomber-in-pakistan-kills-dozens.html?ref=world>



# Around Barry U

## *Creative Outlet Day*

**On October 29<sup>th</sup>, HPSAB hosted creative outlet day where we carved pumpkins for our professors. It was a fun time filled with great memories. Here are some pictures from this awesome event! These pumpkins were given to the current HP professors. Dr. Romano loved his and said that his daughter would enjoy it!**



**Stay tuned for Information about our Honors Program Guest Lecture Series!**

## Upcoming Events:

### November 5th:

Spring 2015 Pre-registration

Counseling and School Psychology Department Social

### November 6th:

Career Fair

### November 7th

Intergroup Dialogue on Increasing Intercultural Understanding in Gato Gallery

### November 8th:

Founders' 5K Run

### November 10th:

Founders' Week Mass and Reception

### November 11th:

Moonlight Madness

### November 12th:

Plant the Campus Green

Meet the Science Faculty

### November 13th:

Barry Community Fest 2014: Come as your Favorite World Cup Team

### November 19th:

Career Fair: Careers in Sports

### November 22nd:

One Night Only – Gloria by Vivaldi (Center of Performing Arts)

### November 29th:

Archives and Historical Collections Founders' Exhibit

**Reminder:** Registration begins this month. Be sure to meet with your advisor and Dr. Sirimangkala to add an HP class into your schedule.

### HONORS PROGRAM LAB:

Did you know that the Honors Program has a computer lab open to your use? Currently located in Landon 206 G, this lab provides students with a quiet place to work and study.

Those interested in using the lab may contact Dr. Sirimangkala for more information on purchasing a key. Keys are available for a \$10 deposit, which is returned upon your completion of the program.

This lab is for HP students only.

Just a reminder for the students using the lab—be sure to be responsible about usage, sign-in, and keep the door locked.

### Correction from Last Issue:

On the Use of Alumni - Alumni represents the plural; which is not always the correct form. Here is a correct list upon variants of the word Alumni.

An **Alumnus** is a male graduate. The plural of this is **alumni**.

An **Alumna** is a female graduate. The plural is **alumnae**.

Traditionally, groups that have both genders of graduates are referred to as alumni.

We appreciate your help in correcting any future errors.

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