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Welcome to all Communication and Media Studies (CMS) new students! I hope your first semester, as a new college student or as a transfer student, is going well for you. Remember that (CMS) faculty are here for you and as you have questions about courses, internships, cluster projects or other kinds of experiences, please stop by and see me anytime or any other CMS professor, for conversation/dialogue about your interests. Even though it is only your first semester, whether a first year college student or transfer student, thinking about the best ways to cultivate your resume and gain real world experience is very important to balance with your academic experiences. It is my hope that you have a successful semester and enjoy your break in December and January using the time for renewal, working, and maybe taking a course if you so choose. Please let me know if you have any questions. You can contact me at aholba@plymouth.edu or visit my office at Hyde Hall 129A.

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Internship Opportunities

Internships are essential to finding a good career once you’re out of school and so it’s encouraged that all students take at least one. We have a great site you can visit to prepare for an internship, as well as a list of some places our students have interned at in the past. To see all the opportunities available to you, go to: https://campus.plymouth.edu/communication/career-paths/internship-opportunities/  
(Follow us on Facebook for the latest internship opportunities)
This Halloween, PSU Communication and Media Studies students held the first ever Plymouth Unity Social Harvest (PUSH). The event, which was organized by seniors in Dr. Annette Holba’s Senior Seminar course, aimed to create a sense of community between PSU students and Plymouth locals.

All the students dressed up in costume and handed out candy to trick-or-treaters making their way downtown. There was also pumpkin painting at the event and a cardboard cutout where kids could take pictures with their parents. Plymouth’s mascot Pemi the Panther also made an appearance at the event.

This was the community project for the students’ Senior Seminar. Their task was to create a project based around dialogic ethics and their role in building relationships and community. The students also hoped that this kind of event would break down some of the negative stigma surrounding PSU students. Dr. Holba, referring to her students, explained, “They wanted to show the other side, in case people have negative feelings about Plymouth students. Because we always hear about the bad things, but we rarely hear about the good things that students do.”

Students handled all of the logistics for the event. They were responsible for organizing, getting pumpkins, getting decorations, and getting all the other necessary materials. And that really is the main goal, to allow students to create something that impacts the community. They made something that won’t just be forgotten after it’s turned in; they created something that people will remember.

In the end, the event turned out to be a huge success. There were more people than the students were expecting which meant there was a chance for real dialogue between the students and citizens of the town.

It may not be set in stone yet, but it’s very possible this event could return next year. At the very least, PSU wants to have events similar to this one in the future.

UPGRADED STUDENT WORKSPACE

The CMS Lounge underwent some exciting changes recently. The space has been redesigned to be more open, allowing for easier communication between students. The Macs have some useful new software and we have a moving whiteboard that students can use for group projects!
Lambda Pi Eta
The Communication Honor Society

The Plymouth Chapter of LPH has been very busy this semester. On Halloween they had a candy sale in Hyde and on November 14th, they will hosted Trivia Night in Frost Commons! Be sure to keep an eye out for their events in the future!

WPCR
WPCR is PSU’s student run radio station. They’re always looking for new members!

Film Club
PSU’s Film Club is currently raising funds so they can purchase new equipment that will allow the club to reach its full potential! If you’re interested in contributing, head to this link: https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/PSU-FILM

The Clock
The Clock is PSU’s student run newspaper. They have an updated website coming soon and are always looking for new writers for all four sections!

Oscar Winner Ernest Thompson Visits
Academy Award Winner, Ernest Thompson, visited Professor McClinton’s Video Production Class on November 13. Thompson is a Vermont local who now lives in New Hampshire. He founded Whitebridge Farm Productions. Students learned about his filmmaking career and his next project that begins shooting in December.

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