



## GALWAY ELEMENTARY PEN PAL PROGRAM

BY KATIE MEDLOCK

Primannum Honor Society has partnered with Galway Elementary School for a new program called the Galway Elementary Pen Pal Program.

Located in Silver Spring, Maryland, Galway Elementary is matched with about 60 Primannum members. Each member is assigned to a student from the fourth or fifth grade class. Because there are so many volunteers, there are two Primannum members per student. The members write to the students about what the students are working on in school.



Galway Elementary School students and Primannum members write to each other online in a pen pal program.

This year is the first year of this program. Julia Fuller, Vice President of Volunteerism, has been in charge of getting the program up-and-running.

“We are still working out some kinks, but so far it is going fine,” said Grace Zhang, Co-President of Primannum. “Julia plans at the end of the semester to have a celebration with all of the kids and their pen pals.”

Last semester Primannum members began signing up, and this semester they began to write to their students. A website monitors the members’ interactions with the students. Through this program, the students at Galway Elementary not only get help with work, but they also learn to be more tech savvy.

“I have not written back yet, but they are in the process of writing to us,” said Zhang. “We have written our introductory letter, and so they have read our introductory letter and they are working on writing back to us about whatever their topic is.”

This program is just one way that Primannum members can get involved and give back to the community.

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## TIPS AND TRICKS OF LINKEDIN

BY: ADAM HURWITZ

With Primannum's LinkedIn workshop around the corner and a theme of education, it seems to be a good time for some tips and tricks on how to use LinkedIn for educational purposes. So here are five tips of how to use LinkedIn more effectively.

### 1. MAKE IT DETAILED AND PROFESSIONAL.

LinkedIn is a major tool companies use to research candidates in the application process. Having a detailed list of your accomplishments, experience and extracurriculars will help the people hiring make sure they know everything you have to offer. However, adding things that are irrelevant or unprofessional (the kinds of things you post on Facebook) can also hurt you. Make your profile respectable so it can open as many opportunities as possible.

### 2. USE IT!

Getting the most out of LinkedIn takes some work after you create a profile. Browsing for companies is a great way to find possible jobs and is really easy. Remember all of that experience you got stalking your best friend's new boyfriend on Facebook in high school? Now you can put that to real use! Look at the organizations that your connections are following, search for companies by profession and set up job alerts from the companies you are interested in. You can expand your scope by over 100% just by doing a little research on LinkedIn.

### 4. CREATE A CUSTOM URL

A custom URL allows you to have a professional and easy website to put on your resume and email signature. LinkedIn should help you receive a job, so you want potential employers to be able to find your profile easily.

### 3. DON'T BE SHY ABOUT CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Connect with friends, classmates, employers and professors. While you do need to be careful about how you act on LinkedIn, expanding your network will only help you. People whom you connect with can recommend connecting with others, and this process can continue indefinitely. Connections can also endorse you, building the strength of your profile by supporting your claimed experiences.

### 5. BE CAREFUL OF INCLUDING PERSON INFO!

Finally, your profile is open to almost everyone unless you set up a lot of security, which limits what your potential employers can see. Therefore, always be aware of possible dangers from publicizing personal information such as email addresses and phone numbers. A solution to this problem is to suggest that visitors message you for personal contact information. This way, you do not expose your personal information while still offering some form of contact information.



## PRIMANNUM SCHOLARSHIPS

BY: ALEXA TSINTOLAS

Primannum prides itself on its ability to provide its members with scholarship opportunities. A minimum of \$10,000 in scholarships are awarded locally each year. This past year our members were granted \$13,500 in scholarships. Members can apply for Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma national scholarships as well. Below is a summary of a few scholarships and what their applications entail. Apply today!

### FRESHMAN AWARDS: THE NEW MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for members to be inducted in Spring 2015. New members are eligible to apply if they are a registered currently as a UMD student, are in good judicial standing, have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA, have demonstrated scholastic achievement, are involved in Primannum and the campus community and show a potential for success in their future chosen career. Applications are due at 5 p.m. March 9, 2015, at 2141 Tydings Hall. The membership application must be submitted by March 9 as well to be considered for the scholarship.

### SOPHOMORE AWARDS: THE JO ANNE J. TROW SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Jo Anne J. Trow Scholarship Award is a National Alpha Lambda Delta scholarship. ALD awards 35 scholarships to members who have exhibited exceptional academic achievement; five are valued at \$6,000 each, five at \$3,000 each, five at \$2,000 each, and 20 at \$1,000 each. Sophomore members are eligible to apply if are a registered currently as a UMD student, are in good judicial standing, have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA, have demonstrated scholastic achievement, are involved in Primannum and the campus community and show a potential for success in their future chosen career. This year's application period has passed; check the Primannum website for next year's due date.

### SENIOR AWARDS: ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA AND PHI ETA SIGMA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

ALD and PES both offer graduate fellowships to students. The ALD Graduate Fellowship provides one award valued at \$7,500, eight at \$5,000, and 14 at \$3,000 to aid senior members in obtaining their graduate or professional degrees. The PES Graduate Scholarship is awarded to six PES members to provide them with financial support during their first year of graduate school. Awards are

### JUNIOR AWARDS: THE HELEN E. CLARK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Helen E. Clarke Scholarship Award is a National Phi Eta Sigma scholarship. Junior members are eligible to apply if they are registered currently as a UMD student, are in good judicial standing, have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA, have demonstrated scholastic achievement, are involved in Primannum and the campus community and show a potential for success in their future chosen career. There will be several scholarships available in various monetary amounts depending on qualifications of the applicants. This year's application period had passed; check the Primannum website for next

# THE LEGACY OF DR. SEUSS

BY: MIRISH SHAH

Every year millions of preschool and elementary school students celebrate National Read Across America Day. This is just one example of the lasting legacy of Theodore Geisel, the children's author and cartoonist more commonly known as Dr. Seuss. Each year on March 2, the immortal author's birthday, we are reminded of phrases like "cat in the hat" and "green eggs and ham," which symbolize his ever-lasting impact on America's youth. Through his timeless children's books, Dr. Seuss revolutionized the education system by imaginatively cultivating the minds of millions of children in the United States and around the world.

Through his work, Dr. Seuss demonstrated that reading can be fun and enjoyable, not only for children but for adults, too. He was able to do so by making the imaginary world come to life through his books, turning nonsense into reality. Dr. Seuss was so influential to childhood literacy because he brought joy to early readers. Cae Dornfield, a staffer at a Denver bookshop, The Bookies, perfectly describes the affect Dr. Seuss had and still has on America's youth by saying, "Whether you are reading or being read to, he really inspires you to read." Sometimes, it is this



inspirational push that young kids need to immerse themselves into the world of books, and he was able to provide that.

Apart from making reading fun, through his use of rhymes and a diverse yet easily understandable vocabulary, Dr. Seuss was able to expose young readers to the ins and outs of the English language while also providing them with a strong phonological foundation. Moreover, his books also provide valuable lessons and political messages to children at an impressionable age. Ann Neely, a children's literature expert at Vanderbilt University said, "I cannot imagine the books would maintain their high value and societal prestige if they did not contain moral underpinnings." Although she expresses that these lessons won't be completely understood by very young children, they still help create a moral foundation that they will be able to fully appreciate in their teenage years. Dr. Seuss' legacy will continue to live on through his books and his contribution to the education system will live on as well, as he continues to be celebrated in schools nationwide.

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