Semester in Review

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The Florida Tech Honors College has gone virtual in Spring 2020! While we miss the community and camaraderie found in live meetings, events and activities, we are embracing our creativity during these unprecedented times.

We have had the opportunity to develop online platforms, using Canvas and Microsoft Teams to host activities and meetings. Our inaugural Honors Symposium, co-hosted by the Honors College and Evans Library, recognizing student research has been transformed into a virtual showcase featuring ePosters. Online honors activities

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Looking Forward to Fall 2020

- · Orientation for new Honors College students
- · Welcome Back Social
- Leadership Lecture Series
- · Research panel discussion
- Workshops:
 - » Abstracts and Proposals
 - » Presentations
 - » Publishing
- · Disney Youth Education Series Leadership Strategies trip
- · Development and implementation of an online honors journal
- Quantum computing lecture presented by Steven Atkin, Ph.D., Distinguished Engineer, Chief h d hdl deh de e o
- · Social events

Seraph Brass Concert

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Student Re ection On Online Classes

By Thomas Mathey

The switch to online classes for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester created mass confusion and concern among the student and faculty bodies. For me, the switch to online classes was more frustrating than stressful. The courses were all being revised,

YET MY PROFESSORS ALL HAD DIBERENT IDEAS ON

how to conduct their online classes. Some professors increased the workload, saying that it would make up for the lack of lectures, while other professors reduced the workload so that we would not be overwhelmed during this transition. They were all over the place, and it was frustrating trying to put all the new information that was being thrown at me inorder.

My frustration came from the same place WHERE) ASSUME MANSYROETSHSER STUDENTS frustration and fear came from. A place of confusion. Just like the professors, we were

Free Speech Week

By Olivia Baldino

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campus community to embrace their rights The
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two of the presentations during the week: shooting. That story resonates with most ONE ON THE SEXUAL ABUSEINGE Students because it happened when *ERERY % PSTEIN AND ONE Most of us were in or had just graduated SHOOTING "OTH PRESENT from high school. School shootings usually of informing about the story and then
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unacceptable, especially when it comes to news coverage. They covered the reasons
things like this. I highly suggest you take thewhy the shooting could have been prevented
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