

THE JAMES PATTERSON HONORS PROGRAM (JPHP)

2026-2027 HANDBOOK



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Welcome to JPHP

About the Program

The James Patterson Honors Program (JPHP) is designed to prepare students for successful and ethical lives through academic excellence, leadership development, mentorship, and community engagement.

Students have access to specialized coursework, professional development opportunities, mentorship, and unique experiences that support growth both inside and outside the classroom.

Program Goals

- Develop communication skills
- Strengthen leadership abilities
- Encourage ethical decision-making
- Promote creativity and innovation
- Foster collaboration and community

JPHP Tip

Your JPHP experience extends far beyond the classroom. The more involved you become, the more valuable the program becomes.



James Patterson ('69) and Susan Solie Patterson



James Patterson, Best-Selling Author and Alumnus ('69)

What Makes JPHP Special?

Speaker Series

Series with high-profile industry leaders

Mentorship

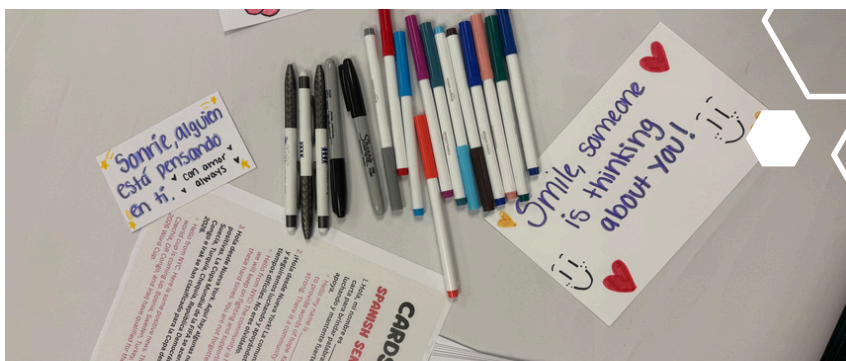
Peer, faculty, alumni mentorship support

Trailblazer Initiatives

Hands-on projects, workshops, and engagement opportunities

Blue & White Events

Community-centered social events that bring students together



Lasallian Day of Service (COAC Cards), April 2026

Curriculum Overview

Freshman Year

Students complete:

- Signature JPHP course with a community engagement component

Senior Year

Students complete:

- Capstone or industry project that is presented at the JPHP Student Showcase

Sophomore & Junior Year

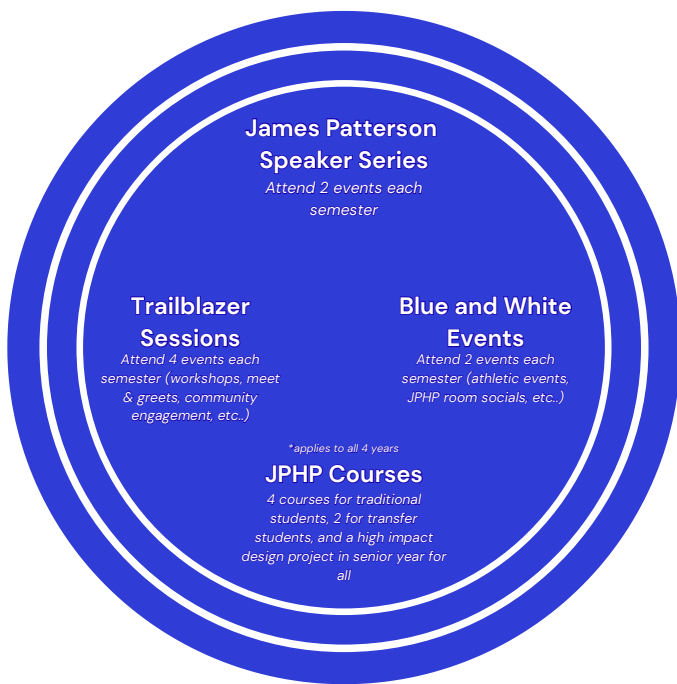
Students have the opportunity to participate in:

- Additional honors coursework
- Leadership seminars
- Industry-focused learning opportunities

Quick Reminder

JPHP coursework is integrated into degree requirements and does not add extra credits.

The Blue Circle



What is the Blue Circle?

The Blue Circle is the core student experience of the James Patterson Honors Program, connecting professional development, mentorship, community engagement, and social connection. It is designed to help students grow as well-rounded leaders while building a strong sense of belonging.

Student Success Tip

Students who regularly participate in events often develop stronger professional networks and friendships.

Mentorship

Why Mentorship Matters

JPHP provides students with opportunities to connect with:

- Peer Mentors
- Faculty
- Alumni Mentors
- Industry Professionals

Mentorship is designed to provide guidance, encouragement, and support throughout your college experience.

What to Expect

- Regular communication
- Academic support
- Professional advice
- Community connection



Peer Mentor Meet & Greet, September 2025



Leadership Opportunities



Peer Leaders at the Andrew McCarthy Speaker Series, March 2026

Ways to Lead

Students may be involved through:

- Peer Mentor positions (after their first year)
- Trailblazer Initiatives
- Community engagement projects

Quick Tip

Leadership is not a title—it is the willingness to contribute, support others, and make a positive impact.

Program Expectations

Students Are Expected To:

- Pursue JPHP coursework
- Attend JPHP events and seminars
- Maintain professionalism
- Engage with the JPHP community
- Respect fellow students and staff

JPHP Room (Miguel 300) Expectations:

- Keep the space clean
- Respect others' belongings
- Maintain appropriate noise levels
- Use the room responsibly



JPHP Room Social, April 2026

Staying Connected

Communication Platforms

- Moodle
- JasperConnect
- GroupMe
- Instagram (@JPHP_MU)
- LinkedIn (James Patterson Honors Program)
- YouTube (@JPHP_Manhattan)
- TikTok (@JPHP_MU)

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James Patterson Introduction Event, September 2025

Frequently Asked Questions

What classes do first-year students take?

Students take the signature JPHP course which is a first-year, first-semester OEL course that provides an introduction to the JPHP community. It includes community engagement, reflective assignments, and cohort building.

Do JPHP classes count towards my degree?

Yes. JPHP courses are integrated into existing degree requirements.

What are the benefits of participating in JPHP?

Students gain access to priority registration, mentorship, networking, leadership development, and exclusive events.

Are there opportunities after freshman year?

Yes. Students continue with leadership seminars, honor coursework, and a senior capstone experience.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Your JPHP experience is what you make of it.

Take advantage of opportunities, build relationships, seek out mentorship, and challenge yourself to grow.

We are excited to see the impact you will make within the JPHP community and beyond.

Thank you!
We are always here to help!