

Welcome to the first edition of the NCHC UPDATE: August 2003, the monthly e-letter of the National Collegiate Honors Council. We are introducing this monthly e-letter as a way to stay more in touch with the membership and to keep you all updated on important or interesting news going on in the NCHC. We plan to be sending out this e-letter on a monthly basis to all institutional, professional and student members.

Please reply or make inquiries off line to any items contained in the newsletter. Our off line e-addresses are: nhc@iastate.edu; lcbeck@iastate.edu; or cjlamb@iastate.edu.

We hope you find this e-letter useful in keeping you current with our activities.

Elizabeth Beck and Carol Lamb, co-editors

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NCHC Annual Conference Information

"Finding Common Ground, the Palmer House Hilton, November 5-9, 2003.

Conference /Hotel Information

Hotel Rates:

Single (main hotel): \$167 (plus tax)

Double/Triple/Quad (main hotel): \$197 (plus tax)

Single (Towers): \$192 (plus tax)

Double/Triple/Quad (Towers): \$217 (plus tax)

The conference hotel is the Palmer House Hilton, located in Chicago's Loop. Besides providing luxurious accommodations, the Palmer House is close to museums, historical sites, and the stores of the Magnificent Mile. To make reservations for the NCHC conference at the Palmer House Hilton, call 1-800-445-8667 and make your reservation directly with the Palmer House Hilton. Please be sure to mention that you are attending the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference.

Committee Meetings

The NCHC standing and ad hoc committees meet regularly at the national conference. These are open meetings and all NCHC members are invited to attend whether or not they have a formal appointment to that committee. Individuals interested in requesting appointment to any of the committees are especially welcome and also should make their interest known to the chair(s) of the committee. The locations for the committee meetings will be printed in the program and listed on the conference board at the Palmer House.

Wednesday, 8 – 9:30 p.m.

Finance: Gary Bell (gary.bell@ttu.edu), Jacci Rodgers (jrogers@okcu.edu) Honors

Evaluation: John Grady (grady@lasalle.edu), Wm Mech (wmech@fau.edu)

Honors Semester: Bernice Braid (braid@liu.edu)

Research: Leslie Heaphy (lheaphy@stark.kent.edu)

Diversity: Rita Barnes (ritabarnes@tntech.edu), Libby Walker (walkerl@wsu.edu)

Technology: Jon Schlenker (jons@maine.edu)

Nominating: Rosalie Otero (otero@unm.edu)

2. Wednesday, 9:30 – 11 p.m.

Pre-College Gifted: Barbara Hunt (hunt_barbara@colstate.edu)

Two-Year College: Theresa James (jamest@sfcc.cc.fl.us), Robert McDonough
(Robert.mcdonough@tri-c.cc.oh.us)

Honors Advising and Major Scholarship: John Richardson
(john.richardson@louisville.edu)

Honors Colleges: Peter Viscusi (viscusi@cmsu1.cmsu.edu)

Articulation: Sandy Deabler (sandy.deabler@uhmccd.edu), Glen Sanford
(Sanford@shsu.edu)

3. Thursday, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Site Consideration: Jack White (jwhite@honors.msstate.edu)

External Relations: Lydia Daniel (Daniel@hcc.cc.fl.us); Joan Digby (jdigby@liu.edu)

International Education: Marcia Godich (mgodich@po-box.esu.edu)

Contributions to Honors: Ira Cohen (icohen3@nyc.rr.com)

Student Concerns: Adam D'Antonio (chip382@aol.com), Maggie Hill
(maggiah@okstate.edu)

4. Friday, 7:30 – 9 a.m.

Portz Fund: Thomas Broadhead (twbroadhead@utk.edu), Ann Eisenberg
(aeisenberg@utsa.edu)

Publications Board: Jeff Portnoy (jportnoy@gpc.edu), Hallie Savage
(hsavage@clarion.edu)

Science and Mathematics: Dail Mullins (drdoom@uab.edu)

Teaching and Learning: Larry Clark (lclark@semo.edu)

Large University: Mary Ann Raatz (m-raatz@tamu.edu), Stephen Wainscott
(shwns@clemson.edu)

Small College: Donna Menis (dmenis@francis.edu)

Other Meeting Times:

Wednesday, 12:30 – 4 p.m.: Executive Committee

Friday, Time TBA: Constitution and Bylaws: Bob Spurrier (spurbob@okstate.edu)

Saturday, 7:30 – 9 am: 2004 Conference Planning: Virginia McCombs
(vmccombs@okcu.edu)

Saturday, 3:15 – 4:40 p.m.: Strategic Planning: Charlie Slavin
(slavin@honors.umaine.edu)

Sunday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Executive Committee

Coastal Honors Semester

The National Collegiate Honors Council Announces a New Honors Semester Offering for Spring 2004 Co-sponsored with Hood College

At their June, 2003 meeting in Indianapolis, the Honors Semester Committee of the National Collegiate Honors Council approved co-sponsorship of a Coastal Studies Honors Semester in collaboration with Hood College, in Frederick, Md. Please forward information concerning this program to all your students who might be interested, as the deadline for applying to this Spring, 2004 Honors Semester is only four months away.

This new offering is unique among Honors Semesters in that it is a travel-based learning experience that begins in South Florida and culminates at Hood College. Its curriculum focuses on coastal environments and the societies and cultures that have developed along our shores. Throughout the semester students (along with accompanying faculty) will live, work, and study at marine field stations and environmental centers while taking a total of 16 credit-hours of courses in such disciplines as English, Biology, Environmental Science, Environmental Policy, and Interdisciplinary Studies. In a totally integrative curriculum, students will explore both natural and human-structured environments. Through personal observations and interpretations, Honors Semester participants will form a “sense of place” for the communities through which they have traveled. By the semester’s end their efforts will provide them with a comprehensive vision of the interplay between the societies, cultures, and environments of the coastal Southeast.

While similar to previous NCHC-sponsored semesters in its interdisciplinary approach, the Coastal Studies Honors Semester will emphasize scientific topics in their social context. This Honors semester experience is open to students of all disciplines, but may be of particular interest to students pursuing studies in the life and environmental sciences, as well as public policy and technical writing. Brochures describing the program in detail will be distributed to NCHC members in early September.

For more information contact Dr. Drew Ferrier in the Biology Department of Hood College (dferrier@hood.edu, 301-696-3660).

NCHC 2003 Student of the Year Award

Ashley Carlson sent a letter to all NCHC members inviting nominations for the 2003 Student of the Year, to be awarded at the November conference. “The Honors Student of the Year Award will be presented on one honors student who has made a considerable impact on her or his honors program, and who has participated in honors on a regional or national level...” Copies of Ashley’s letter and the nomination form are available at our website: www.nchchonors.org. Deadline for nominations is August 31.

Peterson's Guide to Honors Programs and Colleges

NCHC is very fortunate to have Peterson's publish a guide to Honors Programs and Colleges that is available to the general public. We really need to promote the sale of this publication since there will not be a 4th edition until 10,000 copies of the 3rd edition are sold. Please consider ways to bring this guide to the attention of high school counselors, your own admissions counselors, and any other interested parties. Help us get that next edition out. Remember, only Honors Programs and Colleges who are members of NCHC are listed in the guide.

Student Web Site

Good News: Your student web site has now been linked to nchchonors.org! Adam Patridge, our web master, has added it; however, much of the information on it is outdated. If you have anything you'd like added, please e-mail it to nhc@iastate.edu. To access the web site, go to www.nchchonors.org, scroll down the home page until you come to the students link. When we get everything updated, we plan to add a link from the top of the page.