

NCHC E-letter

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Conference Update

Sunday Departures

The New Orleans Saints and Kansas City Chiefs will be playing at the Superdome on Sunday, November 14, which will create a few problems for those of you planning to leave on Sunday. Following is information to help you plan your departure:

- Airport Shuttle: On game days the 11 am – noon and the 3:10 – 4 pm shuttles are cancelled so you'll have to use cabs, and plan for traffic problems.
- Hyatt Trolleys: On game days they stop running to and from the French Quarter one hour before the game and one hour after (approx. 11 am to noon; 3:30 – 4:30)

Hotel Update

We have received several calls from members saying the rooms at the hotel are gone. Our conference manager is working hard to secure more rooms at the Hyatt Regency for NCHC Conference attendees. In the meantime, if you have reserved more rooms than you will be using, please call the hotel (504-561-1234) right away to release any extra rooms. Rooms you release will be held at the NCHC rate until October 8; after that date all rooms revert to Hyatt's standard rates.

Hotels near the Hyatt Regency, New Orleans

Most of our room block for the 2004 Conference is gone; however you should continue to call the Hyatt in case someone releases a room. Here is a list of other hotels in the area:

Available 11/9 – 11/14

Prytania Park Hotel	\$109/night
Prince Conti French Quarter	\$150/night
Hilton New Orleans Riverside	\$265/night
Bourbon Orleans - A Wyndham Historic Hotel	\$240/night
Quality Inn Midtown	\$109/night

Open Forum

If you are attending the Conference in New Orleans, be sure to attend the Open Forum on Friday morning, November 12, from 8:30 – 9:45. This session offers you the opportunity to talk and the Executive Committee/Officers to listen to your concerns, ideas, interest, opinions, and suggestions. Help shape NCHC's future!

Our topic for the Open Forum in New Orleans will be one that has been recently discussed on the Honors listserv—the certification or accreditation of Honors Programs and Colleges. The ad hoc committee on Honors Colleges has recently conducted a survey on this topic and has produced a suggested set of basic characteristics for Honors Colleges. Is a set of basic characteristics for both colleges and programs what we wish to continue? Or would colleges and programs benefit from an accreditation standard to take to their administrations? Look for sessions on this topic throughout NCHC 2004 and bring your ideas to what will no doubt be a lively open forum on Friday, November 12.

Poster Presentation Tips

There have been several requests and responses on the listserv about "How do I make the Perfect Poster?" The notification every person whose poster session was accepted for the 2004 NCHC Annual Conference had the following url which gives poster presentation prep tips, suggestions, and requirements. If your student(s) are preparing posters for the Conference, please refer them to this site. Thanks.
(<http://www.nchchonors.org/NationalConference/poster.htm>).

General NCHC Headquarters Updates

New Phone Numbers

While our offices moved with Elizabeth Beck's retirement June, 2003, our address for U.S. mail did not change. We are still receiving mail at NCHC, Iowa State University, 2130 Jischke Honors Building, Ames, IA 50011. However, Liz's and finance coordinator Kris Yaple's phone numbers did change along with our Fax number. Please note the following changes: Liz's number is now 515-294-9189; Kris's number is now 515-294-9190, and NCHC Fax number is 515-2994-9194. The main office number—515-294-9188--remains the same.

Minutes of Annual Meeting

A draft of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting in Chicago, November 8, 2003, is now on-line. Go to nchchonors.org, click on the NCHC News button and follow that link. Please send any corrections/additions to nchchonors@iastate.edu.

2005 Officer/Executive Committee Slate

Also on line are the candidate statements and pictures of NCHC members who have agreed to stand for election for 2005 offices. Please go to nchchonors@iastate.edu and 'read all about 'em.' Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the Annual Business meeting at the Conference, Saturday, November 13, at 1:45 p.m. in Loyola B.

Candidates for office include: Vice President, Kate Bruce, University of North Carolina, Wilmington; Secretary, John Madden, Cerritos College; and Treasurer, Philip Way, University of Cincinnati. Executive Committee Professional nominees include Richard Badenhausen, Westminster College; Keith Garbutt, West Virginia University; Jocelyn Jackson, Morehouse College; Rolland Pack, Freed Hardeman University; Stephen Rosenbaum, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Jim Ruebel, Ball State University, and Stephen Wainscott, Clemson University. Executive Committee Student nominees include Danielle Courter, Ball State University, Kathleen King, University of Maine at Augusta, and Emily Zhvotovskiy, Long Island University, C. W. Post Campus.

***Ad hoc* Committee on Honors College Draft**

The NCHC *ad hoc* Committee on Honors Colleges has completed a draft of "The Basic Characteristics of a Fully Developed Honors College." This draft will be submitted for discussion at the New Orleans Conference on Friday, November 12, sessions E7 and F7. The committee undertook a survey of NCHC-affiliated honors colleges, and the results of this survey will be discussed at these sessions, as well. A copy of the "Basic Characteristics" draft, including supporting data from the survey, is available at www.nchchonors.org. Look under the 'Announcements' for the link.

From Your Publications Board (co-chairs Jeff Portnoy (jportnoy@gpc.edu) and Hallie Savage (hsavage@clarion.edu))

Publications Update

At its mid-year meeting this summer, the Publications Board continued its eighteen-month assessment of all of NCHC's publications in light of the needs of its membership and the imminent changes in the organization. The culmination of this discussion was a proposal that the Pub Board presented to the Executive Committee at its summer meeting for its approval. That approval was forthcoming.

The listserv and email will continue providing members with up-to-date news and information. In addition, the *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council (JNCHC)*, the scholarly refereed journal of the organization, will remain under the editorship of Ada Long and Dail Mullins, its mission unchanged. The Publications Board will continue to solicit and publish manuscripts for NCHC's monograph series. After a year-long hiatus and period of assessment, the *National Honors Report (NHR)* will once again be published. Its purpose will be to focus on its constitutional and reportorial function as the journal of record for NCHC. Thus the national office and officers of the organization will be responsible for producing this publication. *NHR* will be sent in hard copy as well as electronically to maximize its accessibility.

To accommodate the need and desire for articles about nuts-and-bolts issues, the innovative practices in individual Honors Programs, and other Honors topics of concern to the membership, NCHC will establish a new publication: *Honors in Practice (HIP)*. The current plan is to publish this collection of essays each year in the spring. Obviously, if the volume of submissions demands it, the potential exists to publish issues more frequently.

At its summer meeting, the Publications Board accepted the generous offer of Ada Long and Dail Mullins to launch this publication. Their willingness to serve as its editors obviously facilitated and accelerated our ability to declare *HIP* open for business and able to receive submissions. Ada and Dail have the experience of beginning a journal, the editorial expertise, and the experience of working with NCHC and the press to produce a journal. In collaboration with the Publications Board, they will be establishing an Editorial Board. Anyone interested in joining that Board should contact Ada (adalongatsgi@yahoo.com) or Dail (drdoom@uab.edu).

Please consider this announcement your invitation to submit your work to *Honors in Practice*. "There is no time like the present to be *HIP*," notes hipster Norm Weiner.

Submission info: All submissions to *HIP* should be forwarded via email attachment (unless another mode of submission is approved in advance) to Ada Long at adalongatsgi@yahoo.com. For inquiries about the journal, you may also contact Ada Long or Dail Mullins at 850.927.3776 or, by regular mail, at 316 Cook Street, Saint George Island, FL 32328.

At the meeting of the Publications Board, Joan Digby, the editor of *Peterson's Guide to Honors Programs & Colleges* and a member of the Publications Board, offered this succinct schematic of NCHC's publications; we hope you will find it mnemonically useful:

Journal of Ideas: *JNCHC*
Journal of Practice: *HIP*
Journal of Record: *NHR*
Journal of News: The Electronic Newsletter

Hoping to see you in print and in New Orleans,

The National Collegiate Honors Council announces the inauguration of a new journal: *Honors in Practice*

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The first volume of *HIP* will be published in 2005, with a deadline of May 1. In future years the deadline will be January 1.

HIP will complement the semi-annual scholarly journal of the NCHC, *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council (JNCHC)*. Both journals employ a double-blind review system. *JNCHC* publishes scholarly essays that stress research in and on honors education. *HIP* will focus on practical and descriptive essays: descriptions of successful honors courses, suggestions for out-of-class experiences, administrative issues, and other matters that were formerly published in the *National Honors Report*.

Ada Long and Dail Mullins will serve as the editors of both *HIP* and *JNCHC*, but the journals will have separate, non-overlapping editorial boards that review all submissions. If you are interested in serving on the editorial board of *HIP*, you should contact either Ada Long (adalongatsgi@yahoo.com) or Dail Mullins (drdoom@uab.edu). An announcement of the new editorial board will be made by the beginning of 2005.

All submissions to *HIP* should be forwarded via email attachment (unless another mode of submission is approved in advance) to Ada Long at adalongatsgi@yahoo.com. For inquiries about the journal, you may also contact Ada Long or Dail Mullins at 850.927.3776 or, by regular mail, at 316 Cook Street, Saint George Island, FL 32328. Submissions are being accepted now for the 2005 inaugural volume of *HIP*.

We look forward to providing a medium again for the excellent ideas about honors education that were formerly published in the *National Honors Report*.

Semester in Seattle, *Livable Spaces in Natural Places* the 2005 NCHC Honors Semester, May 23 – August 12, 2005

You should have received a brochure detailing the 2005 Honors Semester, but if you did not, please contact headquarters (nchc@iastate.edu) or you can access the brochure on-line at www.nchchonors.org. Click on the Honors Semester button, and follow the link.

Located between the Cascade Mountains and Puget Sound, Seattle is a model of the new American city. Integrating natural beauty with urban growth has made Seattle a living laboratory for designing human communities. Using a set of interdisciplinary and interconnected explorations, students in this Semester will collaborate on shaping communities within city neighborhoods.

NCHC Faculty Institute: *Rome Unearthed: Applications of Field-Based Exploration*, March 14 – 19, 2005

The City of Rome is a paradigm of a historically, culturally, and topographically layered city. Juxtaposed you will find monuments and remains of ancient, modern, medieval, renaissance, and other periods of Western culture, as well as centers of international political and religious institutions. Utilizing the methods of NCHC's Place as Text©, participants will analyze literally and figuratively unearthed expressions of the City.

All explorations entail responsive writing and group discussion to develop pedagogical strategies which can be used in the classroom on the home campus, as well as to provide a model for field-exploration-based learning. This Institute is particularly appropriate for Honors directors and faculty who wish to incorporate field-based elements in their programs; foreign study directors; and instructors in history, classics, foreign languages, art history, archeology, religion, and related fields. Identifying and transferring principles of experiential learning to *any* context are important dimensions of this Institute.

Cost of the Institute: \$440 Program Fee plus travel and personal expenses. Program Fee includes \$40 non-refundable application fee. A copy of the brochure may also be downloaded from the NCHC web site or from <http://www.bsu.edu/honors/NCHC-Faculty-Institute~Rome2004.pdf>.

Contact: Prof. James Ruebel (jruebel@bsu.edu or 765-285-1024) or go to www.nchchonors.org and click on the Faculty Institute button for additional information. Members of the NCHC Honors Semesters Committee will be available at the Idea Exchange at the NCHC meeting in New Orleans.

Application deadline is December 1 or until spaces are filled.

Democracy Lab—FIPSE Announcement (from James Knauer)

The Democracy Lab has received a comprehensive program grant from the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education. This funding ensures us three years of refinement, evaluation, and expansion. I have very high expectations for this exciting undertaking thanks to the involvement of creative and experienced partners, consultants, and supporting organizations. My vision for the next three years is an expanding collaborative effort among institutions, faculty, and students across the country and expanding around the world. I expect Democracy Lab services to evolve through collaborative efforts on faculty professional development, curriculum development and student leadership development. I look forward to bringing the creative energies of more and more people into this process.

Within the next few weeks I will be circulating information about small partner grants for Model Civic Engagement Projects using Democracy Lab in the classroom and to mentor student civic leadership teams. The first cycle of funding will require proposals by December 1, 2004. I will also circulate a job description for a project director to begin December 1, 2004. Please send me the email addresses for any colleagues who would like to receive these updates (JKnauer@LHUP.EDU).

Be sure to attend the Public Issues Forum at the Annual Conference in New Orleans. Youth Civic Disengagement: What Should Be Done? will be presented on Friday, November 12 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Members of Democracy Lab Student Leadership Teams from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, the University of North Dakota, and the University of South Florida have researched the issue and created a framework for deliberation. Their issue guide will be available at www.teachingdemocracy.org. Everyone is invited to read the guide in advance and participate in on-line deliberations leading up to the forum in New Orleans.

NCHC Executive Director

As you know, The National Collegiate Honors Council is seeking its first Executive Director. The Executive Director will report to the NCHC president and will be responsible for providing leadership and management to accomplish NCHC's goals and mission. If you know someone who would be a good candidate, please pass along this information.

The Executive Director will develop NCHC's new national headquarters at the University of Nebraska Lincoln. The director will develop, implement and evaluate strategic initiatives in areas such as marketing, public relations, external funding, relationships with appropriate stakeholders, and institutional data and research, while managing ongoing functions such as staff, records, finance, conferences, organizational communications, publications, and support for NCHC committees.

Qualifications include experience with organizational leadership and management; strong writing and oral skills; experience in fiscal management and development; and experience with marketing and public relations.

Also desirable are association executive certification, experience with volunteer boards, an advanced degree, and familiarity with Honors education.

Candidates should submit a letter of interest, a current resume, salary history and expectations, and contact details for three references to The National Collegiate Honors Council Office, 2130 Jischke Building, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-1150.

Deadline: November 15 or until the position is filled

NCHC Listserv

We receive calls asking how to get on (or off) the NCHC listserv. Complete instructions are on NCHC's home page. Go to www.nchchonors.org, scroll down to the button that asks "Want to join the ListServ?" and follow the links. Keep in mind that not everyone on the ListServ is an NCHC member and not all NCHC members are on the listserv. However, everyone on the ListServ is interested in Honors education.

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