

NCHC E-letter

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Please remember to distribute this e-letter to other faculty, staff, and students who might be interested.

We hope if March came in like a lion, it indeed goes out like a lamb in your area! Included in this month's e-letter are the following:

- Upcoming deadlines/events
- Conference 2005 update
- Peterson's Guide deadline: April 1
- 2006 Officers, Standing Committee nominations
- 2005 Portz Scholars Competition information
- Honors Colleges discussion listserve
- NAAHP Conference call for papers
- General Announcements

Upcoming Deadlines/Events

Deadlines

- **March 15:** Conference Proposal Submissions due
- **April 1:** Peterson's Guide Submissions due

Regional Conferences

- Upper Midwest Regional, March 31 – April 2. Contact Charlene Skidmore (ckskidmore@drake.edu)
- Southern Regional, March 31 – April 2. Contact Kate Bruce (bruce@uncw.edu)
- Northeast Regional, April 7 – 10. Contact Richard England (rkengland@salisbury.edu)
- Western Regional, April 7 – 9. Information at www.honors.unr.edu/wrhc
- Great Plains Regional, April 8 – 10. Contact Mark Nesbitt-Daly (mdaly@ku.edu)
- Mideast Regional, April 8 – 10. Contact Philip Way (Philip.Way@uc.edu)

Committee Meetings

- Finance Committee, April 16. Contact Gary Bell (gary.bell@ttu.edu)
- Publications Board, May 20 – 22. Contact Hallie Savage (hsavage@clarion.edu)
- Honors Semesters Committee, June 16 – 19. Contact Bernice Braid (braid@liu.edu)
- Executive Committee Meeting/Retreat, June 23 – 25. Contact Virginia McCombs (vmccombs@okcu.edu)

Conference 2005 Update

Proposal Deadline: March 15

We know this date has snuck up on many of you, but it's coming quickly! Please remind your faculty and students that their proposals must be received by midnight central time on March 15 to be considered for the 2005 conference! All submissions must be on-line. Complete instructions and forms are at www.nchchonors.org. Click on the National Conference button or the 2005 Conference information link right under the 'Announcements' icon.

Conference Information

Within the next two weeks you should receive a mailing with information on the following: Hotel reservations, costs; workshops and special features; call for consultants; book table; and newsletter contest.

Peterson's Guide Deadline: April 1

All your information must be in Peterson's hands by April 1. Below are excerpts from the information you should have received from Joan Digby, editor. However, if you did not receive Digby's mailing, there are complete instructions on the NCHC web site (www.nchchonors.org), under the 'Announcements' megaphone. Below are detailed highlights.

Instructions For Programs/Colleges Previously Included

- Xerox your program/college entry from the 3rd edition. Put each column on a separate page so that you have plenty of space in the margins to print or write your changes.
- Neatly print changes—only necessary changes to update your profile—in the margin.
- If any selections were omitted in the third edition, you may add them. Use template for guidelines

***The completed pages must be returned—Fax only—by April 1, 2005.
Fax them to 1-609-896-4546 marked Attn: Fern Oram.***

Instructions For New Members And/Or New Submissions

If you are a current NCHC institutional member or if your program does not have an institutional membership but you would like to be included and will take out NCHC institutional membership (your dues check or credit card must be received by April 1) in order to be listed, please follow these instructions. (We recommend that you find a sample from the 3rd edition or choose a sample from among those profiles listed on the NCHC website, www.nchchonors.org under the 'Announcements' megaphone, that most fits your program/college.)

- Write a description of your program/college using this model.
- Characterize your program using the simple template you selected.
- At the top of your submission indicate that this is a new profile

The completed pages must be submitted electronically to Fern.Oram@petersons.com by April 1, 2005.

Further Opportunities Highlight Your Program/College

We are again looking for photographs of honors events and honors students in action: engaged in performances, field experiences, conferences, internship or group activities, athletics, faculty-student projects. These are an effective way to give your program national prominence. Please submit any good color or black & white glossy prints with captions. If you send photos on disk they must be in TIFF or EPS at 266 dpi. Do not send JPEG files. Do not e-mail photos!

We will also use recent alumni profiles. The piece—up to 150 words in length—must be written by the alum. It should emphasize how participation in your honors program or college enriched his or her education and provided skills useful in a career or professional pursuit. We will need a current photo of the alum in action. These profiles can give your program an additional boost.

In addition we hope to profile exceptional current honors students using “sidebar” testimonials in their own voices. These should be 50-75 words in length.

Send photos and profiles by April 1, 2005, to Joan Digby, 201 Humanities Hall, C. W. Post Campus, LIU, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville, NY 11548-1300.

Again, many thanks for making our new Honors Programs & Colleges an important book in the college guide market. Please e-mail jdigby@liu.edu with any questions.

Nominations for 2006 Officers, Standing Committees

You will receive a mailing soon requesting your help in identifying those members you feel would be excellent candidates for the various officers and committee members for 2006. Nomination forms are included in the mailing; however, they are also on the NCHC website (www.nchchonors.org). Committee members include Norm Weiner, Chair (weiner@oswego.edu), Holli Hitt (hch2@msstate.edu), Kambra Bolch (kambra.bolch@ttu.edu), Larry Andrews (landrews@kent.edu) and Jacci Rodgers (jrodgers@okcu.edu). Any one of these members will be answer your questions.

Members voted in November to amend the constitution so that two students each year will be elected to one-year terms. This will allow students from two-year schools to run for Executive Committee.

Call for Nominations of Honors Student Papers for the 2005 Portz Scholars Competition

NCHC Institutional members are invited to nominate one paper per institution written by an undergraduate honors student for the 2005 Portz Scholars competition. The three 2005 Portz Scholars will be featured at a plenary session at the 2005 NCHC Conference in St. Louis in October. In addition, each Portz Scholar receives a \$250 stipend. (The NCHC Portz Fund Committee will pay the Scholar's conference registration fees, and the nominating institution agrees to make a good faith effort to defray travel expenses of the Portz Scholar.)

The Portz Scholar Nomination form is available on the NCHC web site (www.nchchonors.org), near the bottom of the home page. Click on the Portz Fund Website link. The nomination form, 12 copies of the nominated paper, and a letter of nomination must be sent, postmarked by June 3, 2005, to Dr. Ann Eisenberg, Honors College, University of Texas at San Antonio, 6900 N Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, TX 78249.

Honors Colleges Discussion Listserve

We are repeating this announcement in order to make sure you are all aware of this opportunity to discuss the proposed Basic Characteristics of an Honors College. So far, approximately 15 members have joined and there has been some discussion. However, this is an important topic, and this is your chance to weigh in on it.

An *ad hoc* committee, chaired by Peter Sederberg, was charged with determining the basic characteristics of an Honors College. After much time and effort, the committee wrote a draft document for discussion at the 2004 Conference in New Orleans. Taking into account the suggestions and discussion that happened there, the committee revised their document which is available on the NCHC web site (www.nchchonors.org). In addition, we have set up a listserv for those of you who are interested in continuing the discussion. If you are interested in joining this listserv, please send an email to: majordomo@iastate.edu In the body of the email type:

subscribe nchchonorscolleges You must type this in the body of the message, and leave a space between subscribe and nchchonorscolleges.

The Executive Committee will consider action on this document at the June Executive Committee meeting. Now is your opportunity to weigh in on this issue.

Scholarships Available for NCHC Students

“Live, Learn and Intern”, an academic and internship program sponsored by the Fund for American Studies, that offers undergrads the ultimate Washington, DC summer experience has **substantial scholarship funding available specifically for NCHC members!** Complete information is at www.dcinternships.org. Be sure to let your students know the final deadline is March 30th.

NAAAHP Conference, Call for Papers

NAAAHP invites you to submit papers/presentations for their conference to be held November 2 – 5, 2005 in Jackson, Mississippi. The theme this year is *Reflections on Our African-American Heritage: Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future*. Students and faculty are especially encouraged to explore and report on the history of a people who have moved from trials to triumph, segregation, desegregation and/or re-segregation in their own home communities and institutions; education as a theme in film, literature and the other arts; the history and future of America’s HBCU’s; and minority life in minority and or majority institutions. As an added feature to this national conference, best practices proposals are especially encouraged from faculty who teach honor students.

NAAAHP also invite panels, workshop sessions, roundtables, and research posters. **The postmark deadline for submission is May 30, 2005.** For more information, contact, Dr. Mark Reger, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences and Director Honors Program, Mississippi Valley State University, (662) 254-3435, mareger@mvsu.edu or on the web, <http://www.hamptonu.edu/academics/honorscollege/naaahp>.

General Announcements

Web Site (www.nchchonors.org)

- Your NCHC web site has lots of information, but we need you to help keep it current. Please check the various places (i.e., members, calendar, regions), and send us corrections. We would especially like to list your honors programs’ web sites.
- The ‘listserv’ that you can subscribe to by going to the bottom of the NCHC home page is an open list that anyone interested in Honors can join. Not everyone on that list is an NCHC member, and not all NCHC members are on the list. If you have announcements that you would like to send to only NCHC members, we would be happy to add it to our monthly e-letter. We try to send the e-letters out the last week of the month, so if you have material you want distributed to members, it should arrive before that.
- We are always eager to post your position openings on the NCHC webpage. Just send them to us as a word attachment, along with the date you would like the listing removed.

Delta Meeting Program

- We are sad to announce that Delta has discontinued its Meeting Network Program.