

NCHC E-letter

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

Included in this month's e-letter are the following:

- ED-ifying News
- NCHC awards new grants
- Conference 2005 Information
- *JNCHC* call for essays
- *Honors in Practice* call for submissions
- Peterson's Guide 4th Edition
- Institutions that joined/renewed after April 14

Upcoming Deadlines/Events

Deadlines

June 3: Portz Scholars deadline (aeisenberg@utsa.edu)

June 30: 11th Annual Honors Newsletter Contest deadline (klyons2@unl.edu)

Sept. 1: Deadline for submissions to Fall/Winter 2005-6 issue of *JNCHC* (adalong.@uab.edu)

Sept. 23: Deadline for reserving hotel at conference rate (Don't do this before July 1)

Sept. 30: Deadline for conference registration at a reduced fee

Committee Meetings

May 20 – 22 Publications Board, Contact Hallie Savage (hsavage@clarion.edu)

June 16 – 19 Honors Semesters Committee, Contact Bernice Braid (braid@liu.edu)

June 22 – 25 Executive Committee Meeting/Retreat, Contact Virginia McCombs (vmccombs@okcu.edu)

July 22 – 23 Conference 2006 Pre-planning meeting, Contact Kate Bruce (bruce@uncw.edu)

ED-ifying News! By Patricia Ann Speelman (Patti)

At our (still) new national office, we are moving forward in putting everything into place. And it's time now to give a great big THANK YOU to the staff and faculty of University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In every department we've needed to contact, people have bent over backwards to help. From the facilities staff to the purchasing department, the telecommunications office to the finance director, and everyone in between, all have been outgoing, patient, and oh, so helpful. A special recognition must go, of course, to NCHC members Patrice Berger and Karen Lyons, the director and associate director, respectively, of the UNL Honors Program, and to their staff. With welcoming, open arms, they have embraced the NCHC move to Lincoln and paved the path for us to all those other departments. So it is with great gratitude that we continue to make progress in establishing our home here in Neihardt Residence Center.

Three Schools Win Brand New NCHC Grants

The honors programs at Black Hills State University, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and University of St. Francis have been awarded National Collegiate Honors Council Consulting Grants for New Honors Programs. They are the first schools to earn such awards.

The matching grants of \$600 each were made to aid in underwriting the fees of NCHC – recommended site visitors. NCHC member programs created within the last five years were eligible to apply.

“These grants are a new project to help us give something back to the membership in a practical way,” said Bob Spurrier of Oklahoma State U., co-chair of the Assessment and Evaluation Committee which designed the project and evaluated the applications before making its recommendations to the Executive Committee. Rosalie Otero of U. of New Mexico co-chairs the committee. Other committee members are Kate Bruce of U. of North Carolina, Wilmington, Peter Deekle of Roger Williams U., James Hallmark of West Texas A&M U., Andrew Harris of Bridgewater State College, Leslie Heaphy of Kent State U.-Stark Campus, Debra Holman of U. of Northern Colorado, Sam Oleka of Kentucky State U., Linda Olson of Southern Connecticut State U., Sam Rosenberg of Roosevelt U., Rosalie Saltzman of U. of Nebraska-Omaha, Bruce Serlin of DePauw U., Stuart Silverman of U. of South Florida, James Stickler of Allegany College of Maryland, Mary Jane Treacy of Simmons College, Joan Vallee of McNeese State U. and Peter Viscusi of Central Missouri State U.

“The award is recognition of the potential these programs have,” Spurrier added. “NCHC is delighted to provide assistance to new programs of exceptional merit.”

The schools will use the consultants’ services to address issues of service learning, student research, design and structure of contracts, faculty and course development, program review, recruitment of students and faculty, assessment frameworks, and partnerships.

The grant proposals were submitted by the directors of each program: Roger Ochse at Black Hills State, Janis Haswell at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Jeff Chamberlain at U. of St. Francis.

Congratulations to all!

Conference 2005, St. Louis, MO, October 26 - 30

Please remember that all 2005 **Conference questions BEFORE JULY 15 should be directed to cjlamb@iastate.edu or 515/2949-9188.** AFTER JULY 16, questions should be directed to headquarters (Speelman@unlserve.unl.edu), 402-472-9150.

The Conference Registration Form is now up on the NCHC web site (www.nchchonors.org). Please go to 2005 Conference Information, and under that is the Conference Registration link. Also under that is the link to register for City as Text. Because spaces are limited in some of the City as Text venues, applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Conference Proposal Submissions Acceptance Notifications

Acceptance/denial notices will be emailed by mid-May to those who submitted proposals. These will be sent to the primary presenter; that person will have the responsibility of notifying co-presenters.

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September 30, the registration fee for attendees from member institutions is \$250; for attendees from non-member institutions \$500. After that date the fees increase to \$300 and \$550 respectively. Conference fees include admission to all sessions as well as the President's Welcome Reception, the student party, the St. Louis Experience, the President's Luncheon, and continental breakfasts on both Friday and Saturday.

City as Text©

The registration form for City as Text© is on the NCHC web site (www.nchchonors.org). Bernice Braid and committee have worked hard to make the St. Louis CAT, Thursday, October 27, a memorable as well as a valuable learning experience. Locations vary from the Black World History Museum, to Forest Park, to Union Station and points in between.

The St. Louis Experience

The St. Louis Experience, Friday, October 28, will include admittance to the Gateway Arch and the Old Courthouse, the location of the Dred Scott decision. Because these venues will not hold everyone at once, the evening will start with heavy hors d'oeuvres at the hotel and participants will visit the sites at their leisure. The evening will end back at the hotel with dessert and jazz!

Hotel Information

We realize that many of you may be planning your budget for this year's conference, so you will find below information about the hotel and room rates. **Hotel reservations for the 2005 Conference opens July 1. PLEASE do not call the hotel to make your reservations yet** since they are not yet ready to process requests for NCHC Conference rooms.

Reservations should be made by phone directly to Marriott reservations: 888/225-6459 or 314/621-9600. Be sure to reference either National Collegiate Honors Council or NCHC when making your reservation to qualify for the conference rate.

Renaissance Grand Hotel, St. Louis, MO

Room rates:

Single/Double occupancy	\$179.00
Triple occupancy	\$199.00
Quadruple occupancy	\$219.00

(No more than 4 occupants will be allowed in any one room.)

The cut-off date for the conference room rates is Friday, September 23, 2005. After this date, the hotel will determine whether or not it can accept reservations on a space- and rate-available basis at the National Collegiate Honors Council group rate.

Book Sales at the Conference

Also again this year, you will be able to purchase books by the plenary speakers as well as other books that might be of particular interest to you. If you have suggestions for books to feature, please send the title, author, publisher and ISBN to George Mariz, george.mariz@wwu.edu.

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 National Collegiate Honors Conference in St. Louis. 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.) Complete information is available at the NCHC website (www.nchchonors.org), scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on the Portz Fund website.

The Portz Nomination Form, twelve (12) copies of the nominated paper, one (1) copy of a one-page abstract, and a letter of nomination must be 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. **All entries must be postmarked by June 3, 2005.**

Eleventh Annual Honors Newsletter Contest (sponsored by NCHC Publications Board)

The Pub Board is soliciting submissions for the 11th Annual Honors Newsletter Contest. To enter your Honors Program's newsletter, send 4 copies of each of two issues (a total of 8 newsletters) and a 4 copies of a cover letter containing the following information:

First, select the category that best fits your newsletter:

- A. Student published
- B. Faculty/administrator and/or student published

Next, supply the following:

1. Number of honors students in your program
2. Number of copies per issue.
3. Number of issues published per year.
4. The cost of printing one issue.
5. The total cost of production and mailing a single issue
6. Estimated time to edit and lay out one issue.
7. The target audience (honors students only, honors faculty, all faculty etc.)
8. The purpose of the newsletter
9. The name and title of the program director
10. The name(s) of the editor(s)

Winners will be announced at the President's luncheon in St. Louis. We are planning a special session at the conference on *How To Edit a Newsletter*.

Send your newsletter entries and cover letter by June 30, 2005 to: Karen Lyons, Ph.D. ; University of Nebraska, Lincoln; 118 NRC, 540 North 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68588-0659

Developing in Honors by Bob Spurrier

Thanks to a large number of our honors colleagues, we have another full slate on "Developing in Honors" Workshop (DIH) sessions for our 2005 NCHC national conference in St. Louis next fall. DIH is the annual "nuts and bolts" workshop for experienced (1 year or more in current honors position) honors administrators, professional staff, and faculty.

Advance DIH registration is required. You will use the on-line conference registration form by using the link at

www.nchchonors.org/NationalConference/national_conference.htm

You must register for the NCHC conference to participate in DIH, but there is no additional workshop registration fee for DIH.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are new to your honors position, the separate "Beginning in Honors" Workshop (BIH) is designed just for you. For students, there is the "Students in Honors" Workshop (SIH). On-line registration is available for these workshops as well.

The format for DIH is for each panelist to make a brief presentation (approximately 5 minutes) on the session's topic, followed by a good deal of time for interaction with the audience. We begin with a General Opening Session for all DIH participants, followed by two rounds of morning breakout sessions. As a new feature this year, we also will have four afternoon

discussions sessions, one of which will deal with research about honors and three of which deal with honors budget issues in different sizes of institutions. The complete list of 2005 DIH sessions includes the following:

2005 Morning DIH Sessions @ = Session moderator

DIH G-1. General Opening Session: Motivating Honors Students

Josie Capuana, State University of New York-Buffalo
Dwight Moore, Emporia State University
Rosalie Otero, University of New Mexico
@Bob Spurrier, Oklahoma State University

ROUND ONE OF MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

DIH 1-1. Selecting and Mentoring the Right Honors Faculty

Albin Cofone, Suffolk Community College
Mark Farris, Midwestern State University
@Bob Horan, University of Wisconsin-Stout
Linda Pitelka, Maryville University of St. Louis

DIH 1-2. Undergraduate Research and Honors

Kate Bruce, University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Jayati Ghosh, Dominican University of California
Andrew Harris, Bridgewater State College
@Ricki Shine, Iowa State University

DIH 1-3. Service Learning and Honors

@Jacci Rodgers, Oklahoma City University
Vicki Ohl, Heidelberg College
Laurie White, University of North Carolina-Greensboro
Chris Willerton, Abilene Christian University

DIH 1-4. Fundraising and Development for Honors

@Jack Dudley, Virginia Tech University
David Lawless, Tulsa Community College
Robert Halli, The University of Alabama
Adam Meyer, The University of Alabama

DIH 1-5. Predicting Student Success in Honors

Celeste Campbell, Oklahoma State University
Keith Garbutt, West Virginia University
Duncan Harris, University of Wyoming
@Margaret Messer, Eastern Illinois University

DIH 1-6. Adjusting Honors Requirements: The Effect of AP and Dual-Enrollment

Donna Birdwell, Lamar University
@Patricia MacCorquodale, University of Arizona
Betsy Yarrison, University of Baltimore

DIH 1-7. Honors for Technical and Pre-Professional Students

Ann Lubrano, Polytechnic University
@Judy Ozment, Pennsylvania State University
Nancy Reichert, Southern Polytechnic State University

DIH 1-8. Honors Retreats

@Richard Badenhausen, Westminster College
Lynne Goodstein, University of Connecticut
Ivelaw Griffith, Florida International University
Jay Mandt, Wichita State University

ROUND TWO OF MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

DIH 2-1. Honors Students and Mental Health Issues

Maureen P. Connelly, Frostburg State University
Joyce Fields, Columbia College
@Steve Wainscott, Clemson University

DIH 2-2. Issues Presented by Unique Institutional Populations (Faith-based, Single-gender, Etc.)

Rita Barnes, Tennessee Technological University
@John Korstad, Oral Roberts University
Guy Litton, Texas Woman's University

DIH 2-3. Use of Student Portfolios in Honors

Steven Bloom, Lasell College
Martin Dupuis, Western Illinois University
Jan Younger, Heidelberg College
@John Zubizarreta, Columbia College

DIH 2-4. Honors Alumni Relations

Connie Hood, Tennessee Technological University
@Margaret Franson, Valparaiso University
Donna Menis, Saint Francis University

DIH 2-5. Honors Assessment and Evaluation

Cheryl Achterberg, Pennsylvania State University
Ronald Brown, Texas State University-San Marcos
@Rolland Pack, Freed-Hardeman University

DIH 2-6. First Year Acculturation Courses

Betsy Wackernagel Bach, University of Montana-Missoula
@Robert Keller, Colorado State University
Bonnie Irwin, Eastern Illinois University
Jim Lacey, Eastern Connecticut State University

DIH 2-7. Moving from Honors Program to Honors College

Gary Bell, Texas Tech University
@Dennis Leyden, University of North Carolina-Greensboro
Suzanne McCray, University of Arkansas
Charlie Slavin, University of Maine

DIH 2-8. Transfer Honors Student Issues

Sandy Deabler, North Harris College
Karen Lyons, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
@Rosalie Saltzman, University of Nebraska-Omaha

Afternoon DIH Discussion Sessions**DIH 3-1. Research About Honors**

Lynne Goodstein, University of Connecticut
@Annmarie Guzy, University of South Alabama
Anne Rinn, Western Kentucky University
John Zubizarreta, Columbia College

DIH 3-2. Large University Honors Budget Issues [organized by Large Universities committee]

@ Josie Capuana, State University of New York-Buffalo

DIH 3-3. Small College Honors Budget Issues [organized by Small Colleges committee]

@ Donna Menis, St. Francis University-Pennsylvania

DIH 3-4. Mid-size Institution Honors Budget Issues

@ Donna Birdwell, Lamar University

On behalf of Ricki Shine and myself as 2005 DIH Co-chairs, I am pleased to invite you to DIH in St. Louis. We hope to see you there!

JNCHC

The *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council* is now accepting papers for the fall-winter 2005/2006 issue, which will focus on the question “What is Honors?” We are interested in articles that explore, for example, what distinguishes honors curricula, students, faculty, classes, activities, standards, or requirements from the rest of the institution in which an honors program or college resides. We are most interested in submissions that tackle the question of what we mean by “Honors.”

The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2005.

Send submissions to adalong@uab.edu

The following issue (**deadline: March 1, 2006**) will be a general-interest issue.

Peterson’s Guide 4th Edition

The book is on schedule. Thanks to all you members who submitted your revised profiles.

Anyone who hasn’t done that yet should contact Joan Digby at jdigby@liu.edu IMMEDIATELY!

Institutions that joined/renewed after April 14

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
Arcadia University	Goldstone	Bette	goldstone@arcadia.edu
California: Santa Barbara, University of	Fletcher	Regina	rfletcher@ltsc.ucsb.edu
Case Western Reserve University	Ehrlich	Linda	linda.ehrlich@case.edu
City University of New York: Brooklyn College	Bruffee	Kenneth	kbruffee@brooklyn.cuny.edu
City University of New York: City College	Villa	Robin	rvilla@ccny.cuny.edu
City University of New York: Lehman College	Schwartz	Gary	schwartz@lehman.cuny.edu
Colby-Sawyer College	Stecker	Ann Page	astecker@colby-sawyer.edu
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Rye	Marilyn	mrye@fdu.edu
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Warunek	M. Patricia	warunek@fdu.edu
Fashion Institute of Technology	Buchman	Irene	irene_buchman@fitnyc.edu
Fayetteville State University	Arnold	Carrol	carnold@uncfsu.edu
Florida Gulf Coast University	Renk	Clifford M.	honors@fgcu.edu
Heidelberg College	Younger	Jan	jyounger@mail.heidelberg.edu
Houston Community College System	Cook	Charles	tiller_r@hccs.cc.tx.us
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