



Your link to undergraduate honors education

National Collegiate Honors Council E-Letter June 2006

Ben Franklin to visit conference

Thomas Jefferson also on schedule

Don't be surprised at the 41st annual conference if you come face to face with history during the Philadelphia Experience. Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and a fife and drum duo will attend the Nov. 17 event at Constitution Center.

More than 200 years after his death, the timeless wisdom of Franklin lives on through an award-winning, authentic portrayal of the famed author and inventor by Ralph Archbold who has addressed over 10,000 audiences in a 30-year career.

As the alias of the elder statesman, Archbold has earned a following of his own: He was chosen as the



official Ben Franklin for the City of Philadelphia, and became the primary spokesman for America's Constitutional Bicentennial Celebration. He has been featured as Ben in "200 Years of Benjamin Franklin's Genius" and is the official Ben Franklin for the University of Pennsylvania, Freedom's Foundation, and The Franklin Institute. Archbold was appointed by the president and congress to a federal commission to oversee the celebration of Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday last January. His realistic portrayal and stimulating

performances have won him appearances on The Today Show, Good Morning America, The CBS Constitutional Gala, the Disney Channel, Arts and Entertainment, The History Channel, and on all major television networks.

Like his counterpart, Ralph was born on January 17th.



Ralph Archbold as Benjamin Franklin

New brand on tap for NCHC

by Bonnie Irwin

Chair, Marketing & Membership Committee

The NCHC Board of Directors has hired Widmeyer Communications, Inc. to take NCHC through a branding process. Yes, the term "branding" smacks of consumerism and conjures up visions of soft drinks and car companies, but the research process will also help us solidify our identity as an organization so that we can recruit new member institutions and become better known among higher education associations.

Representatives from Widmeyer—including one very talented honors alumnus—led the first focus group with the Board on June 16. Several Board members remarked on how well the

process worked. Talking to the Widmeyer representatives enabled us to think about what NCHC and honors education mean to each of us, and it was gratifying to reflect on our shared values and discuss our differing perspectives.

Widmeyer will continue the process with other NCHC members and non-members, and we urge you to participate if contacted. The more voices involved in the process, the better the end product will be. Look forward to the new face of NCHC at the Philadelphia Conference!

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President Jon Schlenker, left, Executive Director Patricia Ann Speelman, and President-Elect Kate Bruce look over agenda items during the summer Board of Directors meeting June 17.

Registration now open for Philly meeting

Online registration for NCHC's 41st annual conference opened May 15. The conference will take place at the Philadelphia Marriott Nov. 15-19. Early registration fee for members is \$250. Member fee after Oct. 15 is \$350. Non-member fee is \$500. To register, click on the conference link on the NCHC website, then click on "registration form."

Hotel room rates are \$190 per night per single or double, \$210 per triple, \$220 per quad. Call 215-625-2900 or 1-800-Marriott and ask for the NCHC block. If you use the 800 number, you must specify the Philadelphia *Downtown* Marriott. Deadline for hotel reservations is Oct. 20.

Deadlines and Dates (See Page 3)

- June 22-25: Honors Semester Committee meeting, Brooklyn, New York
- June 30: Deadline to submit newsletters for NCHC newsletter contest
- July 6-8: Assessment and Evaluation Faculty Institute, Lincoln, Nebraska
- July 21-22: 2007 Conference Planning Committee Meeting, Denver, Colorado
- Sept. 1: Deadline for submission of articles for Journal of NCHC
Deadline for receipt of NCHC committee budget requests for 2007
- Sept. 15: Deadline for applications for Portz Grants
- Oct. 15: Deadline for conference registration at a reduced fee
- Oct. 20: Deadline for conference hotel reservations
- Nov. 15-19 NCHC 41st Annual National Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



ED-ifying News

by Patricia Ann Speelman,
Executive Director

We've just concluded the summer meetings of NCHC's Board of Directors and its Strategic Planning Committee. On the agenda was

a "branding summit" conducted by representatives of Widmeyer Communications, Inc. NCHC has engaged Widmeyer to give us a new look, including a new logo and an exciting brand.

Throughout the summer, the Widmeyer team will contact NCHC members to get input on what you want the public face of NCHC to be. Because Widmeyer is working on a deadline to coordinate with the re-design of our website, I ask that if you are among the random sampling, you respond in a timely manner and as fully as you can.

Your voice matters, so let it be heard.

And watch for the unveiling of the new NCHC during the 41st annual conference in Philadelphia this fall.

Two schools earn Portz grants for innovative programs

NCHC has awarded two member schools grants to support innovative programs. The Portz Fund grants are made possible by a generous donation to NCHC by the estate of John and Edythe Portz.

A \$1,000 grant was awarded Orange County Community College in Middletown, N.Y. The funds will support a project called "Building Connections" and will be applied specifically toward purchase of equipment for a smart classroom for honors students.

A \$600 grant was awarded the Honors Scholars Program at John Brown University in Siloam Spring, Ark. The funds will support honoraria for faculty in the first year of The Shalom Project.

Dr. John Portz was the first director of the University Honors Program at the University of Maryland, College Park and one of the founders of NCHC, serving as one of its first presidents and editor of the National Honors Review. John and Edythe were actively involved in honors education for many years and often traveled the country to visit various honors programs. Both cared deeply about students, study abroad, student scholarship, and innovation within honors programs and colleges. Portz Fund grants for innovations in honors programs and colleges are awarded twice a year.



Honors in Action

Sagar Shah (center) of the Calhoun Honors College at Clemson University spent four weeks in the Kwa-Zulu Natal Region, South Africa, at AGAPE, an orphanage for children of AIDS victims. Stephen Wainscott is director of the Calhoun Honors College.

To submit photos for "Honors in Action," send as jpgs to nchc@unlserve.unl.edu. Enclose information for the captions: people's names, what the activity is, name of school, name of honors director or dean. You must get written permission to publish from anyone in the photos before you send the photos to us.

June 30 deadline looms for NCHC newsletter contest

Karen Lyons, associate director of the honors program at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and chair of the newsletter contest, gave us the following suggestions to share with members:

Why have a newsletter?

- To promote an awareness of Honors learning within higher education
- To create enriched educational opportunity for Honors students
- To assist Honors Programs in improving intellectual discourse on campuses
- To provide communication with internal and external audiences
- To provide students with unique academic experiences
- To allow opportunities for faculty-student collaborative learning.

To enter the contest:

1. Submit a cover letter with the following information:

- ❖ Select the category that best describes your newsletter: a) Produced entirely by students; b) Produced by faculty/administrator alone or with students
- ❖ Number of students in your program
- ❖ Number of copies per issue
- ❖ Number of issues published each year
- ❖ Cost of printing one issue
- ❖ Total cost of production and mailing of a single issue
- ❖ Estimated time to edit and layout one issue
- ❖ The target audience (Honors students only, Honors faculty, all faculty, etc.)

❖ Statement of the newsletter's purpose

❖ Contact person including summer addresses of both student and Honors director

2. Submit four copies each of two issues of your newsletter (a total of eight examples should be submitted).

Submissions are property of the NCHC Publications Board and will not be returned.

Contest Deadline: June 30, 2006.

For more information contact:
Karen V. Lyons, Associate Director,
Honors Program; University of
Nebraska-Lincoln, 118 NRC, 540 N. 16th
St., Lincoln, NE 68588-0659 or email:
klyons2@unl.edu. Phone: (402) 472-
2456. Fax: (402) 472-8204.

Directory Update

New/Renewing members since May 20, 2006

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
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Long Island University: C. W. Post	Walshe	Emily G.	ewalshe@liv.edu
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Editors seek articles for NCHC journals

The *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council* is now accepting papers for Volume 7, No. 2 (fall/winter 2006), which will focus on the theme of honors administration. We invite research essays for this issue that consider matters related to directing an honors program, serving as dean of an honors college, changing from a program to a college, term limits (or lack thereof), serving in any administrative or staff position of an honors program or college, institutional relations, positioning within an institutional hierarchy, budgetary management, fundraising, national involvement, tenure and promotion, career advantages or liabilities, balancing administrative/academic or honors/disciplinary responsibilities, or any other topic relevant to honors administration. We also invite book reviews of publications that might be of interest to readers of JNCHC, and we are happy to receive letters to the editor on matters related materials published in JNCHC.

The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2006. The following issue (deadline: March 1, 2007) will be a general-interest issue.

How to submit

Articles to *Journal of National Collegiate Honors Council* and to *Honors in Practice*: E-mail to Ada Long at adalong@uab.edu. Phone: 850-927-3776.

Registrations for Faculty Institute on Assessment and Evaluation of Honors Programs and Honors Colleges: Mail to NCHC, 1100 Neihardt Residence Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 540 N. 16th St., Lincoln, NE 68588-0627. Fax to 402-472-9152. Register by phone with a credit card by calling 402-472-9150.

Entries for Newsletter Contest: Mail to Karen V. Lyons, PhD, Associate Director, Honors Program, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 118 NRC, 540 N. 16th St., Lincoln, NE 68588-0659.

Registrations for the 41st annual NCHC National Conference: Go to www.nchchonors.org, click on 2006 Conference Information, then click on Registration Form and follow instructions.

Student at member school wins scholarship

Prestigious Goddard Award goes to just one student each year

The National Space Club awards a \$10,000 scholarship each year, in memory of Dr. Robert H. Goddard, America's rocket pioneer.

The scholarship is presented at the Goddard Memorial Dinner each spring, for the following academic year. The award is given to stimulate the interest of talented students in the opportunity to advance scientific knowledge through space research and exploration.

Caroline Leigh Yount of Clemson University garnered this year's honor over applicants nationwide.



Yount

Dr. Steve Wainscott is director of the Calhoun Honors College at Clemson University.

The award is made to a student who has the intention of pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in science or engineering during the interval of the scholarship.

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The Job Board -- Positions available across the country

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Pos. #00021244 Assistant Director
for Academic Affairs

Reports to Associate Director,
Honors Program

SUMMARY: Responsible for the development and implementation of effective advising methodologies and co-curricular programming for the Honors Program. Direct the advising of honors students with units across campus and develop vibrant co-curricular honors programming to ensure student success in the IUPUI Honors Program (IHP).

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Coordinate the advising of program participants to provide honors curricular guidance for scholarship recipients and students in pursuit of the *General Honors Notation*. Develop and implement a coordinated, campus-wide honors advising strategy to ensure that honors students receive integrated advising for both their academic and Honors Program requirements.

Monitor student compliance with scholarship and notation requirements. Conduct end of term review of academic performance and ensure notification of students of their scholarship probation/revocation status as appropriate. Oversee the academic contracts of students on scholarship probation and coordinate the development of such contracts with advisors in the academic units.

Develop and implement vibrant co-curricular honors programming such as an IHP-sponsored occasional speakers series, service learning opportunities, etc. Research and evaluate extra-curricular offerings at other institutions and make recommendations for development and implementation of similar programs locally. Direct the Honors Bridge Program. Serve as instructional team member in honors sections of First Year Seminars.

Assist in the development and expansion of honors course offerings by researching such offerings at other institutions. Analyze patterns of enrollment locally in both honors and non-honors courses to identify promising new areas for honors course development. Maintain accurate and comprehensive honors course offerings for both semesters and summer sessions. Work with the Registrar's Office to develop a means to track honors courses within SIS.

Participate in the IHP recruitment and programmatic activities including receptions, Campus Day, occasional speakers series, and others. Represent the unit at on- and off-campus meetings and functions.

Perform other related duties incidental to the work described herein.

QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree required, preferably in counseling, college student personnel, or higher education administration with at least five years related work experience in higher education setting.



City University of New York
Title: Honors College Advisor
(Higher Education Assistant) - 2 positions
Location: The Graduate Center
Division/Department: CUNY
Honors College
CUNY Personnel Vacancy Notice
No.: MP11632
Closing Date: 7/13/06 (Search
reopened)

Inaugurated in the Fall of 2001, the CUNY Honors College (CHC) is dedicated to providing outstanding educational opportunities for academically gifted students from the five boroughs of New York City and beyond. The Honors College program includes generous financial support for students who are designated "University Scholars" upon admission. In addition, the Honors College offers its students unique interdisciplinary seminars focusing on New York City, access to instructional technology, dedicated mentors and advisors, internships, study abroad experiences and a Cultural Passport that provides entrance to the vast cultural resources of New York City. The Honors College operates in consortium on seven CUNY campuses: Baruch College, City College, Hunter College, Lehman College, Queens College, and the College of Staten Island. Currently, the Honors College has approximately 1,200 University Scholars enrolled on all seven campuses.

Duties: The primary responsibility of the Honors Advisor is to mentor and advise University Scholars to maximize the chances of their successful completion of a BA degree within four years. Honors Advisor will encourage University Scholars to develop the intellectual curiosity, civic engagement, and meritorious conduct expected of honors students. Advisor will be an important resource to University Scholars during their first two years on campus and will continue to provide support for University Scholars as they move into their majors and begin to prepare for graduate and professional schools or for other career objectives.

Honors Advisor will engage in the advisement and mentoring activities, listed below, on a full-time basis.

Honors Advisor will:
Advise students on course selection each semester and monitor progress toward degree.

Work with Honors Program Directors to identify and retain at-risk students who are underperforming academically or who may seek to withdraw or

transfer from the CUNY Honors College for other reasons.

Advise students about co-curricular activities, including internships, study abroad, community service, and other activities involving student organizations and activities.

Act as a liaison (for both the student and the local College Honors Program) to student affairs and student support services such as Career Services, Counseling Services, Tutoring Centers, the Registrar, Bursar and Financial Aid on the CUNY College to which they are assigned.

Create and/or act as an instructor for a Freshmen/New Student Seminar or in other initiatives involved with enriching the writing, academic skills, or pre-professional skills of students.

Review and approve student expenditures from the Academic Expense Accounts.

Advise students on selection of a major and finding a major advisor and assist students in finding faculty mentors.

Facilitate the creation of and oversee peer-mentoring or "buddy" systems.

Consult with faculty within the University to assist students in taking courses or independent study outside their home campus, as appropriate.

Assist students with graduate school and fellowship applications and/or with post-baccalaureate job searches.

Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: A bachelor's degree is required (masters or doctorate preferred). A minimum of four years of related experience teaching and/or advising undergraduates in an institution of higher education is also required. Demonstrated maturity, superb interpersonal skills, and strong organizational and communication skills are required. Preference will be given to those candidates who have degrees in the areas of student development, counseling psychology, or other academic disciplines relevant to the mentoring and advisement of gifted undergraduates.

Candidates should have a proven record of accomplishment.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Send cover letter and resume with names and contact information of three professional references by the above closing date to: Honors College Advisor Search, The CUNY Honors College, The CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue Suite 3313, New York, NY 10016-4309.

Additional information available at <http://www.college.cuny.edu/>

Western Kentucky University
University Honors Program
Coordinator, Nationally Competitive Scholarships

Western Kentucky University Honors Program is reopening the search for a Coordinator for Nationally Competitive Scholarships. The position reports to the Director of the University

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Honors Program.

The University seeks a creative, energetic person who can provide leadership in the creation and development of an Office of Prestigious and Nationally Competitive Scholarships. The person is responsible for developing and managing an Early Identification Program (EIP) for competitive students; assisting faculty scholarship/fellowship advisors in managing scholarship competitions and program events, activities and resources, within the context of the institution's University-wide Quality Enhancement Program (QEP); and providing academic, career and/or personal counseling to students who are nominees/applicants for national scholarships and fellowships. The coordinator is expected to develop an appropriate set of assessment tools related to the office mandate. The office is located in the University Honors Program; therefore the person will assist in overall Honors programming and the recruiting and advising of Honors students. The person selected will have the opportunity to teach in the Honors program.

In addition, the successful candidate will be expected to work closely with members of the University community, including students, faculty, deans, department chairs and other personnel to elevate

awareness of and interest in award opportunities. The person will work collaboratively with university programs to design and lead workshops to assist students in developing skills and tools relevant to undergraduate scholarships and fellowships. Finally, the person will be entrepreneurial in designing and implementing programs to further the mission of the program.

The University Honors Program is a dynamic and growing program. This is the third full-time position added in as many years.

Required Qualifications

a.. Masters degree from an accredited institution.
b.. Excellent community building, organizational and communication (verbal and written) skills.

Preferred Qualifications

a.. Experience with prestigious and nationally competitive scholarship programs.
b.. Experience working with undergraduates in scholarship applications or related student-centered areas (e.g., Honors program, leadership, study abroad, research, advising, teaching, sponsored program/grant writing, etc.)

c.. Knowledge of key issues related to recruiting and advising highly motivat-

ed, high-achieving undergraduates.

d.. Experience in academic program development.

Salary will be commensurate with experience, education and background.

Information about WKU can be found at www.wku.edu. For more information about the search, contact Dr. Craig T. Cobane, Chair of the Search Committee, at Craig.Cobane@wku.edu.

Applications for employment will be accepted electronically only. Candidates interested in this position should send a letter of application, a 250-word (double-spaced) statement summarizing the applicant's view on the role and importance of fellowships in the undergraduate experience, curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference. Please refer to the following website to apply: <http://acsweb1.wku.edu/wkujobs> or call (270) 745-5934 for assistance. Reference requisition number S1222. To ensure full consideration please submit application materials by October 1, 2006. Position will remain open until filled.

All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply, including women, minorities, persons with disabilities and disabled veterans.

For a black and white version of the E-Newsletter, suitable for printing, click here:

<http://www.nchchonors.org/News/June06bw.pdf>

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