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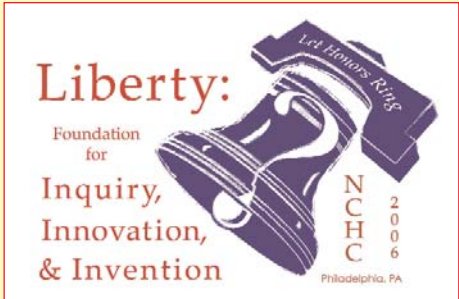
Popular auction to return to conference

A highlight of the 2005 national conference was the silent auction to benefit hurricane relief efforts.

Organized by students at Columbia College and managed by NCHC's Student Concerns Committee, the event added a dimension of excitement to the opening reception and raised more than \$2,500.

Students at University of North Carolina Wilmington have joined Columbia College students to coordinate the second annual Shop Across America silent auction for this year's conference in Philadelphia.

You are requested to donate one or more items that are representative of your region. Last year's auction included a golf outing in Utah, books autographed by the U.S. poet



laureate from Nebraska, t-shirts from half a dozen states, baskets of tasty treats from another half-dozen states, jewelry, and more.

"People took things out of their own suitcases (e.g., a spaghetti monster t-shirt and other assorted apparel) in order to contribute," said Kathleen King, co-chair of the Student Concerns Committee. "Ideas for this year could include gift certificates from chain restaurants and stores, or books, especially signed by authors who might be present at the auction," she added.

Proceeds this year will benefit Philadelphia Reads, an organization

formed to enhance the literacy experience of Philadelphia's students in kindergarten through third grade, and to ensure they will be able to read well and independently.

It provides mentors, resources, and advocacy for in-school, after school and summer programs. It is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition.

Philadelphia Reads distributes new and used children's books to schools, homeless shelters and community and faith-based organizations throughout the city. It provides volunteer reading coaches to work one-on-one with struggling students at schools and community-based organizations.

This year's Shop Across America silent auction will take place Thursday, Nov. 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. during the Welcome Reception. Bring your donations -- and your check-book! Plan to have a great time bidding and buying.

Workshops offer special opportunities to students

Calling all students interested in applying to law school, grad school, med school, or for competitive fellowships!

Students attending the NCHC conference in Philadelphia should make note of a special workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18: G-SAT-10:30-c.

The session's first 30 minutes will provide preparation advice common to application to competitive fellowships and graduate and professional programs. Afterwards, students will "workshop" their resumes and applications with pro-

fessionals familiar with the different application processes. Students who bring their application drafts (personal statements, etc.) for review and critique can maximize this session's benefits!

In addition, NCHC offers a new workshop this year: "Writing an Effective Personal Statement," W-FRI-2:10-a. Friday, Nov. 17, 2:10-4:50 p.m.

Pre-registration is required and is

"Change for Change"

An additional fund-raising effort at the conference will be a penny war among schools. Drop your spare change into the "Change for Change" jar at the NCHC information table Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. The school contributing the largest amount will be recognized Saturday at the Open Forum and at the NCHC annual meeting.

limited to 15 people. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Students should register by e-mailing Karen Lyons at klyons2@unl.edu. We will deal with personal statements for graduate, law, medical, and other professional schools.

Students who participate must email a draft of the personal statement by Nov. 1.

HOW TO REGISTER

It's not too late to plan to attend NCHC's fabulous annual conference. Here's how to do it:

Visit the website at www.nchchonors.org. Click on 2006 Conference Information, then Conference Registration, and follow instructions.

Got questions? Call us at 402-472-9150!

Deadlines and Dates

- Nov. 15 NCHC present the "Declaration of Interdependence" at Independence Visitor Center, Philadelphia
- Nov. 15-19 41st annual national NCHC conference in Philadelphia, Pa.

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Can you help? NCHC is looking for experienced honors professionals to volunteer to write for its new website by Oct. 20. Call 402-472-9150 to participate.



ED-ifying News

by Patricia Ann Speelman, Executive Director

How did October get here so fast? Our 41st annual conference will be here and gone before you know it!

If you haven't registered yet, get going and do so! You won't want to miss the speeches by Arthur Miller and Rob Dunham or the performances by the Aqua String Band and Ralph Archbold as Ben Franklin. Neither will you want to pass up the chance to get to know the insider's Philadelphia through Thursday's City as Text exercise and Friday's Philadelphia Experience. At the latter, we'll have the fabulous Constitution Center all to ourselves.

And then there are all those interesting presentations, the thought-provoking Idea Exchange, the entertaining MasterClass Showcases, and the brand new Sunday Morning Live! with Honors workshops.

Remember to bring something to donate to the silent auction!

As we prepare for the conference, there are changes in the national office. Nicholette Smith is no longer an employee. I hope to introduce you to our new office administrator/newsletter editor in next month's issue.

Also next month, watch for articles about two additional conference guests.

NCHC publications for sale at Philadelphia conference

Remember that great NCHC monograph on teaching and learning that you loaned to your colleague in the office down the hall and never got back? Now's your chance to replace it. Or to purchase a past issue of the *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council* to give that grad student you know who is researching one of those topics.

Maybe you've put off ordering a copy of *Peterson's Smart Choices: Honors Programs and Colleges*.

At the NCHC table at the conference, you'll find copies of all current publications available for purchase. No waiting for the mail to arrive with your order. Buy the copies you need and take them with you!

Of course, you also can still order them all by mail, as well (find the order form on the website by clicking on the Publications tab, print it out, enclose your check and send it in), or by phone with a credit card. We accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover cards. Or, we'll take your purchase order number. Call 402-472-9150.

And, as NCHC members, you still enjoy a discount on these purchases.

Coming soon: a new edition of the monograph, *Beginning in Honors*, and a monograph on programs at two-year institutions.



Water, Water, Everywhere: What better way to have honors students taking a class on water learn about their subject than to have them raft down a river that is adjacent to their campus? Two honors students at Butler University took a three-mile raft trip down the White River in Indianapolis, Ind. While they floated downstream, the students observed various aspects of the River's ecology as well as urban impacts on this lotic system. Pictured from left: Brian Rochford, Margaret Brabant, Helen Brabant-Bleakley, Anne Wilson (honors program director), Bob Holm, Linda Holm, and Nicole Does.

Honors in Action

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.



The Northern Michigan University honors program piloted an embedded field experience to Peru. The two-week field experience occurred as part of a semester-long course. Students studied Peru through the interdisciplinary lens of cultural studies. Nine students toured sites they studied, linking the history and demography of the region with current political and cultural phenomenon. Director of the honors program is Robert Goodrich.

On the Campaign Trail

These honors deans, directors and students will comprise the slate of candidates for the 2006 NCHC Board of Directors. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor during the annual business meeting in Philadelphia.

For Vice President



Lydia Lyons

For Secretary

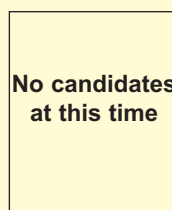


Bonnie Irwin



Ricki Shine

Student (1-year term)



No candidates
at this time

Student (2-year term)

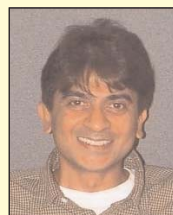


Will Lee



Shane Miller

Professional Members (3 year term)



Sukatu Bhavsar



Lisa Coleman



Peter Deekle



Annmarie Guzy



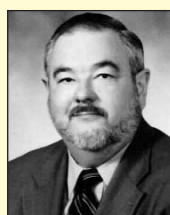
Greg Lanier



George Mariz



Rosalie Otero



Rolland Pack



Ruth Randall



James Ruebel

Read their statements on the NCHC web site!

Member Update

New/Renewing members since September 21, 2006

Institution	Last Name	First Name	E-mail	Membership
Bloomfield College	Cohn	Josephine	josephine_cohn@bloomfield.edu	
Columbus State Community College	Mobley	Rebecca	rmobley@csc.edu	
Crichton College	Callis	Keith	callis@crichton.edu	
Johnson & Wales University	Koris	Carol	ckoris@jwu.edu	
Los Angeles Pierce College	Anderson	Barbara	andersbm@pierce.edu	
Loyola College in Maryland	Miller	Nicholas	nmiller@loyola.edu	
Marymount University	Gomero	Boloye	b0g23109@marymount.edu	
Northern State University	Blanchard	Kenneth	blanchak@northern.edu	
University of Texas at Austin	Dillman	Mary	mdillman@utexas.edu	

The Job Board -- Positions available across the country

Program Manager I, University Honors Program, Iowa State University

Appointment Conditions: Continuous, 12 Months, Full Time

Proposed Start Date: January 1, 2007

Job Description: This position provides administrative leadership to the ongoing development and restructuring of the University Honors Program. The responsibilities include collaborating with the Honors Program Faculty Director and other senior university administrators to establish the vision and future of the Program that is consistent with the university strategic plan and university undergraduate program priorities. The person in this position will then provide the leader-



ship in designing, implementing, adapting and sustaining that vision. The Administrative

Director has direct management and oversight of the Honors Program budget, and Program personnel, including direct supervision of the Assistant Director for Programs, and co supervises (with the Faculty Director) the Assistant Director for Research and Scholarships.

The position is instrumental in developing collaborative efforts for internal and external relations, including outreach, Honors alumni, fundraising, and forging partnerships inside and outside the university. Provides administrative coordination of the college's Honors Programs and the management of the Honors curriculum, including course, seminar

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Required Qualifications: Bachelor's degree and 5 years related experience or Master's degree and 3 years related experience. Experience in program management, and/or personnel supervision, and/or budget management. Demonstrated experience with building partnerships and collaborative programs. Demonstrated, excellent speaking and writing skills.

Preferred Qualifications: Administrative experience with Honors or other high-ability students. Experience with fundraising and grant writing.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications, background, and experience.

Application Instructions:

All interested, qualified persons must apply for this position by clicking "Apply for this Vacancy" and completing the Employment Application. Please be prepared to attach or enter a letter of application, resume, and contact information for three references. If you have questions regarding this vacancy, please email Dr. Gene Takle at gstakle@iastate.edu or call 515-294-4372. If you have questions regarding this application process, please email employment@iastate.edu or call 515-294-2936.

To guarantee consideration, application must be received by: 10-19-2006.

Quick Link: www.iastatejobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=72773

Iowa State University is an Affirmative Action employer and will take action to ensure that employment practices are free of discrimination. Iowa State University is committed to achieving excellence through a diverse workforce. Iowa State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, marital status, disability, or status as a U.S. veteran. Women and minorities are highly encouraged to apply for all employment opportunities. Inquiries or questions regarding our non-discrimination policy can be directed to Carla R. Espinoza, Director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity and ADA

Coordinator, 3750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011 or by phone at (515) 294-6458.

Assistant Professor, University Honors Program, The University of New Mexico

The University Honors Program at the University of New Mexico invites applications for an Assistant Professor, probationary appointment leading to a tenure decision. University Honors is a university-wide, interdisciplinary program offering special academic opportunities to high achieving, highly motivated students from all undergraduate colleges and schools. Minimum qualifications: M.F.A. or Ph.D. by appointment starting date, record of teaching experience, record of scholarly work. Preferred qualifications: Ph.D. in the sciences, social sciences, or communication, or M.F.A. in fine arts; experience with Honors programs; commitment to undergraduate teaching; demonstrated ability to teach undergraduate seminars; demonstrated ability to teach interdisciplinary courses; demonstrated experience in innovative curriculum/program development; demonstrated experience in creative, experimental teaching; demonstrated ability to advise and mentor undergraduate research; excellent interpersonal skills; and demonstrated ability to work effectively in a collegial environment. The University Honors Program is an active learning (seminar/tutorial) program. We seek faculty with a student-centered philosophy, innovative ideas, strong mentorship skills and engagement in creative, experimental teaching, such as community-centered learning and participatory field work. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate a record of scholarship and service and strong interpersonal skills.

Salary and Appointment Status: The salary is negotiable and commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position is available beginning August 13, 2007. The University of New Mexico is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution committed to cultural diversity and compliance with the Americans and Disabilities Act. UNM is both a Carnegie Research I Institution and a Department of Education Minority Institution.

Application: For best consideration, application materials must be received by December 1, 2006, and must include: (1) a curriculum vita; (2) a letter of interest, including an original signature, that addresses the applicant's experience and qualifications; and (3) three letters of recommendation with additional names, address and telephone numbers of two other references. Send all materials to Rosalie C. Otero, Ph.D., Director, University Honors Program, MSC06 3890, SHC 21, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 87131-0001. Fax: 505.277.4271. Email: otero@unm.edu.

Please reference Job Requisition No. 6145

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James Madison University, Honors Program Director

James Madison University seeks an Honors Program Director with the vision and energy to develop and grow its Honors Program into one of national stature that is able to attract the most academically talented students to a challenging and exciting liberal arts community.

Position description: The Director of the Honors Program is a twelve month tenured

faculty appointment at the rank of associate or full professor. The Director reports to the Dean of University Studies and is assisted by administrative staff and by the Honors Program Committee, which is composed of representatives from each of the university's six colleges. The Director oversees the recruitment, admission and retention of students, development of the honors curriculum, recruitment of faculty to teach in the program, scheduling of honors classes, administration of the budget, and coordination of various honors events. The Director is also expected to teach an honors course each semester.

Qualifications: The director will possess the terminal degree required of tenured faculty in his/her academic discipline and will meet teaching and research standards of the same. The director should have a strong commitment to enhancing the honors experience for outstanding students through dynamic leadership of both students and faculty. Experience in program development and administration is required, as is an established record of scholarship in the applicant's field of specialization. Experience with teaching and mentoring honors-level students is highly desired, although experience directing an honors program is not required.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Rank is negotiable based on qualifications.

Application Procedure: Applicants should send as an email attachment, a letter of application, a current vita, and a list of three references to universitystudies@jmu.edu. Applicants must also apply on line at <http://www.jmu.edu/humanresources/joblink.shtml>.

Review of applications will begin October 30, 2006 and will continue until the position is filled.

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