

2024 NCHC Board of Directors Application

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1. Nominee Contact Information

1. Applicant Information

First Name

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2. Please indicate your membership in NCHC:

My institution is a member, and I'm the primary contact

3. What type of institution do you serve or attend?

Small Four-Year Institution (<3,999 undergraduates)

4. What region is your institution in?

See here to find your region: <https://www.nchchonors.org/resources/regional-honors>

Northeast

5. Which NCHC Officer/Board of Directors Position you are applying for?

For details on the roles and responsibilities of the different positions, see the NCHC Constitution and Bylaws: https://www.nchchonors.org/uploaded/NCHC_FILES/PDFs/NCHC_Constitution_Bylaws_approved_2022.pdf

Professional at-Large Member (3-year term)

6. Please indicate the nominee's qualifications as outlined in the NCHC Candidate Guidebook.

I have served as an NCHC committee member

Committee(s) served - Write In: Diversity Committee

I have served on an external board: Hostelling International USA

2. Student Applicants

Please list the leadership roles you have had on campus. (Include roles and dates).

Please identify trends, challenges, or opportunities you think the National Collegiate Honors Council must address as the needs of students seeking an honors education continue to change.

In 250-300 words, please explain the strengths you can contribute as a member of the NCHC Board of Directors and your goals for service in the NCHC. (This statement will be published alongside your photo on the NCHC election ballot.)

3. Professional Applicants

7. Please list your professional positions in honors education with roles (teaching, administration, etc.) and dates. Please make sure 3 years of service are clearly indicated.

Honors Teaching

- 1996-1999 Hampton University

- 2002-2023 Thomas Jefferson University

Honors Administration

- 2000-2002 Morgan State University

- 2002-2023 Thomas Jefferson University

8. Please list your service to NCHC or regional honors organizations with roles and dates. (Include committee membership, board membership, leadership positions, etc.)

NRHC - (2021- current)

- VP, Pres. Elect, President)

NRHC - (2005-2007)

- Faculty Representative

NCHC - (2022)

- Site Visitor (Adelphia Univ., Elmhurst Univ)

9. Please list your involvement in presenting or publishing on honors education. (Include presentations at honors conferences and/or publications in JNCHC, HIP, or the NCHC Monographs.)

NCHC Monograph on Diversity (2010)

NCHC Conferences

"A Virtual Environment Prioritizing Equal Access and Transparency." National Collegiate Honors Council 57th Annual Conference, Centering Community, Best Honors Administrative Practices. Nov. 2-6, 2022, Dallas, TX.

"A University President and a Basketball Captain Walk into the Honors Director's Office: the wager that won a Fulbright." National Collegiate Honors Council 56th Annual Conference, Reimagining Honors, Best Honors Administrative Practices. October 27-31, 2021, Orlando, FL.

"Humanized Abroad, Pathologized at Home: Can Domestic Study Address Our Far-Sightedness?" (with K. Bouchenafa, Rutgers Univ.) National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) 52nd Annual Conference, Forum on Diversity, Nov. 9-12, 2017, Atlanta, GA.

"Whistling Vivaldi While Deconstructing Drake" Revisited: Let's Take Action! Workshop (with K. Bouchenafa, Rutgers Univ.) National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) 52nd Annual Conference, Forum on Diversity, Nov. 9-12, 2017, Atlanta, GA.

"Program Revision to Approval in 12 Months." National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) 51st Annual Conference Innovation and Best Practices Poster Session, October 12-16, 2016, Seattle, WA.

"Whistling Vivaldi While Deconstructing Drake: Mitigating Stereotype Threat..." (with Karima Bouchenafa). National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Annual Conference Forum on Diversity, October 12-16, 2016, Seattle, WA.

"Approaching Diversity through Experiential Learning," National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, Forum on Diversity, Nov 2006, Philadelphia, PA.

10. Please identify trends, challenges, or opportunities you think the National Collegiate Honors Council must address as the needs of students seeking an honors education continue to change.

- + How can artificial and natural Intelligences coexist with integrity in the honors environment?
- + Understanding Neurodiversity and honors

11. In 250-300 words, please explain the strengths you can contribute as a member of the NCHC Board of Directors and your goals for service in the NCHC. (This statement will be published alongside your photo on the NCHC election ballot.)

As a member of the NCHC Board of Directors, I would bring my experience in honors education at private, public, historically Black and predominantly White institutions in the south Atlantic and northeastern regions, as well as my education in the Midwest. I have served as a regional officer (NRHC 2006-2008) where I worked to broaden the academic disciplines included in our conference calls for proposals and (NRHC 2021-2025) where I am working alongside colleagues to deliver engaging conferences to our students.

My NCHC participation history reflects both my interest in edifying my own practice in honors by attending summer institutes such as Beginning in Honors, preparing the self-study, site visitor training; as well as my willingness to share information with colleagues through my conference presentations and workshops on curricular revision, diversity topics, and Fulbright activity. My experience navigating difficult and complex institutional transitions such as mergers and name changes – surviving with honors intact and with improved footing have provided me significant exercise in diplomacy that I have been able to use as an NCHC site visitor. I would look forward to lending the same skills as an NCHC board member.

Outside of honors, I have served (2016-2023) on the governing board of Hostel International USA (hiusa.org) where my passion for international travel to promote the outlook of young people as global citizens found a home. Above all, I bring commitment to students. It has been my pleasure to shepherd honors students to their first conference experience, then to observe as they returned as presenters, volunteers and even board members. Flames alight!

If elected, I would lend my efforts to national board initiatives to sustain NCHC functions and to strengthen alignment of the regional councils with NCHC Shared Principles and Practices.

4. Application Details

12. Please note any key skills or interests you can contribute toward implementation of the strategic initiatives noted below.

Organizational Excellence : Interest/ Skills: Proceeding with caution when institutional cultures merge/ cross

Professional Development : Interest/ Skills: Navigating difficult transitions

Diversity & Inclusion : Interest/ Skills: Strategies to invite resistant participants to engage DEIA

13. Candidate Photo

Please attach a recent head shot we may use in publicizing your candidacy for the NCHC Board of Directors. Please keep in mind, this photo will be used across our communication platforms in announcing our NCHC Board of Directors candidates, so we recommend uploading a high-resolution photo of yourself.

14. Letter of Support

Please upload an institutional letter of support (from the institution's Chief Academic Officer (professional nominees) or honors dean/director (student nominees)). This letter should indicate support for your nomination and service on the Board, which may include financial support and permission to attend NCHC Board of Directors meetings and do the work of the position.

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5. Thank You!

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