Welcome to Fall 2010!

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to Carmen Navarro whose tenure as director saw the program expand dramatically. Our program is a larger, more diverse and better because of her efforts, and I know you will all join me in extending to her our sincerest thanks.

Peggy Slagel has returned home to Philadelphia to be with her family, and we will miss her.

This year we welcome a new staff to the Honors Program. It is with great enthusiasm that I introduce our new administrative assistant, Dotty Nevarez. We also have two new student workers on board, Maritza Gutierrez and Joshua Macias.

PTK this year will be overseen by my talented colleague, Dr. Marc Meyer of the Anthropology Department. Professor Meyer was recently elected ASCC Faculty of the Year by the students of Chaffey College. PTK couldn’t be in better hands!

This year will continue to see changes in the Honors Program. Our required GPA for admission to the program is now a 3.2. Honors Contracts will now only be accepted for those students who have been admitted to the program, and, beginning in Spring 2011, honors students will have first access to certain stand-alone classes. Check your emails regularly for updates!

We will also keep you updated of these changes via our website and through future newsletters.

Best wishes for an enriching and exciting semester! -Leona Fisher

Exciting Fall Events! - R.S.V.P. Now!

On November 5th, all Honors students are invited to dinner out at Carino’s Italian Restaurant in Rancho Cucamonga, followed by front-row seats to the college’s production of Oklahoma! The event is free for Honors students, RSVP ASAP at 652-6263.

New Honors students will receive invitations later in the semester to our Student Gathering for a welcome ceremony and luncheon in their honor. The event will be held November 15th, in room 218 of the CAA Building at 12:30 p.m.

All Honors students have the opportunity to visit UCLA for free this semester to learn the ins and outs of transfer and get acquainted with the campus. The trip will occur November 19th. Call the Honors Program Office to sign up and for more detail. (652-6263)

The Honors Program congratulates all of its Spring 2010 graduates! Well done!
**Important Honors Program Policy Changes**

**Contract Changes:**
Beginning next semester, only students enrolled in the Honors Program in good standing will be eligible for contracts. Contracts will not be accepted after week 8. All contracts must be turned in, completed by you, and signed by you and your instructor by 2 p.m. on Friday, March 13th next semester. This policy change is the result of the number of contracts our office receives late in the semester.

**GPA Requirements:**
In Spring of 2010, the Honors Committee increased the minimum GPA required of Honors students to 3.2. This policy applies to students who were admitted after April 1, 2010. Students whose GPAs fall below the requirement will receive notification letters at the end of this semester placing them on warning. They will have one semester to improve their GPAs or they will face dismissal from the program.

**Honors Classes Now Reserved for Honors Students!:**
Next semester we are piloting a program that should allow honors students first access to certain stand-alone honors classes. If you are planning to take ANTHRO-3, ART-1, COMSTD-6, ENGL-1A, or PSYCH-1 next semester, you now have a way to sign up for the class before all other students. You will be receiving an email later in the semester with more details; if you have any questions now, contact our office.

**Meet the New Honors Program Office Staff!**

**Dotty Nevarez** (left and top) joined the Honors Program office in August of 2010. She did her administrative internship with the Office of Instructional Support. She’s been at Chaffey as a student for two and a half years and plans to graduate in Spring of 2011 with a major in Office Management.

Dotty enjoys crocheting, reading, hanging out with her husband of seventeen years and her dog and three cats.

Dotty is very excited to be working with students who want to go to the next level in their education and in their careers, and she looks forward to helping them achieve those goals.

**Maritza Gutierrez** (camera shy) is a full-time student and a part-time student worker at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga. Her plan is to enter the Radiology Technician program and transfer to Loma Linda University to receive a certificate for ultra sound technician and pursue a bachelors degree to further my career. She has an adorable 16 month old daughter named Elizabeth.

**Josh Macias** (left and bottom) is a full-time student and a psychology major who takes classes on both the Fontana and Rancho campuses. Josh plans to get his Ph.D. in psychology and eventually go into the counseling field. Currently, his interest is in marriage counseling. Josh has two adorable kids, a boy and a girl.

**New Applications to the Program**

Processing New Applications:
If you or someone you know is considering applying to the Honors Program, please be advised that next semester, due to the overwhelming number of applications we receive, we will ask that all new applications to the Honors Program be turned in before week 6 during the semester and at the end of week 2 during the summer. We cannot guarantee that applications turned in after this time will be processed the same semester.

Thanks very much!
Volunteering Opportunities, Fall 2010

Remember that you are responsible for keeping track of your own hours and signatures. We collect hours only once they are completed.

ASCC Service Projects at Chaffey College (Fall 2010)

Please contact ASCC for more information about specific projects, days, and times. (909) 952-6950

Community Service Opportunities

Woman on the Move, meetings held Every Friday 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the RC Family Resource Center: 9791 Arrow Route, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, 91730; (909) 982-1210

City of Rancho Cucamonga Website (through the “Volunteer” link)
  http://www.ci.ranch-cucamonga.ca.us

City of Fontana (use their search engine; type “Volunteer Opportunities”)
  http://Fontana.org

City of Chino (use their search engine; type “Volunteer Opportunities”)
  http://cityofchino.org

Hands on Inland Empire
  http://www.handsoninlandempire.org

Rancho Cucamonga Community Service Department
  http://www.rcpark.com

Alta Loma Riding Club
  http://www.altalomaridingclub.com

Rancho Cucamonga Public Library
  http://www.rcpl.lib.ca.us/volunteer.htm

To graduate from the Honors Program, you must complete 54 hours of campus or community service. Start early!
For more information about the Honors Program, you can visit our office to pick up a brochure and ask any questions you may have. You may also call or send us an email. We look forward to hearing from you!

For more information about PTK, you can visit our office for a brochure. PTK’s next meeting will occur in room CAA 218 on October 6, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.