New Semester, Big Changes

Welcome to a new semester here at the Chaffey Honors Program! Our program has many changes this semester, including a new director, and a new permanent administrative assistant. Dr. Julie Song is the new director of the program. Dr. Song has been a full time professor in the department of Sociology for 8 years. She earned her Master’s degree and doctorate at the University of California, Irvine, where she studied the children of immigrants and their assimilation patterns. Her research includes issues of race, immigration and gender, and social inequality. Dr. Song has been an integral part of the Chaffey community, as she has served on many committees, and has been the faculty advisor to the Chaffey College Feminist Club, an organization on campus that works to raise awareness around issues of gender inequality. She is very excited to lead the program into another successful academic year. Please welcome her to the program.

This semester we also welcome Dotty Nevarez as a permanent part of our Honors staff. Dotty successfully applied as the permanent administrative professional for the Honors Program. Congratulate her next time you see her!

Upcoming Conferences

On March 28, 2015, the Honors Transfer Council of California will be hosting its 15th annual student research conference at UCI. Last year, all of our Honors students who applied to attend the conference were able to present at the conference. Make sure you apply to present at the conference, the deadline is December 1, 2014. Chaffey pays for your registration, and you get valuable experience (and lunch!).

You may also want to apply to present at the Chaffey Symposium. The symposium will allow the UCI presenters and others to practice their presentation skills. The symposium will also feature panel discussions of the College Book, Daytripper. Make sure to submit your application soon!

Important Dates and Deadlines!

Have you submitted transfer applications? Are you planning to complete the Honors Program and graduate this semester? It is not too late to let us know! We want you at our graduation banquet. It will be held on May 6, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chino Community Center. Families are invited.

If you have not yet submitted an Intent to Complete form, do so now and save the date! The form is due by November 4. Contracts for semester length-classes are due this semester on October 10 no late contracts will be accepted.

The HTCC Research Conference at UCI will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

If you would like to volunteer at the conference, please contact Dotty as soon as possible. Time is running out to register.

The Chaffey Symposium will be held on Friday, February 20th. Sessions will begin at 9 a.m. Please contact the Honors Program Office to volunteer.
**Important Honors Program Policy Reminders**

**Contract Reminders:**
Only students admitted to the Honors Program will be allowed to complete contracts this semester. All contracts are due to our office by **Friday, October 10**. No exceptions.

You are responsible for writing up your own detailed description of your honors contract project. If you have questions about the proposal or other contract requirements, contact the Honors Program Office.

**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 placing them on warning. They will have one semester to improve their GPAs or they will face dismissal from the program.

**Honors Exit Survey:**
If you are completing the program this semester, you will receive an email asking you to take and complete our Honors Exit Survey online. We will use the results to measure the success of the Honors Program. The survey is anonymous, and results are never correlated to student names, ID numbers, or any other form of personal identification. Thank you very much for helping us to continue to make the Honors Program great!

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**Scholarship Contest!**
If you submitted an Intent to Complete Form, please be on the lookout for an email requesting your scholarship essay. We will be awarding hundreds of dollars in scholarships to our outgoing Honors Program completers, so please watch for the email.

**Graduation and Transfer Update**
If you applied to transfer to UCLA and have not already done so, please contact Susan Starr immediately. Remember, to take advantage of our any of our transfer agreements (including UCLA), you must complete all of the requirements for the Honors Program.

**Also,** please note that completion of the Honors Program is not the same as graduating “with honors.” To graduate “with honors” and wear the yellow sash, you must have a 3.5 GPA but do not need to be in the Honors Program.

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**Symposium**
If you didn’t submit a paper to the UCI conference but would still like to present your work at the Chaffey Symposium, please email the Honors Program staff (honors.program@chaffey.edu) ASAP! Thanks.

**Forms Available Online**
All Honors Program forms, including the application form contract, Intent to Complete Form, Volunteer Hour Reporting form, Nomination form, scholarship and conference application forms are available online at:

http://www.chaffey.edu/honors
Volunteering Opportunities, Fall 2014

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

Volunteer to help set-up or moderate our on-campus Chaffey Symposium, Friday, February 21st. Email or call us for more details! (You may also volunteer at UCI on April 5th.)

ASCC Service Projects at Chaffey College (Fall 2014)

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

Community Service Opportunities

CALPRIG
https://www.calpirgstudents.org/internships.

CASA: http://www.casaofsb.org/

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!

You are responsible for keeping track of your own volunteer hours. Submit your completed hours when you complete your Intent to Complete Form.
For more information about the Honors Program, you can visit our office and ask any questions you may have. You may also call or send us an email. We look forward to hearing from you!