Welcome back!

Greetings from the Honors Program! We hope you had a relaxing holiday break and were able to spend some time with loved ones. Our office had a very busy and successful semester during the Fall of 2014, and this newsletter serves to report our activities back to the Chaffey Community.

What’s New?

Faculty Nomination Forms

The Honors Program is always recruiting new, capable students. Although Chaffey College’s Honors Program is one of the largest ones in the state, and is quite reputable, many of our students do not know that we exist. Our goal is to make our program accessible to as many competent and tenacious students as possible. As faculty, you have a powerful role in shaping tomorrow’s honors students. If you have a student(s) that you think would be a great candidate for our program, please take a moment to nominate them to our program. Attached to this newsletter, you will find faculty nomination forms. If you are a faculty member, all you need to do is fill it out, and give it to the student to bring it to the Honors Program office (SSA-122), and we will do the rest! Alternatively, if you prefer emailing us your nomination, that is fine too, just email it to: honors.program@chaffey.edu.

Welcome Ceremony

The Honors Program hosted its bi-annual Welcome Ceremony last semester, in October, to celebrate our new students. 37 students came to our event, where they received their award, and enjoyed a lunch with the Honors Program staff and faculty. A special thank you to Dean Cory Schwartz, and Professors Carrie Veazy and Bonnie Khaw-Posthuma for coming and showing their support for our students. Our Welcome Ceremony for the Spring Semester will be on March 9. If you would like to attend as a faculty mentor or to show your support for new Honors Students, please email us at honors.program@chaffey.edu.
A little about our Fall 2014 Applicants

Last semester, we had a total of 86 applicants to the program, which is fairly consistent with historical trends.

The majority of our newest applicants are female (64%). Data was not collected, but analyzed using student names, which is why there is a large "unknown" population.

The majority (24%) of Chaffey HP students are Biology majors. Engineering (18%), Psychology (18%) and Business/Accounting (16%) are also overrepresented majors. This representation may reflect students who tend to be pre-med or seeking graduate school as their future goals.

Honors Program Benefits for Students

- Honors transfer agreements with designated universities guaranteeing priority consideration or acceptance
- Preparation for University level work, with an emphasis on pursuing individual research projects.
- Small classes that encourage creative interaction
- Dynamic professors interested in enriching students' academic experience
- Participation in local, state, and national research conferences
- Opportunities to publish original work in honors journals
- University library access and invitations to special events
- Scholarships and internships available upon application and verification of honors program status
- Distinctive transcript notations indicating the honors course and grade
- Certificate of completion of the honors program and acknowledgment at a special graduation ceremony

“We do not find honors students, we create them.”
See’s Candy Fundraiser

Thank you to those of you who supported our holiday fundraising efforts last semester! Thanks to your contributions, we had $1,733 in sales. Of this, $373.90 went towards our student scholarships. The students will truly benefit from your contribution. Thank you!!

UCLA TAP Conference

On November 14, 2014, Honors Program students, along with the Honors Program staff had the opportunity to attend the Transfer Alliance Program conference at UCLA. This conference hosts over 1,000 potential students from all California community colleges. Over 20 of our students attended, and they had the wonderful experience of taking a tour of and learning about the campus. They also met with two former Chaffey College students, Olga Ivesic (Pre-med) and Mario Giron (English major, recipient of the TAP scholarship), who shared their experiences of being a current bruin.

While students enjoyed the day at UCLA, the Honors Program staff attended workshops about how to continue the alliance between Chaffey College and UCLA to ensure that our students are given priority consideration and admission into UCLA. While on average, UCLA’s transfer admission rate is below 20%, 73% students who are part of the transfer alliance program were admitted into UCLA last Fall.

Spotlight on:
Honors Program Alumni

George Hewett

I started Chaffey in 2009 as a cost effective alternative to the UC system after graduating high school nearby. It would prove to be a big part of my holistic development. I transferred to UCLA as a Cultural Anthropology major, and Portuguese minor in 2012, followed by a study abroad program in the summer of 2013. I forwent the pomp and circumstance of my graduation ceremony this past summer to cycle across the US, raising two thousand dollars for charity. I am now in the process of applying to the Peace Corps, with hopes of being sent to South America.

Spotlight on:
Current Honors Program Student

Isabela Ybanez

I have been in the Honors Program for nine months now. The Honors Program provided all varieties of useful resources for me to use and broaden my academic spectrum. For example, they help me keep in constant contact with my counselor, they provide workshops to improve the knowledge that I already have, they open new doors for me that I would never have known about if the Honors Program did not introduce it to me, such as the HTCC conference, and much more. Not only did they help me with this, but I also feel that the Honors Program is preparing me for what lies ahead at the university level. By doing things such as presentations and research papers, I am constantly building on those skills which will probably be much needed at the university. This will allow me to be even more successful than I would have been, because I was given the opportunity to practice skills that are not necessarily practiced in regular classes.
# Upcoming Deadlines & Events

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We meet every 3rd Monday at 12:45 in AD 151

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