The Honors Program Newsletter-Spring 2012

Happy 2012 and Welcome to Spring!

Welcome to a new semester here at the Chaffey Honors Program! One of our highlights from last semester was our trip to UCLA in November. Pictured right are many of the students who attended. We will be visiting UCLA again next November, and I hope to see many of you there.

This semester you have the opportunity to participate in a student research conference at UCI, where the Honors Transfer Council of California is hosting its annual conference. Congratulations to our ten honors students who were accepted or waitlisted to present! Competition for spots this year was tougher than ever before! For those of you who are not presenting, it is not too late to volunteer for the conference. Volunteers attend the conference for free, and lunch is provided.

You may also want to volunteer to serve as a moderator at the upcoming Chaffey Symposium (February 24th). 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, The Botany of Desire. Refreshments will be provided.

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. The date has changed on our annual banquet. It will now be held on May 3, 2012, 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!

Contracts are due this semester on March 9th, and no late contracts will be accepted.

The HTCC Research Conference at UCI will be held on Saturday, March 31. 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 24th. 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, March 9. 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!

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.

Forms Available Online

All Honors Program forms, including the application form contract, Intent to Graduate form, Volunteer Hour Reporting form, Nomination form, scholarship and conference application forms are available online at

http://www.chaffey.edu/honors

Scholarship Contest!

If you submitted an Intent to Graduate 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.

New Staffer in the HP Office!

Last semester we welcomed a new student worker, Francine Acala (pictured left). Francine is still exploring majors. She looks forward to working with you this semester!
Volunteering Opportunities, Spring 2012

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 24th. Email or call us for more details!

ASCC Service Projects at Chaffey College (Spring 2012)

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.handsinlandempire.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
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, please visit:

http://www.chaffey.edu/ptk/