

TCC Honors Program Newsletter

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Points of Interest:

- **Are you an Honors Scholar who's graduating in the spring or summer?**
The Honors Program's exit essay deadline for spring and summer 2014 graduates is March 1.
- **Did you know the Honors Program has two students who are Honors Ambassadors?** They are James Presley at Northeast and Southeast Campuses and Amber Howell at Northeast. They are happy to answer any questions about the program, from the perspective of a student going through the Honors Scholar program.
- **TCC students will only have to remember a single log-in and password for their college electronic accounts, beginning in February!!!** Watch for announcements on campus, and see the related story on page 3.

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First Annual Research Retreat

Are you a motivated student who is interested in learning more about academic research? On **January 24**, the Honors Program will host its first annual all-day workshop focused on research. The workshop is free, but you do need to register for it.

The day's activities will take you beyond the information you receive from library orientations. For example, we will have guest panelists from a number of outside research venues that welcome undergraduate students, including archives, museums, specialty

libraries, and laboratories. There will be a session on the ethics of research. You will do exercises designed to help you define and test research questions, and you will learn how to evaluate potential sources as you review the existing literature. Several TCC faculty members will give presentations of their own academic research during breakout sessions.

All of this will take place in the Student Union on Southeast Campus. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at

2:30. To participate, you should be a current (spring 2014) TCC student, and you can register by going to

<http://www.tulsacc.edu/programs-and-courses/honors-program/honors-news>.

Questions?

918-595-7378



GPHC conference in Fort Smith: March 28-30

The Great Plains Honors Council's regional conference will be held in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, this year and hosted by the University of Arkansas-Ft. Smith. Thanks to a generous grant from the TCC Foundation, the Honors Program will pay all travel expenses for honors students who are accepted to give oral or poster presentations at the conference. The GPHC conference will provide participants with a valuable opportunity to make academic contacts and explore new ideas with honors students and faculty from a six-state region. To learn more about the conference program and its schedule, visit [http://dennissiler.wix.com/gphc-](http://dennissiler.wix.com/gphc-conference)

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Students' presentations based on their own research, analysis, and other projects are always important elements of the conference. This year, performances of music, dance or drama are also welcome. The Honors Program encourages any interested honors student to contact his or her campus honors coordinator.

Topics of student presentations at these conferences cover every discipline. At a GPHC conference, one can hear papers on almost anything scholarly. The Honors Program will award the privilege of paid conference ex-

penses to honors students only, with first consideration going to Honors Scholars. For tips on creating a winning proposal (also called an "abstract"), visit the Great Plains Honors Council website and click on "Annual Conference": greatplainshonors.com

Honors Scholars may enter full papers in a competition for the prestigious Boe Award. Winners of Boe Awards will receive special recognition at the conference and a monetary prize. We may nominate up to two student papers; for information, contact the Honors Office right away. Last year, we had a winner: Caroline Jennings!

2013 State of Creativity conference



Poet James Navé leads a session in the afternoon "c-School." Photo credit: Dr. Douglas Price

When Sir Ken Robinson and others at the forefront of a movement to bring about social change through cultivating people's creative potential were looking for an American state that could serve as a laboratory, they chose Oklahoma, a state that was already emphasizing creativity and innovation in visible ways. In 2006, a group of Oklahoma leaders formed a non-profit organization called Creative Oklahoma. Their mission is to bring about positive change in the state by cultivating crea-

tivity and innovation in education, commerce, and culture. The partnership that has developed between Oklahoma, the National Creativity Network, and the International Districts of Creativity has not only linked our state to an international movement emphasizing creativity and innovation, but has significantly impacted the people and institutions statewide who are putting these ideals at the center of the work that they do.

One of Creative Oklahoma's projects is an annual State of Creativity Forum. This year, the Honors Program took eight employees and five honors students to the 2013 Forum, which was held in Oklahoma City on Nov. 18-19. Representing the Honors Program's faculty, staff, and administration were Dr. Douglas Price, Gornie Williams, Dr. Beverly Bailey, Lindsey Barbour, Jerry Goodwin, Jon Tanzey, Jeanne Urie, and Lynn Greene. The students attending were Jennifer Glemboski, Graciela Herrera, Lala Perkins, Stevie Kuhn, and Amy Tommey.

The forum featured speakers engaged in the arts, the sciences, education, government, and commerce. A diverse group, they included Brad Moore (a native Oklahoman who is now president of Hallmark Hall of Fame Productions), seventeen-year-old Taylor Wilson (who is already an applied nuclear physicist), Dr. Rex Jung (assistant professor of neurosurgery at the University of New Mexico), Nancy Kantor (an executive with Disney), and many other equally illustrious creative thinkers. Not only did these extraordinary individuals speak about their own projects and experiences, but they came together in several panel discussions considering such topics as "Does Creative Thinking and Innovation Fuel Our Economy?" and "What New Research Tells Us About the Role of Creativity and Learning." The Forum also offered opportunities to participate in breakout sessions on a variety of topics, experience artistic performances by talented Oklahomans, and take part in some longer, hands-on sessions known as "c-School," in which participants exercised their own creative potential. For more about the State of Creativity, visit www.stateofcreativity.com

National Collegiate Honors Council: 2013 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana

By Susan O'Neal

With a theme of "Conflict, Transformation, and Creolization," the 2013 National Collegiate Honors Conference opened in New Orleans on November 6. TCC's Dean of Global and Engaged Learning Doug Price and Honors Program Coordinator Susan O'Neal represented the college at a series of events that provoked consideration of the theme, including two presentations that highlighted the impact of the civil rights movement.

Ruby Bridges spoke movingly of her experience as the first black student integrated in the New Orleans public school system, an event that led to her immortalization in Norman Rockwell's painting "The Problem We All Live With," and an early step in a life that has become dedicated to educational advocacy for children. Bridges now heads

the Ruby Bridges Foundation, which advances "the values of tolerance, respect, and appreciation of all differences through educational programs." Historian Taylor Branch, who won the Pulitzer Prize for *Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-63*, the first in a trilogy of books about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement, spoke about the lessons in citizenship that can be learned from studying civil rights history. In 2013, Branch published *The King Years: Historic Moments in the Civil Rights Movement*.

Doug and Susan also took part in several popular conference threads that focused on areas endemic to honors cultures. Susan attended sessions on topics such as two-year college issues, multi-campus honors programs, undergraduate research, national scholarships, honors advi-

sory boards, NCHC certification, student recruitment, and program publicity. Doug attended sessions related to diversity, global education, and study abroad. He also participated in the popular annual experiential learning program called City as Text. Participants do pre-conference reading, then explore key areas of the host city, with their research questions in mind.

Both enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with regional colleagues at the Great Plains meeting, including Dennis Siler, whose program at the University of Arkansas—Ft. Smith will host the regional conference March 28-30, 2014. They also enjoyed a chance to explore the French Quarter and downtown streets such as Tchoupitoulas on foot and take in the city's culture, particularly the food and street music which can be found in abundance.

Honors Business Program at West Campus

TCC's West Campus is continuing its Honors Business Program for talented and highly motivated business majors.

Each year, the program accepts a cohort of students who will progress through all the program's courses together. Students in the program will complete not only the associate degree and the Honors Scholar program at the end of two years, but also a Business Computer User Certificate at the end of the first year.

This spring, the Honors Business Program's classes are not limited



to the program's cohort but are open to all interested students. The spring 2014 classes include Biology for Non-Majors (CRN 21091), Intro to Ethics: Business Issues

(CRN 25455 or 25490), Microsoft Office (CRN 23257), and Intercultural Communication (CRN 26031 or 26032). All of these classes meet during morning hours (Monday through Thursday) at West Campus. They will feature close interaction with other motivated students, stimulating project-oriented assignments, and personalized attention.

Students who are just entering TCC as business majors in the fall should begin to apply now to become part of next year's Honors Business cohort. The first steps involve applying for admission to Tulsa Community College and then for acceptance into the Honors Scholar program. On the Honors Scholar application, students applying to the Honors Business Program will find a box they should check to indicate they are applying for admission to the business cohort.

For more information, contact the West Campus Business and IT Division at 918-595-8033 or click on the "Honors Business" link on the Honors Program's homepage: www.tulsacc.edu/honors

New "single sign-on" is coming to TCC

For years now, TCC students have had numerous log-ins for their electronic accounts at the college. There's one way to log into TED, another for Blackboard, yet another to use a computer on campus or check your college email, and still another for MyTCC.

Right?

All of that will become far simpler in the spring semester, when a new version of

MyTCC will be unveiled. It will give you access to all of TCC's electronic sites with a single sign-on: one user name, one password, one thing to remember.

The change is expected to come on Feb. 26. You'll receive more information closer to that date. Once the new MyTCC is in place, you will use it to access Blackboard, send and receive TCC email, enroll for classes, check your grades. It's all you'll need, all in one place. We think you'll like it!

NEC Lounge:

Ping-pong as promised!

Have you visited the honors lounge at Northeast Campus lately? It's staffed by our friendly Honors Ambassadors, Jim Presley and Amber Howell, and it is furnished with a coffee-maker, sofa, white board, work tables, computer, and ... at our students' request... a ping-pong table!

Drop by to play a game. It's a great way to relax between classes and get to know other Scholars. The lounge is room ET 100 in the Engineering Technology Building.

Let's root for TCC's Quiz Bowl team!

TCC is once again fielding a quiz bowl team coached by Brian Cross and Susan O'Neal of the honors faculty. This year, the team will begin its competitive season with the National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT) "sectional" tournament to be hosted by Redlands Community College on Jan. 25. Last year's team made it to the

NAQT national championship tournament. If we repeat, the team will travel to Atlanta in February.

They will also participate again this year in the state-wide "Mind Games" championship televised by KSBI-TV in Oklahoma City. Their first game will air on March 30 in the Oklahoma City viewing area. Video of the

game will be posted online a few days later. Visit <http://www.ksbitv.com/local/mind-games/college-edition.html> to watch them in action.

As long as they keep winning, they keep playing! The remaining air dates on which they may appear are April 27, May 11, May 18, and May 25.

Congratulations, fall graduates!

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We're on the web:

www.tulsacc.edu/honors

How to contact the TCC Honors Program

The Honors Program has a new e-mail address! If you have questions about the program or suggestions for us, please let us know. E-mail us at

honors@tulsacc.edu

The main TCC Honors Office is on Metro Campus, although honors classes and faculty honors coordinators are on every campus. See below:

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Scholarship news

The Bovaird Scholarship

If you are transferring to the University of Tulsa in the fall, ask the TCC Financial Aid Office about the Bovaird Scholarship. The Bovaird is awarded each year to four TCC students transferring to TU. This scholarship may be combined with the Honors Scholar Transfer Scholarship. Bovaird applications usually become available in March and have April or May deadlines.

University of Tulsa Transfer Scholarship

If you are an Honors Scholar planning to transfer to the University of Tulsa, you will need to apply for admission to TU before applying for scholarships. When you apply for transfer admission, notify TU that you are a TCC Honors Scholar. TU's admissions office will then supply you with a verification form that must be completed by the TCC Honors Office.

Beginning in fall 2014, the Honors Scholar Transfer Scholarship will be worth \$16,000 per year, renewable. The University of Tulsa will award this scholarship to any TCC student who graduates as an Honors Scholar with an all-college cumulative GPA of at least 3.5, provided he or she has never previously attended TU, does not yet have a bachelor's degree, and is not an international student. This scholarship may NOT be used in combination with Phi Theta Kappa scholarships.

TCC Honors Tuition Waiver

If you are receiving the Honors Scholar Tuition Waiver, your waiver will be renewed for spring provided you completed your honors classes in the fall and have enrolled in honors classes for the spring (or have already met the 24-credit-hour honors requirement for Honors Scholars).

In the spring, you'll receive an email from the Honors Office when it's time to request the tuition waiver for 2014-2015. Make a habit of checking your TCC-issued email account! This is how we communicate with you.

Other

Many scholarships (both transfer scholarships and scholarship available at TCC) have deadlines in February or March. If you are transferring to a four-year institution in the fall, be sure to contact the school(s) you are considering to determine all deadlines.