Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the University Honors Program Newsletter. We hope everyone is enjoying their Spring semester as we enter the week of midterms, and shortly thereafter, Spring Break. Good luck with midterms and all of your classes!

In this issue there is some important information about the Honors Program, scholarships, upcoming conferences, and events on and around campus.

If you have any events to post in the newsletter, or suggestions please email them to msub.honors@gmail.com.

Honors Club

We are looking to form an official Honors Club, in which there will be several leadership positions to fill. If you are interested in one of these leadership positions, or in being a member of this club, please stop by the LA Building’s 7th floor office, and speak with Zach Duval.

Attention Seniors

Students enrolled in the University Honors Program have the opportunity to earn the title “University Honors Scholar” after completing at least 21 honors credits throughout their time at MSU Billings (including three upper-division credits). Those who have completed these requirements are recognized at Convocation, Commencement, and an Honors awards banquet.

If you are planning to graduate this spring with an Honors Diploma, please contact Tami Haaland prior to March 1st. (thaaland@msubillings.edu)

Honors Spring Celebration

The Honors Spring Celebration will be taking place on April 19th. During this celebration the graduating seniors will be honored. In addition, honors scholarships will be awarded during this event. Please look to future newsletters for further details.

Honors Survey

Omi Preheim is inviting you to participate in a survey evaluating the experiences of current MSUB honors students. Data will be used strengthen the MSUB Honors Program and provide data useful for ongoing accreditation.

Participation involves a 15-minute survey, to be administered on Monday, March 14, 2011, 11:30-1:30 p.m. in the 8th Floor Faculty Lounge of the LA Building.

Pizza and soda will be available as compensation for your participation during the panel surveys. Come have some fun, eat a free lunch, and help out the Honors Program at MSUB!

Scholarship Deadlines

There will lots of scholarship deadlines coming up. Be sure to check the scholarship section of the newsletter and look for scholarships of your own. You can also check www.msubillings.edu/finaid for outside scholarship information.
Ballroom Dance

The MSU Billings Dance Club will now have two meeting times each week. The first is five o’clock Monday nights at the Yellowstone Dance Studio downtown (106 N 29th St #B). The second is at seven o’clock, Monday nights on the MSU Billings campus. This will be held in the MSUB Banquet room A&B (located through the cafeteria). This group learns various ballroom and Latin dances, and is a great (free) extra-curricular activity.

AAUW Luncheon

You are invited to a complimentary luncheon on April 9th at 11:30 am in the Lewis and Clark room of the Student Union Building. This event will be hosted by AAUW. The presentation will be by Jenifer Parks, a professor of Rocky Mountain College, about “The Cold War and Women’s Sports.” If you are interested, you must RSVP with Nancy Downing (652-5474) by April 5th.

Events On Campus

Ballroom Dance

Weekly Campus Calendar

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“Enjoy Spring Break”
In the Area:

The Diary of Anne Frank

This March, Billings Studio Theatre will be presenting “The Diary of Anne Frank,” an adaptation of the performance which will be directed by Byrl Skovgaard, and sponsored by Rita Heizer. The BST rendition of this well-known play incorporates Anne Frank’s diary entries, as well as accounts from Holocaust survivors during the Second World War. The performances will take place from March 4 through March 20. For more details call the Billings Studio Theatre Box Office at 248-1141.

Venture Theatre Auditions

Venture Theatre will be holding auditions for roles in the following upcoming plays:

_A Kid’s Life: A Musical_ 2 Adult Roles. **Director:** Sarah Butts

Tuesday, March 1 - 4-5:30pm, Wed. March 2 - 4-5:30pm

_Chicago_ Auditions for this show are restricted to people 17 years and older.

**Director:** Susan Sommerfeld.
Sunday, March 6, 7pm: Music Auditions. If time permits, some dance.
Monday, March 7, 7pm: Dance Auditions and Script Reading Auditions.
Thursday, March 10, 7:30pm: Callbacks.

_The History Boys._

**Director:** Craig Huisenga
Sunday, March 20 - 7pm, Mon. March 21 - 7pm (Actors only need to attend one of these dates.)

_Young Jane Eyre_ 30 female and 4 male roles for 3rd grade - adult actors.

**Director:** Wanda Morales
Sunday, March 20 - 7pm, Mon. March 21 - 7pm (Actors only need to attend one of these dates.)

For more information call 591-9535.

NCHC Conference Proposal Submissions

The 2011 NCHC Conference Proposal Submission deadline has been extended to March 11, 2011. NCHC is seeking proposals in the following categories: Forum on Diversity; Forum on International Education; General Sessions; Idea Exchange; Master Classes; Poster Sessions; Roundtable Discussions; Student Interdisciplinary Research Panel; Student Moderators; and Teaching & Learning.

This year will allow for the display of posters and creative works outside the meeting rooms throughout the conference. Attendees will be able to view the presentations. Participants in this year’s poster session may also choose to enter a new “Poster Award” competition. Prizes for best poster or creative work will be awarded in four areas: humanities, social sciences, physical/natural sciences, and creative expression.

If you need assistance with the proposal submission process, please contact psouliere2@unl.edu or (402) 472-9172. If you have questions about conference proposals, please contact conference chair Greg Lanier, glanier@uwf.edu.
Established in 1997, the Honors Program at Montana State University Billings provides an enhanced and supportive learning environment responsive to the educational needs of exceptionally motivated undergraduate students. The program is open to all undergraduate students regardless of their major who are interested in opportunities for enriched learning, cultural explorations and fellowship. The program fosters an affordable small college experience with enhanced access to professors while benefiting from the University’s size and diverse degree programs.

Scholarship Headquarters

1) FAFSA ................................................................. March 1 deadline
   Do not forget to fill for FAFSA.
   The priority deadline for MSU B is March 1st
   [Application Information]

2) Billings Branch American Association of University Women ............ March 1 deadline
   Qualifications: women who are currently enrolled in undergraduate programs at MSU-Billings and who have demonstrated financial need, at the time must have completed at least 24 college credits and be in good academic standing, preference may be given to a non-traditional student.
   [Applications available in the Financial Aid Office]

3) University Honors Program Scholarships ...................................... March 30 deadline
   Scholarships designated for MSU Billings students enrolled in the Honors program.
   Applications for both Summer 2011 and the 2011-2012 academic year are attached (see pages 7 and 8).

Level 2

1) Montana Tuition Assistance Program Baker Grants ........................... Deadlines vary
   Grant is to offset any Pell Grant dollars lost due to earned wages
   [Application Information]

2) Governor’s Best and Brightest Scholarship .................................March 15 deadline
   Must be a Montana resident attending college in Montana.
   [Application Information]

3) Circle of Success Grants ....................................................... March 1 deadline
   Must be a Montana student attending college in Montana at least half time. Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Have successfully completed their first year of college and are in their second, third or fourth year of higher education.
   [Application Information]

Level 3

1) The Proof-Reading.com Scholarship ........................................ June 1 deadline
   This scholarship requires writing a 1500 word essay response to the scholarship prompt closely following MLA formatting guidelines.
   [Application Information]
The International Honors Society In Psychology  
Psi Chi/APS Annual Convention  
Washington, DC  
May 26–May 29, 2011  
Conference Home Page

National Collegiate Honors Council  
Phoenix, Arizona  
October 19-23, 2011  
Conference Home Page

Western Regional Honors Council Conference  
Constructing Places of Collaboration  
Park City, Utah  
March 31-April 2, 2011  
Conference Home Page

Sigma Tau Delta (International English Honors Society)  
Beyond Words  
Pittsburgh, PA  
March 23-26, 2011  
Conference Home Page

National Conference on Undergraduate Research  
Ithaca, New York  
March 31-April 2, 2011  
Conference Home Page
COMT 130.10 Hon: Public Speaking (3 credits)
Melinda Tilton, TR 10:30-12:00
Develops the student's speaking abilities. Students acquire an understanding of basic rhetorical theory and its application in a variety of speech situations. Listening, speaking and critiquing abilities are emphasized. This course addresses the following topics: speech preparation and delivery, forming and fielding questions, audience analysis, listening skills, critiquing and speaker anxiety.

EDU 105.2 Hon: Education and Democracy (3 credits)
Anton Hecimovic, MWF 8:10-9:10
Explores what it means to be an educated person in a democratic society. Although schooling is generally the primary formal means whereby societies educate citizens, this course focuses on education broadly to examine a) the ways people create and share knowledge, b) society’s responsibilities to provide the rich and varied opportunities needed by all citizens who would be educated, c) the consequences of disenfranchising anyone from those opportunities, and d) the critical link between democratic society and education.

HON 121.01 Hon: Perspectives and Understanding (3 credits)
TBA, TR 12:10-1:40
Explores classic and contemporary works of literature, art, and philosophy with an emphasis on cultural and historical contexts in order to develop critical and multi-disciplinary analytical skills. This course will serve as an introduction to Honors and will be required for university honors students.

PLCI 230.1 Hon: International Relations (3 credits)
Craig Wilson, MWF 11:40-12:40
Considers the nature of relations among nations, various dimensions of international politics and the nature of political challenges occasioned by the changing milieu in which international affairs are conducted.

HON 290 or 490 Internships (1-3 credits)

HON 291 or 491 Independent Study (1-3 credits)

HON 292/492 (1 credit) Students, if you have an idea for a 1-credit seminar, or if a group of students can agree on an academically rigorous, creative topic they would like to pursue in a 1-credit seminar, it’s likely we can make it work. Be proactive, and communicate with Tami to see what’s possible. thailand@msubillings.edu.

Honors Contract: By special arrangement students may negotiate an Honors Contract with a professor. This contract will suffice to make a regular class fulfill an honors requirement through advanced work as specified by the contract. Requires the Director’s approval.
University Honors Scholarship Application
Deadline: March 30th, 2011

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, MI)
_______________________________________________________________________________

Student ID Number _______________________ Phone __________________ Email ____________

Permanent Address
_______________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________

Student Mailing Address
_______________________________________________________________________________

Montana Resident _____Yes _____No  U.S. Citizen _____Yes _____No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Cumulative Grade Point Average (please use 4.00 scale) ________

Estimated number of credits per semester for which you will be enrolled at MSU Billings for the academic year 2011-2012:

Fall Semester ____________________________ Spring Semester ____________________________

Major/Minor ______________________________ Anticipated Graduation Date: __________________

Honors Courses Completed (list courses and semester completed) ____________________________________________

Honors Courses Anticipated ________________________________________________________________

REQUIRED MATERIALS

In order to be considered for the University Honors Scholarship, the following materials must accompany this application:

1. A formal letter including information about your current academic progress, involvement in community and/or school activities, work experience, educational goals, financial situation, and any other relevant information you would like the scholarship committee to consider.
2. A working copy of your most recent grade transcript (an unofficial transcript).

ALL APPLICANTS PLEASE SIGN AND DATE BELOW

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct. If selected for this scholarship, I permit the release of my academic, financial, and biographical information to outside agencies (donors, hometown newspapers, college publications, etc.)

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Signature of applicant Date

The complete application must be received on or before March 30, 2011 in order to be considered. Return this completed application with all required information to:

MSU Billings Honors Program

Liberal Arts # 414
1500 University Drive
Billings, MT 59101-0298
University Honors Program  
Summer Scholarship Application  
Deadline: March 30, 2011

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