

University Honors Program News

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Important Honors Notices

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.

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*"I have always grown from my problems and challenges, from the things that don't work out, that's when I've really learned."
~Carol Burnett*

Events On Campus

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 down town (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.

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Weekly Campus Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
President's Day ~ No Classes, Offices Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Ballroom Dancing Banquet A & B 8:00pm RHA Mtg Missouri 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00pm Jazz Ensemble Galleria 4:15 pm HEROES Team Meeting Gallatin 5:00pm ASMSUB Meeting Missouri 5:15pm Women's Basketball Alterowitz Gym 6:15pm Student United Way Meeting Missouri 7:00 pm Student Success Banquet A & B 7:00 pm InterVarsity Meeting Gallatin 7:30pm Men's Basketball Alterowitz Gym 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00pm PB&J for the HUB Org. Workroom 3:10 p Student Recital Cisel Hall 5:00pm Forge Production House Gallatin 7:00pm InterVarsity Bible Study Missouri 7:00pm Mayfly Media Fishing Movie Petro Theatre 3:30 PM Pow Wow Planning Meeting Beartooth 6:00 PM Christians on Campus Madison 6:30 PM Mayfly Media Fishing Movie WebEye Group SUB Petro Theatre 7:00 PM InterVarsity Bible Study Missouri 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:15pm Women's Basketball Alterowitz Gym 7:00pm InterVarsity Beartooth 7:30pm Men's Basketball Alterowitz Gym 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00pm Campus Ministry Bible Study Gallatin 6:00pm Montana Shrugged Petro Theatre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday - 1:00pm Chicks in Science Alterowitz Gym

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.



**BILLINGS STUDIO
THEATRE**

"Your Community Theatre"

1500 RIMROCK RD BILLINGS MT

For Reservations call 1.406.248.1141

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, 730pm: 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 27 - 7-9:30pm, Mon. March 28 - 7-9:30pm (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.

In order to submit a proposal, you must be a current member of NCHC.

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.

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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.

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Level 1

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](#)
- 4) 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](#)

**Providing Enriched
Educational Opportunities
For Students**



Conferences

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](#)

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS
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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. thaaland@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.

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.)

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**

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Cumulative Grade Point Average (please use 4.00 scale) _____

Number of credits for which you are or will be enrolled at MSU Billings for Summer 2011: _____

Major/Minor _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

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