

Dear Fellow Honors Programmers,

We are running late with this newsletter and so there is much to report. In brief, here is some of the news and highlights:

- **Honors Courses for Next Year** - The Honors Council is working on increasing the number of Honors courses for next year, especially options for sophomores and juniors. I expect that we will pilot some of these courses next spring. Essentially, our idea is to offer 2 or 3 special topics courses per year. The courses will be designed so that UHP students, majors, and interested others can take them. Our capstone course (I hope the Hunger course) will also be offered next spring.
- **Scholarship Deadline Extended** - Since our scholarship deadline fell on a holiday, we have extended it. We will also be following up with scholarship applicants about their projected plans for becoming University Honors Scholars, i.e. completing 21 hours of Honors credits, which the Honors Council has made a scholarship criterion.
- **End-of-Year Celebration** - Tentatively, we have scheduled our end-of year celebration for UHP graduates, scholarship recipients, and members for Friday April 26 at the Chancellor's house at 4 o'clock.
- **Student Representative to the Honors Council** - Next year we need two new student representatives for the Council, which serves as legislature and board of directors for the program. If you are interested or want to nominate someone for the Council, let me know.
- **Spreading Our Wings** - As a program, we want to showcase our members' talent and abilities; work that merits recognition beyond MSUB. UHP members, Patricia Hampton and Laura-Ashlee Twiford will present their work at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Representing UHP, Erin Robinson will attend the Western Regional Honors Council Conference at the University of Northern Arizona; she will also present her Honors Travel Writing class research at Highlands College Research Day in Butte. In supporting such work, UHP enables you to compete for more national scholarships and awards.
- **Congratulations to Desja Eagle Tail** - Congratulations to Desja for her Petro Hall concert which featured soul, rock, jazz, as well as her own compositions.
- **Dreams and Aspirations** - Nathan Balliet was not able to bring John Trudell here in April for a lecture and participation in the Powwow, but Trudell may be able to come in November. Trudell is an acclaimed poet, national recording artist, actor, and activist whose international following reflects the universal language of his words, work, and message. A Santee Sioux, he was active in the American Indian Movement, including its occupation of Alcatraz Island (<http://johntrudell.com/bio.html>). Nathan hoped to interview Trudell for his senior thesis. I include this item as an illustration of the kind of projects we at the UHP are willing to sponsor.

Goldwater Scholarship Honorable Mention

Cory Lovec was awarded an Honorable Mention in the annual Goldwater Scholarship competition, the only Montanan to receive such recognition. The Goldwater Scholarship is the most prestigious award in the United States given to undergraduates studying science, mathematics, or engineering. In his application Cory wrote, "I plan on earning both a Pharm.D. and a Ph.D. so that I can have a career in drug synthesis research. Earning the Pharm.D. will permit me to have a connection with patients, while receiving a degree in pharmacology or chemistry will allow me to pursue drug research." Cory's Goldwater recognition constitutes an endorsement of these aspirations; the UHP looks forward to seeing his career as a research scientist.

Hearty congratulations to Cory.

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- UHP guest instructor Tim Cahill has also been a writer in residence at San Jose State University and gives lectures and courses on travel writing all over the country. Comparing the quality and the abilities of the students and auditors in Honors Writing 201 here with those he taught at San Jose, San Jose, he has found our group much more enjoyable and interesting. More information on Cahill's achievements and reputation can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tim_Cahill_%20writer%29 and <http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2005/03/wild-life-interview-tim-cahill>. We are trying to arrange a public reading and lecture by Cahill on April 9. The success of Honors Writing 201, with its combination community auditors and MSUB students, suggests that UHP should consider more classes with community auditors.

Wishing you a good spring mini-break and successful dash to the end of the semester. DC



University Honors Program Reminders

- UHP Scholarship application deadline extended to Thursday, April 4

Honors Club Reminders

- April 7 - Honors Club meeting
- April 8 - Apply for the Honors Student Advisory Council President position for the 2013-14 academic year
- April 17 - meeting cancelled
- April 20, 10a-5p. - Honors Study Sessions - contact HSAC if you want to volunteer - snacks and activities!
- April 22, 5p. - Final Honors Social!
- April 24 - Last Lecture presented by Dr. Tom Rust

Chicks in Science Volunteers Needed!!!

This year's Chicks in Science will take place April 13; volunteers are needed to assist with set-up/take-down and (wo)manning booths.

Shifts 8a-4p; 1 to 4 hours.

If you're interested contact Liz in the Office for Community Involvement 896-5817 or volengcoord@msubillings.edu

Partners in the Parks

Partners in the Parks is an NCHC outdoor experiential learning program involving academic adventures at national parks across the country. The week-long projects include seminars led by university faculty and park rangers as well as exciting recreational opportunities. Open to honors faculty and students.

If you are interested, send inquiries to honors@suu.edu.

Financial Assistance available - NCHC Student Stipend provides \$300 towards participation.

Application and more information <http://www.partnersintheparks.org>.

MSUB Art History Trip to Italy & Spain May 2014

Open to all students and faculty (& friends and family!)

Earn art history credit while visiting Europe for 15 days! Highlights include Rome, Florence, Barcelona.

\$3795.00* includes airfare, lodging, transportation, activities, and breakfast.

Contact Jodi Lightner by March 29 if you're interested or enroll

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