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Honors Program Reaches New Heights at "Base Camp" Retreat



The Winter Semester Honors Retreat was held Saturday, March 16 at the new "Base Camp" Challenge Center of the Genesee Area Skill Center (GASC). As Indiana Jones

Music played in the background, honors students and faculty members engaged problem-solving and leadership skills to complete a high-ropes course and to scale a rock climbing wall, supported by a belay team.

Daniel Waskoski commented, "The experience really showed how the group helped each of us achieve more than we would have been able to do individually." Even those who were reluctant or unable to participate in the more physically challenging aspects felt their presence as coaches was impor-

We'd like to thank the College Life Enhancement Fund (CLEF) for the funding that made this unique experience possible.



Photos: (above) Nick Perry (right) Aimee Lowes & Heather Sisto Collins.

Your Chance to Be a Star And Travel Far

Some of the perks of the Honors Program are the opportunity to travel, to meet students from other colleges, and to better prepare for life at a transfer institution.

The best way to accomplish all three is to submit a terrific paper you wrote for one your honors courses to one or more contests and/or conferences.

Most require a faculty mentor to sign for you, so contact the professor of the course. Contact Heather Sisto Collins for application forms and details.

Submission Deadline	Contest or Conference	Event Place/Time
April 19	IJTEWS Journal (NonFic, Fiction, Poetry)	Literary Edition August
April 19	NCHC Conference (Research Project)	Salt Lake City Oct 31-Nov 3
May 15	Cranbrook Guild (NonFic, Fiction, Poetry)	Bloomfield Hills Aug 8-10
May 24	LAND Conference (Research Project)	Grand Rapids Sept 28

Don't Miss April 15th Deadline for UM-Flint Jr.-Sr. Honors Scholars Program

MCC and UM-Flint established an Honors Transfer Alliance Agreement in 2000. This allows MCC Honors Program transfers to receive "first priority" for the 4 scholarships available at the Junior level. Since the agreement has been in

place, two MCC students per year have been awarded the \$6,000 scholarships.

Dr. Maureen Thum, Director of the UM-F program, has been impressed with our students and has worked on a smooth transition, so MCC students can feel at

home quickly. A unique aspect of the program is the study abroad Senior Thesis opportunity.

Applications, 2 letters of reference & 2 papers or portfolio should be submitted to Heather for review by April 11th.

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Toronto Spring Break a Multi-cultural Extravaganza!

Sampling goat and other exotic dishes in Toronto's "Little India" and "Chinatown" was just one of many adventures during the March 5-7 trip.



Joni, Laura, Irina, Heather, Tena, Ginny, Carolyn, Jennie "Little India"

Counselors V. Rucks & T. Marsh joined HP Advisor H. S. Collins and 6 honors students for a train trip from Sarnia to Toronto. Experiencing subways & trolleys was new to some.

We continued this year's honors theme of "Customs, Traditions, & Celebrations" with tickets to Broadway's *The Lion King*. The creative use of puppets and masks retained the flavor of traditional African cultures.



Heather & Mary in "Little India"

Ancient Egyptian cultures and myriad exhibits such as sculptures by Rodin

(famous for *The Thinker*) were highlights of the Royal Ontario Museum. A fresh snow created a magical effect as we toured the beautiful Casa Loma castle.

Participants Joni Burnell, Mary Lyons, Laura Kelley, Irina Novikova & Carolyn Scott would like to encourage others to travel and bring those texts alive!

Next year's spring break is tentatively planned for Washington, D.C. Start planning fund-raisers now!

Attention Grads: Graduation Protocol

Honors Dinner
April 19 is dressy.

Wear medal - lions to Apr 26 Honors Breakfast 7:30 AM.

Wear pressed gown, cap, cords, PTK regalia, & HP medallion to Commencement Sat. Apr 27. Arrive 1:00PM at IMA Sports Arena. HP Diploma recipients only, line up in first row. After ceremony, remain in arena for group photo by stage.

April 19th Dinner Planned for Graduates All Honors Program Students Welcome

The traditional HP Graduation Dinner and Medallion Ceremony will be held in beautiful Applewood Café in the Prahll College Center April 19 from 6-9 PM.

Dubbed *Passageways*, to commemorate this important rite of passage from the completion of one goal to the setting of new

goals, features this year's guest speaker Ambre Johnson McCormick of Genesee AmeriCorps. A tasty buffet will be provided by Creative Catering for students and invited guests.

Students who have earned the HP Diploma also receive a distinct HP medallion that is worn for commencement. Students who

have completed at least 3 honors courses are eligible for an Honors Certificate of Achievement.

Any honors students who would like to attend may purchase a \$16 ticket from the VP office CM1001. Grads must also purchase tickets for guests but receive 1 complimentary ticket.

Fall Registration Is Here

Remember that you must register with the Honors Program Coordinator for any Honors classes.

You must also sign a new Honors Program Scholarship application each semester.

You may NOT self-register, so call for an appointment: 762-0331.

Fall 2002 offerings include:
PSCN-171 **Am Government**
HIST-155 **Am History**
GEOL-151 **Geology**
HREL-151 **Human Relations**

Please note: HREL 151 meets TR 10:30-11:55 (time listed incorrectly in schedule book).

Newcomer to the honors faculty will be Jan McFarlane, who plans to add an oral his-

tory component to her History 155 (post Civil War) course. Students will interview people who were involved in the Civil Rights Era.

Glowing reports came from those enrolled in last fall's courses. Some highlights included community service projects in Rozycki's Government 171 course. Students were placed with congressmen, in shelters, at schools, JobCorps & other ser-

vice locations. A *Flint Journal* article praised Penny Pierson's work at the Mott Farm.

The Colloquium is continuing the concept of community involvement under B. Ivory. One group is creating a documentary on road-side memorials. Next Winter's Colloquium will continue the Community Service theme.