



Honors Program News

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Awesome Chicago NCHC Conference

November 2, 2001 marked the first time that an MCC honors student has presented at the prestigious NCHC conference.

MCC honors students Irina Novikova, Cornelious Lawler, Eric Lewis, and Kwanza Milow attended the 4 day National Collegiate Honors Council annual convention at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

Kwanza Milow and Honors Coordinator Heather Sisto Collins made a joint presentation on how the PTK honors topic was used in the Honors English 102 class last Winter. Milow's essay, "Life in a Bottle," won the MCC essay contest last May and was presented as an example of a personal narrative that led to further re-

search on drought issues.

Milow also participated in a poetry master class. He stated, "These opportunities have not only helped me to grow as an artist and a student, but they have also allowed me to network with peers & professionals from colleges nationwide."

Neil Lawler commented, "One of the most memorable parts of the conference was the *City as Text* component, where groups of students experienced different Chicago neighborhoods, first-hand."

Irina Novikova was impressed by the nationally acclaimed authors who lectured, signed their books and spoke with students afterward. These included Pat

Mora, poet; Paul Loeb, political activist; and Robert Zubrin, Mission to Mars aerospace engineer.



Lawler, Lewis, Milow & Novikova sightsee while attending NCHC conference in Chicago.

Eric Lewis expressed the sentiments of the group by thanking CLEF, the College Life Enhancement Fund, for affording all involved this

this great opportunity.

The group also saw the fabulous "VanGogh-Gauguin: The Studio of the South" exhibit at the Chicago Institute of Arts. Friday evening included a gala held at the Field Museum, which featured the world's oldest and largest Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton and a special Cleopatra exhibit.

After the conference, the group toured the Shedd Aquarium and F.L.Wright's "Robie House".

"I am so proud of how our honors students held their own with students from 4 year colleges. They are more than prepared to transfer after leaving Mott's program," reflected Collins, Honors Coordinator.

Attention All May 2002 Graduates!

If you plan to graduate or transfer in May, notify Heather Collins immediately. Much goes into the planning of graduation activities, and we want to make sure you are prepared for the next step in your academics or employment.

Honors Program Diplomas are awarded to those who complete the Honors Colloquium and 3 other honors courses, while completing an Associates Degree.

Honors Certificates of Achievement are awarded to those who complete at least

3 honors courses but plan to transfer before completing an Associates Degree. Both groups must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better at graduation.

All are honored at our April HP graduation dinner and medallion ceremony.

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Congratulations 2001 HP Graduates

Fourteen Honors Program students received the unique HP medallion at the awards dinner and then received the Honors Program Diploma in Commencement ceremonies in April 2001.

Savannah Hall made the headline story of the *Flint Journal* by receiving her Associates Degree even before her high school diploma! (Top row from left):



Savannah Hall, Anthony Deering, Michael Morley, Trina Marks, Lloyd Dockham, (Standing): Lisa Neverdausky, Caryl Walling,

Kathy Pobocik, Tiara Holloway. (Not shown): Annette Caslmon, Tonya Roper, Karen Vangilder, & Valerie

Watkins.

Some graduate success stories: Walling earned a scholarship in Pre-veterinary Med at MSU & Roper was admitted to the Honors Program at UM-Flint

Neverdausky, admitted to the Honors Program at EMU in Social Work, advises current students to "take advantage of conferences & honors classes and work at a major university will be a breeze."

New Idea for Winter Retreat

Don't Forget to Register for W'02

HREL 299 is nearly at capacity. Remember that you must take one colloquium to qualify for HP diploma. Brian Ivory has designed "Multicultural Celebrations & Rites of Passage" for this year's "Community" topic.

An off-campus retreat for honors students and faculty is usually held prior to the beginning of fall and winter semesters at the President's Conference Center.

However, for Winter 2002, we are planning a fun Saturday of "Team Buidling" at the newly designed GASC "Adventure Learning" cen-

ter. You will learn leadership skills, trust, team cohesion, and problem-solving while having a great time with your fellow honors students.

Activities include high ropes for the more daring, and an obstacle course. Lunch will be provided.

Watch your mail for details!

Winter Honors Sections

Brenda.Zicha looks forward to offering SOCY-191 which will explore customs & traditions in light of gender, race & ethnicity issues. Dutra's new IntroPHIL-209 does NOT have a pre-requisite. Collins' ENGL-102 will study *Antigone*, *The Giver*, & multi-cultural essays.

Many New Transfer Scholarships Available

Don't Miss Deadlines

Your first step, if you plan to transfer to a four year college next fall, is to apply for admission in January.

Once you receive confirmation of admission, you can then apply for scholarships, most of which must be used for the full

academic year.

You may want to begin your search for scholarships at MCC's own website. Go to www.mcc.edu Click on Financial Aid; click on Transfer Scholarships.

UM-Flint has the earliest scholarship deadline: Feb.8, 2002. Call Martha Burr

766-6742 for details. These are separate from the UM-Flint Honors scholarship deadline in April, which requires 3.7GPA.

Several colleges have added new scholarships for transfer students. Many are awarded solely on GPA & some are competitive. Most scholarship deadlines are

March 1st. Visit MSU's website www.admis.msu.edu/transfer.asp

Or WMU's www.wmich.edu/admi

Grand Valley State, WMU & MSU have added the scholarship of \$1,200 for current PTK members.

See Heather for more info.