



Honors Program News

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for MCC Honors Students

Honors Program Winter Retreat A Fun Challenge



Sean Crawford on high ropes

The Winter Semester Honors Retreat was held Friday, January 24, 2003 at the "Base Camp Challenge Center" for the second year. Honors students and faculty members engaged in problem-solving and leadership skills to complete a high-ropes course and to scale a rock-climbing wall. When Honors students arrived they were not sure what to expect, but all

were left with a sense of success and were glad they came. Jennifer Gates commented, "The program was wonderful; it boosted my self-esteem." Darcy Cook stated, "It helped me gain control over my fears." When several participants were asked, "What specific parts of the content will you implement?" Laura Enos remarked, "Teamwork"; Irina Novikova stated, "Self-awareness"; faculty advisor Paul Rozycki commented, "Leadership & team building." A number of students said they would stop, listen and think before reacting to a situation.

The Honors Program would like to thank the College Life Enhancement Fund (CLEF) for the funding that made this unique experience possible.



Irina Novikova on climbing wall

Heads up!

Fall registration is right around the corner.

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 for honors courses, so call for an appointment: 762-0331.

Please be advised that **any MCC student** with a cumulative 3.25 GPA or better and completion of 12 credits (in 100 or higher level courses) may also enroll in honors courses with the permission of the Honors Program Coordinator. However, only Honors Program students are eligible for the scholarship. Encourage your friends to register and do not wait until the last minute to sign-up.

Fall honors offerings include:

- PSCN 171 Intro American Government
- HIST 155 U.S. History
- HREL 151 Multi-cultural Communication (mes)
- GEOL 151 Physical Geology (nts)

New Pre-Corequisite for all honors courses:

The honors steering committee passed a new requirement for enrollment in honors courses. Students must have completed or be enrolled in ENGL-101 because honors courses require more writing than regular sections.

Important Dates for Your Calendar

Now:	Application for MCC graduation due at Registrar
March 21:	MCC essay contest due in Humanities CM 1101
April 24:	UM-Flint Honors Program Scholarship applications due in the Honors Program Advising office PCC 218
April 25:	Honors Program Medallion Ceremony and dinner
May 2:	Honors Program Breakfast
May 3:	Commencement
May 24:	L.A.N.D. essay contest applications due

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Alumni News

- Andrew Armbruster is now living in Paris and says it has changed his life. You may contact him at drdru7029@hotmail.com
- Nicholas Perry was accepted to the UM-Flint Jr.-Sr. Honors Program in January, majoring in computer science.
- Penny Pierson is recovering well from her neck injury incurred last March. She was able to complete her graduation requirements at MCC for her Honors Diploma and is now attending Ohio State University!
- May 2002 Honors Program graduates Cornelius (Neil) Lawler and Joni Burnell have stepped into leadership roles at MCC and are temporary full-time employees. Neil is in charge of the Placement Testing Center and Joni works in the Career Resource Center.
- Dan Waskoski, May 2002 Honors Program graduate, led the Environmental Club's year long effort to reinstate the recycling program at MCC. The trial period was very successful and Dan plans to pursue a degree in Environmental Journalism at Miami of Ohio University.

Several Honors Students Receive Kudos

James Dewilde's "Faded Innocence", will appear in a national honors magazine *Scribendi*. The essay explores his thoughts on September 11, and how he explained the terror of that day to his children. DeWilde has served 20 years in the military and has also worked in the private sector. He plans to pursue a teaching degree at MSU. The University of New Mexico publishes *Scribendi* and is hosting a reception for the authors in Reno this April. Bravo!

Mary Lyons rose to the challenge and, after submitting an essay, letters and application to PTK, has been nominated to the All-Michigan Academic Team. Way to go, Mary!!

Mary Lyons, Neil Lawler, and Joni Burnell from Brian Ivory's Honors Colloquium Winter 2002 presented highlights of their Road Side Memorial Project at the January faculty meeting. Faculty and administrators were impressed with how the group combined field research, such as surveys, with other data. They were also surprised by the professional quality of the video. Kudos go to group member Ben Sauders for that aspect. Ben is now attending CMU on a full-ride scholarship in Broadcasting!!



Honors Colloquium

Last year's honors topic worked so well in the honors courses that we elected to repeat this theme for 2003 and 2004. Paul Rozycki is teaching this Winter's Honors Colloquium with a local focus. "Customs, Traditions and Celebrations: The Human Drive for Community—Rebuilding Flint and Genesee County."

Students from the class were involved in Governor Granholm's community meeting at the RTC in January. They are expected to volunteer for a community activity, write a paper about their experience and make a presentation.

Volunteer Work

- Andrea Chandler, Women in Education Program at Mott
- Sean Crawford, Freeman Elementary School
- James DeWilde, Floor Assistant/Longway Planetarium
- Robert Elliott, Habitat for Humanity
- Laura Enos, North End Soup Kitchen
- Carla Fields, Freeman School
- Jessica Fournier, guide at Sloan Museum/Longway
- Sierra Fox, guide at Sloan Museum
- Jason McLaughlin, camp for a Baptist church youth group
- Warren Johnston, teaching computer skills to underprivileged kids at a shelter in Flint
- Angela Mathes, Counseling Office Central High School
- Mary Ruhlman, Domestic Violence Shelter in Lapeer
- Carolyn Scott, Hosts Program, teaching reading to kids at Freeman School
- Elizabeth Seavey, working for State Representative John Gleason in Lansing
- Kathy Vert, office assistant at Mayville High School