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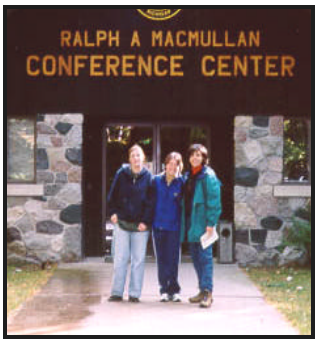
First Year for MHA Conference



Meghan Riley & Irina Novikova represented MCC's Honors Program at the annual Michigan Honors Association Conference at the MacMullen Conference Center at beautiful Higgins Lake Oct.11-12th. In addition to enjoying the beautiful fall colors, students were able to interact with honors students from 2 and 4 year colleges from all over the state. The focal point of the conference was world-renown anthropologist Napolean Chagnon. Dr. Chagnon has studied one of the last primitive peoples in the world, the Yanomamo tribe of the Amazon, for over 30 years. His work has created much controversy in the study of anthropology as his research upset traditional assumptions about the reasons for violence among primitive peoples. The sheer magnitude of collecting data on the genealogy of related tribes was fascinating.

Matching funds from the College Life Enhancement Fund made the trip possible. We hope to make this an annual event.

Winter 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.

Some students made the mistake of waiting until the last minute to register this fall, only to find their honors course of choice had been cancelled due to low enrollment. Don't let that happen to you!

Winter honors offerings include:

ENGL-102 Honors English Composition (101 pre-req)

SOCY-292 Social Issues & Problems (No pre-req)

PHIL-295 Philosophy of Ethics (No pre-req)

PSCN-179 Honors Colloquium (Recommended that you have taken at least one prior honors course.)

This winter's honors colloquium is continuing the concepts of last year's popular honors topic "The Human Drive for Community." Paul Rozycki will focus on political action and service in the community, which should appeal to any area of study. To graduate with an Honors Diploma, students must complete the Honors Colloquium and 3 other honors courses of their choice.

All-USA Academic Team Wants YOU!!

USA Today, the American Assoc of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa seek to honor 60 outstanding two-year college students from across the nation.

It is NOT necessary to be a PTK member to be considered.

An essay of 500 words or fewer must be submitted by November 22 to Jen McDonald in the Office of Student Affairs. See page 2 for details.

MCC will nominate 2 students based on the essay contest, 3 letters of recommendation, and a subsequent application form.

Selected students will be eligible for trophies, cash awards & scholarships. Achievement levels include first, second & third All-American (continued…)

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Stigleman Wins Top Honors

At L.A.N.D. Conference

Richard Stigleman, a sophomore in the MCC Honors Program, placed first in the Sociology category at the Student Scholars Conference, held at Grand Rapids Community College on Sept. 28th, 2002.

Students from two-year colleges from across the state competed in a variety of categories including Women's Studies, History, Art, Science and Sociology.

Rick Stigleman performs on the banjo at the annual Student Scholars Conference sponsored by the Liberal Arts Network for Development

Stigleman's prize-winning essay was written for a combined project in Honors English 102 last winter under the mentorship of Associate Professors Jill Anderson and Heather Sisto.

With an interest in traditional folk music, Rick chose to research the legendary John Lomax and to reconsider the charges of racism that have been brought against the ethnomusicologist. Rick's PowerPoint presentation was enhanced with his lively performance on the banjo.

Points were awarded for the written quality of the work, the quality of the research and presentation skills. Rick received $100 and will be published in the LAND annual journal of Student Scholars. Congratulations! Rick!

Several Honors Students in Print!!

The MCC Honors Program is building quite a reputation for fine writers! Congratulations go to 3 student finalists in MCC's Anna Bradley essay contest. Sierra Fox placed first for research, with her essay on "The Case for Revising US History Courses."

Daniel Waskoski placed second in the research category with "The Owl, The Snake and the New Buffalo: Gambling on Indigenous Land." James DeWilde placed second in fiction category for his "Lack of Evidence" story, based a family oral history.

Two other honors students found their essays published in the *International Journal for Teachers of English Writing Skills.* Jinx Kincaid's essay "Follow the Rules" and Kyle Puro's essay "Jeremy" appeared in the special August 2002 Literary Edition.

These award-winning essays were products of Assoc. Professor Heather Sisto's Honors English 102 course last Winter semester. Honors alumni have commented that essay contests and presentations at conferences prepared them well for their 4 yr. transfer college.

April 2002 Anna Bradley Essay Contest Winners (Mentor: Heather Sisto). Daniel Waskoski, Sierra Fox and James DeWilde.

All-USA Academic Team (continued from cover)

as well as All-State academic teams. Lisa Neverdausky, Honors Program alumna, was honored on the All-Michigan team in 2001.

Content of essay must describe your most significant endeavor while attending community college in which you applied your academic, intellectual or leadership skills to benefit your school, community or society.

Application forms include information on campus & community activities, honors & awards, why you chose to attend a community college & a discussion of time management of college, job and family obligations.

Judges will consider originality & initiative, degree of difficulty, results & impact of experience described in the essay.

For further details contact Heather Sisto by phone 810-232-3058 or email hsisto@mcc.edu

Spring Break Trip Planning Meeting

Students interested in the March Honors trip to Washington, D.C. should plan to attend a meeting on Friday, Nov.22 at 10-11 AM in the Honors Advising Office PCC-218. Bring ideas for fund-raising.