Every Spring, hundreds of community college Honors students from across the state get together to present their research at the HTCC Student Research Conference, located on the campus of UC Irvine. Students can present their research, usually done in one of their Honors classes, in a variety of formats. Student research was shared at the conference through posters, individual and group oral presentations, and performances for students in the arts. Among the hundreds of presenters were five members of the Rio Hondo College Honors Transfer Program. Leslie Gutierrez’s presentation was titled “The Evolution of the Feminist: Through the Eyes of Fiction and More.” Miguel Perez presented on “The Colonial Society of New Spain.” Kenneth Lopez presented on “Whose Death is it, Anyways.” Luis Chuprinski presented on “Sleep Deprivation in the United States: The Causes, the Effects, and the Solutions.” Finally, Brenda Mendes de Souza presented on “The United States’ Fight Against Freedom of Speech.” An abbreviated version of Brenda’s research, known as an abstract, was also published in the HTCC’s journal of student research for the conference, Building Bridges. While the student presenters should be congratulated for their hard work and great presentations, special thanks need to go out to the presenters’ faculty mentors for their assistance. Santiago Garcia (Humanities), Jo Ann Springer (Literature), Vernon Padgett (Psychology), and Colin Young (Political Science) all guided the presenters. Thanks to them and congratulations to our student presenters!

Rio Hondo Honors Graduate is a UCLA TAP Scholar

Cristhian Lin-Cobos, who last Spring successfully completed the Rio Hondo Honors Transfer Program, was among only 39 outstanding students in the state of California to receive UCLA’s Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) Scholarship for the 2014-15 academic year. Cristhian, a Political Science major, is beginning his junior year at UCLA this fall. Selection as a TAP Scholar entitles transfer students to an academic scholarship of at least $5,000 for their junior and senior years. The Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) encourages Honors transfers from California community colleges and provides priority consideration in admissions to those who have completed their Honors Transfer Program. Cristhian joins a prestigious group of recent Rio Hondo Honors Transfer students who were also recipients of the TAP Scholarship. Political Science major Henry Guerra won the TAP scholarship in 2013 and transferred to UCLA with a perfect 4.0 GPA. English major Seol Hee Cho won the TAP scholarship in 2012 and also had earned a 4.0 GPA. 2010 Rio Hondo Honors student Jared Lodico, a Physics major, was a recipient of the 2010 TAP scholarship and was honored as a member of JPLUS (Jet Propulsion Laboratory Undergraduate Scholar). He is now a Physics Ph.D. student at UCLA. More information about TAP can be found later in this newsletter. Congratulations to Cristhian and our past TAP Scholars!
By Martha De La Mora

Unique “Honors” Scholarships

In looking at the benefits of completing the Honors Program at Rio Hondo, it is important to note scholarship opportunities that are ONLY for Honors certified students. Below you will find one from UCLA and one from the Honor Transfer Council of California (HTCC). You can also participate in upcoming conferences that are related to both of those scholarship sources. Did you know the Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) at UCLA is the same program as the Honors Transfer Program at Rio Hondo?

For those students applying to UCLA, there is a wonderful opportunity to receive a $5000 TAP Scholarship. What does it take to qualify? Take a look at last year’s information as a guide: UCLA College announces the Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) 2014–15 Scholarships

The UCLA College is pleased to announce the Transfer Alliance Program Scholarships (TAP) for transfer students who enter UCLA in Fall 2014. Eligible students have completed the Scholars/Honors Program and received certification from their community college. Scholarships are based on merit and financial need.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Community college TAP students admitted to UCLA College for Fall 2014.
- Applicants’ citizenship status must fall into one of the following categories:

1) U.S. citizens;
2) Eligible non-citizens as defined by UCLA Financial Aid Office regulations; or
3) F-1 or J-1 visa holders.
- Applicants must submit a FAFSA by March 2nd and be eligible for need-based financial aid at UCLA. F-1 and J-1 visa holder finalists will be notified regarding materials that must be submitted to establish financial need.

Notes: Eligible non-citizen recipients and visa holder finalists MUST verify their status prior to disbursement to remain in compliance with guidelines of the TAP Scholarship Program.

AWARD AMOUNT: $5,000 per academic year (3 quarters)
The scholarship is renewable for a second academic year if the awardee:

- Maintains a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA at UCLA;
- Completes an average of 15 units per quarter (minimum 45 units per academic year); and
- Completes a research requirement by completing at least 2 units of: course 99 (entry-level research); or courses 197, 198 or 199 (independent study/research); or course 195 (Community or Corporate Internships).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:
Applications must complete the TAP Scholarship application, include the required essay, and attach a letter of recommendation.

Note: Recommenders may mail the letter of recommendation separately, however, the review committee strongly encourages applicants to submit all requisite application materials at the same time. Please visit the TAP SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS AND APPLICATION web page - http://www.tap.ucla.edu/scholarship.htm for additional information and application link.

DEADLINE: Applications and supporting materials must be postmarked by Friday in early June.

NOTIFICATION: Applicants will be notified of their status by Monday in late July.

ALSO

The Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) is the organization of Community College Honors Programs. Please visit their website at htcca.org to find out about scholarships that are associated with the Student Research Conference that they host annually. Click on “Scholarship” and also on the “Conference” tabs for information about participating in the March 28, 2015 event, either as a participant or as a presenter. Presenters will be eligible for some of the scholarships listed on the site. You can express your interest by emailing the Honors Transfer Program Coordinator, Colin Young at cyoung@riohondo.edu.

Thinking about Grad School?

Before you know it, you will be obtaining your Bachelor’s degree and many of you will be moving on to the next level in your educational journey. Just like in the transfer process, many programs require that you apply well in advance. So, there is no time to waste, and it is not too early to start thinking about what direction you will be going in once you complete your Bachelor’s. Are you interested in a Master’s Degree? Will you go on to attend Law, Medical, Dental, or Pharmacy school? What testing is required to enter these programs? What GPA will be competitive in the admissions process? What courses need to be taken? Start doing research that will assist you in answering these questions. By the way, you can use our Career Center to help you in confirming your current career path, or in exploring your options. The Career Development Center is located in SS 350… Go, now.©

Education also occurs outside of a classroom, and also outside of the country. Check out the Rio Hondo Study Abroad Program. Contact Melissa Rifino-Juarez @ mjuarez@riohondo.edu

Have a GREAT semester!
UC Irvine & UCLA Love Rio Hondo Honors Students

As has been the case for a number of years, Rio Hondo Honors students were very successful in their transfer attempts for the 2014-15 school year. The numbers in particular from UCLA and UC Irvine demonstrate the value of completing the Rio Hondo College Honors Transfer Program:

**Fall 2014 UCLA Acceptances from Rio Hondo**

- Honors Students Applying: 20
- Non Honors Applicants: 77
- Acceptance Rate: 70%
- Acceptance Rate: 31.2%

**Fall 2014 UC Irvine Acceptances from Rio Hondo**

- Honors Students Applying: 17
- Non Honors Applicants: 78
- Acceptance Rate: 64.7%
- Acceptance Rate: 39.7%

New Honors Course Offered

This Fall, Rio Hondo offered its first Honors Speech class with the debut of Speech 101H, Public Speaking Honors. Taught by Speech professor Gil Puga, Speech 101H is designed to prepare students to be effective oral communicators in all aspects of public presentations including design and delivery of the public speech. The course is appropriate for all students interested in developing their public speaking knowledge and skills such as speech communication majors, future teachers, and future business leaders. Another benefit of the class is its scheduling. With busy class, work, and extracurricular schedules, Honors students face time and scheduling constraints that make it difficult to fit in all of their desired Honors and non-Honors courses. Speech 101H is offered on Fridays at 11:15AM, so it does not conflict with any other scheduled Honors classes. Look for Speech 101H this Spring.

Priority Registration Reminder

Since Fall 2013, eligible Rio Hondo College Honors Transfer students have been able to qualify for priority registration. In order to receive priority status, students must have completed at least two Honors courses with a combined GPA of 3.0 (a B average). As registration for the next semester begins before the current semester is complete, priority registration can only be granted after a student has fully completed at least two Honors classes. Once an eligible Honors student has met the requirements for priority registration, this priority will remain during their enrollment at Rio Hondo as long as their Honors GPA does not fall below 3.0. Priority registration applies to all classes, both Honors and non-Honors. Students will be notified of their eligibility for priority registration by the Honors Coordinator, Colin Young, a few weeks before the scheduled Honors priority registration date. Contact Mr. Young at cyoung@riohondo.edu if you have any questions.

Join the Honors Transfer Society

The Honors Transfer Society is an on-campus club for members of the Honors Transfer Program. The main purpose of the club is to facilitate communication between students and faculty to assist students in the transfer process by sponsoring on and off campus activities. It also happens to be a lot of fun! Students wishing to join HTS are required to have a 3.0 GPA. The HTS participates in many on-campus activities and, in the past, HTS members have volunteered their time at nearby Mills Elementary School as reading tutors. Participation in and leadership of the club looks great on college applications. Much of our club leadership from the last few years has transferred, so if you would like to join or even lead the club, please come to our meetings this semester on Wednesdays at 2:30PM in A212. Hope to see you there!
Are you proud of the work you’ve done in your Honors classes? How would you like the possibility of sharing what you’ve learned, gain professional experience, and have the opportunity for awards and scholarships?

Why not consider being a presenter at the 12th annual Honors Student Research Conference, Saturday, March 28, 2015 on the beautiful campus of the University of California, Irvine? This research conference is unique in that only community college honors students are eligible to participate. Presenting a paper at a research conference is an incredible opportunity for you, and it looks GREAT on your college applications. You can also attend the conference without being a presenter.

Speak to your honors instructor about mentoring you through the process. An orientation meeting for the conference will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at 2:30PM in A212. For more information, contact Colin Young or Martha De La Mora & visit the conference website at htc.ca.org

Planning to transfer to UCLA?
Attend the UCLA TAP/Transfer Conference
Friday, November 14, 2014
8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Conference details available at www.tap.ucla.edu/conference.htm

Sign up in the Rio Hondo Transfer Center
• Learn about UCLA students’ transfer experiences
• Attend practical workshops
• Talk with UCLA academic counselors and student program representatives
• Tour the campus

Workshops include:
- Preparing to Transfer
- Transfer Application and Selection Process
- Searching for Scholarships at UCLA
- Research Opportunities at UCLA

Visit the Transfer Center website at: www.riohondo.edu/transfercenter

Spring 2015 Honors Course Offerings

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