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Honors Program Welcomes 44 New Students!!!!

Amanda Ack	Meghan Clark	Heath Jones
Madison Alexander	Angelica Coumanova	Lillian Lewis
Anna Bardrick	Jonathan Davis	Elizabeth Lipton
Kathrine Benton	Taylor Duncan	Shaina Moore
Allison Bevers	Shelby Eddleman	Kaleb Oakleaf
Anna Bookout	Valerie Gooden	Alexandra Paul
Olivia Brien	Victoria Gusa	Bailey Perkins
Addison Broberg	Caleb Howard	Mitchell Pontikes
Harmonniey Cheadle	Sarah Johansen	Jessica Prather

Save The Date Banning Events!!!!

Thur. Oct 28th
 7:00pm: Pumpkin
 Craving

Fri. Nov. 19th
 6:00pm:
 Thanksgiving
 Lock-In

Mon. Dec. 6th
 8:00-11:00pm:
 Christmas Party

Wed. Jan. 19th
 7:00-10:00pm:
 Jeopardy Party

PWP Dates:

Jim Buss
 Mon. Nov. 15th
 Noon





**Ropes Course and
Honors Picnic
2010**

The Director's Column

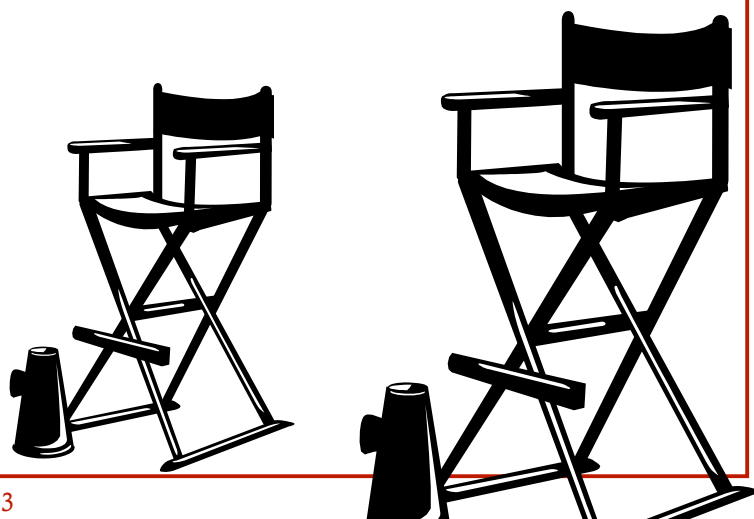
Welcome back to OCU and the Honors Program! Is it really October? Are you looking forward to Halloween? I hope that all of your classes are going well and that you will be able to take advantage of Honors opportunities during the Fall semester.

This year we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Honors Program, and we're planning several special events throughout the year. On November 5, the Honors Program will host an Alumni Celebration dinner. Honors faculty and students are invited to attend. It should be great fun with wonderful food and a not-too-embarrassing slide show. In April the Honors Program will sponsor a Celebration of Undergraduate Research with both poster and paper competitions. We will award cash prizes for the best posters and papers! Watch for a variety of other activities. Did you enjoy lunch and meet important OCU administrators during the Honors Firing Line? Other featured guests during the semester will be Professor Brian Marcum in October and Dr. Jim Buss in November. A special guest in December will be the OCU personal counselor, Brandi Gibson, who will be talking about stress relief during finals. I will host the annual Christmas Dinner at my house in December. And don't forget the SPARKS Easter Egg Hunt in the Spring.

The Great Plains Honors Council conference will be held in Arlington, Texas, this Spring and it's not too early to think about making a poster or paper presentation. The next National Collegiate Honors Council conference will be in Phoenix in October, 2011. Attendance at the GPHC conference is a stepping stone to the national conference. So plan ahead and don't miss out on these great opportunities. Why should you do this? It's fun, non-threatening, and looks great on those job and graduate school applications. You can also get good practice for a conference presentation by participating in Undergraduate Research Day. Deadlines for proposals for both the regional and national conferences will be early in February. Think about making a research proposal based on your class work THIS semester.

Honors Class of 2010

Welcome the 44 new members of the University Honors Program! Honors Orientation began with early move-in to campus housing, a perk for all Honors students. Did you take advantage of this in August? Sunday night 160 people, including new students and their families, continuing Honors students, and Honors faculty attended a cook-out in the Caf. Monday was our world-famous Ropes course. And it did not rain this year!!! Be sure to congratulate the "survivors"—all of those who participated.



Spring 2011 Honors courses

Are you curious about Honors courses for the Spring? Dr. Larry Cobb and Dr. Mohammed Dadaaoui will be teaching the Honors Junior-Senior Seminar: Perspectives of the Middle East. What a timely topic this is! Dr. David Pasto will teach an Honors Special Topics course: Science on the Stage. The complete schedule is as follows:

HON 1061H	Honors Colloquium	Bennett
ENGL 1213H	Composition II	Bennett, Phelps
REL 1003H	Introduction to Biblical Literature	Wolfe
HIST 1003H	US History to 1876	Buss
HIST 1303H	World Civilization Since 1500	Cobb
CHEM 1003H	Science Technology and Society	Nail
HON 3163H	Jr/Sr Seminar: Perspectives of the Middle East	Cobb, Dadaaoui
MUS 1212H	Music Theory	Rob Bennett
INDP 1013	Arts and Human Values	Keller
HON 3263	Special Topics in Honors: Science on the Stage	Pasto
HON 3263	Digital Textuality	Hessler

Please remember the dates November 1 and 2. These are the dates for Honors priority pre-enrollment.

Newsletter Writers Wanted

Would you like to write an article for the newsletter? Take pictures? All positions are open. Please contact our Student Assistant Director, Erica Olavarria, colavarria@my.okcu.edu, if you are interested.

Fall Honors Recruitment

Do you have friends who are interested in the Honors Program? The Honors Program will accept applications from interested students October 1-October 22, because we know there are talented students who did not apply for the Fall, but who belong in Honors. If you have a friend and/or classmate interested in the Honors Program, encourage him/her to see Dr. McCombs in Walker Center 229 or Dr. Bennett in WC 253. Or they can always email at vmccombs@okcu.edu.

HONORS CONTRACTS

Have you thought about an Honors contract in a modern language course or one of your major courses? Have you done anything about it? This is a great way to earn Honors credit, particularly if you are on a tight schedule and find it hard to enroll in Honors courses. If you are interested in contracting a course for Honors credit, please see Dr. McCombs soon.



Here's The Dish from your Student Director

By Erica Olavarria



What did you do this summer?

I took the summer I session of Accounting, I did the Fellows program with GE, worked two jobs, and visited Alabama and Dallas for family reunions! -Bailey Perkins, Junior

We traveled to Knotts County, Kentucky, for a week of mission in the Appalachia Mountains. -Addison Broberg and Trey Witzel, Freshmen

I visited New York City for a week. I also played "Lorraine" in "All Shook Up!" and I played "Polly Baker" in "Crazy For You," both at the Salina Community Theatre. -Maggie Spicer, Freshman

I sold knives. -Erica Olavarria, Junior

I went on a road trip this summer, spending two weeks touring the southeastern United States. A week was spent in Florida, and my family went to Disney World, Universal Studios, and the Wizarding World of Harry Potter-a week early! -Anna Stovall, Freshman

Summer class and work! >< -Stacie Wiest, Sophomore

I was the Aquatics Director at Camp Cho-Yeh in Livingston, TX. -Jason Blakeburn, Junior

I went on a mission trip to the McCurdy School in New Mexico, worked as a dean's assistant at church camp, and slept. -Sean Crews, Sophomore

Below you will a list of all seniors who have either completed their Honors requirements or are very close to doing so. If your name is not on the list, please let me know.

And—Please let me know if you are graduating in December. You will want your Honors stole for Commencement.

Joseph Belle
Lauren Byrd
Stefanie Clark
Molly Colvard
DeEtta Cravens
Courtney Davison
Margaret Dietrich
Taylor Forester
Ashton Glover
Josh Grube
Erin Hassett
Jared Hooley
Brianna Hurley
Sasha Hutchings
Elise Jenkins
P.J. Kennedye
Rose Lane
Katherine MacDougall
Zoe Miles
Jessica Nicolls
Sarah Plunkett
John Riesenber
Jonathan Roman
Michael Roselle
Erin Sanzo
Bridget Shuck
Kelsey Walker



stories DIGITAL post-human TEXTUALITY post-secret screen gaming interface

Now Available for Honors Credit!

How is Facebook like the Chartres Cathedral? Both are *interfaces*: experiential architecture designed to draw us into a realm set apart from everyday life, encouraging us to form identities, opinions, beliefs, memories, and communities. In both spaces, the people with the best stories are the ones we remember most. This course is about the transformation of stories from humanspace to screenspace and back again. We will examine how stories change and stay the same when they go from, for example, a handmade postcard to a PostSecret image to a video game about what happened after the postcards stopped.

We will also experience what it's like to **get inside** a digital story by immersing ourselves in a **computer game**. We will conduct ethnographic field research during a special unit on gaming culture developed in consultation with a professional game designer. (Game-selection is currently underway: check out Dr. Hessler's posting to the OCU Honors wall on Facebook for more details.) No previous experience with gaming or digital design is needed for this course. Our mission is to explore and experiment, enriching our digital literacy at all levels, in a spirit of collaboration and adventure.

*Spring 2011: Digital Textuality – HON 3263.H30, ENGL 3323.30 – 3.0 credit hours
– Class meets Tuesdays 5:30 to 8 p.m. - Instructor: Dr. Brooke Hessler*