

UMKC HONORS PROGRAM

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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I. Please contact the leader if you have any questions or want to join the group.

Chem. 211/212: Andrea Kingsolver (tigger77eyes@aol.com): Monday 11-12 in the Honors House*

Spanish Discussion Group: Beth Wheeler (eiwhvb@umkc.edu): Wed. 4-5 in the Honors House*

French Discussion Group: Ania Wlodek (annawlodek@umkc.edu): Monday 3-4 in 203 Royall Hall

German Discussion Group: Sarah Peters (sarahpeters@umkc.edu): Thurs. 4:30-5:30 at Muddy's Café (51st St. at Oak)

History 201: Daniel Green (djgn6f@umkc.edu): Wed. 4-5 in Oak Street classroom.

Philosophy 201: Nick Serafin (nasryb@umkc.edu) and Prof. Sheppard: Mon. 1:30-2:30 in the Honors House

* these discussion groups might change venues so please check with the leader.

II. If you'd like your free pass to the Theater Dept. productions this year, please go see Sally Conrad (204 Haag) to get your card.

III. As you should every semester, check your transcripts to make sure all your honors credit is correctly attributed. If you find a discrepancy, bring me an advising copy of your transcripts with the problem highlighted.

IV. FYI: \$\$\$\$ Student EPA Sustainability grants available

News for Release: Friday, August 18, 2006

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

STUDENT APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR \$1.25 MILLION IN SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS

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(Washington, D.C. - August 18, 2006) Everyone has a role in protecting our environment, including members of Generation Y. EPA is tapping into their innovation and creativity in finding solutions to environmental challenges through the agency's People, Prosperity and the Planet competition. The agency plans to award up to \$1.25 million in grants that enable teams

of college students to research, develop and design scientific and technical solutions to sustainability challenges that protect the environment while achieving continued economic prosperity.

EPA will award as many as 50 grants up to \$10,000 each to student teams. The money will be used to research and develop sustainable solutions during the 2007-08 academic year. In spring 2008, the teams will be invited to bring their designs to Washington, D.C. to compete for EPA's P3 Award, which includes an additional award worth up to \$75,000 to further develop and implement the project in the field. The competition will be judged by the National Academy of Engineering for design innovation and technical merit along with relevant social, economic and environmental considerations that are the keys to sustainable designs.

The P3 competition is open to teams of students attending colleges, universities and other post-secondary educational institutions. Interdisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged, including representatives from multiple engineering departments and/or departments of chemistry, architecture, industrial design, economics, policy, social sciences, business, communication, etc.

The grants will be awarded for research related to the P3 (People, Prosperity, and the Planet) sustainability competition, a national student design competition launched in 2004.

Proposals must reach EPA by December 21, 2006. Application procedures and materials for this year's grants:

http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_p3_4thannual.html.

Several previous winners have already taken their innovations to new levels, including starting successful businesses, winning additional awards, and improving the quality of life in the United States, other developed countries plus those that are developing.

Details about the P3 competition: <http://www.epa.gov/P3>

V. Honors House

Located at 5317-19 Holmes. 3rd floor:

All honors students are welcome to use the Honors House whenever they like. There are two separate rooms so even if there is a discussion section you may still use the other space. The entry code for the front door and the 3rd floor entrance is xxxx. Please make sure to clean up after yourselves (i.e. if you make coffee, please rinse out the coffee maker and wash any cups you use). There is a small refrigerator where you can store your lunch or snacks. Although there are no computers, we do have a wireless connection. This is a great study and meeting space just for us, right up the block from the School of Education!

VI. Resume Workshop

Would anyone be interested in learning the best techniques for creating a professional resume? If so please email me at smmxqb@umkc.edu, so I can get a rough estimate of how many people to be prepared for. We will probably have pizza and a movie after our hard day of resume building. Thanks. Sean McClain

Very Truly Yours,

Sean McClain
Honors Program Co-President