

Honors Update

8/26/2007

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I. Some Information from Dr. Levy:

1) Please turn in all contracts to Sally Conrad (204 Haag Hall) by Sept. 20, 2007. Please make and keep a photocopy of all contracts and completion forms you turn just in case one/some get misplaced.

2) The Honors Orientation will take place on Monday Sept. 3 (Labor Day) from 10am-3ish in 207 Scofield Hall (lunch provided). That is Labor Day so all classes at the university are cancelled. This orientation is mandatory for all new honors students and continuing honors students are enthusiastically encouraged to attend! Once again Pamela Shane-Dillard will lead a diversity workshop, but it will be quite different from previous years as we will be discussing the movie *Crash* (dir. Paul Haggis). Please watch this movie before coming to the orientation. If you would like to attend and are NOT a new honors student, RSVP to Prof. Levy (levyg@umkc.edu).

3) Prof. Levy will send out a list of times and rooms for honors discussion sections this week, but for now, if you are interested in the following discussion sections or conversation groups, please email the leader/contact person. If you took one of these classes at UMKC in the past, you may be able to do retroactive honors credit by participating in the honors section now. Please contact Prof. Levy if this is your situation.

FS 07 Discussion Groups and Conversation Tables

Hist. 103--Daniel Green

Psych. 210--Abbey Reynolds

Philo. 210--Jacob Westen

Philo. 321--Prof. Sheppard

Chem 211/212--Ashley French

German--Gina Gill

Spanish--Matt Varon

French--Prof. Levy

Art Hist. 110 (Thurs. 4-6pm at Nelson-Atkins Museum) beg. Sept. 6: Prof. Levy

4) If you are interested in helping out with issue #3 of *Lucerna*, please email **Jake Westen**. If you are interested in being a member of the HSAC (Honors Students Advisory Council), please contact **Prof. Sheppard**. If you are interested in tutoring at UA, please email **Mallory Skinner**.

5) All honors students are cordially invited to the launch of issue #2 of *Lucerna*! The party will take place on *Wed, Sept. 5 from 3-4pm in the lobby of Scofield Hall*. RSVP to Sally Conrad (conrads@umkc.edu) only if you are NOT in Colloquium this semester.

6) All honors students are invited to use the Honors House at 5317-19 Holmes, 3rd floor. This is a space where you can study alone or together, hang out, relax, etc. There is a small fridge, a microwave, a coffee maker, utensils, cups, etc. Please clean up after yourselves. The code for the front and 3rd-floor doors is XXXX.

If anyone found a green Copper Mountain nalgene water bottle in Colloquium last week, please contact Sean Doran as it is his. His e-mail is spdgx2@umkc.edu

II. And now some information about the Co-President Candidates:

Rachel Lowes:

My name is Rachel Lowes, and I'm a senior this year at UMKC. I've finally settled on a Spanish major, business minor, and pre-law concentration, and my ultimate goal is to become a child advocacy attorney. I would love to be Honors co-president and think I'm a good candidate because I have participated in many of the programs that Honors offers. I've lived in the Oak Street Living/Learning Community, contracted for Honors credit through community volunteer service, been in discussion sections, gone on the study abroad trip to Sweden, written a paper for *Lucerna*, and will be an Honors/University Academy work-study student this year as well. If you have a question about any aspect of the Program, I can probably give you a personal testimonial—or send you to someone who can. If you ever want to chat, watch *Grey's*, go for a run, etc., I'm up for anything—just drop me a line!

Lindsey Scarcello:

Hello, my name is Lindsey Scarcello and I'm a sophomore. I'm a Philosophy and Political Science major. This is my second year in the Honors Program.

My experience at UMKC has afforded me many opportunities to involve myself on campus with multiple organizations and I can honestly say that the Honors Program is the most rewarding of those. Because I enjoy this program--academically and socially--as much as I do, I would like to further involve myself with it by taking a leadership position.

As a Co-president of the Honors Program I will work with the Honors Student Advisory Committee in their novel endeavor to create a stronger curriculum and consequently a stronger program. I will work with J.R. to ensure that students' opinions and thoughts on colloquium and the organization itself are not only whispered among peers, but brought to the attention of those who can (and will) initiate change. I will lead by example by committing my time and effort to the causes the Honors Program lends itself to (i.e., the University Academy).

If elected to the Co-president position I will commit myself to improving an already excellent program. I would appreciate your support.

Dylan Werth:

My name is Dylan Werth, and this is my third year both at UMKC and in the Honors Program and my second year in the six year Med program. There are many reasons why I feel I would be a good co-president. I am a very approachable person and have excellent organizational skills. This will be my fifth consecutive semester in Colloquium, so I feel I am

well versed in the mechanics of this class and in the Honors Program itself. Also, I currently plan to take Colloquium next semester. This year I am living in the Honors LLC in the residence halls, and will be able to attend many Honors functions. I am a great leader, and have been selected for many different leadership opportunities such as the Talent Scholars Leadership Program and a Peer Mentor in the Med program. I would like to be co-president of the Honors program as I feel that this would be a great way for me to give back to the program that has given me so many opportunities and fun times.

III. LLC Activities:

Wed Aug 29th

Oak Street Basement---7:00 pm

Birthday Bash and Viewing of the movie *Crash*

Sunday Sept 2nd

Oak Street Basement---7:00 pm

Viewing of the Movie *Crash*

Monday Sept 3rd

Scofield Hall Rm 207---10:00 am

Orientation, returners please RSVP with Dr. Levy if you are participating

IV. Campus Activities:

Thursday Aug 30th

Oak Street Classroom---7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Student Union Planning Committee