



The Honors Scholar

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Spring Seminar Tackles Health and Affluence

HSO and PTK are proud to present to the college and community the conjoined topic of health and affluence. This very important issue affects not only students, but the global community.

Biology professor **Jason LaPres** will be speaking about diseases of affluence. Dean **Judy Taylor** will speak about melanoma. **Personal trainer, Kathryn Geddie** will talk about her experience with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia.

As always, a light lunch will be served at noon. The panel presentation will begin at 12:30 pm. Come join us in CE-101 on **Friday, March 27th**.



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Light Lunch Will Be Served!



Graduating this May?

If you will be graduating this May, please let the Honors Director know. We would like to award you all the accolades to which you are entitled. But we can't do that if we don't know you're leaving us. We may also be able to help with your transition to your senior institution, especially if you are planning to continue in Honors. Contact Dr. Adkins in A-264D for the form to complete.



Special Events Spring 2009

- Mar.
 - 26 HSO Meeting, noon, A-171
Pizza Party
 - 27 Spring Seminar, noon-2:00 pm, CE- 101
- Apr.
 - 3-5 GPHC Conference, Nebraska
 - 9 HSO Meeting, noon, A-171
Honors Day Preparation
 - 13 Honors Day Proposals (Abstracts) due in A-264D
 - 13 Scholarship Applications due in A-264D
 - 17 Rising Stars Banquet
 - 24 Honors Day
- May
 - 1 Honors Brunch, 1:00 pm, White Flamingo
 - 8 Commencement
 - 15 End of Semester Forms due in A-264D

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GCIHC Spring Retreat



Inside the Center for Arts and Sciences at the GCIHC Spring Retreat, Elaine Jones, Julia Price, Lisa Montes de Oca, Theresa Uy, and Jesus Garza.

Honors students and faculty from regional colleges attended the retreat in Lake Jackson, TX. Attendees stayed overnight at the Cherhotel and were treated to a planetarium show at the Center for Arts and Sciences. After a buffet dinner, students were able to see Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*. Afterwards, there was a chance to talk with the cast and the director of the play.



Honors students pose with members of the *Arcadia* cast.



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The following day students were able to explore Sea Center Texas, which houses a marine hatchery, museum and aquarium all in one, and attend a talk by "Dinosaur George" (Jurassic Fight Club) at the Natural Science Museum. The event took place on February 20 and 21, 2009 and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet with and interact with our fellow Honors students in the Gulf Coast Area.



Jesus and Lisa enjoy the hands-on-exhibit at Sea Center Texas.



The group poses for a photo inside the newly built theater complex at Brazosport College.

**Nominations for
2009-2010 HSO
Officers will
remain open until
May 2009**

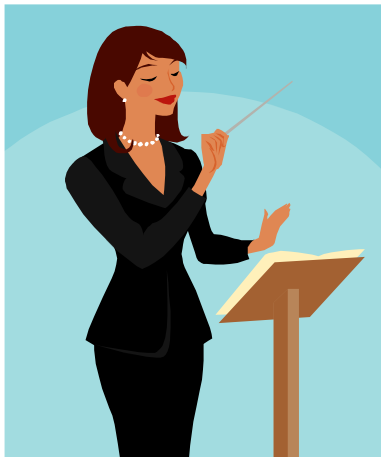
Contact Dr. Adkins if you would like to have your name placed on the ballot.

**Honors
Scholarships
Available for Fall
2009**



Any student in the Honors Program carrying from 6 to 12 college credit hours with at least a 3.5 GPA, who has completed at least 12 hours of college credit classes and is actively participating in an Honors contract/section, is eligible for the Honors Program scholarship. These merit-based scholarships are awarded to the top students who apply, based on their GPAs. The scholarship may be used as payment for LSC - North Harris tuition, books, fees, or related educational expenses for the following semester.

The Honors Program scholarship is renewable for a maximum of three semesters until graduation. The student must reapply for the scholarship each semester, carry at least 6 hours of college credit, and continue to take Honors contracts/sections, and complete their current Honors credit. If the student fails to satisfy these conditions, he or she will not receive the scholarship for the following semester.



Honors Day Preparations

Never been to Honors Day before? Never presented a 15-page paper in 15 minutes? Never spoken to more than one faculty member at a time? If you answered, “yes,” to any of these questions then you might find it helpful to contact any of the HSO officers or the Honors Director.

HSO officers are available to give you the “scoop” on Honors Day and what to expect. They will also give helpful hints on how to organize your presentation.

Want to learn how to prioritize your topics? Come to the General Meeting. Need help with an enticing hook for your introduction? Come to the General Meeting. Looking for a little moral support? Come to the General Meeting.



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HSO Cultural Event



Day at the Museum

On March 15th, 2009, HSO members and Honors faculty visited the Natural Science Museum. The visit included the special exhibit *The Birth of Christianity: A Jewish Story*. This exhibit explored the cultural, political and personal events that shaped Jerusalem and the surrounding region more than 2,000 years ago. Attendees were able to view the earliest known manuscript containing the story of Christ's birth in the oldest known copy of the New Testament Book of Luke, and The War Scroll - one of the original Dead Sea Scrolls found at Qumran. In addition, there were plenty of authentic artifacts from this fascinating time and place, which continues to captivate the world.

Honors students, faculty, and guests were also treated to an IMAX show, *Into the Deep*, which was shot in 3D. Filmed off the coast of Southern California, this fascinating film journeyed to an enchanting underwater world of swaying kelp forests, glowing corals, colorful garibaldi, starfish, sharks, and sea lions, and allowed the viewer to observe the rarely-seen behavior of the creatures of the eternal undersea night.

Source: Houston Museum of Natural Science <http://www.hmns.org/>



Members of HSO at the Natural Science Museum.

