Welcome!
From Dr. Vicky Bowden, Honors Program Director

During the recent presidential campaigns the call for “change” was loudly proclaimed by candidates and citizens alike. This call, during times of economic turbulence, accentuated the dissatisfaction and discontent with the status quo. Yet a call for change does not necessarily have to be aligned with an attitude of displeasure. Indeed change can, and should, arise out of a need to grow and enhance that which is already satisfactory. Such is the case with the Honors Program.

Under the oversight of the Honors Council, changes have been implemented and new opportunities are forthcoming that will enhance the Honors Program. For example in the past year early registration for classes was initiated. The response from students has been overwhelmingly positive and as we recruit new students into the program, this programmatic feature seems to be favored by potential applicants. This past fall we admitted the largest incoming class of Honors students, increasing from 40 to 70 accepted applicants. Increased enrollment prompted the need to increase the number of honors sections offered for such courses as UBBL 100H, UBBL 230H, ENGL 110H, COMM 111H and PHIL 220H. In addition new course offerings have emerged such as ART 356H (History of Modern Art), MATH 151H (Applied Calculus) and PSYC 299H (Applied Statistics).

To change is to grow—we are certainly growing.

As we look towards the 2009-2010 academic year we are planning for more growth, more change. A proposal is moving through the myriad of academic committees that will introduce a new Honor’s requirement. Students entering next fall will begin to participate in “Honor’s Colloquia”. These are campus and community extracurricular events that will engage students in activities to promote a broader understanding of the liberal arts. Such events include faith integration seminars, plays, musical events, and presentations by invited scholars.

The Honors Program will also be launching a Living-Learning Community (LLC) in the University Village this next fall. The Honors LLC will provide an opportunity for sophomore to senior students to live in a community that will support their academic endeavors and provide a venue for students to deepen their relationships with one another, and with Honors Program faculty and administration. We are very excited about this opportunity to collaborate with residence life to provide students a unique living community at APU.

England’s Prince Philip has stated “Change does not change tradition. It strengthens it. Change is a challenge and an opportunity; not a threat.” I hope you will see the changes in the Honor’s Program as opportunities to enhance that which has already been good. And I hope you will take advantage of these changes to help you meet your personal and academic goals while at APU.

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You know you’re an honors student when...

...you spell all your words out when you send text messages

Now Serving You...

In the Office

Vicky Bowden, RN, DNSc  Director
Alan Oda, Ph.D  Assistant Director
Rachel Hastings  Program Coordinator
Heather Murphy  Student Worker

On the Student Council

Tyler Stover  President
Molly Estes  Vice-President
Anne Berry  Jr/Sr Representative
Kendall Paulson  Fr/So Representative

Honors Program
December Graduates

Raymond Walters
Ariel Fortune
Layne Meadows
Shaun Stevens

Congratulations!

Congratulations to senior honors student
Luke Spink, an international business major, who won one of four Servant Leadership Awards for exemplary dedication to serving others in various forms. Recipients were nominated by faculty and staff, and received a $1,000 educational award, $500 of which is donated to a community organization of their choice.

Honors Students on the Prowl

Wind Ensemble  - Sara Noble
Oratorio Choir  - Elena Brohmer, Emily Nash, Josh Ryan, Lance Baker, Aimee Morton
Competitive Cheer Team  - Danielle Trubac
University Choir & Orchestra  - Melissa Dombush
Man Choir  - Lance Baker, Josh Ryan
ASB  - Kristin Patterson, Margarita Ramirez, Lance Baker
Gospel Choir  - Aimee Morton
Swim Team  - Carrie Dotson
Symphony Orchestra  - Taryn Spink, Eileen O’Neall, Daniel Atwell
Marching Band  - Clifford Gee, Taryn Spink, Greg McDonald
Symphonic Band  - Clifford Gee
Handbell Choir  - Deborah Woo, Christina Woo
Track Team  - Emily Nash
Thank you
to everyone who made possible our previous events, the Hollywood Bowl, Ice Cream Social, and New Parent/Student Reception!

All three events came off spectacularly, with a record number of students and parents attending the reception on August 29th. The ice cream social helped new and old honors students reconnect before the school year came into full swing. Books written by Honors faculty were raffled off as students socialized over the cool dessert. Students were even seen singing and dancing along with Brian Wilson and the LA Philharmonic at the annually anticipated Hollywood Bowl event. And to top it all off, the night ended with a splash of fireworks!

If you missed out on these three fantastic events, make sure you don’t miss out on any more!

Dates to Remember

Jan. 28, 2009: Play Event, Dancing at Lughnasa, 7:30pm
March 5-7, 2009: Western Regional Honors Conference, Spokane, WA
March 12-14, 2009: Trustees Weekend
April 2-4, 2009: Alpha Chi Conference, Indianapolis, IN
May 7, 2009: Dessert Reception for Graduating Honors Scholars

You know you’re an honors student when...

...you wish you could triple major in Math, English, and Biblical Studies
High Sierra: A Student’s Perspective
By: Robert Hake, Honors Student, Fall 2008 High Sierra

High Sierra: protecting the world from the ordinary. This is our motto. Our aim is to live a different type of life while we’re here and to take that and transform the world to which we return.

High Sierra is a place where the normally compartmentalized, disjointed pieces of our lives are intentionally fused together: spiritual, physical, academic, and relational. It’s a small community in which we explore the depths of what Christian community really means, how to be a true Christian scholar, and how exploring God’s creation can transform our lives.

The relatively small community lends itself to greater depth and learning. The fact that we all have many of the same classes and chapel experiences means that through conversation we naturally gain a better understanding of what we are learning about the world and about God. Because of the size of the community and so many shared experiences, we grow closer in a semester than many groups do in a year.

The learning environment is unique. The search for God’s truth in our studies inspires academic rigor. The professors are intentional about cross-disciplinary integration. We learn about art, literature, philosophy, science, religion and music, and how they intertwine in their historical context, rather than simply learning about each in separate classes. We start to ask how a piece of art or music illustrates a philosophical or religious attitude of its time. It’s a rich, unique learning opportunity in which we can explore the history of the world and find why we think the way we do now. The program fosters Christian scholarship and the goal is to learn how to think, rather than what to think.

The campus setting is idyllic. The lake right across the street offers a beach on which to read Western civilization’s greatest works and water on which to kayak, wakeboard, or swim. A seven-minute hike from the dorm offers you High Sierra’s own private waterfall. A family of deer grazes the meadow each morning and evening. When the sun sets the sky is lit by thousands of stars.

When we go backpacking, we see spectacular sights away from the rush of city life. God shows a piece of his glory through the lush mountain landscape, the crisp fresh air, and the sound of chirping birds and warbling streams. No rumbling and roaring of cars. No stench of the exhaust they emit. Not even the buzzing of fluorescent lights or mechanical whirring. It’s a way to get a new taste of God’s beauty and peace.

High Sierra is far from the ordinary university or city life. It inspires a different style of learning and living. One has the opportunity to slow down a little more in order to plumb the depths of God, Aristotle, creation, a piece of art, or the heart of a brother or sister. This is the life that should be ordinary—the extraordinary.

Are you considering an Honor’s semester with the High Sierra Program next fall? Come check out APU’s best kept secret!

High Sierra Preview Weekend

When: March 13-15th, leaving main campus late Friday afternoon and returning to APU on Sunday evening.
Where: Transportation will be provided to/from APU main campus
How much: The cost is $30.

The Honors department is covering the cost for any Honors student attending but the weekend is open to all APU students.

How to sign up: Drop by the Center for Global Learning & Engagement office on East Campus and talk to a High Sierra student representative

More Info: email highsierra@apu.edu
This spring 8 honors students are planning to study abroad. Students in the Oxford program can earn up to 9 of the units required to complete the honors curriculum. Students studying abroad are listed below:

- Chanel Fuchigami - South Africa
- Anne Berry - Oxford, England
- Benjamin Berk - Oxford, England
- Rebecca Falkenstein - South Africa
- Heather Lawrence - Arcadia
- Kristin Carlson - Oxford, England
- Emily Ford - Oxford, England

Congratulations!

Also, a big welcome home to our 7 fall 2008 study abroad students returning to APU in the spring!

- Cynthia Garrison - South Africa
- Catherine Hansen - Oxford
- Janel Harden - Global Learning Term
- Jenna Moll - Global Learning Term
- Ryan Secrest - LA Term
- Adam Szarzynski - Global Learning Term
- Kimberly Uyehara - Global Learning Term

Dates to Sign up for Study Abroad...

Azusa Oxford Semester:
Application Deadline: September 15 for Spring 09; March 1 for Fall 09

Azusa South Africa Semester
Application Deadline: September 14 for Spring 09 & March 1 for Fall 09

Other deadlines can be found at www.apu.edu/studyabroad
Report from NCHC
By Stacey Bry

This year’s National Collegiate Honors Conference (NCHC) theme was Crossing Frontiers, and for some of us attendees, it was our first time crossing into the frontier of the state of Texas. Professors Bowden, Oda, and Berry attended as faculty representatives, and Tyler Sover, Stacey Bry, Laura Keast, Annie Berry, Whitney Smales, and Brittany Machado attended as student representatives.

During the conference, we got to cross both intellectual and cultural frontiers. We attended seminars on everything from honors living areas to teaching math from an honors perspective to honors study abroad opportunities. Every night, we got to connect with honors faculty and students from universities all over the United States, as well as discuss the future of our program with our fellow APU representatives. We saw the Alamo, ate amazing barbeque, and saw a real, live bull. A few of us presented our own research and ideas, (Whitney mimed!) others moderated presentations, and all of us collected ideas to bring back to APU.

This was the second NCHC conference I’ve attended, and it’s been an amazing experience both times. If you have the chance to attend, either as a presenter moderator, or attendee, I highly recommend it. It’s a great chance to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of our program and to invest yourself in the future of honors at APU. Next year’s conference is in Washington, D.C... so start getting your presentation proposals ready now! ☺

Student Presenters at NCHC, 2008:

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Congratulations also to sophomore honors student Katie Delgado for presenting at The Prindle Institute of Ethics’ first ever Ethics Symposium and having her essay, entitled “Throwing out the Rationalizations,” selected to be published in a collection in December!
Faculty Accomplishments

Congratulations to our Honors Faculty on their recent accomplishments!

Congratulations to Dr. Joseph Bentz, Department of English, on his workshop presentation and book signing at a national conference.


Congratulations to Dr. Marcia Berry, Department of Communication Studies, for her presentations at national conferences, one of which was with APU Honors Student, Whitney Smales, and also for her professional activity of reviewing a textbook manuscript.


From the presenter:
"Inspired by the mask work of Jacques Lecoq and the body control and movement of Marcel Mareaucu, this workshop focused on how to tell stories with the body alone."

In August 2008 Dr. Berry reviewed several chapters of a textbook on human communication for Allyn & Bacon, A Person Education Company.

Congratulations to Dr. Vicky Bowden, School of Nursing, and colleague Dr. Cindy Greenberg, California State University-Fullerton, on their paper presentation at a regional conference.


Congratulations to Dr. Mark Eaton, Department of English, on the publication of a contribution to a dictionary of literary biography.

Congratulations to **Dr. Diana Glyer**, Department of English, on receiving a book award.


Glyer, D. on August 17, 2008, was awarded the 2008 Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies for her book The Company They Keep: C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien as Writers in Community (Kent State University Press, 2007).

Congratulations to **Dr. Emily Griesinger**, Department of English, for her paper presentation at a regional conference.

Griesinger, E. (2008, May). 'This can't be the right religion': Godless Christianity in George Eliot's Adam Bede. Paper presented at the regional conference of Christianity and Literature, Biola University, La Mirada, CA.

Emily Griesinger: Faith and Feminism: Truth-Telling in Bronte, Eliot, and Woolf: Emily will add to her chapters already written for this book. She historicizes Charlotte Bronte, George Eliot, and Virginia Woolf within the context of the religion of their time (the Victorian era) including their struggle as feminists with the beliefs, attitudes, and doctrines of Christianity.

Congratulations to **Dr. John E. Hartley**, Distinguished Professor of Old Testament, Haggard Graduate School of Theology, on a dictionary publication.


Congratulations to **Dr. Craig Keen**, Department of Theology and Philosophy, on a revision of his book

Keen, C.: After Crucifixion: The Promise of Theology: Craig will continue writing this extraordinary theology book (already under contract), not finding any difference between "theology" and "ethics". He will develop his chapter on eschatology—the doctrine of the coming resurrection of the body.

Congratulations to **Dr. Carole J. Lambert** Director, Office of Research, Department of English, on the publication of her book which includes chapters by herself and ten of her APU colleagues and has a cover with artwork by another APU colleague.


Congratulations to **Dr. Kathryn Smith**, Department of Biblical Studies, on the publication of two journal articles, a book chapter, and paper presentations at a national conference and regional gathering.


Congratulations to **Dr. Jeremy D. Smoak**, Adjunct Instructor, Department of Religion and Philosophy, on the publication of a book chapter.


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**Honors Living –Learning Community**

**February 23rd:** Student Applications due

Azusa Pacific University’s Living-Learning Communities are a collaborative effort with the Honors Program and residence life. They are created to give students the opportunity to engage in an experience centered on common interests and/or academic pursuit within a unique living community. Through this experience, students will grow in his/her development of relationships, understanding of community, critical thinking, and be provided with student, staff, and faculty support. They will also have access to resources provided with their community unique to their focus interest and work towards educating the larger APU community.

The location for LLCs is within the University Village. It is composed of ½ of the building, of 8 apartments, 4 two-bedroom apartments, 3 one-bedroom apartments, and 1 one-bedroom apartment for the graduate assistant. This allows 22 students to live in this community.

More information will be sent to all Honors students in December.

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You know you’re an honors student when...

...you spend time looking through the course catalog and wishing you had the time and money to take more classes.

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Special thanks to Honors Program student worker Heather Murphy for serving as Editor of this edition of the newsletter.