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TURN ON YOUR LIGHT, AND LET IT SHINE BRIGHT

Welcome to Hon-Our Way

Welcome to the March edition of Hon-Our Way for the 2011 spring semester. In this issue we will cover all major stories that have happened from the end of the Fall 2010 semester to the current scoop of what's to come.

CC2U Symposium at the University of California San Diego

On January 28th, 2011 the University of California San Diego hosted the Community College to University (CC2U) research symposium, at the Price Center Ballroom West. The purpose of the symposium was to gain better understanding of the transfer process, how to adapt once the acceptance comes in, and an overview of the programs UCSD has to offer.

State-of-the-Art education facilities, World-renowned research laboratories, and cutting-edge innovation make the University of California, San Diego a truly unique institution of higher learning. The architects that laid the framework for this campus captured the perfect balance of thought and design, necessary to harness the maximum academic potential of its students. As I walked around the campus, the impressions that it had on me can only be summed up in one word, "remarkable."

Our itinerary included meeting on the 5th floor of the SD Mesa College parking structure, a car-

pool, free parking, registration, a complimentary breakfast table, meet & greet with admission/financial aid, a keynote address, and two sets of round table discussions with topics that ranged from admissions questions to pre-medical discussions. Afterwards we went on student hosted campus tours that varied from medical laboratories to state-of-the-art research facilities, where faculty or graduate student researchers explained their projects. This



gave us insights into what it is like to do this level of research. Admissions, and Financial Aid personnel were available throughout the event and they provided informational handouts, a short presentation about their respective areas, and answered questions relevant to Community College Students. The final event of the day was an address to us



by Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, who encouraged us to apply to UCSD, because we community college students are the kind of students they are hoping to attract. She gave many students hope about the affordability of UCSD by telling us about the "Blue and Gold" program that pays all of our fees if our annual family income is less than \$80,000.

Overall attending this symposium was an enriching experience, and one that I recommend to all community college students. Also, we cannot forget efforts of the San Diego Honors Program, our superb advisor Dr. Alison Primoza, Community College Liaison Dr. Alyson Lighthart, and UCSD faculty and staff for making this event a success

-by Mike Rodriguez-

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The TAP experience

On November 19th, in the midst of the 2010 fall semester, UCLA hosted their annual transfer conference. Among many other colleges, a group of students from the San Diego Mesa Community College Honors programs had the opportunity to attend the UCLA TAP conference, to receive lots of information about the transfer process, reasons for transferring to UCLA, and a tour of the campus.

The event was a great success. The students who had the opportunity to go, had a blast, and came back with lots of great information. As one of Mesa's participants, I felt that the conference gave us great information on admissions and prospective majors. Over all I had a wonderful experience. They supplied us with many activities, from tours of the beautiful brick campus, to numerous workshops. The first thing that we did when we arrived was to check in and receive our agenda for the day and see what they



had planned for us. The information fair in Ackerman Union Grand Ballroom was filled with UCLA representatives sharing information about majors and campus life. I especially enjoyed the giveaways that each table offered, such as a UCLA grocery bag, some pens, and – the best part– a bunch of candy. Next on the itinerary was the “Welcome to the School” portion and overview of the conference schedule. Following the introduction were the morning workshops of our choice. Out of nine workshops that were offered in the morning, attendees had the opportunity to attend two of their choice. The first one that I went to was the Transfer Application and Selection Process workshop. The main presenter, Patricia García, talked about what they were looking for in the applications process; particularly what they look for when you write your personal statement. The second workshop I have the privilege to report back from was the Financial Aid and Work-Study Employment presented by Edward Flores. He talked about almost everything related to



financial aid, how to apply, the deadlines, etc.

Afterwards, we ventured our separate ways for lunch, and had the option of going to two of the afternoon workshops or one tour and one workshop. Most participants, including me, chose a campus tour.

After the official UCLA Tap conference was over, Our group of Mesa students met up with, former president of the Mesa Honors Club, Jay Aquino, who transferred to UCLA in fall of 2010. In addition, Angel Hu showed up as well. Our group had the chance to ask them questions about their experiences at UCLA.

To end a fun and informative day then, Dr. Alison Primoza invited all of us to have dinner at a local restaurant nearby. There we broke bread and shared our experiences of the day. All in all it was a great day.

-by Alvin Rabanal-

CC2U at San Diego Mesa College

On Wednesday November, 11, 2010 San Diego Mesa College hosted the 2010 annual *Community College to University* (CC2U) campus visit. Organized by our one and only Dr. Alison Primoza, the event had Dr. Deborah Gordon, the Assistant Director of UCSD's Academic Enrichment Program and Dr. Alyson Lighthart representative for the Hughes Scholars Program and Miramar College faculty as guest speakers. Of course Dr. Primoza gave a speech as well. In her introductory speech Dr. Lighthart explained that CC2U is about connecting former community college, now transferred students to us. It is about creating support and a network of professors and students for a smooth transition. CC2U also connects transfer hopefuls with research opportunities before

they transfer, making it possible to network and build their community before they transfer. Dr. Gordon on the other hand introduced the *Academic Enrichment Program* (AEP), a program designed to help undergraduate and transfer students find opportunities to research in their field of interest.

After the introductions of CC2U and AEP, former community college students that are now successful at UCSD, gathered in a panel. The panel consisted of Megan from Fullerton College, Josh from Mesa College, Brittany from Palomar College, Jenny from Mesa College, and Scott from Mesa College. Each introduced themselves and told the audience about their transfer process, what they experienced, and what they wished they had known beforehand. Afterward they happily an-

swered questions about the



transfer process, what should be taken in account and what is important to know for the audience.

The overall message was to continue doing what you're doing, and don't stress to much about what awaits you. The major change is going to be switching from the semester system to the quarter system. Additionally just be excited about all the opportunities that are coming your way and take advantage of them.

-by Raphael Doelker-

STUDY HARD,
PLAY HARD,
APPLY YOUR
SELF IN THE
COMMUNITY
AND APPLY FOR
THE JACK KENT
COOKE
SCHOLARSHIP



Mesa Happenings

Honors Reception at the Prado

Wednesday, May 4th 2011
from 11:00am to 1:00pm

Join the Honors Club for the Honors Reception at the Prado Ballroom in Balboa Park on May 4th at 11:00. This event is held to celebrate you and your efforts, so don't miss out! It is going to be great and will include an elegant, delicious, free lunch.

Stanford Symposium

The 4th Annual Honors Research Symposium at Stanford University is coming up on May 7, 2011. This all-day conference is a great opportunity for our Honors Students to meet other community college Honors Students and listen to inspiring presentations of their Honors research, and see the Stanford campus.

Mesa Commencement Speaker Competition

Mesa College Commencement is coming up on May 14th at the Jenny Craig Pavilion at USD. If you are graduating this semester, be sure to file your paperwork for graduation at the counseling office. Also consider applying to be the student Commencement Speaker. And don't forget about the Honors Club if you are selected!

Other Happenings:

Stay tuned for more information on our spring workshops from Honors Activities Director, Danielle Savage.

Please pitch in at our spring volunteer event at Father Joe's Kitchen. Stay tuned for more information from our Service Director, Allison Werner

Mesa Festival of Colors

On Tuesday April 12th and Wednesday April 13th Mesa College will host its annual Festival of Colors. This is a great opportunity for Honors Students to reach out and meet some of the diverse population this campus offers.

Don't forget to start reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* the One Book One Honors selection, to get ready to meet the author, Rebecca Skloot, this fall.

Honors Program Completion Certificate applications due April 15th.

Don't miss the Scholarship Gala on April 29th at the Hazard Center Double-Tree Hotel in Mission Valley.

IF YOU APPLIED
TO TRANSFER IN
FALL OF 2011,
PLEASE BE
SURE TO SEND
DR. PRIMOZA
AND E-MAIL
STATING ALL
THE SCHOOLS
YOU GOT
ACCEPTED TO
AND WHERE YOU
ARE PLANNING
TO TRANSFER.

TO HELP US SERVE YOU, THE HONORS PROGRAM INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL ONLINE HONORS SURVEY. STARTING ON APRIL 11TH, PLEASE GO TO:
[HTTP://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/S/YJRDCDY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YJRDCDY)
AND TAKE A SHORT SURVEY.



The intercultural Blood Drive

Wednesday February 16th, the Mesa Campus participated in a blood drive for the Naval Medical Center of San Diego. The blood drive was the inspiration of Richard Gilbert. Richard is a former U.S. Marine officer and a dedicated supporter of our Armed Services.

In his service in Iraq, he developed a great compassion for the Arab Citizens. Here at Mesa he had noticed that there were many Muslim students.

He thought to himself, "You know they really are just the same as any other human on this planet. We really are all just one family."

With this idea in mind he found a way to unite with the Muslims on Campus, together offering their support as U.S. Citizens to the injured members of the Armed Service who are supporting freedom throughout the world.

As a union they organized the Mesa Campus Armed Service Blood Drive.

On February 16th, the Armed Services Blood Van arrived on campus ready to draw the donors' blood which will be

used by various military hospitals and institutions including, and most



importantly, the troops on the battlefield.

The weather was overcast and there was concern about the turn-out.

But, have no fear, the Honors Club was there.

With the help of the Mesa Honors Club not only through its promotion of the event, but actually working at the donor site plus the many members who were donors, the drive was a Big Success.

The participation exceeded even the Blood Mobile's highest expectations.

The Blood Mobile saw over 87 donors.

Due to the extensive screening, 21 people

were deferred mostly because of a low iron count.

Ultimately, the Naval Medical Center received 66 bags equaling 3 units per bag which can benefit up to three patients.

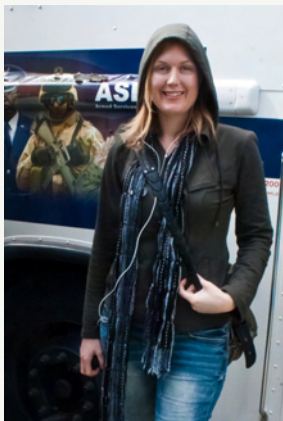
This means that due to the tremendous help of the Mesa students up to 198 of our brave service women and men will benefit from their life saving donations.

Way to Go Mesa!

-by John Rinaldo-



Honors Club Secretary Michael Rodriguez donating blood



The Mesa College Spring Semester CV Workshop

On Wednesday, March 9th 2011, Mesa College Honors Club co-sponsored a resume and CV workshop with SHPE, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. The workshop was put on by Sarah Moore from the Mesa Career Center in LRC 432 from 12:30 to 2:00.

The workshop was a complete success! Students were given a presentation on the most current strategies and effective formats for writing, editing and submitting their resumes and Curriculum

Vitae's. For those who had brought their resumes and CV's, there was an opportunity to ask questions and get expert advice on editing them. Participants also learned about the differences between writing a resume and a CV.

The main difference between CV's and resumes is that CV's are often used in place of resumes, when applying for academic, scientific or research positions. Generally they are the standard, when applying for fellowships or grants. A CV is a summary of

academic achievements, educational background, research experience, affiliations and other relevant information.

If you would like more information regarding learning these skills and other helpful job related resources, you can contact the Mesa Career office located at Room MV20. Phone number: 619-388-2777

Website:

www.sdmesa.edu/career-center

-by Danielle Savage-



LET THE CREATIVE
JUICES FLOW AND
WRITE AN EXTRAOR-
DINARY CV

Addendum Proposal Workshop

At the very first meeting of the spring 2011 semester John Rinaldo proposed a workshop, to the attending Honors Students, on how to write an honors syllabus or addendum themselves. Many students were excited to write their own addenda because they wholeheartedly support this idea. I can report that a light bulbs went on in my head. I realized I could really synchronize my honors coursework with pro-

jects I would like to do for my art portfolio. It was one of those, "why-didn't-I-think-of-that" moments, -killing two birds with one stone.

On Thursday February, 4th, 2011, Mr. Rinaldo held an hour-long how-to tutorial on writing and presenting the addendum to your professor at the Mesa humanities building in G 105.

He brought up many interesting points, such as how to create a balanced workload. He also suggested we connect our assignments with previous work for in-

depth analysis. To show the format of a proper addendum, Mr. Rinaldo passed around examples of his own work.

I left the workshop excited and in a hurry to start. It occurred to me that I could use these assignments to experiment or focus my ideas for graduate or professional school. I can't wait until next semester when I can bring all my fascinations and curiosities to life, and get credit for it.

-Linh Tran-

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WE ARE HONORS!!!

**HONORS CLUB MEETINGS HAPPEN EVERY TWO
WEEKS**

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON APRIL 11TH

COME JOIN THE MEETING

THERE IS ALWAYS FREE SNACKS OR PIZZA !!!