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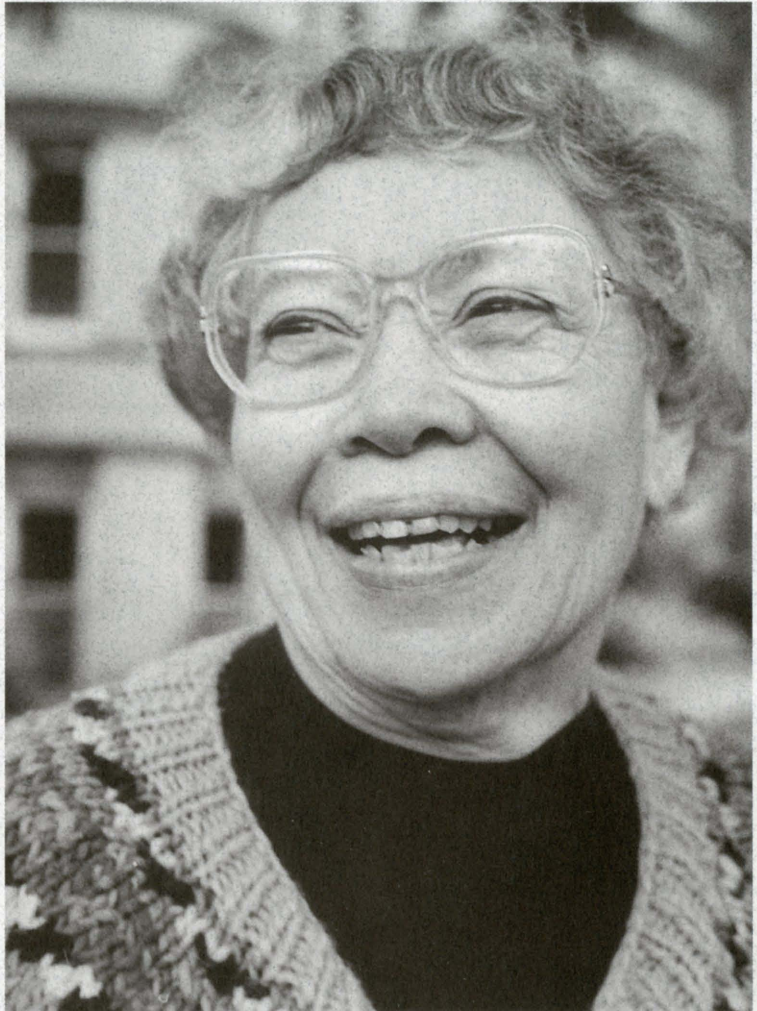
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## *Call for Papers*

The fall/winter (2000-01) issue of the Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council will focus on the broad theme "Science in Honors," which the editorial board construes to include articles dealing with the natural sciences, mathematics, and/or technology education as they are related to Honors courses or programs. We are interested in innovative ways of presenting these subjects in an Honors context. We also encourage articles on interdisciplinary efforts, including the integration of science, mathematics, and/or technology with disciplines in the arts and humanities or the social and behavioral sciences. Articles dealing with the design and implementation of laboratory and/or field-based projects, especially in the context of small Honors classes, are also welcome. Please do not submit articles reporting the results of original research in these fields or student honors projects and theses unless they relate directly to pedagogical matters in Honors education.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2000.**

The subsequent issue of *JNCHC* (deadline March 1, 2001) will be open to all topics relevant to Honors.

## *Submission Guidelines*

1. We will accept material by e-mail attachment, disk, or hard copy. We will not accept material by fax.
2. The documentation style can be whatever is appropriate to the author's primary discipline or approach (MLA, APA, etc.).
3. There are no minimum or maximum length requirements; the length should be dictated by the topic and its most effective presentation.
4. Accepted essays will be edited for grammatical and typographical errors and for obvious infelicities of style or presentation. Variations in matters such as "honors" or "Honors," "1970s" or "1970's," and the inclusion or exclusion of a comma before "and" in a list will be left to the author's discretion.
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## Editor's Note

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Volume One, Number One of *JNCHC* resumes an important strand of conversation within the National Collegiate Honors Council. From 1969 through 1995, NCHC's refereed journal, *Forum for Honors*, provided scholarly and theoretical perspectives on the national honors movement. Many of us have felt the absence of these perspectives as a lost voice within the multiplicity of conversations that take place at our conferences, in our newsletter (*The National Honors Report*), within our committees, and on e-mail. Picking up on the fine work of Dr. Sara Varhus, former editor of *Forum for Honors* and contributor to this first issue of *JNCHC*, we hope to provide again the opportunity for scholars in the field of honors to exchange research, reflections, and insights within the more formal context of a national refereed journal.

*JNCHC* will appear twice a year in fall/winter (with a submission deadline of September 1) and spring/summer (deadline: March 1). The fall/winter issue will center on a particular theme, and the spring/summer issue will be open to all topics related to honors. We are now accepting submissions for fall/winter 2000-01 on the topic of "Science in Honors."

Our inaugural issue is, fittingly, a festschrift in honor of a most distinguished leader in the field of honors education, Dr. Catherine Cater. No one has contributed more—and more meaningfully—to all our conversations about honors than Dr. Cater, who has been helping us to explore and define and improve higher education for the past fifty-five years.

Two other stars in the honors galaxy—Dr. Anne Ponder and Dr. Samuel Schuman—inspired, gathered, and edited these first essays on "Liberal Learning in the New Century," essays that represent the combination of tradition and innovation that honors education contributes to higher education.

With Dr. Cater as our "genius of the place" and Drs. Ponder and Schuman as our guides, we hope that the *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council* will dignify and enrich the new century with excellent conversation; and we hope a multitude of voices will contribute to this conversation in future volumes.



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