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CALL FOR PAPERS

INCLUDING A CALL TO UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE PRESIDENTS
FOR FORUM SUBMISSIONS

While the 16.2 issue of *JNCHC* (**deadline: September 1, 2015**) invites research essays as usual on any topic of interest to the honors community, it will also include an unusual Forum in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the NCHC.

Rather than asking honors administrators to submit essays to the Forum, we are asking you to ask your college or university president to submit an essay on the theme “The Value of Honors.”

We hope that this special Forum will give you the chance to communicate with your president about what you see as the value of your honors college or program and will give your president a chance to reflect in writing on the value of honors at your institution and/or in the wider context of higher education.

We hope to receive essays of roughly 1000–2000 words in which university and college presidents consider “The Value of Honors” in a practical and/or theoretical context.

The lead essay for the Forum is by James Herbert, who served at the College Board as Director of Academic Relations and then Executive Director of Academic Affairs (1982–1989); at the National Endowment for the Humanities as Director of Education Programs and then Director of Research Programs (1989–2003); and more recently at the National Science Foundation, the European Science Foundation, the Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK), and the University of Cambridge. James Herbert taught in the general honors program of the University of Maryland from 1970 to 1980.

James Herbert’s essay called “Thinking and Rethinking: The Practical Value of an Honors Education” describes the critical and reflective practices he learned in honors and how these practices benefited his on-the-job experiences at the College Board and NEH. His essay is available on the NCHC website <<http://nchchonors.org/nchc-publications/jnchc-lead-essay-16-2>>.

The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2015. We hope you will initiate contact with your president as soon as possible, perhaps just by forwarding this Call with a brief message from you. We expect you to serve as the liaison with your president so that we communicate with you rather than with your president. You might also wish to forewarn your president that we edit all essays according to the journal’s conventions of style, grammar, and punctuation, but all authors have ample opportunity to review and approve edited manuscripts before publication.

Please send all submissions to Ada Long at adalong@uab.edu.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council is a refereed periodical publishing scholarly articles on honors education. The journal uses a double-blind peer review process. Articles may include analyses of trends in teaching methodology, articles on interdisciplinary efforts, discussions of problems common to honors programs, items on the national higher education agenda, and presentations of emergent issues relevant to honors education. Submissions and inquiries should be directed to Ada Long at adalong@uab.edu.

DEADLINES

March 1 (for spring/summer issue); September 1 (for fall/winter issue)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We accept material by email attachment in Word (not pdf). We do not accept material by fax or hard copy.

The documentation style can be whatever is appropriate to the author's primary discipline or approach (MLA, APA, etc.), but please avoid footnotes. Internal citation to a list of references (bibliography) is strongly preferred, and the editor will revise all internal citations in accordance with MLA guidelines.

There are no minimum or maximum length requirements; the length should be dictated by the topic and its most effective presentation.

Accepted essays are edited for grammatical and typographical errors and for infelicities of style or presentation. Authors have ample opportunity to review and approve edited manuscripts before publication.

Submissions and inquiries should be directed to Ada Long at adalong@uab.edu or, if necessary, 850.927.3776.

DEDICATION



Lydia R. Daniel

Since every member of the NCHC during this millennium has no doubt met Lydia R. Daniel, she may need no introduction. Between 2002 and 2010, Lydia was on the Executive Committee and then in the full range of officer positions, serving as conference chair for San Antonio in 2008 and as president in 2009. Her involvement in the NCHC, starting in 1997, has extended well beyond her most visible roles as she served on the Publications Board as well as the following committees: Two-Year College; Honors Semesters; Finance; Evaluation; Conference Planning; and External Relations (I may have missed a few). She has also been a Site Visitor and consultant at ten community colleges.

Meanwhile, Lydia has also played an active role at the regional and state levels. She was first a faculty representative and then (2002–2005) the secretary/treasurer of the Southern Regional Honors Council, and she hosted as well as chaired the SRHC annual conference at the turn of the century. At the same time, she was the president of the Florida Collegiate Honors Council, having served in a variety of capacities within that organization starting in 1997.

DEDICATION

Her day job during all this time was at Hillsborough Community College where, during and after receiving her PhD from the University of South Florida in 1983, she started out as an instructor and then went through the ranks to professor of English and finally to her position as Honors Institute Director from 1996 until last year. She received numerous awards during her career from organizations that included the Center of International Business and Economics Research as well as the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. She also received the Outstanding Alumna Award from the University of South Florida in 1988. In 2014, Hillsborough Community College renamed the Honors Institute as the Dr. Lydia R. Daniel Honors Program.

Her announcement in 2014 that she was going to retire came as a shock to all who know her since she is surely one of the least retiring people in the NCHC. As she launches her next set of projects and commitments, we wish her well and send along great bouquets of gratitude for her years of service to the NCHC.