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DEDICATION



MARCA V. C. WOLFENSBERGER

Marca Wolfensberger has been active in honors education for the past two decades. She co-founded one of the first honors programs in the Netherlands in the early 1990s; ten years later she started connecting with individual members of the NCHC; and, after attending her first NCHC conference in Chicago in 2003, she has been a regular participant in annual honors conferences, bringing with her numerous colleagues—as many as thirty at just one conference—from the Netherlands. She has regularly published and presented on honors education both in the United States and in Europe, and this year she is an organizer of an international conference in the Netherlands on “Evoking Excellence in Higher Education and Beyond.” The volume and seriousness of her research on honors education is reflected in the inclusion of five essays that she has authored or co-authored in just this one issue of *JNCHC*; one of these is an update of an essay she published here in 2004, only one year after attending her first NCHC conference.

Marca heads the research center Talent Development in Higher Education and Society at the Hanze University of Applied Sciences in Groningen and is also honors director and researcher at the Faculty of Geosciences, Utrecht University. She has been appointed by the Minister of Education to the jury that selects the best primary and secondary schools in the Netherlands, and, as a member of the Sirius Assessment Committee, she has reviewed proposals for “excellence” programs from over thirty institutions of higher education on behalf of the Dutch government.

Since 2008, Marca has held the title NCHC-Recommended Site Visitor and, both officially and unofficially, serves as an international supporter and advisor for honors education, always giving first priority to the personal and intellectual growth of honors students in her own program and in all honors programs. Marca has often been the first person to introduce NCHC members to honors outside of the United States through her writing, her conference participation, and her enthusiastic conversation. We thus gratefully dedicate this issue on the theme of “Honors Around the Globe” to Marca Wolfensberger.