

Annual CHS Committee Report 2008-2009

Committee title and membership list:

CHS Honors Committee

Dr. Tim Derrick -- Kinesiology and Health
Dr. Jennifer Margrett--Human Development and Family Studies
Dr. Sara Marcketti--Apparel, Educational Studies and Hospitality Management
Dr. Soko Starobin--Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Dr. Aubrey Mendonca--Food Science and Human Nutrition
Dr. Carl Smith--Curriculum and Instruction
Dayle Nickerson--Honors Coordinator
Stephanie Burbridge--Student Member (Fall, 2008)
Shanelle Kahrs--Student Member (Spring, 2009)

Approximate number of meetings held:

8 full meetings and 17 subcommittee meetings (subcommittee meetings are to approve student proposals)

Major Accomplishments:

1. Implemented procedures for 10 new \$1000 scholarships for honors students entering the CHS.
2. Implemented procedures for 3 new \$200 awards for best CHS posters (2 spring semester and 1 fall).
3. Redesigned all Honors forms and linked to University Honors Website.
4. Held 4 orientation sessions for new honors students.

Significant challenges confronted and how they were addressed:

One of the challenges we identified was to get more students to move from the Freshman Honors Program to the CHS Honors Program. We instituted the Entrance Scholarship to increase the number of applicants. In future years these 10 scholarships will be split into 5 Entrance Scholarships and 5 Junior Year Scholarships. This should help maintain participation in the CHS Honors program.

Next steps and future plans:

Another challenge that we identified was to increase CHS participation in the sophomore year. Students are very active in Freshman Honors but then there is little to keep their interest during their first year of CHS Honors program. This has also been identified as an area of need at the University level and we will work with that committee next year to address this. Another area that we will discuss is ways to increase faculty participation in Honors Seminars. We will also update the website with new scholarship info and award info.

Additional comments:

Submitted by: Tim Derrick, CHS Honors Committee Chair