Welcome Back!

I hope that you had a great summer and are ready for a productive and successful fall and spring semester. In this newsletter, you will find information about scholarships, conferences, workshops, and academic-cultural co-curricular opportunities. The Honors Newsletter banner is sporting a picture of our new mascot, Splash, who is making quite a number of waves around our Tempe Campus!

Fall/Spring 2015-16 Newsletter

Program Updates

As noted in the last newsletter, some things have not changed.

- As we get close to the end of the fall semester, many of you may start to wonder about your awards. Please note that there are a few steps that we must go through to be able to post the awards. All classes must be complete, not just the Honors class. Then we must verify successful completion and send the award notice to financial aid and business services for transcript notation and disbursal. All of these processing steps can lead to a several week delay between the end of class and arrival of the award.

- You can now register for the Spring Semester; we suggest you look for and enroll in another Honors class to maintain your status in the program. Check the Rio Salado website for specific classes and start dates at: www.riosalado.edu.

Co-Curricular Activities

Just a quick reminder that the deadline for fall co-curricular activities is November 13th and for Spring April 8th.

1. All Presidents’ Honors Scholarship awardees must successfully complete two co-curricular activities each semester to continue to receive the scholarship.

2. All Honors Achievement Award recipients must successfully complete one co-curricular activity each semester to continue to receive the scholarship.

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**College Transfer Information**

This semester Rio Salado students are invited to join our sister colleges at Gateway and South Mountain for presentations by the University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University and Barrett Honors College at ASU. A special thank you to Directors Dr. Andy Lenartz at GWCC and Nancy Deegan at SMCC for making arrangements and including our students. Those dates and times are:

- **ASU Barrett Honors College**
  - SMCC: Wed., Nov. 4th, 4pm-5pm- Room SU100A. (3pm-4pm Essay Writing)
  - GWCC: Tue., Nov. 17th, 3pm-4pm-IE building.

- **Northern Arizona University**
  - SMCC: Thurs., Nov. 12th, 12:30pm-1:30pm, Room L 105
  - University of Arizona
  - SMCC: Wed., Nov. 18th, 12:30-1:30pm, Room L 105

- **Grand Canyon University**
  - SMCC: Thurs., Nov. 5th, 12:30, Room TBA

**Information about Co-Curricular Activities:**

This year Honors students are asked to attend co-curricular activities which are designed to enrich and enhance their educational experience in the Honors program. These activities include: academic lectures such as the Honors Forum Lecture series, cultural and art events such as theater and symphony performances, campus involvement in clubs such as PTK, volunteer hours, academic involvement in undergraduate research, Model U.N. and other pre-approved events.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Phoenix Symphony:** All events are held at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays at Phoenix Symphony Hall.

Address: 75 North Second Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

- November 20: Brahms’ Symphony No. 2
- January 22: Beethoven’s Symphony No.7
- March 4: Ravel’s Bolero
- April 15: Sibelius Symphony No.2
- April 29: Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No.2

**Symphony Connections:** Performances held at 12:00 Noon at individual Campuses by the Phoenix Symphony—a “Brown Bag” event.

- February 3: PVCC, February 23: GWCC
- March 9: Scottsdale Community College

**Honor’s Forum Lecture Series:** All events start at 7:00 p.m.

- November 18, Phoenix College: Ms. Courtney Klein, “Journey of a Dream”
- February 17: Mesa Community College, Dr. Ariel Fenster, “Life is a Risky Business”
- April 27: Phoenix College, Dr. Jean Twenge, “Generation ME: Has Rising Cultural Individualism Made Us Better or Worse?”

**Conferences**

- November 11-14: National Collegiate Honors Council