



THE SFSC HONORS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

To Our Honors Program Graduates for 2012-2013—Congratulations!

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Congratulations to our twelve outstanding graduates for 2012-2013!

- ◆ Jean Luke Beard, computer engineering major.
- ◆ Lakeidra Baker, an education major going to Florida Southern College.
- ◆ Star Centeno, an education major, off to Texas in the fall.
- ◆ Brooke Dale, heading to UCF in the fall.
- ◆ Joshua Doane, future meteorologist, accepted at his dream school FSU.
- ◆ Eric Harrigan, studying engineering at USF.
- ◆ Brian Jimenez, PTK president, a pre-med student at UCF.
- ◆ Jacob Jordan, a future petroleum engineer who started with his GED at SFCC in 1995.
- ◆ Kevin LaDue, a dual-enrollment student who will be awarded his high school and Honors A.A. degrees at the same time.
- ◆ Ivana Mahabir, an engineering major who loves robotics.
- ◆ Erik Price, soon to be a chemistry major at UF or UCF.
- ◆ McHarry Ramos is not yet 18, a pre-med student heading to UF in the fall.

Congratulations!

Honors Ambassadors President Anthony Evans and his wife Alisha Evans with their daughter Piper Lilly, born March 22nd!



Meet the SFSC Members of the PTK/All-Florida Academic Team!

Two of our Honors graduates, McHarry Ramos and Jake Jordan, have been chosen for the PTK/All-Florida Academic Team this year. Harry was chosen for the first team and Jake for the second. Ramos and

Jordan joined nominees from across the state at a Daytona Beach ceremony in mid-April to honor them. The competition for nominees is held each fall, and nominees are

announced by PTK in the spring. Nominees may win national scholarships, and are usually offered transfer scholarships by universities. For more information, contact PTK Advisor Ms. Kim Hemler at 784-7331.

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- Emmie Pereira, 2013 Campus Compact Newman Service Fellow (p. 2)

Did You Know —“Common Prerequisites?”

By: Kim Hemler, M.S.

When you hear the term “common prerequisites”, do you fully understand the meaning?

In Florida each university may require that specific courses be completed before a student is eligible for admission into certain programs of study. These courses are known as “common prerequisites.” Any lower level prerequisites are completed as a part of the Associate in Arts degree or at the state university prior to admission to the program of study.

In other words, if a major has common prerequisites, it is not enough just to complete an A.A. degree and the basic Gen Ed requirements to be admitted to that major. The common prerequisites must be completed as well. The minimum grade required in a common prerequisite may also be higher than a C, depending on the program of study and the university.

Many university majors have common prerequisites. For example, the business major requires that you complete six common prerequisites,

engineering requires eight, and psychology four.

As you can see it is important to decide on a major early while completing your AA at SFSC, so your advisor can assist you with selecting the necessary courses required for the major.

It is also a good idea to visit the university website and the web page of the program of study you plan to pursue for any specific requirements. The Common Prerequisite Manual is available to students at www.flvc.org for all majors and catalog years.

If you have any questions regarding admission requirements for any program of study, please see Ms. Hemler in the Advising and

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Counseling Center, or call her at 784-7331.

Emmie Pereira named SFSC's Newman Service Fellow for 2013

We congratulate Honors student Emilia (“Emmie”) Pereira, who earned this national distinction from Campus Compact for her dedicated service to the Museum of Florida Art and Culture.

In nominating her, Dr. Norm Stephens, SFSC president, said, “One significant project to which Emmie has devoted herself is the Wildflower Wayside Shrines Trail, a self-guided walking trail that explores pristine scrubland on the South Florida State College

Created by artist Mollie Doctrow, the Trail honors the endangered plant species found on the SFSC Highlands Campus. As a volunteer, Emmie Pereira gave unstintingly of her time to this project. She appreciates the value of the arts to the community and understands the role the museum has in contributing to the arts and culture of the community and surrounding area.”

Honors Orientation and Transfer Workshop a Success!

The Honors Orientation and Transfer Workshop and the first Honors Ambassadors meeting of Spring 2013 were held January 18th from 9 a.m. till 12 noon in the Honors Study (Cornelius B 200). Pizza and snacks were provided by Dr. Pressler and Ms. Hemler. Students learned in depth about topics including: requirements

for continuing in and graduating from the Honors Program, enhancing your own transfer potential, qualifying for transfer scholarships, building the college resume, the importance of service-



L to R: Meaghan Brothers, Michele Cruz, Shontonia Williams, and Noor Aboul-Hosn.

learning, and more. Orientation and Transfer Workshops are held each year for incoming Honors Students.

Did You Know? — Residence Halls, A.K.A. “The Dorms?”

By Charlotte Pressler, Ph.D.

Did you know that many four-year universities and colleges own buildings dedicated to student housing? These are known as “residence halls,” but you may also hear them called by the old slang term “dorms.”

A residence hall typically provides room and board for students during the academic term. One payment covers the cost of the “dorm room,” which is often shared with another student, as well as all meals at the hall’s dining room. Usually, but not always, residence halls close during breaks and vacations.

Did you know that financial aid and scholarship awards can also be used to pay for the cost of room and board? These can be very generous.

SFSC Honors student Don Fry has researched Alabama’s Troy University. There, students entering with a 3.7 GPA and high ACT or SAT scores are qualified for the Millennium Scholar's Award which pays for full tuition, room and board.

The Southern Scholarship Foundation provides rent-free housing to qualified students at FSU, FAMU, FGCU, and other universities, adds Honors student Joshua Doane. High GPA and good character are required to apply successfully., along with three

letters of recommendation and an essay.

Did you know that living at a residence hall puts you right on campus? You don’t have to buy or cook food. You may not have to own a car. You can focus on your studies, not on getting a job to pay living expenses.

Did you know that the “dorms” can be nice places to live? Florida Southern College, in Lakeland, is famous for its residence halls designed by celebrated architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Graduating Honors student Lakeidra Baker will be attending Florida Southern. She says, “The buildings are amazing!”

FCHC 2013: What a Time We Had!

What a wonderful time we had at the Westin Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, when we joined Honors students from across Florida at the Florida Collegiate Honors Conference!

SFSC students presenting at the conference included Lakeidra Baker (“Stetson Kennedy”), Paul Cribbs (“Controlled Burns and Scrub Ecology”), Kevin La Due (“George Sebring as a Leader”) and Brian

Jimenez (“Andrew Jackson’s Indian Removal Policy”). Joining us were Caryn McQueen and Josean Cruz. Honors Director Charlotte Pressler supervised the trip.

The SFSC Honors Program is a proud member of the Florida Collegiate Honors Council.

Here we are, checking into the hotel: L-R Baker, Jimenez, McQueen, Cruz,



Cribbs, LaDue. Dr. Pressler took the picture.

How to Join Us Next Year for FCHC

The first and most important thing you need to do is create an excellent research paper or project in one of your Honors courses.

FCHC’s request for proposals is sent to Honors Director Charlotte Pressler in November. If you would like to be considered for NCHC, ask your professor to contact her. She will then contact you and help you develop your proposal. Acceptances are e-mailed to

Dr. Pressler in January. If your proposal was accepted, she will contact you and help you develop your presentation. Christian Negrón of eLearning will help you develop your PowerPoint to the peak of perfection. Then, be ready to travel.

That’s all you have to do. The Honors Program will pay your registration fee (meals are included) and your hotel room charge. We will also bring you

there. That way, you can focus on giving a great presentation!

(PS—Yes, that’s the FCHC hotel!)



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The SFSC Honors Program Offers You:

Academically rigorous Honors courses, including general education requirements, electives, and major prerequisites
Interdisciplinary seminars and a leadership training course.
A participatory teaching style that fosters critical thinking.
Service-learning opportunities in the community.
Small classes (maximum 15 students per section).
Opportunities to present your research at state and regional Honors conferences.
College transfer workshops and assistance.
Access to The Study (Honors Student Study Room)
Edward K. Roberts Honors Program Book Scholarship:
\$500 annually for all Honors students in good standing.

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Brain Teaser! Contributed by Anthony Evans, Honors Ambassadors President

Question:

A traveler comes to a fork in the road which leads to two villages.

In one village the people always tell lies, and in the other village the people always tell the truth.

The traveler needs to conduct business in the village where everyone tells the truth.

A man from one of the villages is standing in the middle of the fork, but there is no indication of which village he is

from.

The traveler approaches the man and asks him one question. From the villager's answer, he knows which road to follow.

What did the traveler ask?

If you think you know the answer, send it in an e-mail to PressleC@southflorida.edu by May 31st, 2013.

The name of the person contributing the first correct answer will be published in the

Summer Newsletter, along with the most creative wrong answer!

Source: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIH)

