

## December Honors Scholar Graduates Recognized



December Honors Scholar Graduates were recognized at a medallion ceremony and small reception held Thursday, December 2, in the East Lounge of the Metro Campus Student Union. Honorees included Dylan Bruton, Railey Field, Chelsey Fritts, Jerome Philpot, Jammilex Rivera and Rachel Thompson. (Bruton and Thompson were unable to attend the ceremony.) Honors Coordinator Allen Culpepper gave brief congratulatory remarks, and the Scholars revealed their post-graduation plans.



**Top:** Prof. Valerie O'Brien and Jerome Philpot. **Middle:** Prof. Allen Culpepper and Jammilex Rivera. **Bottom:** Prof. Culpepper and Railey Field. **Right:** Prof. Heather Wilburn and Chelsy Fritts.

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*Incoming and prospective TCC students seeking opportunities for academic excellence as part of a community of like-minded scholars are cordially invited to consider participation in the TCC Honors Program. We hope you will consider being a part of Honors at TCC!*

*Angela Sivadon*

Dr. Angela Sivadon  
Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer



## Honors Gets Stylish Invitation for Recruitment

Each spring, TCC Admissions sends a packet of information about TCC to prospective TCC students who are in high school. The packet has always included some information about Honors, but in spring 2022, the students will receive a stylish formal invitation to consider the Honors Program. The invitation was suggested by Dean of Retention & Engagement Corinice Wilson, signed by Chief Academic Officer Angela Sivadon, and designed by Michael Cortez of TCC Marketing.

## "Honors Conversations" Series Now Under Way

During the fall 2021 semester, the Honors Program started a series of "Honors Conversations," small-group gatherings of Honors Scholars and faculty with an invited guest for a chat over a cup of coffee or tea. Our first conversation, held at The Perk at Northeast Campus, was with He Ning, our Honors liaison to TCC Advising. The second, held at the Metro Campus Perk, was with Prof. Sean Peevsasser, who talked with us about TCC's new ebook on academic integrity. We hope to continue the series in the spring.



## Honors Takes Part in Blue Blitz

Honors Scholar Tyme Hopkins, an engineering major, and Honors Coordinator Allen Culpepper, associate professor of English, represented the TCC Honors Program at the Big Blue Blitz on Saturday morning, Nov. 7, by the pond at Southeast Campus. The Blitz is an annual TCC preview day for local high school juniors and seniors.

## Honors Scholars Enjoy Social Excursions to Local Attractions

Although pandemic conditions have continued to limit our ability to stage social events, small groups of Honors Scholars have enjoyed two excursions this semester, one to the Gathering Place on the last evening of October. It had been stormy all day, but the weather cleared enough for us to have a walk around the park before we moved indoors to play a game of Neanderthal Poetry. The zoo day was a chilly one, but otherwise nice, and most of the animals were out. It was too cold for the new baby rhino, but we spent a long time with the giraffes and their keeper, who shared lots of interesting information with us about the giraffes and the rhinos. We hope to have a game night early in the spring semester.

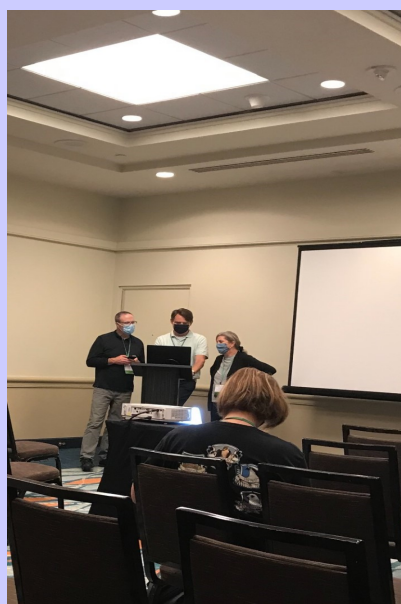
# Representing TCC at the 2021 NCHC Annual Conference

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I thoroughly enjoyed attending the 2021 annual *National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC)* Conference held in Orlando, Florida, October 27-30. Who would have thought that the absence of mosquitos would have been an "X" factor, but more on that later. While masks were required, it was wonderful to meet face to face with fellow Honors folks. I was fortunate to be a presenter at two conference sessions. The first showcased an international partnership among Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic), Notre Dame of Maryland University (Baltimore, MD) and Tulsa Community College. This session focused on unique practices for virtual study abroad. The second session centered on the concept of the "Knowledge Café," – an inspiring, dynamic, and uncomplicated discussion tool for facilitating the development of a global mindset among students and faculty and is a tremendous tool for connecting people internationally. Personally, my conference experiences focusing on "story" were true highlights of the learning experience. Essentially being in the backyard of Walt Disney World, a focus on story and storytelling was quite apropos and applicable to both faculty and students. Finding oneself in people's stories was an eye-opening experience. "Everyone has a story," was commonly expressed and through storytelling and story sharing all can gain in their sense of inclusivity and individuality. One unique and unanticipated learning moment occurred when I explored why Walt Disney World is mosquito-free. Conference participants were all invited to E.P.C.O.T. as an extra-curricular (and evening) element of the shared conference themes of "story sharing" and "reimagining education." I learned that Walt Disney and his team originally created an architecture for the "Magic Kingdom" that eliminates the conditions that breed mosquito larvae. Park waters are always flowing, architectural designs redirect rain water keeping it from pooling, and they spray liquid garlic that apparently is undetectable by humans but drives mosquitos away. Not only was I thrilled that mosquitos were absent, but this intentional design metaphorically serves as a prodigious reminder for all attendees to consider the social architecture of their surroundings and to search for conditions that can be reconsidered and "reimagined" for the advancement of learning for all.



Dr. Douglas Price of TCC with NCHC colleagues at the 2021 conference in Orlando.







## Honors Welcomes Sahar Enis

Sahar Enis, who has joined the Division of Engaged Learning as a part-time Administrative Assistant I, will be assisting with some Honors Program tasks and working from the Honors Program office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Honors also continues to receive support from Administrative Assistant III Jackie Pingatore, especially with matters related to budget and travel. The Honors Program is part of the Division of Engaged Learning, overseen by Dean Cindy Shanks.

## Honors Enrollment Numbers for Fall 2021

A total of 406 TCC students enrolled in the 27 Honors sections offered in Fall 2022. Honors classes were offered in a variety of academic disciplines, including astronomy, biology, chemistry, college success, communications, composition, literature, creative writing, history, humanities, political science, math, CIS, philosophy, and sociology.



### The Honors Program Experience

When you are admitted to the Tulsa Community College Honors Program, you become part of a learning community that offers unique opportunities for highly motivated students. Smaller classes, travel opportunities, hands-on-learning activities, and in-depth teaching by Honors faculty take your college experience to a higher level.

### Requirements

To become an Honors Scholar, you will need to complete an application, submit an essay, provide a recommendation from an educator, and meet two of the following criteria. You need to meet at least two criteria from Category 1 or at least one criterion from Category 1 plus at least one criterion from Category 2.

#### Category 1:

- Composite ACT score of 25 or higher;
- Combined SAT score of 1200 or higher;
- Unweighted 3.5 GPA from an accredited high school;
- Top 10% ranking in high school graduating class;
- 90+ percentile ranking on the GED;
- 3.5 or higher GPA on a minimum of 12 earned semester hours at TCC or another regionally accredited college or university;
- Completion of two TCC Honors credit courses with grades of A or B;
- Comparable academic results from an international secondary school.

If you are not a current TCC student, we will need a transcript sent from your school.

#### Category 2:

- Membership in high school honor society (National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, or another state Honor society;)
- Documented demonstration of special abilities, awards, and/or academic or creative achievements or other significant accomplishments.

### How to Apply

To apply online, visit the TCC Honors Program's website at [Tulsacc.edu/Honors](https://tulsacc.edu/Honors)

“My Honors instructors required much more of their students - not by increasing the workload, but by encouraging independent learning.”

“I have been given the priceless opportunity to meet other students who are as dedicated and determined about learning as I am.”

“The Honors program has really helped to develop me - not only into the student I strive to be, but the kind of individual I want to be in life.”

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