

TCC Honors Program Newsletter

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Honors Scholars recognized at annual awards reception



Points of Interest:

- **Do you expect to graduate next year?** Let the Honors Office know. The exit essay deadline for Honors Scholars graduating in the fall is October 15. It's March 1 for those graduating in spring or summer.
- **The Honors Program anticipates hiring work-study employees in the coming year, and we will be giving priority to Honors Scholars who qualify. If you are interested in working for the Honors Program, call 918-595-7378.**

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The Honors Program holds a reception each year to celebrate the achievements of its students. On April 25, it recognized 2017-18 graduates of the Honors Scholar program, 2018 honors conference presenters, and the winners of the year's TCC Foundation Honors Awards, Kontogianes Honors Award, and Comby Prize.

Ethan Brunner, a political science major, was chosen as the winner of the Henry B. Comby III Prize, named for the late Dr. Henry Comby, who taught TCC's first honors class. **Cody Arnold**, a psychology major, received the Kontogianes Honors Award, given in honor of the late Dr. John Kontogianes, former Chief Academic Officer of the college. Plaques honoring the winners of the Comby Prize and the Kontogianes Award hang permanently in the Henry Comby Scholars Suite on Metro Campus. Both prizes also carry significant cash awards for the recipients: \$1000 and \$750, respectively.

Twenty Honors Scholars received

TCC Foundation Honors Awards. Funding for these \$250 awards is generously provided by the Tulsa Community College Foundation. The Foundation Honors Award is an acknowledgment of a student's outstanding academic performance and contribution in the classroom. The award affirms excellence and rewards the student who has accepted the challenge to become an exceptional TCC Honors Scholar. Recipients of all Honors Program awards are chosen each year based on the recommendations of the honors faculty on all four campuses.

The winners of the 2017-2018 TCC Foundation Honors Award were Sarah Brown, Lauren Davison, Sierra Deyoe, Jennifer E. Glemboski, Jeffrey Samuel Hammontree, Rachel Hazlitt, Nathanael Hrcir, Brayden Hughes, Teresa Stacy Serafina Mccarrell, Cing Nuam, Pizza Ordorica, Emma Panter, Logan Patrick, Grace Propst, Margarita Ratliff, Maria Tadros, Austin West, Tyler Willhite,

Mohammad I. Zahid, and Rosa Zavaleta.

Two TCC Honors Scholars presented their research at regional honors conferences this year. Rachel Hazlitt presented at the Great Plains Honors Council conference, held March 23-25 in Stillwater, Okla. She spoke about her research on Tulsa food deserts in "Desert Tracts: Using Census Data to Assess Tulsa's Food Insecurity." Maria Tadros presented "Garbage City, Cairo" at an honors conference on peace-building hosted by Richland College in Dallas, Tex., on Feb. 27. Travel and conference registration expenses for both students were provided by the TCC Foundation.

Also recognized at the reception were the year's graduating Honors Scholars, who were presented with engraved pewter medallions to wear at Commencement. (See the story on page 4.) TCC's Honors Scholar program has very specific requirements, including an application process. Scholars take at least 24 honors credit hours and complete an associate degree with an overall TCC GPA of at least 3.5.

The reception, refreshments, and awards were made possible by the TCC Foundation.

Honors Scholars recognized at state Capitol

Congratulations to Ryan Cooper and Rachel Hazlitt, who were among the 40 community college students named to the 2018 All-Oklahoma Academic Team. This honor goes to students nominated by their college president. The academic team is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges. Those selected were

honored at the Oklahoma Capitol by the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges and the Oklahoma Council of Two-Year College Presidents. The awards were presented March 27, 2018, on the floor of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

*Pictured at right, Ryan Cooper.
Next page, Rachel Hazlitt.*



Exploring the Mother Road with author Michael Wallis



TCC students share a moment outside the Rock Café with Michael Wallis, the voice of the Sheriff in Cars.

The Friday before spring break, 40 TCC students embarked on “Pops Fusion 66,” a day-long bus journey down Route 66 with the historian whose book *Route 66: The Mother Road* has done much in recent decades to increase interest in the historic highway. Tulsan Michael Wallis, an award-winning reporter and historian who is also famous as the voice of the Sheriff in the Pixar *Cars* movies, narrated the drive. He pointed out landmarks, told colorful stories from the road’s history, and introduced the travelers to Mother Road experts and denizens at several stops along the way. The trip was planned by Dr. Douglas Price, director of Global Learning, and was open to equal numbers of Honors Scholars and international students. Domestic and international students were paired on the bus to discuss the cultural phenomenon of this celebrated U.S. highway as well as iconic travel routes in other countries.

TCC to host two Fulbright Scholars from France

Throughout the Fall 2018 semester, TCC will host a pair of Fulbright Scholars-in-Residence from Lyon, France. Michel Christian and Marie Plassart will take part in the Honors Program’s Research Retreat, among the several presentations they will give during their residency.

Christian, a historian, studies early childhood policies in Europe and the United States. Plassart is a political scientist working on a book about Oklahoma’s grassroots socialism around the time of statehood. Both are faculty members at the University of Lyon.

Watch for these two accomplished schol-

ars, who will be visible in public presentations and faculty development opportunities. They will be in residence for one semester only, for speaking engagements at TCC and teaching commitments at The University of Tulsa. We look forward to the academic engagement and intercultural stimulation that their presence in our community will bring!

Important dates for your calendar

The 2018 **Honors Roundup**, the annual meeting and pizza dinner required of all Honors Scholars, will take place on Tuesday, **Sept. 18**, in the late afternoon. All Honors Scholars will receive an email about the exact place and time.

The Honors Program will again sponsor an **all-day “research retreat”** open to all interested students. This year’s will take place on Friday, **October 26**. Reservations will be required; watch your TCC email for an announcement and registration instructions.

The Honors Program’s **annual awards reception** will be held April 25, 2019, in late afternoon. All Honors Scholars are encouraged to attend and help us applaud the achievements of our graduating Scholars, award winners, and conference presenters for the 2018-19 academic year.

2018 Great Plains Honors Council conference



Rachel Hazlitt

The 2018 gathering of the Great Plains Honors Council was held on the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater,

during the weekend of March 23-25.

Honors Scholar Rachel Hazlitt represented TCC as a conference presenter. Rachel spoke about her sociological study of U.S. Census data to understand patterns of food insecurity in the Tulsa area. Her travel and conference registration expenses were provided by the Scholars-in-Motion grant from the TCC Foundation.

She was accompanied by Honors Program Coordinator Susan O'Neal and Honors Specialist Lynn Richmond, who attended the organization's annual business meeting and an afternoon of professional development on how best to serve students, with one session focused on students in distress, one on students on the autism spectrum, and one on the LGBTQ community. As a member of the GPHC development committee, Richmond also

participated in a meeting of the GPHC executive committee and reported on her work as GPHC website manager.

In addition to stimulating academic presentations, student conference-goers enjoyed excursions to their choice of Tulsa, Oklahoma City, or Guthrie; and heard a plenary presentation by historian Dr. Doug Miller, who spoke about the intersections he has found in studying two of his areas of academic interest: Native American history and popular music.

The students' registrations and travel expenses were paid by a grant from the Tulsa Community College Foundation.

Next year's conference will take place in Tyler, Texas, and will be hosted by the University of Texas-Tyler. The dates are April 5-7, 2019.

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship informational meetings on all four campuses

In August, the application for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship—the nation's largest and most prestigious transfer scholarship—will open, with submissions due in October. Applicants must have 30+ earned hours after the fall term, with cumulative GPAs of 3.5 or higher. They

should plan to transfer to a four-year institution in fall 2019 (no earlier or later), and they must demonstrate unmet financial need. To learn more about the application process and decide whether you're a good candidate, come to any of four informational meetings with the scholarship's TCC representative, Honors Coordinator Susan O'Neal.

West: 2:30-3:00 on Tuesday, Sept. 11, Student Union Gallery

Southeast: 12:30-1:00 on Thursday, Sept. 13, Student Union Auditorium

Northeast: 2:30-3:00 on Thursday, Sept. 13, Student Union Glass Dining Room (222).

Metro: 4:00-4:30 on Friday, Sept. 14, Student Union East Lounge (MSU 214)

Farewell to good friends on the faculty

Every year at TCC, some faculty retire and some faculty are hired. This year is no different—but this is one of the years that an unusually large number of the retirees are past or present honors faculty: Craig Brown, Mary Larson (who taught the first online honors class), RoxAnn Davenport, Fran French, Cathy Furlong, Donna Goodwin, Bud Turman, Krena White, and, in particular, Claude Bolze, who has taught honors sections of physical geology, historical geology, and/or physical science

every fall and spring for more than twenty years.

Prof. Bolze has regularly taken students on field trips to visit seismographs, pan for gold, or study the fossils found in downtown office buildings—and he has volunteered his services to the Great Plains Honors Council, serving once as a judge of the annual Boe Awards and once as a conference tour guide (yes, the geology of downtown Tulsa).

We will miss all of these outstanding faculty! Please join us in wishing them well.

Below, Prof. Bolze points out fossils at Metro Campus.



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How to contact the TCC Honors Program

If you have questions about the Honors Program or suggestions for us, please let us know. Email us at honors@tulsacc.edu

The TCC Honors Office is on Metro Campus, although honors classes are on every campus.

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Congratulations, 2017-18 Honors Scholar graduates!

Madison Bremer
Ethan Brunner
Eva Cevallos
Ryan D. Cooper
Samira Darbandi
Abby N. Duffy
Jennifer E. Glemboski
Jeffrey Samuel Hammontree
Connor Henson
Avery Holmes

Matthew Mackey
Teresa Stacy Serafina Mccarrell
Cheryl McGuire-Howard
Pizza Ordorica
Anna Platt
Margarita Ratliff
Brayden M. Shields
Garrett Smith
Sarah Smith
Eva Stickler
Mohammad I. Zahid
Rosa Zavaleta

Scholarship news

University of Tulsa Transfer Scholarships

If you are an Honors Scholar planning to transfer to The University of Tulsa, you will need to apply for admission to TU before applying for scholarships. When you apply for transfer admission, notify TU that you are a TCC Honors Scholar. TU's admissions office will then supply you with a verification form that must be completed by the TCC Honors Office.

TU offers two generous [transfer scholarships](#) to TCC Honors Scholar graduates - the \$22,000 Transfer Honors Scholarship and the TCC Honors Award, which is an additional \$2,000 for graduates of the Honors Scholar program. TCC students transferring to TU may also apply for the Mervin Bovaird Scholarship. The Bovaird, privately funded by the Bovaird Foundation, may be combined with TU's transfer scholarships; to apply for this scholarship, complete the TCC Scholarship Application.

TCC Honors Tuition Waiver

If you are an Honors Scholar in good standing and meet the waiver's eligibility requirements, be sure you have been to the Honors Scholar Blackboard site to complete and submit the online 2018-19 tuition waiver request form. Once you have requested the Honors Scholar Tuition Waiver, be sure you have enrolled in fall honors classes no later than July 27, in order to avoid revocation of your tuition waiver. The tuition waiver will not appear in your student account until after you have enrolled in classes. Finally, be sure to attend the Honors Roundup (see page 3) in order to maintain your eligibility for the scholarship!

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

In late August, the 2018-19 application process for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship will begin. The scholarship is de-

signed to help students with exceptional promise and financial need reach their full potential through higher education. The award amount can be as high as \$40,000 per year for up to three years. Approximately 45 students from around the country receive these scholarships, and TCC has had seven winners since 2002.

Honors Program Coordinator Susan O'Neal is TCC's faculty representative for this scholarship. She'll hold informational meetings on all four campuses this year. See page 3 for details.

Other Scholarships

Be sure to check the TCC Financial Aid website for scholarship opportunities at TCC. Many scholarships, from a variety of sources, are available!

If you are transferring, contact your transfer institution about financial aid and scholarships. Application deadlines are sometimes as early as January or February for the following fall.