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From the Director's Desk

What is the difference between an honors program and an honors college? The National Collegiate Honors Council has established a long list of characteristics that distinguish one from the other. Essentially the difference comes down to a matter of scale and function. Honors colleges are generally larger than honors programs and function in different capacities within the university than an honors program does.

For the past 14 years, Collegium V has operated as a free-standing honors program in Undergraduate Education and the Provost's Office, offering highly talented students enhanced opportunities to pursue excellence inside and outside the classroom. Collegium V has grown from a few dozen students in a few majors into a broad ranging multidisciplinary program with over 450 students. We expect growth to continue unabated over the next 5 years.

Growth has brought a need for organizational change. We are in the process of establishing an honors college at UT Dallas that will bring together a variety of honors programs and programs of excellence that have grown up alongside CV. The broad outlines of the honors college may look something like this:

1) There will be three distinct, but closely related, programs lying at the heart of the honors college for 4-year students: The Collegium V Program, The Terry Scholar's Program, and the National Merit Scholars Program. Students in the honors college may belong to one, two, or all three programs. The McDermott Program will remain an independent program in the Provost Office that is closely affiliated with the Honors College.

2) The honors college will also house the Archer Program (a Washington D.C. UT System Internship Program run through UT Dallas and the honors college), the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the Office of Distinguished Scholarships, and the Model UN team. It will also be closely affiliated and provide support for the Green Scholars Program (a UT Southwestern-UT Dallas medical research internship program).

Once the honors college is formally established I imagine that other opportunities will extend themselves to us. This is an exciting time of change.

- Dr. H





From Valerie

Friday, October 19 - Midterm grades available online Sunday,

October 21 - Green Fellowship applications due
(www.utsouthwestern.edu/greenfellows)

Tuesday, October 30 - last day to withdraw from undergraduate courses Wednesday,

Wednesday, October 31 - Eighth class of Green Fellows announced

"I'd like to invite
anyone who would
like to do longer
term academic
planning to stop
by for a talk"

- Dr. Dow

From Doctor Dow

I would love to advertise some of the upcoming distinguished scholarships. Anyone with an interest in learning more is encouraged to contact me by email (dougdown@utdallas.edu).

1. Goldwater Scholarship — Undergraduate Research in the STEMS fields

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program is designed as a source of funding for juniors and seniors majoring in the natural sciences, engineering, and mathematics, and who are intending to make a career in these fields. The purpose of the Goldwater Foundation is to provide a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians, and engineers by awarding scholarships to college students who intend to pursue careers in these fields. Each year, the Foundation awards up to 300 scholarships, and each scholarship covers eligible expenses for undergraduate tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of \$7,500 annually. Students may apply twice.

Eligibility: Undergraduate Study (apply your sophomore or junior year)



Duration: One or two years

More Information: Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Foundation

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Citizenship Criteria: U.S. Citizen or permanent resident, or a U.S. national from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands

Competitive GPA: 3.8-4.0

Deadline: Typically January

2. Truman Scholarships — Individual Leadership and Public Service

The Truman Scholarship provides graduate study funding to 60 to 65 juniors intending to pursue graduate degrees in public service fields. The scholarship targets future “change agents” that will work to improve the ways that government agencies, nonprofit organizations, or educational institutions serve the public. Successful applicants must be willing to work in public service for three of the first seven years after completion of a Truman Foundation-funded graduate degree. Students must have a strong record of leadership and public service and must have extensive participation in two or more of the following sets of activities: Student government or campus-based extracurricular activities; community-service not organized by the university or a student organization; government internships, commissions or boards, advocacy, or interest groups or military/ROTC; or partisan political activities and campaigns.

Eligibility: Graduate Study (apply your junior year)

Duration: One or two years

More Information: Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

Citizenship Criteria: U.S. Citizen or a U.S. national from a Pacific Island

Competitive GPA: Top quarter of graduating class

Deadline: Typically early February

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Keep bringing in reams and trading them in for print cards!

Red Bull Soapbox Race: Dallas

Husain Mogri

On September 15, Red Bull hosted a boxcar race in Austin Ranch, Plano. It was a terrific event to watch. Contestants hailed from all over Texas, and some even may have come from other states. Each team built a homemade, non-motorized vehicle for the race and decorated it according to a theme. There were a variety of themes, including Mexican, the Flintstones, Captain America, and *The Dictator*. UT Dallas was even represented by a Comet cart! Teams went all-out and dressed in costume for their themes. The goal was to have one team member ride their soapbox car downhill and make the best time, but the judges also seemed to give points for creativity and enthusiasm.

The setting was fantastic. The track was a downhill road set in between hills that normally would be used by automobiles. It was walled off from the thousands of spectators by blocks of hay and grass, but one could still see the racers speed by. The event had commentators and was televised on multiple screens so people could follow and cheer on their contestants.

Teams would start out by going on stage and displaying their cars. They would play a short skit that went along with their theme. One team was comically dressed in tights, carried shape weights, and had retro hair-dos. They showed off their ridiculous outfits and did some workout moves before launching their soapbox car down the slope. The track itself also had two ramps, which was rather difficult for some of the boxcars to pass over. Obstacles in the track also forced the drivers into steering the vehicle during the course. The cars that performed well were able to run the track in about half a minute. Other boxcars stopped midway and some busted parts, wheels and axles flying. It was quite funny to watch. When the Flintstones cart broke down, its driver started throwing a tantrum and hitting the car with his club. He finished the race on his own legs.

Overall, the experience was terrific. It reminded me of the Cardboard Boat Regatta at UTD. In this campus intramural event, teams must make a round trip across the Activity Center swimming pool in their makeshift boats. I encourage you to join the CV team and, like the soapbox racers, enjoy the thrill of taking a ride in your own creation!

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- Edited by: Mikaela McMurtry

(Dis) Orientation

Mikaela McMurtry

Another summer has ended, and yet another parcel of promising freshmen have joined Collegium V. The CV program of course is not just a group of courses but also a family, and our new freshmen need an introduction. Thus, welcoming and weaving the new scholars into the fabric of our program is always of top importance, illustrating the necessity of CV Freshman Orientation.

The rest of the council and I had been warned by Dr. Harpham that the morning of freshman orientation would be long, repetitive, and tiring, but I wasn't worried. I was excited to meet all the newbies, and excited to see all that their intellect and imagination would add to the CV program.

So, the morning of orientation, I was up bright and early, shaking hands and beaming smiles at all my new comrades. Breakfast was quickly dished out in a round table fashion, and after some greeting and eating, we led pods of freshman to the Green Center. Then the presentations began:

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Hello everyone! Good morning! We're your CV Council members, and we're going to cover all the miscellaneous items and offer ourselves as the answerers to all the questions you don't want an "adult" for. I'm Mikaela...

We informed, answered questions, beamed, chitchatted, and sent them on their merry way.

Hello everyone! We're your CV Council, and we're covering "Miscellaneous." Feel free to ask us question! I'm Mikaela...

We apprised, encouraged questions, offered answers, grinned, chatted, and sent them on.

Hello all! We're your CV Council! Be thinking of questions! I'm Mikaela...

We notified, answered, advised, smiled, conversed, and rotated.

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(Dis) Orientation

Mikaela McMurtry

Hi! We're your Council! I'm Mikaela...

Inform, reply, curve lips, converse, shoo. It just kept going...

As the last group melted away, I clutched my water bottle for dear life and hijacked some crackling packages with crackling contents. At that moment I didn't care they'd likely take out a kidney. I was frazzled. Like a piñata that's been out for too long, I still retained my colorful cheer, and I was still held up by fierce loyalty and commitment to the cause, but I was ragged around the edges and spurting facts and jests like so much generic candy. I am very used to welcoming people, but I did not realize that after the more personal breakfast that I wouldn't be welcoming folks so much as...performing the same, not particularly hilarious or momentous routine for small, semi-interested, sleepy clusters of students.

Still, I had a responsibility. As a member of the CV Executive Council, I couldn't skip out just because it was an early morning with a subdued audience. But all my efforts in mentoring the baby freshman CV was worth it. A piñata is built to take a little buffeting. The worst that could happen is that the sugar would get a little stale. And these are my brothers and sisters in arms. This is our honors program, and I'm glad we're all part of it.

If anyone has more questions, I've drunk my water and taken a breath and am ready for them. Welcome to the best four years of your life. Welcome to Collegium V.

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kept going..."***

-Edited by: Anandini Rao

November Wind

Katelyn McWilliams

As days grow shorter and a long Texas summer resentfully gives way to cooler weather, the promise of fall is in the air. Yet the coming months promise more than cooler temperatures and midterms. As weeks fly past and we revel in Oktoberfest and Halloween, a more serious event draws closer and closer: election week approaches, and students—some for the first time—will be called on to exercise their voice in the ballot box.

Like driving a car or moving away from home, casting a vote is a key stepping stone on the road to independence and adulthood. Yet participating in the presidential election is, I would argue, much more significant than getting behind the wheel. Entering a voting booth constitutes your part in a grander scheme. Your vote and the thousands accompanying it are added together and used to select the next President of the United States, an individual who will have unparalleled influence on national policy for the next four years. For those of us who can count the number of sitting presidents in our lifetime on one hand, this period is quite a stretch! Having seen a mere three Commander in Chiefs, I feel morally obligated to participate in reelecting the third or selecting the fourth. To my mind, the checking of a box is my virtual signature on the president's contract. He is bound to me and my fellow citizens for four years, paid out of our collective pockets, and duty-bound to see to our best interest.

My sense of civic responsibility was further enforced when I attended UTD's Constitution Day. Unbeknownst to me, September 17, 2012 marked the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, and several university organizations banded together to bring a variety of politically centered activities to the Chess Plaza. Students answered Constitutional trivia questions for candy and t-shirts while others posed for a picture with their favorite candidate in a mock oval office. While I walked away with a free car shade (No, the President cannot issue a bill of attainder!), I picked up something else for free: my complimentary copy of the Constitution, which fit perfectly inside that new shade. I pulled it out again when I got back to my apartment. It wasn't very big: its slick laminated cover was the width of my hand. Even though the pamphlet included the Constitution, the Articles of Confederation, and pages of fast facts about the founding fathers, it measured less than half an inch

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thick. It is hard to imagine that our entire government and over two hundred years of history are founded on something so visually insignificant!

Many CV students are already actively involved in political events. Our members are currently working on congressional campaigns and participating in student government while Dr. Dow's GOVT 2301 class will complete special assignments covering this year's election. Yet each and every one of us should get involved in the upcoming election. Unless you want to waive the right to complain about the government for the next four years, you are obligated to express your opinion in November! I encourage each of you to find a copy of the Constitution in the upcoming months. Read it. If you're feeling really industrious, sit for a few moments and *think* about it. Whether you agree with its statutes or not, know the tenets that ostensibly govern this nation. Research the candidates and determine which one you believe will best lead the country. Student Government will gladly help you register, and early voting/voting by mail accommodates the hectic schedules of college students. Don't let the opportunity pass you by. May this November be one of many informed ballots to come!

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- Edited by: Kelsey Drake

OCTOBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2 Contra dancing 8 am	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Field Day 1pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Green Fellow appli- cations due	22 Rock in the Age of Nixon 7 pm	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Last day to withdraw from courses	31 HALLOWEEN			

Get Ready for the Boat Regatta in November!

Monday, October 22– Be sure to listen to Dr. Dow/Harpham's Rock in the Age of Nixon RadioUTD lecture at 7 pm.

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Collegium V: Learning That Never Sleeps



The Collegium V Honors Program at The University of Texas at Dallas was established in 1997 to provide an undergraduate honors experience that extends beyond the classroom. Small classes, innovative instruction, world class faculty, bright and inquisitive colleagues, and an array of extracurricular events offer Collegium V members special opportunities for professional and personal growth at the university.

If you are interested in learning more about Collegium V, please visit our website at cv.utdallas.edu or contact us for an application or to set up a tour.

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