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Shippensburg University Students Invited to National Honors Conference

SHIPPENSBURG, Pa. — Four Shippensburg University Honors Program students were invited to give presentations at the Conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council last week in San Antonio, Texas.

The 43rd annual conference, held at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, featured the theme “Crossing Frontiers.” Shippensburg University Honors seniors Amy Harmon of Carlisle, Emily Jung of Lancaster, Valerie Koontz of Harrisburg, and Emily Sattler of Collegeville were among the nearly 2,000 students, faculty, and administrators who attended the five-day event to share ideas about honors programs and honors education.

Harmon and Sattler’s presentation, “Crossing the Frontier between High School and University: Developing a Successful Mentoring and Orientation Program for New Honors Students,” described how Shippensburg University Honors students have developed a mentoring and orientation program to ease new students’ transition to the university and the Honors Program.

“I really enjoyed the opportunity to present our freshman orientation program to representatives of honors programs from across the country,” said Harmon, a 22-year-old accounting major who is also president of the Honors Student Organization at Shippensburg University. “Plus, the conference was a great forum to exchange ideas that we could implement in our own Honors Program.”

“I had an amazing experience at the conference,” agreed Sattler, a 21-year-old elementary education major. “I learned so much over the course of the week.”

Jung and Koontz’s presentation, “Excitement in Education: Introducing Middle School Students to the College Frontier,” offered a look at an Honors Program service project that brings lower income middle school students to the Shippensburg University campus for a day of participating in fun, educational workshops and learning about college life.

“I was blessed to be given the chance to present Excitement in Education. It’s a program I’ve worked hard on for the past few years,” said Koontz, a 21-year-old secondary mathematics major. “The other seminars I attended were a great source of information to help me evaluate Shippensburg’s Honors Program and see what we do well and what we can improve on.”

Shippensburg University Honors Program Director Kim Klein also attended the conference and was one of 10 professors invited to participate in an international education forum where panelists discussed 'best practices' for funding, logistics, security, and other issues surrounding student travel abroad.

For more information about the conference and student presenters or for accompanying photographs, contact Dr. Klein at (717) 477-1604 or kmklei@ship.edu.

The Shippensburg University Honors Program is made up of more than 150 undergraduate students of diverse backgrounds and interests who are accepted to the program based on academic achievement, intellectual curiosity, and evidence of leadership and community service.

The Honors Program offers small, dynamic classes with excellent instruction and high levels of energy and participation; opportunities for research projects, internships, and study abroad experiences; and cultural events, social activities, and service projects. For more information, contact Dr. Kim Klein, Honors Program director, at (717) 477-1604 or kmklei@ship.edu.



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