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SU Students Present at Regional Honors Conference

Three Shippensburg University Honors Program students recently gave invited presentations at the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference in Portland, Maine.

Senior Kristin Imboden of Lansdale, senior Sara Workman of Lititz, and junior Jennifer Hoover of Bedford were among the more than 300 collegiate honors students, faculty, and administrators who attended the gathering on March 31 to April 3, 2011 at the Eastland Park Hotel. The conference provided a forum for undergraduate students to showcase their best academic work and for higher education practitioners to share ideas about honors education.

Imboden, an elementary education major, presented "Revitalizing Literacy Education in the Dominican Republic." Her presentation focused on her research on best practices in literacy education and her efforts to implement her research findings at a school that serves low-income children in Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic.

Workman's presentation was entitled, "Exploring the Causes of Nurses' Strikes in the United States, 1990-2010." "The honors conference was a wonderful opportunity to present my research and gain invaluable experience that will positively contribute to my professional career," said Workman, a management major. "The audience was very interested in my research on nurses' strikes, and it was encouraging to receive such positive feedback on my hard work."

Hoover's presentation, "Self-Insured Companies and Workers' Compensation Plans," analyzed the reasons why manufacturing companies in Pennsylvania make the decision to use self-insurance rather than traditional insurance to manage risk in their workplaces. "Although workers' compensation is not a familiar topic to many, the audience asked great questions about my research," added Hoover, an accounting major. "It was a very rewarding experience to present my research to other honors students and professors."

While attending the conference, the students also enjoyed exploring Portland and meeting with other honors students and faculty from around the northeast region. "Portland, Maine was a beautiful city," said Hoover. "The locals went out of their way to make us feel welcome and show us around the city. I had the opportunity to enjoy some authentic seafood and shop in the historic "Old Port" district." "I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Portland," added Workman. "The quaint city had much to offer in the way of arts and history, and we had a wonderful time exploring and learning."

The northeast region of the Honors Council Conference includes honors programs from more than 200 colleges and universities. The region encompasses 11 states stretching from Maine to Maryland, along with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The Honors Program at Shippensburg University provides an outstanding undergraduate experience that emphasizes scholarship, leadership, and service. The program involves 175 students who are chosen based on academic achievement, intellectual curiosity, and evidence of leadership and civic engagement. Students benefit from small classes, outstanding instruction, exciting research, study abroad, and internship opportunities, and special recreational and cultural activities. For more information, visit http://www.ship.edu/honors.