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Honors Director Elected to National Post

Beginning this semester, Dr. Kim Klein, director of the Shippensburg University Honors Program, is serving as an advocate for Honors education and Honors students not just on the Shippensburg campus but also on a national stage.

Dr. Klein has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Collegiate Honors Council, the professional association of more than 800 undergraduate Honors programs and colleges across the country. The election was held in November and December of last year, and Dr. Klein received word of the results just before winter break.

“I’m looking forward to contributing to the organization that has been instrumental in the revitalization of our Honors Program,” said Dr. Klein. “This election is a sign of our program’s growing prominence and recognition as a national innovator in Honors education.”

Dr. Klein’s previous involvement with NCHC has included serving on the Honors Semesters and International Education committees, assisting with City-As-Text programs, serving as a consultant and presenter at NCHC conferences, and mentoring new NCHC conference attendees.

“I’ve seen first-hand the profound impact Honors education can have on students, faculty, institutions, and the community,” noted Dr. Klein. “I believe NCHC has a unique opportunity and role to play as a leading advocate for Honors education in higher education to meet the global challenges our students, faculty, and institutions face in the 21st century.”

Dr. Klein has been a history professor at Shippensburg since 1997 and was named Honors Program director in the 2002-03 academic year. Under her leadership, the program’s curriculum has expanded from a two-year General Education Program to a four-year University Honors Program that focuses on interdisciplinary inquiry, undergraduate research, and international study and service-learning.

Her term of service on the NCHC board will run through 2012.

The Honors Program at Shippensburg University provides an outstanding undergraduate experience that emphasizes scholarship, leadership, and service. The program is made up of 150 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 social and cultural activities. For more information, visit www.ship.edu/honors.