

# HONORS

MT - SAC 09-10

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## HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATION DINNER CELEBRATES 96 STUDENT GRADS

Save the  
date!!!!

### August 19

Honors Orientation

### September 10

Mandatory Honors meeting and

Welcome Back Potluck  
BBQ—sign up in Honors  
Center

### September 16

First Honors Ambassadors  
meeting

### October TBD

Visit to the Museum of  
Tolerance

### October 2

Honors Orientation  
1-2 p.m.

### Nov 20

TAP Conference at  
UCLA

### Nov 21

SCCUR (proposals due  
Oct 2)

### Dec 6

HTCC/UCI conference  
proposals due

On June 4, the Honors Program celebrated the accomplishments of our students who completed the Honors Program and were transferring on to four year universities. Approximately 25 students joined our special guests: **Dr. David Hall**, **Dr. John Nixon**, **Dr. Virginia Burley**, **Dr. Stephen Runnebohm**, **Carolyn Keys**, **Professor Michelle Grimes-Hillman**, **Dr. Linda Rillorta**, **Professor Cynthia Channon**, and the Honors Program staff (**Alexis Mesko**, **Susan Baker**, **Linda Diaz**, **Dr. Rebecca Hatch**, and **Carolyn Kuykendall**).

We enjoyed a fabulous dinner served by PTK members **Lisa Bastio**, **Brenda Diaz**, **Amit Bhanderi**, and **Kayla Godinez** and had special music performed by **Kevin Wiley**, the Mt. SAC Accompanist.

Our guest alumni speaker was **Rogelio Lopez**, who is currently finishing up his Bachelor's degree as a McNair Scholar at UCLA. In 2008-09, 96 students

earned the Honors Scholarship notation by completing at least 6 honors classes with at least a 3.2 overall GPA for transferable course work. Our transfer students were accepted at over 20 different transfer institutions, including UCLA, UCB, UCSD, UCSB, UC Davis, UCI, UCR, CSU Fullerton, and USC.

This year, the Honors Program established the Runnebohm Honors Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize a member of the Mt. SAC family who supports the Honors Program and its students—by exhibiting some or all of these characteristics:

- Having an open door policy for students and/or staff
- Attendance at and/or support of honors events
- Public and/or private support of honors education



Dr. Stephen Runnebohm

- Excellence in the classroom
- Identification and encouragement of potential honors program students

The first award winner is Dr. Stephen Runnebohm, Dean of Humanities for his unwavering support of honors education and his vision in creating our spectacular program at Mt. SAC.

Congratulation to the English Department for donating over 650 cans of food to the Food Drive!!!!

## HONORS NEWS

### Honors Program Field Trips

On Friday, May 1, the Honors Program had a special opportunity. Ten students joined Linda Diaz and Carolyn Kuykendall for a day at the **Getty Museum**. Transportation and lunch were provided by the Honors Program and the Getty provided a special guided tour of the eighteenth century paintings and arts and crafts that are on display in their galleries. Students who attended also had a chance to explore other galleries as well as the gardens. All in all, everyone who attended had a special experience

This fall, in October, the Honors Program will be sponsoring a trip to the **Museum of Tolerance** in Los Angeles. If you would like to join us on a Friday (date to be determined) please sign up in the Honors Office. We are limited to taking 20 people, so sign up early—sign up sheets will be available in September in the Honors Center.



### Phi Theta Kappa and Chapters United

Chapters United is an opportunity for Phi Theta Kappa chapters to interact with one another while working on projects of interest to all. This year, PTK has a regional project involving human trafficking. The purpose of the project is to become involved in creating awareness of this issue.

This summer, the Mt. SAC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa met with chapters from Citrus College and Irvine Valley College to collaborate on a panel presentation to be given at the Conference on Human Trafficking being held at Mt. SAC in November. This collaboration and research project has been both fun and rewarding as the three chapters have worked together to gather information about human trafficking and then create a presentation for the conference. Aside from the knowledge gained about this subject matter, new friendships have formed.

