

Spring 2011 Honors Highlights

- Congratulations to Klenton Perry and Ada Sulbaran who were selected to attend NSCS Convention 2011 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 16-19, 2011!
- Congratulations to Sonia Razaqyar who prevailed in the process to be selected as the Student Commencement Speaker!
- Honors professor Dr. John Ball presented two lectures at Assumption College, Worcester, MA, April 6 - 7, 2011.
- Ms. Lauren Furry was elected Vice President of the Southern Regional Honors Council.
- Congratulations to the following Honors students for the 2010 Beatrice Kunda Essay Contest winners:
 - Stephanie Street's essay "Chinese Shampoo"
 - Julia Rich's essay "Well...At Least the Sun Does Not Try to Kill the Moon"
 - Nataliya Ivanova's essay "The Bright Entrance to Insanity"
- Congratulations to Michelle Campbell, Berenice Flores, Janell Llanes and Fatema Rahman who were selected to represent HCC and the Honors Institute and attend the 39th Annual Conference of the Southern Regional Honors Council in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 31–April 2, 2011.
- Kyle Yerdon attended the Agricultural Hall of Fame Ceremony at the Florida State Fairgrounds, February 15, 2011.
- Kenneth Rosario-Gonzalez has been appointed to the 2011-12 National Society of Collegiate Scholars' National Leadership Council. Council members serve as an advisory board to the NSCS national staff and Board of Directors. Kenny will travel to Washington, DC, March 25–27, 2011 to attend the council's spring meeting. Kenny will be the only community college student to be serving on this prestigious council.
- NSCS Chapter's Integrity Week recognized by NSCS: <http://www.nscs.org/hillsborough-community-college-celebrates-integrity>
- Congratulations to Jennifer Heffernan whose essay on "How the American Library Has Contributed To Education" won first place for the Bill McInville Memorial Scholarship.
- Congratulations to Sonia Razaqyar for being selected to receive a trip to Mount Holyoke College to participate in their Transfer Open House, February 20 – 21.

Fall 2010 Honors Highlights

- Congratulations to Loren McCollom for being elected to the Board of Directors of the National Collegiate Honors Council. She is only the second community college student to be elected to the board. Loren received the email from the Secretary of NCHC; Dr. Spurrier wrote in his email: "Your nomination and subsequent election from a strong slate of candidates represent a vote of confidence from your fellow NCHC members that I am sure is well deserved, and I look forward to serving with you on the Board of Directors in the coming year."

- Congratulations to the following students who attended the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in Kansas City, MO, October 20 – 24: Angel Aquino, Bryan Brantley, Viviana Delgado, Robert Dox, Anthony Rosario-Gonzalez, Kenneth Rosario-Gonzalez, Daniel Guillen, Nassier Harfouch, Ariel Kalson, Loren McCollom, and Hector Sanchez.
- On October 22nd, Dr. Lyons gave a presentation with HCC President, Dr. Atwater and Board of Trustee member, Rod Jurado on our Honors Institute at the Association of Community College Trustees Conference in Toronto, Canada.
- Congratulations Michael Linquist for prevailing in auditions for the lead role in Sam Sheppard's "Fool For Love," directed by Honors Professor Reg Poling. Performances will be held November 17 – 20 at the Brandon Campus.
- Congratulations to Blake Wheeler, 2010/2011 President of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)
- Congratulations to Chuck Thomas, 2010/2011 President of Students for the Environment
- Congratulations to Tamala Restall, 2010/2011 Secretary of Thespis
- Daniel Guillen prevailed from 2,000 student applicants to serve on a twelve student Advisory Board for Pearson Corporation. According to Pearson's Executive Director in her acceptance letter to Daniel: "You are one of the remarkable people who have been chosen to serve on Pearson's Student Advisory Board." "We believe we attracted some of the brightest students to serve on the advisory board and were excited at the possibilities that can occur." For his work on the advisory board, Daniel will receive a \$1,000 stipend and three all paid trips to major cities where he and his fellow board members will have extended leadership activities. On August 9, 2010, he traveled to Boston; and in February, he will be traveling to Phoenix.
- Emmanuel Ortiz attended the American Association for Cancer Research Conference, in Miami, September 30 – October 3, 2010, and was one of the panelists who presented: "The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved." Emmanuel has an internship with Leaders in New Knowledge (LINK) which is a research training program that establishes research experiences for high school and undergraduate students. The competitive training program is designed for motivated aspiring scientists to help prepare them for cancer research careers.
- From a total of 22,000 applications, Jennifer Heffernan was one of 1,400 recipients who was awarded the 2010 – 2011 Marine Corps Scholarship. From the 1,400 recipients, 24 exceptional students from various categories were singled out to be invited to the Library of Congress for recognition and to meet some of the men and women responsible for the recipients' selection. Jennifer was one of the twenty-four!
- Honors Director, Dr. Lydia Lyons has received the distinction of being elected by her peers to be one of seventeen Honors Directors in the nation for the inaugural class of Honors Fellows.
- The National Society of Collegiate Scholars elected Dr. Lydia Lyons, Honors Director; Ms. Lauren Furry, Honors Coordinator; Mr. Craig Johnson, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. John Ball, Honors Professor; and Mr. Rod Jurado, HCC Board of Trustee Member as Distinguished Members of NSCS.
- Community Colleges recognized by President Barack Obama ([video](#)).