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 Kalsön, 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).