DHC News for the week of January 23, 2012

DHC News Items (scroll down to see full descriptions):

Events and Deadlines THIS WEEK

Upcoming and Ongoing Events
- NEW ITEM! Spring Volunteer Fair—January 31 and February 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., UC atrium
- NEW ITEM! Submit Proposals for the October 2012 NCHC Conference in Boston—DHC internal submission deadline noon on February 15
- NEW ITEM! DHC Graduation Checklist Due—right away for spring, February 1 for summer
- NEW ITEM! Internships Available at the Washington Center—application deadline February 17
- NEW ITEM! Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants for 2012-13—contact Laure for assistance
- NEW ITEM! James “Rhio” O’Connor Scholarship—contact Laure for assistance

Spring Volunteer Fair
The spring volunteer fair will be held in the UC atrium on Tuesday, January 31, and Wednesday, February 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thirty local nonprofits will be there to talk to students about their organizations and how students can get involved.

Submit Proposals for the October 2012 NCHC Conference in Boston
The National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) annual conference will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, November 14-18, 2012. The call for Honors student presentations at the NCHC annual conference is now available online: http://nchchonors.org/annual-conference/2012-conference

NCHC’s 2012 conference in Boston will explore the theme of “Challenging Structures.” During the American Revolution, Boston’s citizens sought independence from arbitrary authority while preserving interdependence and community. Reflecting similar values, the Honors revolution has challenged the structure of undergraduate education. Honors education fosters independent thought, motivation, and scholarship while encouraging collaboration within a community of scholars. As we gather in Boston, we will highlight the scholarship of teaching and learning while re-examining our practices, pedagogy, and communities to extend the challenge of the Honors revolution in education.

All DHC students (freshmen through juniors) are encouraged to consider submitting a poster or oral presentation proposal. Any research topic can be considered; especially welcome are proposals that relate to the conference theme. Because this is a highly competitive national conference, all interested DHC students must submit a draft conference proposal to Laure Pengelly Drake for initial review. Please submit a title, a 50-word description, and brief abstract (150-200 words) by e-mail to:
laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu. Be sure to include your phone, local address, and e-mail contact info, the names of any co-presenters, and specify what type of presentation you are proposing: a poster presentation, idea exchange, student interdisciplinary research panel, or Master Class presentation. (Please explore the NCHC link above to learn more about the format and criteria for each of these presentation types.) **DHC internal submission deadline: noon on Wednesday, February 15.** The DHC will support travel and accommodation expenses for a select group of DHC student presenters. To discuss possible presentation topics and learn more about the conference, please consult with Laure Pengelly Drake; you may contact the DHC to arrange a meeting: 243-2541.

**DHC Graduation Checklist Due**
Seniors who intend to graduate Spring 2012, Summer 2012, or Autumn 2012 should come to the DHC office to pick up a Graduation Checklist, and to make an appointment for a graduation meeting with Karen Kaley. The purpose of this meeting is to assist graduating seniors in reviewing their requirements to graduate as a "University Scholar" from the DHC. **The DHC Graduation Checklist must be completed right away for Spring, by February 1 for Summer, and by March 1 for Autumn graduation.** The form is posted here: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/current_students/student_forms.cfm#seniorgraduation

**Note:** Don’t forget that you must also apply for graduation from The University of Montana. Applications are available in Griz Central or online. For further information: http://www.umt.edu/registrar/forms/pdf/Application%20for%20Bachelor%20Degree%20-AFTER.pdf

**Internships Available at the Washington Center**
The Washington Center offers internships and academic seminars for all majors in Washington, D.C. The Washington Center’s unique and comprehensive internship program and academic seminars enable college students to take full advantage of the resources of Washington, D.C. for academic credit. Whatever your major is, the Washington Center will find you a suitable internship placement. The Washington Center also offers housing and financial assistance to applicants who meet eligibility criteria; DHC students are eligible to apply for a $2,000 housing scholarship. For UM students, academic credit for Washington Center internships is available either through your major program or through the Davidson Honors College. All applications to the Washington Center by UM students require the approval of James McKusick (Dean of the DHC), who serves as the UM campus liaison for the Washington Center. **Application Deadline: February 17 (competitive deadline) or March 16 (regular deadline) for summer internships.** Internships are also available through the Washington Center in London, U.K. and Sydney, Australia. Interested students are encouraged to meet with Dean McKusick; call 243-2541 to set up an appointment. For further info: http://www.dhc.umt.edu/opportunities/washington_center_internships.cfm

**Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants for 2012-13**
As part of its efforts to recognize and encourage academic achievement in all disciplines, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to sponsor the Study
Abroad Grant Competition.* Qualified undergraduates in all areas of study are encouraged to apply. The program is designed to help support you as you seek knowledge and experience in your academic field by studying abroad. Forty-five $1,000 Study Abroad Grants are available each year. APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2012. The competition is open to Phi Kappa Phi members and non-members in all fields of study who meet the following requirements:

- Attend an institution with a Phi Kappa Phi chapter (UM has a chapter; you don't have to be a member);
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
- The study abroad program must begin between May 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013;
- Must have been accepted into a study abroad program (provide the letter of acceptance on an official letterhead);
- Your study abroad plan should relate directly to your academic preparation, potential career choice, and commitment to the welfare of others.

For further information and an application form: [http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Awards/Study_Abroad.html](http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Awards/Study_Abroad.html)

*This award does not require university nomination, but it would be a good idea to have your application reviewed by Laure Pengelly Drake, Director of External Scholarships and Advising, as soon as possible.

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James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship

The James "Rhio" O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Fund is offering its scholarship again this year. It is an essay contest open to all college students. The essay subject concerns cancer and the scholarships are $5,000 for first place, $2,000 for second place, and $1,000 for third place. Students can receive more information and request an application packet at this website: [http://www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp](http://www.cancermonthly.com/scholarship.asp). Contact me for assistance with applications: Laure Pengelly Drake, DHC 102, 243-6140