



Newsletter 20 – February 2019

A new issue of our Journal, a new honors program in Germany and three pieces of news from the USA! In this first newsletter of 2019, the European Honors Council (EHC) has interesting news for you regarding honors and talent development in higher education:

- Special issue JEHC on 'good practices in honors education'
- Munich University of Applied Sciences initiated own talent development program
- Short report: International meeting for Ph.D students in honors
- Proposal submission for NCHC conference open
- Honors International Faculty Institute at Texas Christian University
- Registration for HERU conference now open

Special issue JEHC on 'good practices in honors education'

The Editorial Board of the Journal of the European Honors Council (JEHC) is honored to present a new special issue, focusing on good practices in honors education. We present nine examples of good practices and a paper with an overall analysis of the use of good practices in honors education. The full issue can be found at

<https://doi.org/10.31378/jehc.3.1>

The introductory paper [Good practices in honors education with examples to follow](#) by Pierre van Eijl and Albert Pilot introduces and analyzes the nine good practices:

1. [Honors course Personal Leadership](#)
2. [Honors activities within regular minor program](#)
3. [Innovation Labs](#)
4. [Writing a book](#)
5. [Facilitator training for the Saxion Top Talent Innovation Days](#)
6. [Students present personal learning journey](#)
7. [International Honors Summer Institute on Holocaust Remembrance](#)
8. [Improving and Assessing Honors Student Learning with Learning Portfolios](#)
9. [Scaffolded, Collaborative Project-based Learning](#)

This special issue is the fourth issue in total. Read all issues at www.jehc.eu

Munich University of Applied Sciences initiated own talent development program

Since the beginning of the 2018 summer semester, 25 students have been supported within the first cohort of "TalentE³", the talent development program of the Munich University of Applied Sciences (MUAS) in Germany.

The aim of the program is to draw attention to the topic of talent promotion among MUAS students, since the proportion of students from Universities of Applied Sciences is generally very low in the classical promotion of the gifted. For this reason, "TalentE³" was supported by seed capital from the Bavarian State Ministry and the Bavarian Business Association.

The program consists of four different modules and focuses on entrepreneurship and personality development.

Detailed information on the MUAS program for the advancement of gifted students can be found (in German) at www.hm.edu/talente

Short report: International meeting for Ph.D. students in honors

An international group of Ph.D. students and other researchers in the subject honors and talent development in higher education met at Hanze UAS Groningen (Netherlands) on February 5, 2019. Focus was on feedback and networking, with participants from Austria, Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands. Ph.D. students posed their questions on content, methodology and 'life as a Ph.D.' to experts and received feedback. The day ended with an interactive seminar for a wider audience. Professors Jan Sølberg (University of Copenhagen, Denmark), Zsolt Lvicza (Johannes Kepler University, Austria) and Marca Wolfensberger (Hanze UAS, Netherlands) presented their visions on the issue of 'Teaching talented problem solvers'. More info on www.hanze.nl/teachingtalent.

The Ph.D. meeting is held annually at Hanze UAS. If you are interested in joining in 2020, please send an e-mail to lectoraatexcellentie@org.hanze.nl

Proposal submission for NCHC conference open

The 54th NCHC Annual Conference will take place from November 6-10, 2019 in New Orleans (USA). The theme is 'Disrupting Education: honors, creativity and innovation'. The National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) is the American-based educational organization designed to support and promote undergraduate honors education. Proposal submission for the conference is now open and closes on February 28. You must be an NCHC member to send in a proposal. More info here: <https://www.nchchonors.org/events/nchc19>

Honors International Faculty Institute at Texas Christian University

The 4th Annual Honors International Faculty Institute (HIFI) will take place from June 3-5, 2019 at Texas Christian University, USA. Grounded in honors pedagogy research, this intensive workshop is aimed at university or college professors, instructors, lecturers, and researchers who aspire to teach academically talented (honors) college students. The EHC sponsors this event. A flyer and more info can be found here:

<https://honors.tcu.edu/events/4th-annual-honors-international-faculty-institute-hifi/>

Registration for HERU conference now open

The fourth biennial Honors Education at Research Universities (HERU) conference will take place May 21-22, 2019, in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. The overarching focus is "Honors education for 21st century challenges: Educating, informed, and ethical leaders in local and global settings." To learn more about the conference, see: www.HERU2019Utah.org.

More info?

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The next issue of this newsletter is scheduled for late March, 2019. If you have input for the next newsletter, please [send](#) it in by March 20.

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