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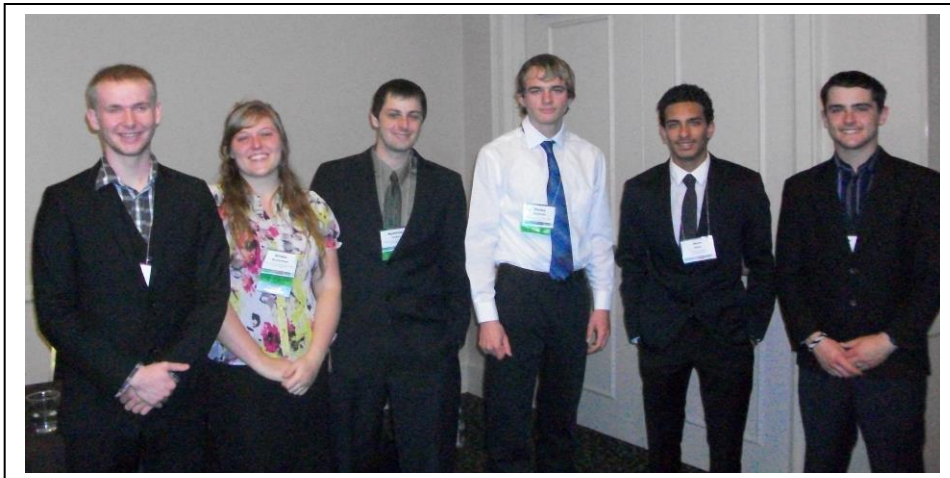
NTCC HONORS AT NEW ORLEANS

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Honors Highlights

- ❖ NTCC Honors again featured nationally
- ❖ Mowerys make substantial gift.
- ❖ Alumni in Graduate School
- ❖ Noah Griffin wins Leaders of Promise.
- ❖ Matthew Jordan elected Student Representative of the GPHC.



For the first time in the history of the college, NTCC Presidential Scholars presented an entire panel at the National Collegiate Honors Council 2013 meeting. The subject,

NTCC Honors films. Left to Right: Stephen Milburn, Alisha Richardson, Matthew Jordan, Ricky Huitema, NCHC Panel Chair, & Noah Griffin. See p. 2.

Jerald and Mary Lou Mowery Fund NTCC- HONORS Public Service Projects

Jerald and Mary Lou Mowery who have served as inspiring judges for our annual poster contests, have chosen to support 2 Honors projects with regional import—the upcoming film on Harriet Potter Ames, and the Caddo Museum initiative. We thank them for their catalytic gifts!

NTCC Honors’ films have provided a windfall of merits for student resumes as well as the first cinematic portrayals of events of regional

significance. Harriet Potter Ames, “the bravest woman of the Texas Revolution,” has inspired a great book by Elithe Kirkland, and also a monument by Caddo lake, but never a film. NE Texas has also lacked a fundamental link with its history before 1800 without a museum to explore the intricacies of the Caddoan cultures. This gracious gift also aids work by Honors students to promote the museum’s prospects.



Jerald and Mary Lou Mowery (left) with NTCC’s Nita May and VP Dr. Jon McCullough



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Friends of NTCC Honors



Billie Sue Hanson of Cypress Bank-Lone Star provides Scot Pitzer with Laptop, Cypress Bank's sixth!



An Anon. Donor gave \$500 for our NCHC Scholars in New Orleans. Dr. Mary Hearron added more!



Above, we thank First Federal Community Bank, and below, American National, for donations!

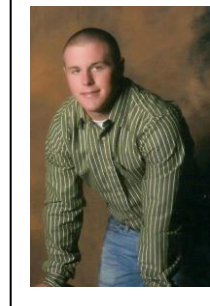
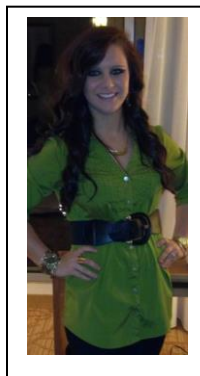


NTCC Honors Scholarship at the NCHC from p. 1.

NTCC HONORS also drew even again with several liberal arts colleges such as Ramapo of New Jersey and Chapman University of California. Each year these schools have 3-6 candidates accepted at the NCHC. Because of Noah Griffin's work on M Sheppard, Stephen Milburn's work on Bedouins and Cowboys, Alisha Richardson's perspective on Lady B. Johnson, and Matthew Jordan's Caddo work, NTCC had the visibility of a regional leader. We are most noted for our scholarly research and film work. For the latter, we thank Dr. Chuck Hamilton (right with actors), our film "preceptor."



Honors Alumni: Where are they now?



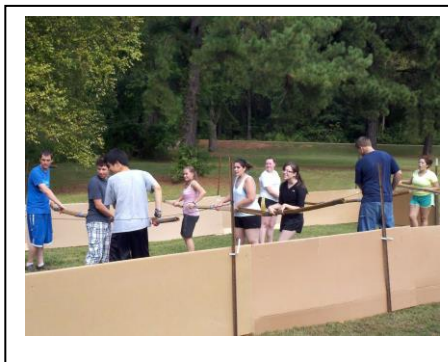
(Left) After obtaining her B.A. at North Texas in Arabic Studies, **Peighton Huse (09)** spent a semester in Jordan during the "Arab Spring," and now is earning her Masters at American U. in Washington, DC. **Jacob Brantley** now enjoys a free ride and resides in the honors dorm at Texas A&M Commerce. (Lower left) **Adriana Lopez (08)** is pursuing her Masters in Speech Pathology at Texas Woman's U. After his BS at Texas A&M, College Station, **Cody Russell (09)** continues to work on a graduate degree there in biomedical research.

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Fall Happenings



On 11 October, NTCC Honors had a singular event thanks to the planning and work of H Student Council leaders, **Ricky Huitema**, and **Matthew Jordan**. Along with a picnic, we played human foosball in Daingerfield Park (above). It took engineering students to figure that one out! Above right, **Noah Griffin**, shown with Dr. Melissa Weinbrenner, was an international winner of the **Leaders of Promise Award** for \$1,000 from Phi Theta



Kappa! **Tyler Reynolds** and **Kayleah Cumpian** (above) presented work on Wright Patman at the state meeting of the Webb Society at the University of Houston at Victoria. Spectators saw our student actors on 7 large screens. (Left) Matthew Jordan, Kaitlyn Klepfer, and other honors students kept the Caddo Project alive by cataloguing some 350 pots.

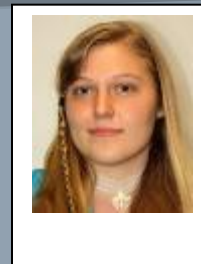


Other Firsts



Above: Left to Right:
Dr. Jim Archer, PS
Matthew Jordan, &
VP Dr. Ron Clinton

Mathew Jordan has become the first student from NTCC to have ever been elected as the Student Representative of the Great Plains Honors Council. Jordan topped a junior in the Honors Program at John Brown University and became the first community college Rep in years. Jordan, head of our Honors Student Council, also won third place for his poster at the SW regional meeting of the American Chemistry Society!



2013 NE Texas

Poetry Contest

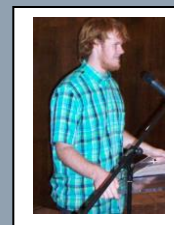
Judges agreed that 2013 was a most competitive year for the student-end of the NE TX poetry contest. The portrayal of our region judged best for \$400 was a poem by **Alisha Richardson** (above) called "A Fairy-Tale Land of NE Texas." Google <NTCC Honors Poetry>

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Davis

2nd Place

\$300



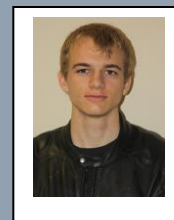
Noah
Griffin

4th Place

\$100



Ricky
Huitema
Honorable
Mention



Remarkable Fall Trip



Our Fall Trip to Dallas, thanks to **Dr. Jim and Paula Archer**, provided the most engaging mosaic of culture yet. On 13 September, we visited the Dallas Museum of Art, the Pyramid Restaurant, the Arboretum, and the Granville Theatre for a dramatic production by Agatha Christie.

Academic Excellence



PS **Kayleah Cumpian**, counted ATP molecules and wrote a winsome essay on Wright Patman for the Biotex Honors Seminar. In Humusic, PS **Noah Griffin** brought his native musical skills into a look at the meaning of rhythm. Other top seminar performers were Zachary Davis, Miranda Mendoza, Stephen Milburn, and Alisha Richardson.

A Message from the Honors Director



*Andrew Yox
Honors Director
and President of
the GPHC*

Teamwork=power. Google Great Plains Honors Council and see a culmination of your support. Of six slots of its Executive Council there are Matthew Jordan, me, and a charter member of our Honors Committee, Carrie Pritchett. We “Eagles” work with three university professors from UT-Arlington, U. Arkansas, and Park University.

The GPHC is good for us. The once exclusive A&M Commerce Honors College is opening their free-ride scholarships to our transfers. Texas Woman’s, N. Texas and UT Dallas Honors are welcoming. Meanwhile, the Elkins Foundation is upgrading the Webb Society, source of Texas Caldwell Awards. On other fronts, NTCC’s Phi Theta Kappa is enjoying a golden age. Dr. Weinbrenner and Dr. Hearron are a formidable team, writing for student awards. Starting this year, the Terry Foundation has \$12k scholarships for top transfers, which we expect our sophomore Presidential Scholars to win. Since we started in 2007, “Exit-Level” \$ trends are slanting upward.



Logo of the GPHC

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