

Dear NCHC Colleagues,

Thanks to all of you who submitted possible topics for the annual "Developing in Honors" (DIH) Workshop at the 2009 NCHC conference in Washington DC!

Now it is time to ask our colleagues to volunteer to share your expertise with other honors professionals at this signature NCHC workshop for experienced honors administrators, faculty, and professional staff (defined as having at least one year's experience in one's current honors position by the time of the 2009 conference).

DIH panelists make very brief (5 minutes, maximum) initial comments, and the remainder of the session is for interaction with the audience. DIH sessions should generate conversations among colleagues and not be formal paper presentations.

As usual, we hope that we can have a mixture of types of institutions represented on almost all of the panels, but we plan to keep the panels a bit smaller than past DIH workshops to allow more time for audience interaction. Also as usual, no presenter may be a member of more than one of the morning DIH session panels.

Again this year we also will have several afternoon DIH Extended Discussion Sessions in addition to the 17 of the morning sessions (the General Opening Session and two rounds of eight breakout sessions). Most of the afternoon sessions are "constituency" sessions organized by NCHC committees (Small Colleges, Large Universities, Two-year Institutions, etc.), and we will provide additional information a bit later.

To volunteer, please send reply e-mail to Ricki Shine at Clemson University rshine@clemson.edu in which you indicate:

- A. Your Name
- B. Your Institution
- C. Your Honors Position
- D. Your Institution Type (Small College, Large University, Mid-Size Institution, Two-year Institution)
- E. Approximate Number of Honors Students at Your Institution
- F. Your E-mail Address
- G. Your Office Telephone Number
- H. DIH Session Number(s)/Topic(s) to Which You Can Contribute as a Panel Member (See list below, and feel free to provide several options!)

TO AVOID A REPEAT OF THE PROBLEMS WE ENCOUNTERED WITH MULTIPLE DIH PANELIST CANCELLATIONS FOR THE 2008 NCHC CONFERENCE, PLEASE DO NOT VOLUNTEER FOR A 2009 DIH PANEL UNLESS YOU ARE ESSENTIALLY CERTAIN THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE NCHC CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON AND PARTICIPATE IN DIH ON THURSDAY MORNING.

Please respond by Friday, February 27, if at all possible! We would like to be able to have the panels organized by mid-March.

Thanks!

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Ricki Shine, Clemson University
Bob Spurrier, Oklahoma State University
2009 DIH Co-chairs

2009 DIH PANEL TOPICS

Opening Panel: Generations X, Y, and Z? - - Honors Advising in the 21st Century

1. Protecting our Programs from External Demands
2. Admitting Qualified Honors Students: What do we value in Honors Admissions Decisions?
3. Many Eggs in the Honors Basket: Exploring the many student services offered through Honors
4. The Characteristics of a Fully Developed Honors Director/Dean
5. Assessment and Honors: Can We Measure What Honors Does?
6. Honors Housing: Living-Learning Communities
7. Honors Ambassadors: Spreading the Honors Message
8. Utilizing Honors Student Advisory Boards Successfully
9. Honors and Math and Science Courses: Techniques that Work
10. Easing the Way: Transition Models for Community College Transfer Students
11. Fundraising for Honors: A Way to Ease Budgetary Pain?
12. Models for Honors Orientation: Starting off on the Right Foot
13. Developing Interdisciplinary Honors Courses: Breaking Down Disciplinary Walls
14. Business and Honors – Are They Mutually Exclusive?
15. Sustaining the Momentum: Strategies for Retaining Good Students in Honors
16. Expanding the Honors Family: Parent Societies for Honors Programs/Colleges