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At the NCHC 50th Anniversary in Chicago

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Honors Highlights

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™ Special Friends, Special Program.

™ National Awards

™ Poetry Contest.

Cailee Davidson's Evening Kaleidoscope

™ Appreciating the drama of high stakes research

New Honors Image: Kelli Knepp, William Villalobos, Cassia Rose, Isaac Burriss, Miranda Mendozais and M

Above: Dr. AYox, Cassia Rose, MargarCapps, Isaac Burriss, Angelica Fuentes, Jessica, and Dr. Mary Hearron.

Imagine a Divisible level of scholarship at our community college! The factors and scholars of Honors Northeast are helping to m

Our Generous Friends of Honors Northeast



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Friends of Honors

Scholar Cruz Gallegos used the 8th laptop donated by Cypress Bank in as many years. Billie Sue Hanson of Cypress looks on.

First Federal Community Bank and Ashley Amerson (above) receive our thanks for their continuing financial support.

American National Bank CEO Brian Niblett has invested over \$500-\$100 apiece for our scholars who were accepted at the Chicago NCHC, below. Our thanks also for contributions from Al and Su Havenstad, Karen Harmon and Dr. Brad and Vicki Johnson.

Honors Northeast Remains a Regional Vanguard

In Texas, Honors Northeast asked with the honors programs of TCU, TWU and giant SU fielding both a panel and poster presenters at 50th Anniversary of NCHC

The panel spearheaded by Cassia Rose discussed NTCC's entry into niche cinema, the windfall of social, academic and cultural possibilities for students willing to take risks. Angelica Fuentes noted, Burris, Capps, and Velazquez won berths for their presentation against the odds of juniors and seniors presenting honors projects. In their favor, Burris and Capps won Caldwell Awards, and Velazquez's essay will be published in Touchstone.

(cont.) NTCC presented its own panel at the meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council in November.

Like students at Abilene Christian, Angelo State, Laredo, Star, SJ TCU, TWU, and UT Tyler, Burris, Capps, and Velazquez presented scholarly posters.

The Fergusons of Texas

At 7PM on 5 February at the Whatley Auditorium, Honors Northeast premieres its film on Ma and Pa Ferguson, Texas governors. Cassia Rose & Nathan Johnson (center) will star as Ma and Pa Ferguson, politically successful--& corrupt couple in Texas history. Morgan Caldwell (left) & Elizabeth Griffin (right) play daughters Dorrance, and Ouida. We thank the ongoing support of Jerald and Mary Lou Ferguson!

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Fall Happenings

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The filming of our Ferguson film in the antique town of Salado, Texas, attracted attention. The president of the Salado Historical Society, Bill Kinnison presented a stone in the shape of Texas commemorating the work of the film. The officers of our Honors Student Council below, Isaac Burris, Angel Fuentes, Morgan Capps, and Juan Velazquez, have collected important state and national awards. We are very hopeful about their prospects in the spring.

National Awards

Burris was one of ten students in the nation to receive the first Pearson Scholarship Award. He received \$5,000 and is paired with a Pearson recipient, Morgan Marie Capps. Jefferson was one of 200 in the nation to receive the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Award for \$1,000. Phi Theta Kappa.

Both Isaac and Morgan are honors students. They won two of the four Caldwell Awards in the state for Texas history essays last year in Corpus Christi in the freshman-

The Dallas Arboretum's formidable pumpkin collection led one of our students to divide the circumference of one by its diameter. He got pumpkin pi. It was a great day at the 43 Café, listening to the quake of the organ at SMU's Perkins Chapel, and attending the Abate, left to right: Nathan Johnson, Hector Zuniga, Isaac Burris, Kason Newman, Cruz Gallegos, Jacob Smith, Tanner Jones (obscured), Alicia Spurlin, Genesis Quezada, Jessica Velazquez, Morgan Capps, Marisol Bautista, Cal Davidson, William Jones, Angelica Fuentes, William Villalobos, Presley McClendon, Melody Mott, E Griffin, Laney Jordan, Dr. Melissa Fulcher, Gloria Rose, Ex4rimia FhaT[P4 0 Td [(SM)-15.7(U)]TJ 0 Tc 09nx4rimi s,r

Andrew Yox, Honors Director

Queen Isabella's willingness to pawn her jewels to back the voyage of Columbus is not altogether unrelated to the kind of support for student research that we have received here at NTCC! Whatever the sacrifice, it is a wonderful feeling to send off twenty young scholars off each fall on "new world" voyages in learning. Thanks to our friends inside and outside the college, we have been able to imbue our young people with some ardor for creative thought, and highlight research. One result has been that we can now say that there are similarities between our Presidential Scholars and All American Bowl football players. Both groups usually have earned titles to Texas Christian University, the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, and other top universities.

We think of our friends who mentor students during our poster contests, attend our presentation luncheons, provide financial support for our scholars at national meetings and support social occasions that open up new lines of support. We think of our administration which has supported our system of the faculty, who serve as poetry and Boe judges, and have provided such and beyond help in inspiring and guiding students.