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Student Profile—Donté Hightower

by Sierra LaPoint

Donté Hightower is an ambitious and dynamic student who is self-motivated and loves to have fun. After a hiatus of nearly 10 years, Donté returned to school with a renewed love of learning and dedicated to his goals.

So, Don’té, what Honors classes have you taken so far?

English 1AH and 1BH, Art 6H, History 7H, Speech 1H

Why did you join the RCC Honors Program?

I like the challenge of the Honor’s Program. I always liked to surround myself with the best, and to me, school should be taken seriously. I appreciate that in the seminar style honors classes, people are more focused on their academic endeavors.

What are your educational goals?

I hope to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona to get a degree in Environmental Biology with an emphasis in Conservation. Ideally, I will also earn a Master’s in Education and a Doctorate in Environmental Studies, with the hope of becoming a secondary school teacher one day.

What advice would you give to other Honors students about how to be successful?

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That’s good advice. Sounds like you like to have fun. What other interests do you have?

I’ve always loved basketball and football, and hopefully I can coach one day. Also, I am president and founder of The Environmental Earth Society on campus, and I love the arts, especially music. I’m working on a mixed-media project that incorporates elements of music, poetry, literature, visual design, and drawing. It’s an ambitious project, but it keeps me inspired.

Donté plans to transfer in the Fall of 2010.

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RCCD Hosts First Student Academic Conference
By Nicolette Rohr and Gail Suchokland

On Friday, November 14, 2008, the Honors Program was proud to host the first Riverside Community College District Honors Student Conference. Honors students convened on the Riverside campus to present papers they wrote in Honors classes.

The day began with a display of chemistry posters inspired by Exposed, the book Moreno Valley students have been reading as a part of the One Book / One College program. Dr. Kathleen Sell, Honors instructor and Riverside coordinator, opened the program and we were honored to hear a few words from Dr. Linda Lacy, who expressed her support of the Honors Program.

The conference was organized into three sessions and five panels, divided between the Hall of Fame and the Citrus Room. The difficult decision was deciding which essays to hear and which room to attend! Essays covered topics ranging from poetry to polymer to apple pie. T.S. Eliot’s “The Waste Land,” which Honors students read in Dr. Thatcher Carter’s English 18H class, provided many paper topics. Nicolette Rohr wrote on Eliot’s references to the Unamshadi, Michael Nguyen discussed Eliot’s reference to the Cumesian Sybil. “Eliot would be so pleased,” Dr. Carter commented.

Presenters began their work earlier this fall by submitting papers they had written for one of their Honors classes. Students then worked with their faculty mentors to refine the papers and practice their delivery. “The best part of the conference was getting ready for it,” Dr. Carter said. “Students and faculty worked together for weeks ahead of time, ironing out the wrinkles.”

At presenters—Corey Savage, Sierra LaPoint, Maxine Nanthavong, James Ryan, T. Hosea, Ammanda Moore, Kameron Straine, Michael Nguyen, Darrell Chasteen, Nick Goody Hazardous, Natalie Reid, Christian Duran, and Nicolette Rohr—deserve a mighty hurrah! The faculty moderators—Kelly Douglass, Nick Singaglia, Jeff Rhyme, Tucker Amidon, and Rhonda Taube—also deserve our thanks, as do all of the faculty mentors and Honors staff.

Lunch was served after the morning session followed by presentations by Dr. Pat Schwendtfer and Lana Vizuete on RCC programs that might interest Honors students. After presenting their papers at such a successful academic conference this fall, RCC Honors students got excellent practice for presenting at the spring Building Bridges conference with community college students from around California.

RCC’s first annual academic conference was a great success! Thanks to all who participated, and here’s to next year!

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