

The Honors Program

at

CT STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

State-wide Honors Council

- ❖ ACC – none
- ❖ CCC – Patrick Dawes
- ❖ GWCC – none
- ❖ HCC – none
- ❖ MCC* - Olivia Chiang
- ❖ MxCC* – Andrea Levy**, Emily Canto
- ❖ NCC – Jonathan McMenamin-Banano
- ❖ NVCC – Rachel Sacket, Kim O'Donnell
- ❖ NWCC* – Jaclyn Vincent
- ❖ QVCC – none
- ❖ TCC – Marcia Tinone
- ❖ TRCC* – Kevin Amenta

**active programs*

***State-wide Honors Council Chair*

Advised by Dean Dave DiMattio

What is the Honors Program?

- ❖ 2-year program
 - ❖ 1.5-year option
- ❖ Cohort-based
- ❖ Supplements any degree program
- ❖ More rigorous course work
- ❖ Special programming



Required coursework

- ❖ CCS 1001H*
- ❖ ENG 1010H or ENG 1020H
- ❖ At least 1 other honors course (PSY 1011H, several history courses, *under development: COMM 1301H and ENVE 1010H*)
- ❖ Capstone project

**Only required if student starts program as first semester freshman*

***Any honors course can be replaced with an "honors by contract" course.*

Special Features

- ❖ Personalized faculty advising including for transfer
- ❖ Close interface with college administration
- ❖ Leadership opportunities
- ❖ Opportunity to take courses at four-year institutions at no cost
- ❖ Automatic acceptance into honors programs at four-year institutions in CT
- ❖ Special programming
- ❖ Field trips

Programming to improve academic and professional success

- ❖ Workshops
 - ❖ Critical thinking
 - ❖ Leadership skills
 - ❖ Interpersonal skills in the workplace
 - ❖ Suicide prevention / mental health crisis training
- ❖ Transfer sessions with local college representatives
- ❖ Alumni panels to prepare for transfer
- ❖ Professional training for job applications and interviews

Field Trips

- ❖ University visits and tours
- ❖ Museums
- ❖ State Capitol



Special opportunities



Honors student Jacob with Governor Ned Lamont



Honors student Maia with U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona

Demographics of Honors Program students

- ❖ Gender: 48% of honors students are female compared to 58% of non-honors students*
- ❖ Minority: 30% of honors students are non-white compared to 34% of non-honors students*

**Data from MxCC Honors Program from 2012-2022*

Outcomes: Retention and graduation

- ❖ Higher Fall to Fall retention rates compared to non-honors students (77% vs. 54%)*
- ❖ Higher graduation rates compared to non-honors students (46% vs. 18%)*

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Outcomes: Transfer with scholarships

- ❖ Most Honors students transfer to 4-year institutions including:
 - ❖ Wesleyan University
 - ❖ Muhlenberg College
 - ❖ Yale University
- ❖ Nearly all receive substantial scholarships
 - ❖ e.g., Etherington Scholars at Wesleyan University

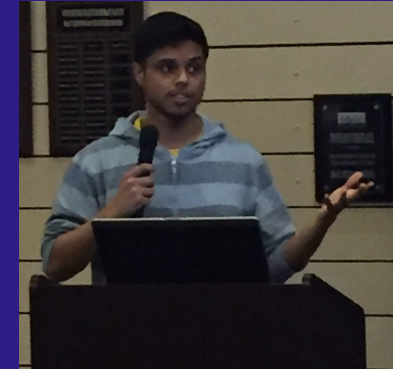
Student Spotlights: Honors Program Alumni



Dante Petruzzello
*Liberal Arts &
Sciences*
Yale University,
Yale Scholarship.
Accepted to NYU
Medical School



Manahil Khan
Business Administration
University of Hartford,
Merit Scholarship.
Senior analyst at
Stanley, Black, & Decker



Mukshud Ahamed
Biotechnology
Wesleyan University,
Etherington
Scholarship.
In PhD program at
Stonybrook Univ



Recruitment

- ❖ High school guidance counselors
- ❖ Letter sent to all eligible students upon application to CT State
- ❖ GPA referrals
- ❖ Professor recommendations

Admission by application

- ❖ Application at ctstate.edu/honors
- ❖ Application reviewed by Honors Program coordinator
- ❖ Letters of recommendation
- ❖ Essay
- ❖ High school transcript
- ❖ Test scores if available
- ❖ Minimum stats:
 - ❖ 3.25 GPA or
 - ❖ 25+ ACT or
 - ❖ 500+ Reading/Writing AND 500+ Math SAT

Requirements to remain in Honors Program

- ❖ Minimum 3.25 GPA
- ❖ Pass Capstone course

Advising prospective Honors Program students

- ❖ If encounter a new student who is eligible or a strong continuing student
 - ❖ email Honors Program coordinator and advise the student to as well
 - Students can apply to the Honors Program on any campus regardless of home campus
- ❖ Ensure that GPAs and faculty on your campus are aware of Honors Program option
- ❖ If uncertain, email me: alevy@mxcc.commnet.edu

Honors by contract courses

- ❖ Student completes paperwork (at www.ctstate.edu/honors) with professor and Honors Program coordinator by 3rd week of semester
 - ❖ discretion of professor
- ❖ Student must earn a B or higher in the course in order to earn honors credit for the course

Questions?

- www.ctstate.edu/honors
- Contact me:
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