

THE HONORS TRANSFER COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA  
**DIRECTOR'S SCHOLARSHIP**



## **CHARLES WHITCHURCH DIRECTOR'S SCHOLARSHIP**

**The Director's Scholarship of \$1,000 is the highest honor HTCC bestows on a student.  
It is awarded annually to the student who submits the finest abstract describing  
his/her presentation at the conference.**

The Director's Scholarship, created to recognize and reward student excellence, also honors a vital member of the Honors Transfer Council of California, one who has made an outstanding contribution to the students in his or her honors program as well as to the HTCC—and thus to all the students served by this organization.

The award was first conceived in tribute to Professor May DuBois, a beloved honors director at West Los Angeles College, to acknowledge her many contributions to the organization, and through it, to all our students. Professor DuBois urged us to share this honor among other HTCC members. Accordingly, in 2006 we saluted two highly esteemed HTCC honors directors: Professor Peggy Madden, former director of the Chaffey College Honors Program, the first editor of the volume of conference abstracts published by UCI; and her husband Professor John Madden, founding director of the Honors College at Cerritos College and past president of HTCC. In 2007 we honored another HTCC past president, and one of our admired co-founders: San Diego City College's Herald Kane. The honoree for 2008 was Professor Jean Shankweiler, former director of the El Camino College Honors Program, who as HTCC president helped create this conference during its inaugural year. Last year's honorees were "Lightning Dave" Megill and his twin brother Donald, former co-directors of the MiraCosta College Honors Program. During the many years they served the HTCC, Dave and Donald Megill guided us with wisdom and helped us formulate practical ways to best serve students, including Dave's invaluable assistance in helping to create the HTCC website.

This year we honor Professor Charles Whitchurch, pioneering director of the Golden West College Honors Program, former HTCC President, conference chair, and editor extraordinaire. As conference chair, Chuck improved substantially the overall quality and organization of the event. In particular, his efforts led to a professionally produced program for the HTCC conference. We herald Professor Whitchurch's devotion to perfection. As the longest-serving editor of *Building Bridges*, HTCC's collection of conference abstracts, he established an impeccably (and perhaps impossibly) high standard for excellence, with his keen eye for detail and indefatigable pursuit of flawlessness. Chuck has generously applied his editorial talents and his wealth of skills to countless HTCC endeavors: from letters to students, directors and counselors, college presidents, transfer partners, donors and all nature of collaborators, to his many years of service on the HTCC Scholarship Committee and Transfer Committee. He also has penned several of the HTCC transfer agreements that benefit so many students. We salute Charles Whitchurch for his long service, dedication and devotion to the success of the Honors Transfer Council of California and all the students it serves—and with just a hint of reservation, we salute his sense of humor as well.

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Because we think so highly of Professor Whitchurch, we shall select with great care the winner of the award bearing his name. The student who receives the Director's Scholarship will earn this honor for having demonstrated exceptional academic performance. The winner can be proud of this award, knowing the tradition of excellence he or she is continuing. And as noted above, it is the highest scholarship we confer. Presentation of this award will be made during the closing ceremonies of the conference.

**TO APPLY FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD:**

1. Complete the appropriate Application and Registration form for the HTCC Student Research Conference (see the [Conference](#) page). Be sure to check the "Director's Scholarship" box on the form.
2. Prepare a 400-word abstract of your project or presentation. See the [Conference](#) page for instructions and hints on preparing an abstract.
3. Send the abstract by e-mail attachment in either MS Word (or RTF [Rich Text Format] if you do not use MS Word) to Prof. John Oakes (john.oakes@gcccd.edu), HTCC Scholarship Committee Chair.
4. Ensure that your abstract be received in readable condition by the second Wednesday in February. Abstracts received after that date, or in an unreadable format, may not be considered.