



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



President's Report

March 2023

Dear Members of the Northeast Regional Honors Council,

Welcome, Spring! As we gather in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for our 2023 Conference, we celebrate our second in-person meeting of the post-pandemic era. Like the rest of you, your Executive Board has looked forward to this opportunity to renew old friendships and make new connections with like-minded colleagues and students.

This year we have over 360 participants from all over the northeast region, a strong endorsement of our enduring commitment to providing an inclusive and innovative platform for students to present their scholarly research and creative work in a welcoming and professional venue, experience the delights of one of the nation's great cities, engage in meaningful community service, and network with peers from every corner of our region. We are confident that attendees will be quite pleased with this year's impressive array of events, speakers, networking opportunities, and new initiatives.

Your Executive Board has continued to focus upon enhancing its operations and responsiveness to the NRHC membership. Many of you have participated in our ongoing series of open virtual sessions with the Executive Board for current and prospective member schools. In an era when honors program budgets remain tight, we remain committed to enhancing the value of your annual membership by offering programs like our Peer Mentorship Program (PMP), which allows veteran honors administrators to share their wisdom with colleagues who are new to the honors enterprise, and our evolving collaborations with our five sister regional honors organizations and the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC).

Finally, we deeply appreciate and depend upon your continued support, substantive feedback, and enthusiastic engagement on our committees.

Welcome to Pittsburgh, the Steel City! Explore! Learn! Engage!

Best Regards,

Darryl L. Peterkin, Ph.D.

President and 2023 Conference Co-Chair

Business Meeting Agenda



NRHC Business Meeting @ Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference
Pittsburgh, PA
Sunday, April 2, 2023

Establish Quorum

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Fall 2022 Business Meeting Minutes



NRHC Business Meeting @ National Collegiate Honors Council Conference

Minutes

Dallas, Texas
Saturday, November 5, 2022
10 a.m.

Establish Quorum

Welcome and Call to Order

Darryl Peterkin

- The meeting began at 10:01 a.m.
- Darryl Peterkin welcomed everyone to our fall business meeting.
- The other executive board members introduced themselves:
 - o Marcella MCoy-Deh, President Elect
 - o Zachary Aidala, Vice President
 - o Kat MacDonald, Executive Secretary
 - o Mike Tasto, Executive Treasurer
 - o Tanya Radford, Web Coordinator
- Kat acknowledged the board members who could not come to Dallas: Amy McMillian & Gwen Kay (Faculty Reps); Angela Steiber, Derek Stuart, and Natalea Hillen (Student Reps); and Chris Brittain (Immediate Past President).

Approval of Spring 2022 Business Meeting Minutes

Kathryn MacDonald

- Linda Kobylarz moved to approve the minutes.
- Irina Ellison seconded the motion.
- All present approved the minutes; no rejections; no abstentions.

Reports of Officers and Board Members

President's Report

Darryl Peterkin

- Darryl gave a brief overview of our 2022 event in Philadelphia, noting that we had a healthy registration rate, wonderful speakers (Conrad Benner – CAT; Marybeth Gasman – Keynote; Heather Thompson – Author Talk).
- The theme of the conference – A More Perfect Union – was an exploration of restoring and renewing community.

- Darryl noted that our 2023 conference will be in Pittsburgh, PA from March 30 to April 2 and the CFP is open and the proposal deadline is currently Monday, November 14.

Executive Treasurer's Report

Michael Tasto

- Mike said our bank account is healthy, floating around \$150K.
- The reason it has not increased is because of our rollover balances from 2020 – some institutions still have money as credit with NRHC – please inquire with NRHC if you think you may have a credit to apply to your expenses for 2023 conference.
- Philadelphia was just barely profitable at about \$5K – break-even point basically.
- We are hoping to see our pre-pandemic levels of 500 registrants in Pittsburgh so our conference would be profitable since there is opportunity to turn a profit in Pittsburgh.
- This year's conference registration is still \$325 and will continue at that rate for 2024; The hotel rate per night in Pittsburgh is \$199.
- As we plan ahead and look to negotiate contracts for 2024, we expect that food and beverage costs might be higher.
- Our institutional dues are now \$200 per institution. There are only a handful of schools that have not paid their dues even though they registered for the conference and participated.
- We have not been able to start investing our money as we had hoped, but hopefully we can begin to do this after the 2023 conference year to fund more scholarships and opportunities for members in the regions.
- Darryl thanked Mike for all his hard work in managing our finances.
- Mike asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report:
 - o Linda Kobylarz motioned.
 - o Andrew Martino seconded the motion.
 - o All those present approved to accept the Treasurer's Report with no rejections or abstentions.

2022 Conference Report

Darryl Peterkin

- Darryl reviewed the numbers of the 2022 Conference.
 - o 317 Proposals with 100% acceptance rate and the conference had 415 registrants; however, some did not come to the conference.

Student Representatives Report

Zachary Aidala

- Zachary Aidala gave the report on behalf of the Student Representatives who were unable to attend the conference.
- The students have been involved in the board since the Summer Planning Meeting.
- Zak encouraged those in attendance to have their students follow NRHC on social media; the Student Representatives are running the social media channels.
- He also mentioned active recruitment for the Student Activities Committee.
- The students will continue to host Decompression Chambers.
- Darryl mentioned that any pictures taken back during NRHC and/or NCHC to please share them with us so we can post them.

Faculty Representatives Report

Marcella McCoy-Deh

- Marcella McCoy-Deh gave this report on behalf of the Faculty Representatives.

- Honors Decompression Chambers – there will be a virtual one in November of this year (benefits of NRHC) and one prior to the annual conference.
- Regarding the conference, the faculty reps will be planning the Big Picture Discussion (Thursday night) and the Consultants’ Corner (Saturday daytime).
- Topics for Big Picture being considered include: Promoting citizenship/creating community in honors; Building and promoting student resiliency; How honors directors have navigated dealing with underprepared students/changing standards in honors.
- Consultants’ Corner potential topics include: Beginning in Honors; Increasing Honors Resiliency and Intrinsic Motivation; Value of Honors; Engaging Students; Budget; Retention
- The faculty reps are eager to solicit feedback and seek volunteers to help lead Consultants’ Corner.
- Peer Mentorship Program – the Faculty Representatives will also continue Darryl’s attempt to identify and connect Honors “experts” as peer mentors to Honors “newbies” by having an Honors Peer mentoring meeting. Time TBD!
- No suggestions came from the floor on topics during the meeting.

Report on NRHC Journal – Illuminate

Kathryn MacDonald

- Kat gave a report on *Illuminate*. Volume 4 was officially released on Tuesday of this week, prior to NRHC.
- There were 32 pieces published as part of this edition.
- The call for 2023 is now open; it will continue to be tied to the annual conference theme; however, journal submissions do not need to be related to the conference theme.
- Kat thanked and acknowledged all of the Editorial Board members of this year – serving the journal is completely voluntary and it cannot be sustained without these individuals’ assistance.
- There will be work on the sustainability of the journal in terms of finding more leaders and permanent helpers outside of Kat. Posting and bringing the journal over the finish line is a very time-consuming and challenging endeavor year to year.
- As we move into 2023 submissions and work, students will be held accountable for following the guidelines set forth by the journal. Submissions will be kicked back to students should pieces not adhere to the guidelines. A new editorial guidebook will be created this year to help further this process.
- A call for more creative work was made – and Kat also participated in a panel this weekend at NCHC with *URCA* and *Scibendi*—other honors undergraduate publications. Recorded and video creative work will be added to the call for *Illuminate*’s 5th volume. Further, Kat will continue to work with the regions to create better connectivity and relationships between all these fabulous publications.
- Linda Kobylarz thanked Kat for her work since she has spearheaded *Illuminate* since its inception in 2019.

New Business

Spring 2022 NRHC Board Elections

Kathryn MacDonald

- Kat MacDonald reviewed the open positions that will be up for election at the end of the academic year: Vice President (1); Faculty Representative (1); Student Representative (2); Executive Secretary (1); Web Coordinator (1).
- Kat noted that if our current Web Coordinator, Tanya Radford, wishes to remain in the post, the term will be for two more years (this would be the first of the three year term). She thanked Tanya

for stepping into this role this year! She has done a wonderful job working with our vendor to update the Call for Proposal system and more.

- Call for Nominations:
 - o Linda Kobylarz nominated Caitlin Grant, Post University for Faculty Representative
 - o Darryl Peterkin nominated Evelyn Spratt, Notre Dame University of Maryland for Faculty Representative
- Several students who attended the meeting who are also running for NCHC Board of Directors have interest in running for NRHC, but held their nominations. It was suggested they consider joining the Student Activities Committee.
- Darryl commented on the collegial atmosphere of the board and Zak mentioned it is a very development-oriented board.

Theme & Planning for #NRHC2023

Darryl Peterkin & Marcella McCoy-Deh

- The theme is *Building Resilience from Tragedy—Understanding Hate, Violence, Loss, and Reconciliation*. The conference theme is published on our website along with all presentation types and strands.
- The CFP is slated to close on Monday, November 14.
- There is a Proposal Prep Session on Monday, November 7 – an email reminder will go out on Monday morning with the Zoom link and details.
- Marcella encouraged directors to mentor and encourage their students to participate and propose.
- The proposals do not have to tie to the conference theme as our conference is meant to
- The site is Pittsburgh, PA from March 30 – April 2.
- Linda Kobylarz asked if the proposal deadline will be extended – there will likely be an extension but the Executive Board will be voting on an official extension next week and will let people know before November 14.
- Marcella indicated that our conference cover art/artwork is out – and the student artist is from Thomas Jefferson University.
- Marcella mentioned our confirmed speakers:
 - o Tom Morton, University of Pittsburgh – CAT Speaker – he will speak at the opening of CAT, facilitate a CAT strand – this will be a very exciting speaker and CAT opportunity
 - o Tony Norman, Journalist and Blogger – he is enthusiastic and wants to attend the conference.
 - o We do not have a confirmed Author Talk – the agent we are working with recommended Brian Broome. Susan Dinan thinks that he would make a fantastic speaker for our conference. He is located in Pittsburgh.
- Marcella recognized our Local Hosts:
 - o Community College of Allegheny County
 - o Point Park University
 - o University of Pittsburgh
 - o We can continue to add folks to the Local Host Committee

NRHC Member Involvement

Darryl Peterkin & Marcella McCoy-Deh

- We have several committees:
 - o Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - o Strategic Planning Committee

- *Illuminate* Editorial Board
- Peer Mentorship Program
- Please get in touch with us if you would like to serve on any committee!
- Marcella mentioned that these committees are also excellent professional development opportunities.

Awards and Contests

Kathryn MacDonald

- Kat reviewed all of the upcoming awards and contests, noting that our website needs to be updated – the fall has been very busy, so we are behind in this. Follow up emails and announcements will be made when the dates and forms are current.
- Awards with monetary value:
 - Minority Scholarships – award up to 10 for students who have accepted proposals to NRHC 2023; the scholarship pays for the student’s conference registration and the student receives \$50 cash
 - Partners in the Parks – students who attend PitP can apply for partial reimbursement of their expenses
- Other Awards:
 - Student of the Year Awards – 2 year and 4 year categories
 - Honors Professional of the Year Awards – Administrator, Faculty, and Staff categories
 - Publications Contest – Newsletter, Magazine, Journal categories

Future Conference Sites

Michael Tasto

- Mike Tasto presented on this item and said Chris Brittain has been actively writing a Call for Proposals for future conference sites.
- Omni Providence has responded to our Call for Proposals but early negotiations indicate this may be a difficult site to work with.
- We are looking for other locations—but we need to find conference hotels that can fit 500-600 attendees which can limit our search.
- We typically do a site visit to further negotiate the room rates, food and beverage minimums, etc. Board members will do any eligible site visits in the late fall.
- As the board continues to negotiate these contracts, we will keep the membership informed.

Other Business

Open Forum

- Virtual Conference Participation
 - Linda Kobylarz asked about virtual opportunities for the conference—she is concerned about the expense of attending in-person and for NRHC to be inclusive – Post has 1200 online honors program students who will never be able to come in person. The virtual conference year was wonderful for these students. Linda further mentioned that other conferences have used a model where there is a virtual mini conference preceding the in-person meeting. And there are some presentations that were prerecorded and available and others that were live and scheduled via virtual platforms.
 - Kat mentioned that the Virtual Option is listed on the NRHC website and we would be open to hosting a virtual conference day one week prior to the in-person conference. Then, major speaker engagements in Pittsburgh would be streamed for these individuals. The registration rate would also be \$325 because we cannot offer a large virtual event when we

are contractually obligated to fill a hotel block and meet food and beverage minimums at our in-person conference.

- Kat MacDonald asked those in attendance if they would be willing/interested in sending NRHC an Excel sheet with their honors student emails so NRHC Student News and Notes can be distributed directly to students from NRHC. Those in attendance seemed interested. A follow up call for this initiative will be in the next NRHC email.
- Andrew Martino took the floor--- there are two Place as Text for Faculty coming up:
 - o Contested Narratives in Charleston, SC: Preservation, Progress, and Peoples (May 21-25 2023)
 - o Bridging the Gaps in Pittsburgh, PA: Exploring the Cultural Geography of Pittsburgh (June 21-25 2023)

Adjournment

- Darryl called for a motion to adjourn the meeting:
 - o Zachary Aidala motioned.
 - o Irina Ellison seconded.
 - o All present approved the motion; no rejections; no abstentions
- The meeting ended at 10:55 a.m.

Executive Treasurer's Report

Northeast Regional Honors Council - Financial Report (April, 2023)

Conference Statistics:	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	Cambridge	Pittsburgh	Providence	Baltimore	Albany -CXL	Virtual	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Proposals	483	429	381	465	429	240	330	275
Accepted	385	358	325	411	404	240	330	275
Paid Registrants	602	528	521	564	479	410	399	375
Rate of Accepted to Paid Reg.	1.564	1.475	1.603	1.372	1.186	1.708	1.209	1.364
Acceptance Rate	79.7%	83.4%	85.3%	88.4%	94.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Contracted Room Nights	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	Cambridge**	Pittsburgh	Providence	Baltimore	Albany	Virtual	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Rooms (Wed)	4	0	2	2	0	0	2	0
Rooms (Thurs)	187	148	158	200	0	0	137	153
Rooms (Fri)	212	160	180	225	0	0	186	160
Rooms (Sat)	187	152	165	200	0	0	159	154
Sub-Total	590	460	505	627	0	0	484	467

** Missing Cambridge Contract - projected = actual Pickup.

Addendum - Rooms (Wed)		2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Addendum - Rooms (Thurs)		58	48	23	0	0	0	0
Addendum - Rooms (Fri)		73	53	32	0	0	0	0
Addendum - Rooms (Sat)		54	41	32	0	0	0	0
Sub-Total	-	187	142	87	0	0	0	0
Total ROOM NIGHTS	590	647	647	714	0	0	484	467
80% Guarantee		518	518	571	0	0	440	400
Actual Pickup	590	609	604				484	467
Room Price		\$ 159	\$ 169	\$ 179	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 199	\$ 179
Hotel Room Revenue	\$ -	\$ 102,873	\$ 109,343	\$ 127,806	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96,316	\$ 83,593

Bank Balance	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	Gettysburg	Cambridge	Pittsburgh	Providence	Baltimore	Albany -CXL'd	Virtual	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Date	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017	July 1, 2018	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2022	March 26, 2023
Balance	\$ 123,747	\$ 125,831	\$ 102,930	\$ 154,936	\$ 169,177	\$ 196,493	\$ 161,184	\$ 139,701	\$ 145,626

Profit/Loss:	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	Cambridge	Pittsburgh	Providence	Baltimore	Albany	Virtual	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Net Revenue			\$ 130,766	\$ 192,624	\$ 16,927	\$ 47,428	\$ 146,617	\$ 139,040
Total Expenses			\$ 107,985	\$ 166,169	\$ 61,350	\$ 53,145	\$ 140,113	\$ 125,851
Total Est. Profit/Loss			\$ 22,781	\$ 26,455	\$ (44,423)	\$ (5,717)	\$ 6,504	\$ 13,189

Note: The Conf. Registration Fee is an Average. Most pay \$325, but late registrations pay more, and we have others that are *free.

(*Free = Minority Scholarships, 10/20th registrant free, and honorary-guest registrations.)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenue:	Cambridge	Pittsburgh	Providence	Baltimore	Albany - Actual	Virtual	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
Conf. Registration Fee	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 230	\$ 295	Avg. = 282.6	Avg. = \$74.63	Avg. = \$310.77	Avg. = \$320
Paid Registrants	602	528	521	564	479	410	399	375
Exp. Revenue	\$ 135,450	\$ 118,800	\$ 119,830	\$ 166,380	\$ 135,365	\$ 30,598	\$ 123,997	\$ 120,000
Other Revenue:	Cambridge	Pittsburgh	Providence	Baltimore	Albany	Virtual	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
\$20/Registration fee (175 refunded registrations)				\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tri-fold's				\$ -	\$ 186	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Programs				\$ -	\$ 201	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hotel F&B Rebate				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,680	\$ 9,340
Programs (Salisbury Univ)				\$ 2,088	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transit Passes				\$ 760	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. Income				\$ 5,045	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Uncashed Checks (2017)				\$ 6,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor - Monroe College				\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	2-year Spnsr	\$ 500
Sponsor - NCHC				\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Sponsor - Point Park Univ.				\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 250	2-year Spnsr	\$ -
Sponsor - Towson University				\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor - Millersville University				\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor - SOC				\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor - Monmouth University				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250
Sponsor - Westfield St. University				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250
Sponsor - Mercy College				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	2-year Spnsr
Sponsor - Ramapo College				\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor - St. Francis Univ.				\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor - Fund for Am. Studies				\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor - Nat'l Society for Leader				\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	2-year Spnsr	\$ -
Sponsor - SNHU				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	2-year Spnsr	\$ -
Sponsor - Salisbury Univ.				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	2-year Spnsr	\$ -
Sponsor - Playfair				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	2-year Spnsr	\$ -
Sponsor - Dominican Univ.				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	2-year Spnsr	\$ -
Sponsor - Morgan State Univ.				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	2-year Spnsr	\$ -
Sponsor - Univ. of Hartford				\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	2-year Spnsr	\$ -
Sponsor - PebblePad				\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor - Catholic University				\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor - NSCS				\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor - Alpha Lambda Delta				\$ 100	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsorship - Total - - >			\$ 2,500	\$ 4,700	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
Other/Faculty/Student Registrations			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,470
Membership Dues			\$ 8,436	\$ 6,800	\$ 10,040	\$ 9,330	\$ 11,940	\$ 8,200
Total Other Revenue			\$ 10,936	\$ 26,244	\$ 16,927	\$ 16,830	\$ 22,620	\$ 19,040
Total Conf. Revenue			\$ 119,830	\$ 166,380	\$ 135,365	\$ 30,598	\$ 123,997	\$ 120,000
Total Revenue			\$ 130,766	\$ 192,624	\$ 152,292	\$ 47,428	\$ 146,617	\$ 139,040
Refunds for 31 Schools					\$ 48,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
No Check Received from 12 Schools					\$ 25,739	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rollovers held for 2021					\$ 55,644	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Double Counted Dues subtraction					\$ 2,720	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Human Error in Excel (MTT)					\$ 2,562	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Revenue					\$ 16,927	\$ 47,428	\$ 146,617	\$ 139,040

Northeast Regional Honors Council - Financial Report (April, 2023)								
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
EXPENSES:	Cambridge	Pittsburgh	Providence	Baltimore	Albany - CXL'd	Virtual	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
** Hotel (Food & Beverage ++)			\$ 66,961	\$ 70,501	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,575	\$ 48,225
** Hotel (A/V)			\$ 10,105	\$ 6,585	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,706
Interpreters			\$ 5,375	\$ 4,181	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 4,278
Various Supplies/Printing for Signage								\$ 3,000
Scholarships (PIP)/Minority Scholarships			\$ 800	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750
Purchase: A/V Projectors and Cables			\$ -	\$ 6,482	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Purchase: Acer Chromebooks and Misc. Cables			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,234	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Website Related (2023 - pays for 3 years)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 740	\$ 588	\$ 90	\$ 695
NRHC Journal - Illuminate			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,142	\$ -	\$ 168	\$ 168
Programs			\$ 2,088	\$ 2,956	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Ribbons			\$ -	\$ 147	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Awards			\$ -	\$ 452	\$ -	\$ 1,656	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
T-shirts and Lanyards			\$ 2,990	\$ 4,231	\$ 373	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Yes Events Registration (not incl. folders)			\$ 9,167	\$ 10,869	\$ 9,000	\$ 5,705	\$ 17,000	\$ 9,025
Yes Events Folders			\$ -	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Yes Events Credit Card Fees			\$ 3,370	\$ 4,954	\$ 4,007	\$ 650	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000
Misc Meeting Food/Travel Exp (NCHC Fall Meetings)			\$ -	\$ 1,768	\$ 1,509	\$ 155	\$ 1,215	\$ 1,924
Misc. Conference Expense (summer planning, etc.)			\$ 1,147	\$ 1,299	\$ 1,145	\$ 391	\$ 1,848	\$ 832
NH State Registration			\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DJ and Photo Booth			\$ 963	\$ 830	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,000
Maryland Transit Passes			\$ -	\$ 1,140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Keynote Speaker books			\$ -	\$ 746	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Zoom							\$ 149	\$ 150
Gift Card Scam							\$ 800	\$ -
Keynote Speaker Honorarium			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,255	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
NRHC Taxes - SNHU Acct. Professor/student			\$ -	\$ 212	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 455	\$ 150
Insurance: Officers and Directors Insurance			\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Insurance: Special Event Insurance for the Hotel			\$ -	\$ 410	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 338	\$ 348
Stipends - Executive Board			\$ 1,019	\$ 35,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000
Stipends - Executive Board - Faculty Representatives			\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
Reimbursement - Executive Board - Student Representatives			\$ 1,200	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stipend - Conf. Asst.			\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses:			\$ 107,985	\$ 166,169	\$ 61,350	\$ 53,145	\$ 140,113	\$ 125,851

Note: *** are Estimates.

BALTIMORE FOOD (2019)		svc ch 23.5%	tax 6%	Total
Lunch Cost Per Person	\$ 38	\$ 8.93	\$ 2.28	\$ 49.21
Dinner Cost Per Person	\$ 48	\$ 11.28	\$ 2.88	\$ 62.16
Lunch/Dinner Cost/per person - - - >				\$ 111.37

PHILADELPHIA FOOD (2022)		svc ch 22%	tax	Total
Lunch Cost Per Person	\$ 33	\$ 7.26		\$ 40.26
Dinner Cost Per Person	\$ 45	\$ 9.90		\$ 54.90
Lunch/Dinner Cost/per person - - - >				\$ 95.16

Pittsburgh FOOD (2023)		svc ch 24%	tax	Total
Lunch Cost Per Person	\$ 33	\$ 7.92		\$ 40.92
Dinner Cost Per Person	\$ 37	\$ 8.88		\$ 45.88
Lunch/Dinner Cost/per person - - - >				\$ 86.80

Executive Secretary's Report

Submitted by Kat MacDonald

The NRHC Executive Secretary maintains watch over the NRHC Gmail Account (northeastregionalhonorscouncil@gmail.com). Kat MacDonald, Monroe College, has served in this post during the 2022-23 year.

The Executive Secretary compiles items for all "NRHC News" announcements, maintains the email distribution list, and responds to nearly all emails that are sent to this inbox. During the conference season, the Secretary compiles a "conference email list" to generate "NRHC Conference" announcements and communications.

It is worth noting that this conference year saw a definitive decline in NRHC member etiquette via email, particularly in regard to conference scheduling requests, presentation cancellations, corrections to the program, etc. Both honors professionals and students alike sent emails with unprofessional tone, often demanding changes be made instead of respectfully requesting them. Further, all such requests should be emailed to northeastregionalhonorscouncil@gmail.com and not to individual board members. In order for us to respond correctly, all emails should go to that address. We ask that all who need to email us, please feel free to reach out with any question, but don't forget that *please* and *thank you* go a long way. Responding to most queries within 1-2 business days, particularly at the height of conference preparation, is very demanding. All officers on the Executive Board volunteer their time and energy to respond to members, which is much different from NCHC, which has a dedicated staff.

In addition to maintaining all NRHC communications, the Executive Secretary takes minutes at all board meetings, typically held bi-monthly throughout the calendar year. She also takes minutes at the semi-annual Business Meetings and compiles the Business Meeting materials for the membership.

Further, for this conference year, the Executive Secretary completed the following in preparation of the conference:

- Designed, generated, and updated the Conference Program (including Conference at a Glance)
- Designed and generated the Student Art Show Program
- Designed and generated Student Presenter Certificates and Art Show Presenter Certificates
- Coordinated accommodations for virtual presenters for #NRHC2023
- Served as Editor-in-Chief of *Illuminate*, the Undergraduate Journal of NRHC

Web Coordinator Report

Submitted by Tanya Radford

The NRHC Web Coordinator maintains the nrhchonors.com website and coordinates the Council's call for papers and conference registration process. During 2022-23, Tanya Radford of Dominican University New York volunteered to fill this position, despite a declared lack of experience with website design. She would like to offer a hearty thank you to long-time NRHC board member Chris Brittain and to Nichole Ballard of YesEvents for training and assistance managing the CFP and registration systems for NRHC 2023! Their patience and deep knowledge of conference logistics have been thoroughly exploited and appreciated.

The NRHC Web Coordinator attended the NRHC summer planning meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. Subsequently, she updated the Council's webpage with information about NRHC2023 as materials became available. The Web Coordinator worked with Chris Brittain and Nichole Ballard of YesEvents to prepare the conference call for papers and conference registration – both were transitioned to new platforms.

Due to prohibitive increases in the cost of services related to the CFP and conference registration sites and given our dissatisfaction with the overall usefulness of the conference schedule app relative to cost, we decided to forego an app-based conference schedule, saving the organization more than \$10,000.

Pittsburgh 2023 Conference Report

Submitted by Marcella McCoy-Deh

The 2023 Conference of the Northeast Regional Honors Council (NRHC) convened in Pittsburgh, PA, March 30 - April 2, 2023, at the Sheraton Pittsburgh at Station Square. The Theme of this year's Conference was "Building Resilience from Tragedy: Understanding Hate, Violence, Loss and Reconciliation." NRHC came to the City of Bridges or Steel City with the intention to unpack the complexities of rebuilding community.

The Conference launched Thursday, March 30 with a talk by acclaimed author of Punch Me Up to the Gods, Brian Broome. The author engaged the room by sharing the inspiration for and overwhelming response to his memoir which addressed the depths of vulnerability navigating Black boyhood. Broome's talk was followed by a Q&A session and book signing. Following the Author Talk, students enjoyed their own Mix & Mingle trivia game and drafted letters of gratitude to local veterans. Faculty attendees engaged each other in this year's Big Picture Discussion, "Connections", a speed networking themed event.

Day Two of the Conference, Friday, March 31, was devoted to the always-popular City as Text Explorations. This year's City as Text Speaker was University of Pittsburgh architecture professor Tom Morton, whose work intersects at community engagement, environment, identity and visual knowledge. His popular "walkshops" studying Pittsburgh's urban landscape, was a key factor in his double-duty as a City-As-Text guide. His talk focused on a controversial stained-glass window depicting confederate general Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson at a local Presbyterian church. City-As-Text participants in every strand fanned out across Pittsburgh to interrogate the City of Steel's resilience, and later reconvened as a group to reflect upon their observations and experiences.

Friday also featured two new approaches to existing events: Local host institution, University of Pittsburgh hosted a reception for 50 conference attendees at its renown Cathedral of Learning. Participants enjoyed a tour of 30+ Nationality Rooms, a photo exhibit and brunch in the quarters of the David C. Frederick Honors College. This year, our community engagement opportunities – Be the Match and Veterans Breakfast Club -- were hosted on-site, allowing students to make a difference *and* go out on City-as-Text excursions of their choosing. The capstone of Day Two was the Conference Banquet. Journalist Tony Norman, recently retired award-winning Pittsburgh Gazette columnist and features writer, delivered the Keynote Address. Students concluded Day Two with an Open Mic Night.

Day Three of the Conference, Saturday, April 1, featured the Idea Exchange and Consultants' Corner for honors professionals, but the day was devoted to student presentations. The signature event was the Presidential Luncheon, where NRHC President Darryl Peterkin delivered the Presidential Address. The Luncheon was followed by the Student Caucus and professional headshots for students. Students ended their Day Three with a Red Carpet Gala.

The Conference concluded on Day Four, Sunday, April 2. The final day began with the NRHC Business Meeting followed by the NRHC Awards Ceremony recognizing the exceptional achievements of honors students, faculty, and staff. The Conference closed formally with the Passing of the Torch from incoming President Marcella McCoy-Deh to incoming President-Elect Zachary Aidala.

Pittsburgh By the Numbers

- 274 Proposals Received
- 274 Proposals Accepted
- 6 Students Requested Virtual Accommodations
- 28 students cancelled presentations (as of 3.21.23) – 10.2% of total accepted proposals were cancelled
- 369 registrations (as of 3.21.23)

Faculty Representatives Report

Submitted by Amy McMillan and Gwen Kay

1) Honors Decompression Chamber

The Faculty Representatives hosted an Honors Decompression Chamber on December 7th about the benefits of NRHC and on February 24th to discuss the NRHC conference and connect.

2) Minority Scholarship Review

Reviewed 21 Scholarship applicants and recommended funding for 15. All applicants were very strong. We prioritized one from each school.

3) NRHC Conference

Reviewed Proposals for meeting program

Planned the Big Picture Discussion and Consultants' Corner for the 2023 annual conference.

Big Picture – speed networking.

Consultant's Corner: Beginning in Honors, Budget, Student Engagement

4) Upcoming

Assist in reviewing for *Illuminate*

Student Representative Report

Submitted by Natalea Hillen, Angela Steiber, and Derek Stuart

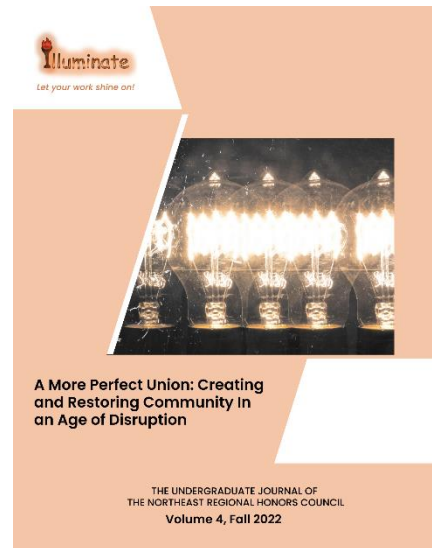
The NRHC student representatives have maintained several methods of communication with registrants regarding information for the conference. The student representatives have maintained an active presence on the NRHC social media platforms. Posts have included information regarding presentation prep sessions, speakers presenting at the conference, awards, and more. Additionally, the student representatives have communicated with conference registrants through the use of email, often sharing information regarding student decompression chambers and applications for the Student Activities Committee. The student representatives have actively recruited for the Student Activities Committee and intend to utilize the group to help set up various events at the conference. The Student Representatives have been planning several events for the conference, that being the Movie Trivia Night, the Art Show, the Open Mic Night, the Student Caucus, and the Student Gala.

The 2022 Edition of *Illuminate* is online!

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Submissions are now open for the 2023 edition. Please read the submission guidelines carefully.

All undergraduate honors students and recent alumni of member institutions are invited to submit their research or creative projects to be considered for publication in the third volume of *Illuminate*. Each submission should be original and not be published in any other regional or national honors publication.

All submissions are double-blind, peer-reviewed. A student is limited to no more than two submissions for each edition of the journal.

Each submission should include a completed application, [which can be found here](#). While identifying information should be included on the application, **please remove any identifying information from the actual submission, including name, co-authors, e-mail, faculty mentor and institution.** Do not include any identifying information in the file names. All text submissions should be in the form of an editable document, like Microsoft Word. PDF files are not acceptable.

Students are encouraged to submit works that are connected to the 2023 NRHC Conference Theme—*Building Resilience from Tragedy—Understanding Hate, Violence, Loss, and Reconciliation*. Students may read more about the theme by clicking [here](#).

GUIDELINES

Academic Work Guidelines

The academic disciplines that are accepted include:

- Business, Economics, and Technology
- Education
- History, Politics, and Culture
- Language, Literature, and Philosophy
- Natural Sciences, Psychology, and Allied Health
- Media Studies and the Arts
- Social Sciences (Sociology, Anthropology, Archaeology, Geography, and Jurisprudence)
- Honors Education and Practices

For further description on each of these "strands" as they relate to the 2022 NRHC Conference, please click [here](#).

Research papers are limited to **a maximum of 5000 words, not including references**. Each paper should include a synopsis or abstract, limited to a maximum of 250 words. References should be formatted in either APA or MLA style, depending on the standard for the discipline. Submissions should be double spaced with a size 12 Times New Roman font.

Submissions must include a clear statement of purpose and will be evaluated based on content, analysis, organization, grammar, spelling and formatting.

All digital images should be submitted as jpeg files with a high resolution of at least 300 dpi. Images can be in black and white or color. For images that have been altered in Photoshop or any other program, both the original and altered image should be submitted. Images embedded in documents are not acceptable.

Please note that while for an NRHC conference, students create poster files via PowerPoint/other software or create a slideshow presentation, these files **are not eligible for submission to the journal**. Only research papers, reports, theses, etc. are eligible as academic entries to the journal.

Creative Work Guidelines

The following types of creative projects can be accepted:

- Photography
- Poetry

- Short Fiction
- Creative Nonfiction/Essay
- Fine Art
- Illustrations

Creative works should include a title and an artist's statement, limited to no more than 250 words.

All digital images should be submitted as jpeg files with a high resolution of at least 300 dpi. Images can be in black and white or color. For images that have been altered in Photoshop or any other program, both the original and altered image should be submitted. Images embedded in documents are not acceptable.

Any style of poetry can be submitted.

Short fiction is limited to a **maximum of 5000 words**, double spaced, size 12 Times New Roman font.

Essays are limited to a **maximum of 1500 words**, double spaced, size 12 Times New Roman font.

SEND US YOUR SUBMISSIONS

Please click [here](#) to submit your work for consideration to *Illuminate's* 2023 edition.

The deadline for submissions to the 2023 edition is Sunday, May 21 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Spring 2023 NRHC Board Elections

Join the NRHC Board! Nominations and Elections!

Please do consider running for a position, and/or encourage your students to run. This work is extremely meaningful insofar as it directly benefits honors students in the region by providing them with professional, academic and experiential opportunities. Further, for those of you needing external service for tenure and promotion purposes, please consider that Executive Board service is a gratifying and meaningful way to boost your CV.

If you are (or if your student is) interested in running for one of the following Executive Board positions, please send me the required candidacy information, which includes a candidate's statement and a headshot by Close of Business on Monday, May 22.

Student candidates must secure a letter from their directors affirming program/institutional commitment to support travel expenses to attend the three meetings of the executive board (July site planning meeting, fall business meeting during the NCHC conference, and the Albany conference). This letter must be included with the candidate's statement and headshot. Please note that NRHC will provide up to \$1000 in travel reimbursements to each student representative.

Elected candidates are strongly encouraged to attend the summer planning meeting (date TBD), Elected candidates are also expected to attend the upcoming NCHC conference and attendance at the NRHC conference is required. Each executive member receives a stipend.

Note: If you wish to nominate someone else, please secure that person's agreement to run before submitting his/her name to me at this email address.

The following positions are up this election period:

Vice President (1 open position): Elected for a one-year term and shall be a member of the faculty or administration of any member institution in the Region. The Vice President shall succeed automatically to the office of President-Elect upon the election and installation of the new Vice President. The Vice President shall succeed to the office of President-Elect should that office become vacant. The president-elect co-chairs the organizing of the annual regional conference; the service of vice-president, president-elect, president, and immediate past president is a four-year commitment to the region.

Faculty Board Representative (1 open position): Elected to a two-year term by a vote of the membership of the Region. Faculty Board Representatives may serve no more than one consecutive term.

Student Board Representatives (2 open positions): Elected to a one-year term by a vote of the membership of the Region. Student Board Representatives may be elected to additional one-year term. The two student representatives plan three key student socials (Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings) of the conference, advertise to students, advise students on what to expect, maintain the region's Facebook page with text and photos, and may coordinate with local student volunteers to help with City-as-Text, the registration table, and other tasks as needed.

Executive Secretary (1 open position): Elected to a 3-year term, the Secretary is expected to take minutes, maintain the NRHC document repository, and regularly monitor the NRHC Gmail account – sending membership wide emails and responding to queries.

Web Coordinator (1 open position): Elected to a 3-year term, the Web Coordinator is expected to have a facility learning new technologies and a working knowledge of web design and logistics. The Web Coordinator is responsible for the creation and maintenance of the Council's website, the Call for Proposals, and the Conference Registration process. *Note this position will be elected to a 2-Year Term since the current Web Coordinator was appointed to a 1-Year Term for 2022-2023.*

You can find the NRHC Constitution and By-Laws here: <https://www.nrhchonors.com/constitution>

[You can click here to nominate yourself or another individual.](#)