

THE HONORS TRANSFER COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA  
DIRECTOR'S SCHOLARSHIP



## **DR. ROBERT MCLEOD 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. In 2009 we honored twin brothers and former co-directors of the MiraCosta College Honors Program, Professors Dave and Donald Megill who, during the many years they served the HTCC, guided us with wisdom and helped us formulate practical ways to best serve students, including "Lightning Dave's" invaluable assistance in helping to create the HTCC website. The 2010 honoree was Professor Chuck Whitchurch, pioneering director of the Golden West College Honors Program, former HTCC President and conference chair, and longest-serving editor of Building Bridges, who established an impeccably high standard for editorial excellence. Last year, the honor was bestowed on Professor Dorothy "Dottie" Sherling, founder of the Irvine Valley College Honors Program and former HTCC Treasurer and conference committee member, who worked tirelessly to expand and enhance the HTCC annual conference and brought to her various roles her characteristic wit, energy, and enthusiasm.

This year, the HTCC dedicates the Director's Scholarship to Dr. Robert McLeod, one of the founding presidents of the Honors Transfer Council of California. Dr. McLeod is a recently retired professor of chemistry at El Camino College, where he was also faculty coordinator for the math and physical science division. Bob directed the ECC Honors Program from 1989 to 1997, during which time he was successful in growing the Honors Program into a robust and respected campus program. The characteristic enthusiasm and energy that Bob brought to El Camino College was likewise evident in his participation and leadership within the HTCC. Dr. McLeod gave generously of his time to the organization by hosting HTCC meetings, mentoring new directors, and working tirelessly to expand and enhance the HTCC during its early years. He has been credited with saving the HTCC during its weakest years by giving time, effort, and funding to the new organization.

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Bob was president of the HTCC during 1992-93 and a multiple presenter at the National Collegiate Honors Council meetings during 1991-94. He served as an effective advocate for honors education, insisting upon academic excellence, high standards, and fairness. Bob has always been appreciated by his colleagues for his soft-spoken wisdom and common sense. He was a personal inspiration and mentor to two subsequent El Camino College honors directors who went on to serve as presidents of the HTCC. The Honors Transfer Council of California wishes Dr. McLeod well as he sets off into a new life of well-deserved leisure with his wife, Susan. His HTCC friends will continue to appreciate the lasting contributions he has made to honors education in Southern California. Because we think so highly of Professor McLeod, we shall select with great care the winner of the award bearing her 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 THE PRESTIGIOUS DIRECTOR'S SCHOLARSHIP:

Follow the instructions for the "[Outstanding Abstract Awards](#)." The best of the outstanding abstracts will win the Director's Award.