The Honors Program hosted an informational table at the CAV Craze event on January 30th.

**HONORS DISCOVER THE WORLD BOOK CLUB**

Arielle Von Der Hyde coordinated the first Discover the World Book Club. Students read *Laughing All the Way to the Mosque* by Zarqa Nawaz and *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. The group met to discuss and analyze the cultural aspects of the literature.

**VOLUNTEER FAIR**

Honors and Community-Based Learning co-hosted a Volunteer Fair on Feb. 5 at JCCC. Representatives from Bridging the Gap, Catholic Charities, Phoenix Family, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, JCCC Center for Sustainability, Great Plains SPCA, Johnson County Developmental Supports and the Lawrence Public Library were on hand to share the missions of their organizations and volunteer opportunities.
THE DISCOVER THE WORLD PRESENTATION SERIES SPRING 2019

The Spring 2019 Discover the World Presentation Series marks the fourth semester that the program has been offered. The series, coordinated by Maria Martinez, showcases international honors students to the JCCC community and highlights the importance of cultural awareness and diversity. Students presented on their specific country’s history, politics, art, culture, food and more. Presentations included “Oaxaca, Mexico” by Itandewi Janner, “Costa Rica” by Pedro Slon Rodriguez, “Peru” by Fernanda Morales, and “Guatemala” by Josselyn Cruz Lopez.

SCHLOTZSKY’S FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Honors Student Association hosted a fundraiser on Feb. 22 at the Schlotzsky’s in Overland Park, with 15% of proceeds going to the club. The event raised $63.
The Honors Forum on Food Exploration studied food—past, present and future. The class included a trip in Kansas and Missouri March 18-22 during spring break. Students visited farms, dairies, food production facilities, grain mill, restaurants and even a Dollar General store to explore food insecurity. A potluck of foods that evoked memories was held and the students presented their final projects at the Honors Symposium.

THE SPRING BREAK HONORS FORUM

JCCC’s All-Kansas Academic Team at the Annual Luncheon in Topeka on March 7.

THE SPRING 2019 MURDER MYSTERY PARTY: THE RAVENWOOD MASQUERADE MURDER

The Honors Student Association hosted the Spring 2019 Murder Mystery Party on March 29. The event was open to the entire JCCC student body as well as faculty and staff. The 36 attendees enjoyed dinner, music, a photobooth, the murder mystery game, and prizes!
THE SPRING 2019 GREAT PLAINS HONORS CONFERENCE

Honors students attended the Great Plains Honors Conference held April 5-7 in Tyler, Texas. Congratulations to Matthew Ghilino, Rebecca Henderson, Fernanda Morales, Melvin Santoso, Pedro Slon Rodriguez and Yodit Teklit for placing second overall in the trivia contest!

**Poster Presenters:**
Josselyn Cruz-Lopez: “Awareness for the Mental Health of the Elderly”

Julia Fraley: “The Culture and Influence of Russian Villages Then and Now”

Rebecca Henderson: “Exploring Public Art Through Kansas City”

Maria Martinez: “‘Discover the World’ and its Effects on Awareness of Culture and Diversity on Campus”

Fernanda Morales: “Ethnicities in Higher Education”

Mitty Po: “The Transformation of Hypochondriasis”

**Oral Presenters:**
Itandewi Janner: “‘Brave’ Men and ‘Emotional’ Women: The Role of Sex/Gender in the Experience of Pain”

Pedro Slon Rodriguez: “The Good Doctor: The Importance of the Doctor-Patient Relationship”

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**TINY HOUSE PROJECT**

Honors Program students and staff assisted with the Tiny House project on May 2. The Tiny House project is a cooperative effort with the Industrial Technology Division, JCCC Center for Sustainability, the Honors Program, Service Learning, and the CoLab. The Tiny House will be built by JCCC students and auctioned to the local community to raise money for the next Tiny House.

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**2019 OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS**

Nine Honors Program students were recognized at the Outstanding Student Award luncheon on April 29. Congratulations to all the winners!

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**Pictured left to right:** Matthew Ghilino, Melvin Santoso, Jossie Cruz Lopez, Maria Martinez, Pedro Slon Rodriguez, Yodit Teklit, Fernanda Morales, Mitty Po, Julia Fraley, Bao Ha Tran, Arielle Von Der Hyde, Rebecca Henderson, Itandewi Janner

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**Pictured left to right:** Wenya Zhao, Warren Wang, Hunter Smith, Pedro Slon Rodriguez, Maria Martinez, Ana Lim, Itandewi Janner, Gemima Joseph, Julia Fraley

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**Pictured:** Sofia Quintana Baez
Ten Honors Program students travelled to Saint Louis, Missouri May 3-5 and presented a project about the history, culture and arts of the city. Alex Beckwith coordinated the project.

Pictured left to right: Max Poisner, Karen Rivera Cobian, Cambre Morrow, Arielle Von Der Heyde, Carmen Rivera Cobian, Alex Beckwith, Maria Martinez, Erin Ortiz, Wenya Zhao, Josie Cruz Lopez, Anna Page

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Seven students from the Honors Public Speaking class participated in an event May 2 that showcased their unique stories and experiences and how they have used the JCCC Honors Program as a bridge to connect their pasts to the future. Students presented speeches that were evaluated by three independent judges in the in-class preliminary round and then the top three students presented to compete for top place. Competitors included Summer Keagle, Zainab Alagha, Alejandro Owensboggs, Paola Heredia Alfaro, Max Poisner, Isaac Ruiz and Liz Hackworth. Isaac Ruiz placed first, Paola Heredia Alfaro placed second, and Liz Hackworth placed third. Rob Dewan provided music.

Pictured left to right: (back row) Alejandro Owensboggs, Paola Heredia Alfaro, Melanie Diaz, Angelica Cordero, Max Poisner, Shannon Hughes, Rob Dewan (front row) Isaac Ruiz, Liz Hackworth, Summer Keagle, Zainab Alagha, Arielle Von Der Heyde, Justin Stanley

CLUBBIES AWARDS

The Honors Student Association won Collaboration of the Year and Outstanding Student Organization. Maria Martinez, HSA Secretary, won Member of the Year. Tara Karaim, PTK and HSA Advisor, won Advisor of the Year.

Pictured left to right: (back row) Tiger Harris-Webster, Pedro Stin Rodriguez, Matthew Gilhino (middle row) Cambre Morrow, Felly Kamhanda, Lino Cruz-Terrones, Maria Martinez, Julia Fraley, Fernanda Morales (front row) Karen Rivera Cobian, Katia Rivera Cobian, Mekdes Zewdie
The Celebrate Honors Symposium was held on May 9. The presentations included:

**Oral Presentations:**
- Cambre Morrow: “Cosmetic Reforms: Making Up for Lost Time”
- Tiger Harris-Webster: “Leadership & Qualities to be Successful”
- Pedro Slon Rodriguez: “A Review of Scientific Literature to Define the Human Zygote”
- Pedro Slon Rodriguez: “Historical and Cultural Origins of Barbecue Food in America”
- Nathanael Spurlin: “Power for Today and Tomorrow”
- Tony Hao Liu: “Understanding Myths from a Modern Perspective”

**Poster Presentations**
- Sarah Arora: “French Waffles and Belgian Fries”
- Adara Bartholome: “Agritourism in the United States”
- Alex Beckwith: “Exploring on Our Own: Using Place as Text and Active Learning to Enrich the Classroom”
- Katherine Bice: “Art and Culture Supports Healthy Economies”
- Colby Carson: “Veterans Off-grid Leadership”
- Kelyn Crandall: “Quadtree-Based Rendering of Scale-Invariant Image Spaces”
- Josselyn Cruz-Lopez: “Awareness for the Mental Health of the Elderly”
- Zoë Dunning: “The Role of Asperger’s Syndrome and Autism on Family Function and Development”
- Julia Fraley: “The Culture and Influence of the Russian Village: Then and Now”

Sydney French: “Porphyromonas gingivalis(Pg) caused Alzheimer’s Disease (AD)”
Nicole Green: “Physiology Throughout History”
Jamie Hanson: “Food Waste & Freeganism”
Rebecca Henderson: “Exploring Public Art Through Kansas City”
Itandewi Janner: “Should Plant-based Beverages Be Called ‘Milk?’”
Kate Larberg and Sydney Quick: “Campus Sustainability Knowledge”
Maria Martinez: “The ‘Discover the World’ Series and its Effects on Awareness of Culture and Diversity on Campus”
Adriana Martinez Capello: “The Need for Increasing the Funding of the National School Lunch Program”
Fernanda Morales: “Ethnicities in Higher Education”
Cambre Morrow: “Inside the Bread Basket: A Look at Growing Grains in Kansas”
Erin Ortiz: “The Effect of Gut Microbes on Mental Health”
Mitty Po: “The Transformation of Hypochondriasis”
Theresa Read: “Essential Oils Investigation: A Great Way to Spend Thursday Afternoons”
Chloe Sciolaro-Agroterrorism
Chloe Sciolaro- 3D Seashells
Abraham Simon: “The Positive Effects of Social Media on Food”
Rivanold Tegomo: “Distillation and Analysis of Sage Essential Oil”
Ha Tran: “Organic Food: Worth the Cost?”
Arielle Von Der Heyde: “Honors Discover the World: Book Club”
Haley Wall: “Parental Accountability in the Court”
The Celebrate Service event was held May 9. The event recognized graduates of the Civic Leadership program, a student completing a Leadership Independent Study, and the faculty recipients of the Community-Based Learning Mini Grants for their outstanding work regarding community service and leadership.

THE KINDNESS PROJECT

The Kindness Project is an Honors Student-led initiative to organize all clubs at JCCC and donate gift baskets to show appreciation for the custodial department. The committee is led by Jordy Hernandez, Matthew Ghilino, Carmen Rivera Cobian, Jackie Cruz Lopez, Karen Rivera Cobian and Kathrine Bice.

SPRING 2019 CAV CRAZE

Honors Student Association hosted a table at the campus-wide Cav Craze on May 15.

HONORS BRUNCH

The Honors Program office had a brunch May 17 to mark the end of the year. Congrats to all our graduates!
Honors Program Graduates on May 17, 2019

Graduates:
Sarah Arora, Hanan Boukhaima, Autumn Colbeth, Josselyn Cruz Lopez, Lino Cruz Terrones, Rob Dewan, Zoë Dunning, Julia Fraley, Nicole Green, Samantha Green, Jamie Hanson, Glyndwr Charles Harris-Webster, Rebecca Henderson, Jin Joo Hwang, Anna Jacobson, Audrey Karnhanda, Mollie King, Kate Larberg, Mairenn Mancina, Maria Martinez, Fernanda Morales, Takhmina Mussayeva, Mitty Po, Maxwell Poisner, Michael Poleleyev, Jonathan Rabanal, Karen Rivera Cobian, Katia Rivera Cobian, Melvin Santoso, Cassandra Seib, Hunter Smith, Maria Soberanis, Donghun Song, Yodit Teklit, Warren Wang, Shelley Winkler, Wenya Zhao

Speakers:
Katia Rivera Cobian, Karen Rivera Cobian, Glyndwr Charles Harris-Webster, Michael Poleleyev, Maria Martinez, Jin Joo Hwang, Julia Fraley, Jonathan Rabanal, Shelley Winkler

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

HSA and PTK alumni Karen Rivera Cobian, Maria Martinez and Hunter Smith pass on the torch to the new HSA and PTK officers. The new HSA officers are: Matthew Ghilino, President; Cambre Morrow, Vice President; and Jackie Cruz Lopez, Secretary. The new PTK officers are: Alex Beckwith, President; Christina Rause, Vice President of Service; and Mekdes Zewdie, Vice President of Communications.

Pictured left to right:
(back row) Mekdes Zewdie, Maria Martinez, Hunter Smith, Alex Beckwith, Matthew Ghilino
(front row) Karen Rivera Cobian, Jackie Cruz Lopez, Christina Rause, Cambre Morrow