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SFCC Honors Students Attend Statewide Conference

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Honors Program students at Santa Fe Community College joined representatives of 23 other schools at the recent Florida Collegiate Honors Council conference in Ocala. The theme was The Honors Trifecta -- Scholarship, Leadership and Friendship.

The Santa Fe students and professors gave presentations based on honors courses from fall term, 2005.

Honors Program Coordinator and Associate Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences Marisa McLeod and students Thomas Garvey and Justin Rapp presented a research study titled "Memory Block: A study in Gender and Learning Styles" from McLeod's General Psychology honors course.

Social and Behavioral Sciences Professor Douglas Klepper and students Sarah Ingley, Justin Rapp, Jason Mlot and Nitai Poddar presented papers based on Klepper's World War II Honors course.

Social and Behavioral Sciences Associate Professor Naima Prince and students Jonathan Banks and Kara Smith presented papers about international perspectives on marriage and family from Prince's Marriage and the Family honors course. Banks, who graduated from Santa Fe in December, 2005, is now a student at the University of Florida.

In a presentation called "McLeod's Book Club: Making General Psychology Less General," McLeod interviewed students Shay Mayweather, Mandi Banzon, and Brittany Slossberg. The books "Gracefully Insane," "Thinking in Pictures," and "A Question of God" were book club choices from McLeod's General Psychology honors course.

English Associate Professor Peter Concannon and students Stephanie Conard, Jonathan Banks and Tristan Rainone presented papers on the topic "Free Lancers: Technical Communication Students and Campus Projects." Student Nitai Poddar covered the topic with a PowerPoint presentation. These presentations were based on Concannon's Technical Communication honors course.

Natural Sciences Assistant Professor Beatriz Gonzalez and student Audrey Newman presented "Introduction to the 200 faces of Stem Cells" based on

Gonzalez' Introduction to Biology honors course.

As part of the conference theme, the students also visited an Ocala horse farm.

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