

TO: All First Year Students

FROM: Karla M. Steffens-Moran

RE: First Year Students: College Scholars Program Application and Informational Meeting

This is a notice concerning application by first year students to participate in the College Scholars Program. If you are interested, read the following and note especially the dates and application requirements.

The College Scholars Program provides to a select number of highly motivated and academically committed students an opportunity to participate in a series of five seminars, the first to be taken in the spring of the first year, the other four typically in the fall and spring of the sophomore and junior years. The specific topic and materials to be examined in a given seminar will vary. All seminars are writing intensive and discussion based. Scholars Program seminars can be substituted for the appropriate General Education course requirements in the Humanities, Fine Arts, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.

The seminars are titled: HON-205 Honors Composition, HON-705 Culture and Revolution, HON-715 Style and Transformation in the Arts, HON 725 Continuity and Transition in Non-Western Societies, and HON-735 Topics in Scientific Inquiry (see p. 154 of the Coe Catalog) as well as this year's additions of an Action Research Topics class this Spring term and a May Term class in California for those interested.

Students successfully completing the requirements of the Program are recognized at graduation, are offered the opportunity for Honors Housing at the start of their sophomore year and are privileged to attend functions and gatherings afforded to them as members of Coe's honors community.

To be considered for participation in the Program, students must make application. An application form is attached and can be downloaded, or can be secured from your FYS instructor. The completed applications are to be returned to Karla Steffens-Moran's office (Peterson 329). The **deadline for the submission of applications is WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29th**. For those students who are thinking of making application, the following information may be helpful.

- 1) We expect to admit around thirty or so students to the Program this fall.
- 2) Factors influencing admission are ACT or SAT scores, class rank in high school, high school grade point average, and performance to date at Coe as noted by faculty/staff recommendation. **While numbers here are not fixed**, typically, the ACT average has been in the range of 28+, class rank in the top 10-15%, and the high school grade point has been 3.7 or better. **To repeat, these numbers constitute a profile only, and are neither minimum requirements nor a guarantee of admission. Anyone who is motivated to apply should be encouraged to do so—no matter class rank or grade point average.**

An **information session** for students interested in the Scholars Program will be held **Thursday, October 16, at 3:30 p.m. in Stuart Hall Room 205**. At that meeting we will provide additional information about the criteria for admission and the selection process, and there will be a panel of students currently enrolled in the Program to answer questions. If you have specific questions about the Program, you may contact me 319-213-0147 or ksteffen@coe.edu or 8657.

