

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of intent for the position of Honors Program Chair. I have served on the Honors Committee for over a decade and during that time it has been chaired by three outstanding members of our faculty. If chosen, I hope to live up to their level of commitment and dedication.

My commitment to the Honors program is beyond that of service on the committee. Over the years I have been involved in several key aspects of the program which I believe place me in a unique position to be the program chair. First, I worked diligently to create the "History Honors Mini-Conference" at SBVC, an event that happens each semester every year for the past 9 years. At this "Mini- Conference" students from the History Department are able to preview for the school their original research on a wide range of topics that they choose. This event has been so successful that the Anthropology Department now partners with us to make this an all day event. I am proud to say that over the years I have had chancellors, presidents, vice-presidents, deans and a myriad of faculty, staff and students attend these presentations. They are well received. Second, I have worked with my department chair to create new Honors courses for our department including History 107/ Native Americans in USA History, History 140/ Chicano History and History 145/ California History. This increase in Honors offerings will greatly benefit the students and the college overall. Finally, I am very proud to say that each year I personally pay for and attend the annual HTCC Conference held at UC Irvine where our students present their research for the entire southern half of California as well as Nevada. Over the years I have had anywhere from 3 to 7 of my students be chosen for this prestigious honor. This opportunity has led to several of my students receiving scholarships and admission to top ranked universities.

As you can see, I am committed to the Honors program here at SBVC, not just to fulfill my committee obligation, but to highlight the incredible students we have here at SBVC! Therefore, I would be honored to be considered for the position of Honors Program Chair. If you have any further questions in these regards, please contact me at egomez@sbccd.cc.ca.us or call me directly at 909-384-8596. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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