



The AH Update

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University of Central Florida.*

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS

The end of the Spring Semester is always a busy time...exams, final papers, graduation, and ELECTION of American Humanics Student Association Officers! Our new officers for American Humanics are:

President – Alexander Kaplan

Vice- President – Christine Sanwald

Secretary – Vicky Clark

Treasurer – Courtney Walmer

Historian – Jill Bryant

Congratulations to all of our new officers! Also, **THANK YOU** to former AHSA President, Justin McClain, and former AHSA Vice-President for all of their hard work and dedication to the program.

ENROLLMENT

The Nonprofit Management Minor/National Certification in American Humanics is definitely “in demand.” Currently there are fifty-five (55) students who have officially declared this program as their minor. This is double the enrollment from this time last year.

ALEXANDER KAPLAN RECEIVES THE 2008 EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD

Alex Kaplan, the newly elected President of the American Humanics Student Association, has been named the Florida Campus Compact a winner of the 2008 Excellence in Service Award. Alex was among only three students in the state of Florida to receive this award, which recognizes students who are making a positive impact through their contribution of service in the community. The student recipients of this award will each receive \$500 and visible recognition for their efforts throughout the state. Congratulations again Alex!

AMERICAN HUMANICS STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, seven students were awarded the prestigious NextGen Scholarship. The NextGen Program is partially underwritten by a generous grant from The W.K. Kellogg Foundation and is designed to help students with demonstrated leadership potential complete their AH certification requirements, specifically the minimum 300-hour nonprofit internship. Congratulations to Lauranne Boyd, Jill Bryant, Xavier Lutchnie Persad, Justin McClain, Christine Sanwald, Laura Schwartz, and Tiffany Tisdale for receiving this honor.

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS SURVEY

During the Spring 2009 semester, American Humanics Students worked with the Regional Commission on Homelessness. Nearly 40 students working in pairs went out into the community to interview nonprofit executives regarding funding for homeless services in the Central Florida region. Data will be used for analysis of the efficiency and efficacy of services to the homeless and to create an understanding of the "economics" of homelessness in the region.

JOIN THE NONPROFIT KNIGHT NETWORK!

This group is for students and graduates of any of the nonprofit studies programs at the University of Central Florida. They are free to post updates about themselves and their organizations (job postings, internship opportunities, volunteer opportunities, special events, etc). They can also share articles related to the nonprofit sector.