



# The AH Update

*News you can use from the American Humanics program at the  
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## **Hello and welcome to our latest edition of The AH Update!**

It has been a while since our last publication, and as you'll see, we've been quite busy. Listed below are a few highlights. For more information about American Humanics please contact Dr. Stephanie Krick at [skrick@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:skrick@mail.ucf.edu) or 407-823-0661.

### ***Enrollment and Graduates***

Currently there are thirty-eight (38) students active in the American Humanics program. At this time the program has graduated almost forty (40) students. Many of these students are now professionals in the local nonprofit community.

### ***Received "Excellence in Certifications" Award***

The American Humanics program was honored with a national award for "Excellence in Certifications" at the American Humanics Management Institute in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 6, 2008. This award recognizes the program's efforts in ensuring that students who enter the American Humanics program meet all of their certification requirements and become certified upon graduation.

### ***Program Director and Students Present at National Conference***

Campus Director, Stephanie Krick presented "What in Your Ethics Toolbox" at the American Humanics Management Institute. This workshop gave participants information on various types of ethical behaviors identified by the literature and exhibited by successful nonprofit directors. Terry Nelson, Rachel Cimino, Lindsey Hemphill, Heather Hanna, and recent UCF graduate Bridgete McKenna presented "Creating, Maintaining, and Enhancing your Portfolio." This workshop included tips on specific items students could utilize in the development and organization of their professional portfolios.

### ***Alumni Association Formed***

The Public Administration Alumni Chapter extended an invitation to the alumni of American Humanics. The purpose of the chapter is to facilitate professional networking, provide continuing education opportunities, develop resources for student scholarships and promote the profession and the UCF Department of Public Administration which includes American Humanics. If you want more information about Alumni Association events, please contact the UCF Alumni Association or visit: <http://www.ucfalumni.com/Main/Default.asp?CategoryID=4&SubCategoryID=11&ContentID=110>

### ***Student Awards***

American Humanics students have the opportunity to apply for and receive internship scholarships from the American Humanics National office. Andrew Neal, former president of the American Humanics Student Association received a \$4500 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

***Name Change***

We changed our name to *Nonprofit Management Minor/American Humanics National Certification Program*. Changing the name of the minor will make it easier for students to find the minor in the catalog. It will also clarify what students would earn on their transcripts.

***Events***

American Humanics hosted the “Nonprofit Lecture Series” and three major community events this year: “Night at the Alley” Bowling Tournament Fundraiser, Internship Partners Breakfast, and Think Globally/Act Locally Event.

**1) Nonprofit Lecture Series:** This lecture series invites local nonprofit professionals to the campus to engage students in dialogues relating to the various competencies needed in the nonprofit sector. This lecture series brought in the following speakers during Fall 2007 and Spring 2008:

- Cindi Kopelman – Executive Director, Shepherd’s Promise / *Working with Volunteers*
- Dr. Matthew Hodge – Executive Director, Seminole Community College Foundation / *Working with Your Board of Directors*
- Margot Knight – President/CEO, United Arts of Central Florida / *Professional Etiquette in the Nonprofit Sector*
- Charity Thallacker – Recruiter, Devereaux Florida / *Adapt and Overcome...tools for seeking employment in the nonprofit sector*
- Diane Suddes – Program Director, Changing Lives Through Literature

**2) Fundraising Events:** American Humanics students participate in fundraising events which are designed to raise money for students to attend the national conference required for national certification. In addition to ongoing student fundraising events (letter writing campaign, bake sales, car washes, etc. which raised a total of \$1615.15), the students successfully planned and executed **Night at the Alley Bowling Tournament**. This event brought together students and nonprofit professionals for a night of fun and networking. The event raised **\$1342.00** (10% of the proceeds from the Night at the Alley Event went to a local nonprofit organization which participated in the event.)

**3) Internship Partners Breakfast**

The "First Annual Internship Partners Breakfast" was held on Thursday, October 25th to celebrate our 2007 interns and community partners. A highlight of the breakfast included a discussion lead by our NextGen Scholars (Patricia Holloway, Amber Ferguson, and Ana Defillo) about how to enhance our internship program. The group brainstormed ideas such as paid vs. unpaid internships, internship job descriptions, internship accessibility, and using internships as a career building tool. A special thank you to all of the students and community partners who attended and participated in this celebration and discussion forum. Community representatives included **Pamela Mann** from Community Service Center of Central Florida, **Eric Gray** from the American Lung Association, **Steve Detwiler** from Orange County Office of Emergency Management, **Deborah Moris** from Junior Achievement of Central Florida, and **Jody Stephenson** from Children of the Nations.

**4) Think Globally/Act Locally:** The American Humanics Student Association held a community awareness night called "Think Globally/Act Globally." The purpose of the event was to provide participants with the opportunity to learn about how nonprofit organizations are making a difference in both local and international communities and how they can help. Andrew Neal, was instrumental in the success of this worth-while and