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The Nonprofit Scholars Program

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Message From Dr. Claudia Petrescu, AH Campus Director



AH Fashion Show 2009

Welcome to the Fall issues of our newsletter! We had a great but busy semester so far and many things to let you know about.

We started the semester with the preparations for the Fashion Show which took place on October 8th. The Fashion show was a great success! It is the first time in three years that we had to request additional seats for our audience and that made enough money to help two nonprofits, Recycle Ann Arbor and Dress for Success! Ericka Wilson (AHSA President) and Ebaa Saad (AHSA Vice President), with the help of over ten AH students, did a wonderful job in preparing and running the event! It is so rewarding to see how students apply the AH competencies!

We also had a visit from the national AH office. Dr. SueAnn Ostrom, Vice-President, visited the campus early October. During her three day visit she met with several administrators and students. During that visit I learned that AH is incorporating graduate students into its programs and I was encouraged in let graduate students know about the AH opportunity.

On November 16, 2009, we officially kicked-off the mentorship program with a "speed-dating" mentorship evening at Frenchies' restaurant. Student and mentors got to meet and talk with each other in a speed-dating format, which was great fun. Twelve students were matched with 10 mentors and everybody is very excited about this opportunity!

It is very important to mention that two AH students, Eddie Davis II and David Kanaan, received the NextGen Fellowship. This is another great success for our program and our students!

Another great part of the semester is having an office full of dedicated and wonderful staff: Jenny, graduate assistant, Toya and Erin, work study students, and Mildred, a graduate student from the Master in Public Administration program. It has been also amazing how many students are coming to visit with us, ask questions about the program and register.

So far, we have had a great semester and I am sure that it will continue to be like this the whole academic year. I'd like to wish you all, a great rest of the semester and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Dr. Claudia Petrescu

AH Campus Director at EMU



John Cocciolone, Dr. Claudia Petrescu, and Laura Schultz-Pipis

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AH MENTORING SPEED DATING EVENT

On Monday, Nov 16th at 5pm, we had the **Mentorship "Speed Dating" Event**. In other words, we matched students with area nonprofit mentors in a speed dating format. Each student had a chance to talk with a mentor for a couple of minutes, then move on to another table to talk with another mentor. At the end of the meeting, they were paired and could begin their AH Mentoring experience! Please contact the AH office to find out more at humanics@emich.edu.



Wendy Gonzalez
and Kelley Fuhn

John Fike and
Edward Davis II



Mildred McClarty and
Cynthia Koch



AHMI 2010: PHOENIX ARIZONA



The **American Humanics Management/Leadership Institute (AHMI)** is an intensive educational symposium established by American Humanics in 1973. AHMI provides the capstone experience in nonprofit management and leadership education. The unique, interactive format of the Institute exposes the next generation of nonprofit leaders to the realistic experiences of a nonprofit organization.

This year Erin Kelly, our EMU AHMI student liason, has helped to organize 13 EMU AHSA students to attend AHMI 2010. AHMI, in the past, has been a wonderful experience for our AHSA students.

We look forward to hearing more from the returning AHMI students on

Friday, January 15, 2010 at 11:30am

At the Mandatory All Student Meeting with Dr. Petrescu.



AH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: WENDY GONZALEZ AND REGAN BYERS



Wendy Gonzalez

Wendy Gonzalez was born in Detroit, MI but has also lived in Boston and Chicago. Currently, she and her family live in Washtenaw County.

She is pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management (NPMG). Along with being involved in AH, she has an internship at Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative (MPRI) in Washtenaw County.

She learned about AH through Laura Shultz in her Leadership and Nonprofit Management course. Wendy felt the AH Nonprofit Scholars Program would round out her graduate certificate, and she was interested in the NextGen competitive scholarship, which she was awarded in Summer 2009.

Wendy will be taking her final class this spring and hopes to find employment in a nonprofit organization. She thinks EMU's AH Nonprofit Scholars Program has been and will be beneficial in her goal to work for a nonprofit. She concluded saying "I've met some great people and had a lot of fun too".

Regan Byers



Regan Byers was born in Palm Springs Ca, but she grew up in Monroe, MI and majors in Political Science.

She currently is focused on helping out with AH fundraising efforts like having a night at Buffalo Wild Wings and planning a mini carnival on campus. She is also involved with Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society, and the rest of her times goes toward her sons, Jack (11) and Logan (8) and her husband, Joel.

About the same time she came to Eastern, she began to consider working in the nonprofit field but was hesitant to join AH because she thought it would mean more classes and coursework. She eventually changed her minor from journalism to nonprofit administration and began to work toward her certificate. Taking the internship option was an easy choice for her because she felt it would give her relevant experience for her resume.

The next step for Regan is finding employment in the tough economy in Michigan. After she attends AHMI, she hopes she will have a clearer idea of what she would like to focus on - such as research or grant writing.

AH FASHION SHOW 2009!

The **AH Fashion Show 2009** was a huge success! Congratulations to all those AHSA students who participated to make this such an amazing event! This was the 3rd Annual Fashion Show at EMU, and it was headed by Ericka Wilson, AHSA President and Ebaa Saad, AHSA Vice-President. The event was MC'd by AHSA Member Edward Davis II and included a variety of entertainment including: Tree of Life, DJ Zu, Geechi, Erica Hopkins, Finesse, and Jacqueline Richards. More than 30 models participated and the funds raised will go to benefit :

Dress for Success, The Reuse and Recycle Center of Ann Arbor, and EMU AHSA students attending AHMI 2010 in Phoenix, AZ.

Thanks again for everyone's hard work! Congratulations to

AH Fashion Show 2009!



NextGen Leadership Awards!

The **AH Next Generation Nonprofit Leaders Program (NextGen)** is a competitive internship scholarship/stipend program for American Humanics students. NextGen is designed to help a diverse group of students with demonstrated leadership potential complete their AH certification requirements, specifically the minimum 300-hour nonprofit internship. NextGen Leaders earn a scholarship of \$4,500 from AH during their internship, along with access to and support from a network of nonprofit leaders who will serve as Career Coaches.

We want to congratulate recent EMU NextGen Award Recipients

David Kanaan and Edward Davis II

for becoming part of the NextGen Program!



Edward Davis II

BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH: DALLAS MOORE



Dallas Moore currently works with the Nonprofit Enterprise at Work (NEW) as a Program Associate. She began with NEW in 2003 and has been responsible for a variety of experiences including work-

shop registration, scholarship processes, marketing, and logistics.

Prior to working with NEW, Dallas worked with WorldCom, Borders Books and Music, and the Herman Miller Research Corporation. Her roles ranged from Head Librarian and Project Manager of Internet programs to Community Relations and Event Coordinator.

She has an AMLS in Library Science from The University of Michigan and a BA in Linguistics and Spanish from San Diego State University. She has studied French and Italian in Vichy, France and Florence, Italy. Dallas has also volunteered with Huron River Watershed Council, Washtenaw Literacy, Food Gatherers, and The Family Learning Institute.

Thank you again, Dallas, for being a part of our EMU AH Advisory Board!

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UPCOMING AH DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2010

January

AHMI

1/3/09-1/6/09

MANDATORY

ALL STUDENT MEETING

1/15/09 @ 11:30am

ADVISORY BOARD MTG

1/20/10 @ 10am

February

NEXTGEN DEADLINE

2/16/09

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TEXAS!**

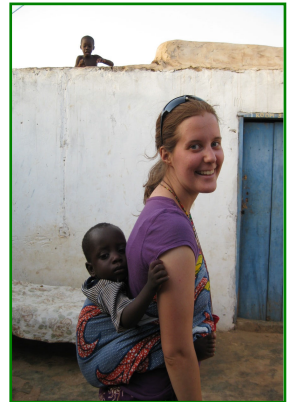
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JASMINE STOCK: AH INTERNSHIP REFLECTIONS



Imagine a school in rural Africa. To get there you have to take a 3 hour trip from the closest major city in a crowded van without any seat belts, locally known as a “tro-tro” (in addition to the flights and 6 hour bus ride from the capital city). You stay in a house with eight Ghanaian boys, 4 other volunteers, an Ananda Marga monk from India, the assistant headmaster of the school and the house cook. The students at the school wear bright pink uniforms and love to play “football” (soccer). They smile at you and shout “O’bruni! O’bruni! (white-person) and ask



for “toffee” (hard candy). They sit at a desk with two or three other students in a dim classroom. When it’s time they split the class into two groups which then crowd around one desk and read out loud in sync with each other. They do this because the class only has two text books. If a child misbehaves he or she will be found either kneeling on the floor or being caned by a teacher.

This is a brief description of the place where I was volunteering as a teacher in Ghana, West Africa from January to June of this year. I had always wanted to travel. I also thought that I could learn a lot from observing and participating in the lives of people in developing countries. I went to Ghana with my sister who had a passion for the people of the country since being a foreign exchange student there in high school. We found out about the school through kidsworldwide.org. Their website and organization connects international volunteers with schools and orphanages in “developing” countries. It offers some of the most affordable international volunteering opportunities. Also they are non-exploitative by having the money that the volunteer pays for room and board go directly to the host organization. If you are interested in volunteering in South America, Africa, or Asia, I highly recommend KIDS Worldwide.

Trying to teach the Ghanaian children English and Math was one of the most challenging things that I have done because it seemed to me that the children are not taught how to learn; they are taught to copy and imitate. I had the opportunity near the end of my stay after helping to set up a computer lab for the school to help teach computer lessons. The children were so excited about these 10 year old computers! I was so proud when teaching them how to type properly. Watching children being caned was extremely difficult for me. It’s an abhorred behavior in our culture, but in theirs it’s not only accepted but encouraged. I believe that being in Africa for just a moment can change your life forever. Looking at these small mud or concrete houses or shops with grass or tin roofs and these women and children dressed in such colorful cloths, working so hard to get by or to send their children to school was extremely eye-opening to me. I look at poverty differently. I really question how to empower the programs and people in “developing countries”

~ Jasmine Stock ~

