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Message From Jenny Sawtelle-Koppera, AH Graduate Assistant



Jenny Sawtelle-Koppera

I would like to start by thanking everyone in AH at EMU for such a wonderful experience with the program. My three years as AH Graduate Assistant have flown by, and I hope that the program has benefitted from my time and energy! We have created many wonderful AH events and programs during my time here, and I hope very much that AH will continue to gain strength and interest in the EMU community.

I will be finishing up my MFA in Drama and Theatre for the Young in June 2010. I will be staying in the area for another year with the hopes of finishing numerous professional projects. The plan for 2011 will hopefully take me back to Chicago, IL where I will continue my work as an instructor of French, Dance, and Theatre.

I would like to introduce you to the incoming AH GA, Sammy DeMarco. He is enrolled in EMU's MPA program. He earned a Bachelor's in Science from EMU where he majored in public relations and minored in political science and marketing. During his undergraduate years, he served as vice president of the Eleanor Wright Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America and created the first-ever EMU Student Body Presidential debate.

DeMarco moved from his home in New Orleans to Ann Arbor in May of 2000. While attending school, he worked for the Terrafirma Landscaping Company and the Detroit-based PR agency Berg Muirhead and Associates. DeMarco has volunteered for a wide range of non-profit organizations, such as Big Brothers of Washtenaw and Blight Busters. He enjoys consuming news and has a passion for politics. His favorite television station is C-SPAN and his car radio is always tuned to National Public Radio! DeMarco begins his work officially with AH in May 2010.

Best of luck to you, Sammy, and thank you to Dr. Petrescu and the entire AH family at EMU for all of your support during the past 3 years!

Sincerely,

Jenny Sawtelle-Koppera,

American Humanics GA, 2007-2010



Sammy DeMarco

BOARD MEMBERS OF THE MONTH: Hodan Said and Kelley Kuhn



Hodan Said
Girl Scouts

Heart of Michigan

Hodan Said was born in Somalia but grew up in Lorton, VA. She moved to Michigan in 1998 and went on to receive her degree in Public Administration and Women and Gender Studies from EMU. During her undergraduate studies at EMU, Hodan began her connection with AH. Hodan also received a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from EMU in 2008. As a result of her AH internship, Hodan currently works for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan as a Membership Specialist. She joined the AH Advisory Board in 2009 and participated in the 2010 AH Nonprofit Career Summit at EMU. Hodan is in the midst of many projects in 2010. She is participating in the Association of Girl Scout Executive Staff AGSES in New Orleans from April 15th - 18th, the Islamic Social Services Association Conference on June 18th - 20th in Detroit, Michigan, as well as the Somalia Youth Day on July 31st - August 1st in Washington, D.C.

Thank you so much, Hodan, for continuing your relationship with the EMU AH program!

Kelley Kuhn received her Bachelors of Science from Western Michigan University in 2000 and her MBA from EMU in 2007. She is currently the Director of Management Support and Capacity building Services at the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) and works to cultivate relationships between MNA and local MSO's. Prior to her work with MNA, Kelley served as a nonprofit consultant and independent contractor as well as the Executive Director of the Jackson Nonprofit Support Center. During her time at the Jackson Nonprofit Support Center, Kelley was responsible for all operations and for providing services to 170 nonprofit member services. Kelley joined the AH Advisory Board in 2008 and has since participated in the AH Mentoring Program and the 2010 AH Nonprofit Career Summit. Kelley also recently provided a workshop at EMU to AH students, "Finding a Job in the Nonprofit Sector."

Thank you again, Kelley, for bringing all your experience and great energy to AH at EMU!



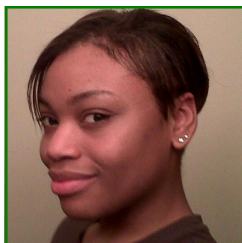
Kelley Kuhn
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AH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Allison Skinner & Constance Howard



Allison Skinner

Allison Skinner is a founding member of the Anthropology Honors Society at EMU, and she is currently volunteering for the Clean Energy Coalition in Ypsilanti. She also volunteers at Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Re-Home as well because she loves bunnies! She was looking for a way to be more involved with the Nonprofit Administration minor, and AH seemed like a great opportunity to connect with other people who shared her interest in helping others. Her plan for the summer is to take classes at WCC, work, and find an internship. Allison would like to share with current/future AH students that "AH is really what you make of it." It can be a really wonderful thing as long as you put the time and effort to make it into a beneficial experience for yourself! Allison will be an AHSA officer in 2010-2011 at EMU.



Constance Howard

Constance Howard is a Healthcare Administration major from Dayton, Ohio. She came to AH to strengthen her resume and discover the world of nonprofit management. Constance is involved in the Healthcare Administration Student Organization (Fundraising Chair), Big Brothers Big Sisters, and as a First Aid Support Team American Red Cross Volunteer. Her plan this summer is to do an internship at The Corner Health Center. In the future, she plans on graduating from EMU with a second bachelors in Healthcare Administration and a certificate in non-profit management. From there, she would like continue her graduate studies in Public Health. A word of advice for current and future AH students from Constance is: "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail!"-McAlindon- Constance will also be an AHSA officer in 2010-2011 at EMU.

AHMI 2010: PHOENIX ARIZONA



10 AHSA students attended AHMI in Phoenix, Arizona this January 2010. They enjoyed the warm weather and were eager to bring back their experiences!

AHMI 2010 ~ Student Reflections:

I can't wait to see the new website for the nonprofit organization called Community Legal Services, Inc. that I was assigned as my case study! This was definitely the highlight of my AHMI experience. - Evelyn Shulan

I attended the Career Coaching Services and had a very good telephone interview with a representative of GuideStar. I followed up by sending my resume and am hoping for a spring internship in Washington, D.C. -

Wendy Gonzalez

Regan Byers, Jasmine Stock, Wendy Gonzalez, Nick Russell, Kristen Alonzi, Ebaa Saad, Ericka Wilson, Evelyn Shulan, Eddie Davis, and Allison Skinner

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AHSA OFFICERS 2010-2011

Here's to a great year for AHSA at EMU next year!

David Kanaan:

President of AHSA at EMU

Constance Howard:

VP of Membership and Recruitment

Allison Skinner:

VP of Communications & Director of Development



2010 NEXTGEN AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the next EMU recipients of the National American Humanics

NextGeneration Leadership Award!

Amanda Tew

and

Heather Messina!

CONGRATS TO ERICKA WILSON

ON THE HEART AND SOUL AWARD!!!!!!



This award is through Michigan Campus Compact. It recognizes undergraduate and graduate students for their time, effort and commitment to their community through service.





AH Nonprofit Career Summit - March 27, 2010

UPCOMING AH DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2010



April 16:

AH and AS-L End of the year Celebration!!!

11:30am-1:30pm EMU Lake house

April 25:

EMU Commencement
Congratulations to all our graduating students!

THANKS TO TOYA FOR A GREAT YEAR IN AH!

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU?



Thank you to everyone who participated in The AH Nonprofit Career Summit!

It was a very successful event that brought together many area nonprofit leaders including: Diana Kern ~ Vice President of Programs at the NEW Center, John Fike ~ President of the Detroit Chapter of the Assoc. of Fundraising Professionals, Char Luttrell ~ Communications Specialist from Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, Diane Hockett ~ Program Manager of the ISCFC at EMU, Hodan Said ~ Membership Specialist from Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, and Kelley Kuhn ~ Director of Management Support at the Michigan Nonprofit Association.

Seminar topics included Board Training, Risk Management, Communication and Marketing, and Volunteer Management.

Many students participated in the summit, and the AH Office is hoping to be able to continue these educational summits next year in the fall of 2010 and in the spring of 2011.

Thank you again for helping to make this

AH event such a success!

