

**2009-2010
SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS**

Recognizing exemplary commitment to community engagement

University Student Volunteer of the Year

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Community Service Scholarship Program

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Scholars Service Grant Program

ESPERANZA NAVARRO

American Humanics Program

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Assistant Professor of Mass Communications & Journalism

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ANNUAL SERVICE RECOGNITION RECEPTION

HONORING

THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

AT

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010

UNIVERSITY HOUSE

5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.



**Jan & Bud Richter
Center for Community
Engagement and
Service Learning**

**Radin Community
Service Scholarship
Program**

**Scholars Service
Grant Program**



**American Humanics
Nonprofit Administration
Program**

The **Jan and Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning** is dedicated to engaging the entire campus in creating a better community through service & learning.

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Thomas Administration 107; <http://www.csufresno.edu/ces/>

Radin Community Service Scholarship Program

Students involved in the Radin Community Service Scholarship (CSS) Program complete 150 hours of service with a designated nonprofit, enroll in an academic course related to their service, and receive a \$1,500 scholarship from the CSS fund.

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The **Scholars Service Grant Program (SSG)** enhances academic study with civic engagement opportunities in the university and community. Renewable grants of \$960 are awarded to qualifying students who complete 60 hours of community service per semester at an approved service site.

Aleta Wolfe, Career Services, Thomas Administration 103

<http://www.csufresno.edu/careers/students/commservice/ssg.shtml>

The **American Humanics (AH) Program** is linked with American Humanics, Inc., a national organization that collaborates with affiliated universities, professional organizations, and nonprofits to educate, prepare, and certify the next generation of leaders for community benefit organizations.

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Dr. Paul Oliaro, VP of Student Affairs & Dean of Students

Dr. Luz Gonzalez, Dean of the College of Social Sciences

Dr. Steven Walker, Assoc. Dean, College of Social Sciences

2009-2010 SCHOLARS SERVICE GRANT

Name	Organization	Major
Kevin Lee*	Bulldog Pantry	Biology
Rosalba Lopez-Ramirez*	Youth Leadership Institute	Public Health
Ariana Martinez*	Gould Educational Center	Child Development
Angel Moreno*	Educational Leadership Foundation	MComm & Journ.
Arsia Moua*	Saint Agnes Medical Center	Pre-Nursing
Shannon Nutt*	African American Historical & Cultural Museum	Social Work
Esperanza Navarro*	Burroughs Elementary School	Liberal Studies
Kimlan Pham*	San Joaquin Gardens	Nursing
Laura Rodriguez*	Bulldog Pantry	Rehab. Counseling
Ismelda Sanchez*	St. Joachim Youth Ministry	Food Science & Nutrition
Clarissa Uribe*	American Cancer Society	Communicative Disorders
Ka Bao Vang*	Craycroft Youth Center	Psychology
Phoua Vang*	San Joaquin Gardens	Nursing
Maria Vargas*	California Health Collaborative	Public Health
Nancy Villalpando***	Golden State Family Services	Sociology
Xeng Xiong*	Fresno City Parks & Recreation	Kinesiology

**2009-2010
SCHOLARS SERVICE GRANT**

Name	Organization	Major
Zaira Acevedo*	San Joaquin Gardens	Public Health
Maria Ceballos*	Jackson Elem. After School Program	Biology
Linda Cheung*	San Joaquin Gardens	Nursing
Darnell Fisher*	Fresno Institute for Urban Leadership	Social Work
Paulina Flores Jimenez*	Vinland Elementary School	Public Health
Mariadejesus Fonseca*	Children's Hospital Foundation	Business Admin
Emmanuel Gallardo*	Parlier Library	History
Cecilia Gamboa*	Bulldog Pantry	Undeclared
Esmit Gamboa*	Bulldog Pantry	Food Science & Nutrition
Arturo Gasga*	Sunnyside High School	Biology
Connie Gonzalez*	Madera Community College Center	Rehab Counseling
Diana Gonzalez*	Woodlake Valley Middle School	Liberal Studies
Lizette Jacobo*	Firebaugh Migrant Head Start	Psychology
Sean Johnson*	American Red Cross	Biology
Maria Flores Jimenez*	Vinland Elementary School	Liberal Studies
Tammie Jordan*	Fresno New Connections	Psychology

**SERVICE RECOGNITION RECEPTION
HONORING
THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY**

AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

Recognizing the exemplary commitment to community engagement among our faculty, staff, students, and partnering organizations, including American Humanics interns and Radin Community Service Scholarship & Scholars Service Grant recipients and their mentors, Richter Center Ambassadors, and those graduating with American Humanics National Certification.

5:00 pm Reception

**5:30 pm Welcome & Awards Presentation
President John D. Welty**

6:00 pm Networking Opportunity

The U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award, a national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service and issued by the U.S. President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, will be presented to 131 students tonight.

Award recipients receive an official President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin (gold, silver, or bronze, depending on the number of hours served), a personalized certificate of achievement, a note of congratulations from the President of the United States, and a letter from the U.S. President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

There are three levels of the AWARD varying by hours of service completed within a 12-month period, and recipients are identified according to the categories below:

	Ages 15 - 25	Ages 26 & up
* Bronze Award	100 - 174 hours	100 - 249 hours
** Silver Award	175 - 249 hours	250 - 499 hours
*** Gold Award	250 or more hours	500 or more hours

**2009-2010
RICHTER CENTER AMBASSADORS**



DANIEL CISNEROS**



LINDSEY HAMILTON*



JONATHAN MUNOZ**



CELESTE PILEGARD*

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED COMMIT-
MENT TO SERVING OUR
COMMUNITY!***



LEAH RATH*



CASSIDY SMITH*



MARICELA VARGAS*



MELISSA WATKINS***

The Richter Center Ambassadors are student leaders who volunteer their time to promote and support the university's community engagement efforts. These eight students have lent their skills, passion, and talents to help their peers access and engage in meaningful service to our community. Learn more about the Ambassador's work by visiting <http://fresnostateRCA.com/>.

**2009-2010 RADIN
COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARS**

Name	Organization	Major
Jennifer Massie*	Community Medical Center Foundation	Communications
Tanya Meneses**	Saint Paul Newman Center	MFT
Adrian Murillo*	Break the Barriers, Inc.	MComm & Journ.
Kounthida Phadouxgath*	Central Valley Afterschool Foundation	MComm & Journ.
Sergio Quiroz*	Kings Community Action Organization	Construction Mgt.
Ana Ramos*	Marjaree Mason Center	Criminology
Serena Rangel*	Fresno West Coalition for Econ Development	Criminology
John Reyes-Wells*	Madera City Parks & Community Service	Political Science
Katherine Robertson*	Central Valley Afterschool Foundation	Ag. Education
Sabrina Rodriguez*	First Steps Pre-School	Child Dev/Bus. Admin
Malissa Rose*	Community Medical Ctr Communication Dept.	MComm & Journ.
Shelly Ruiz*	Central Valley Children's Partnership, Inc.	Business Admin
Abigail Ryan*	San Joaquin FFA	Ag. Education
Cesar Sanchez*	Valley Small Business Development Corp.	Bus. Admin/ Econ
Lazaro Sandoval*	USDA	Ag. Business
Yosimi Santoyo*	Central Valley Afterschool Foundation	MComm & Journ.
Stacy Schuber*	Joni and Friends Central California	Family & Consumer Sciences
Kacie Thomas*	Community Medical Ctr Communication Dept.	MComm & Journ.
Amber Torres*	Fresno City General Services Department	Business Admin
Veronica Torres***	Encourage Tomorrow	Business Admin
Jessica Tran*	San Joaquin Gardens	Public Health
Malee Vang*	Fresno County EOC Head Start	Undeclared
Nancy Vang*	Star Tutoring	Social Work
Sue Vang***	Stone Soup Fresno	Counseling
Tanya Vargas*	Fresno Co. Women's Chamber of Commerce	Business Admin
Marco Vasquez*	Hoover High School	Psychology
Ana Vega*	Animal Rescue of Fresno	MComm & Journ.
Ancy Vue*	City of Fresno Public Utilities	Business Admin
Melissa Watkins***	Encourage Tomorrow	Psychology
William Watras***	Community Medical Centers Foundation	Business Admin
Kathryn Whitney*	Children's Hospital Central CA Foundation	MComm & Journ.
Ka Xiong*	City of Fresno Fleet Management	Business Admin
Michael Xiong*	Children's Hospital Central California	Business Admin
Xee Xiong*	Fresno/Madera Youth for Christ	Graphic Design

2009-2010 RADIN COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARS

Name	Organization	Major
Steffany Aguilar*	Valley Animal Center	Animal Science
Michael Antonino*	Community Medical Ctr. Communication Dept.	MComm & Journ.
Jared Apodaca*	Fresno City General Services Department	Business Admin
Kimberly Arnold*	Fresno Convention & Visitors Bureau	Anthropology
Kevin Begley*	Children's Hospital Central California	Business Admin
Grant Bedrosian*	Children's Hospital Central CA Foundation	MComm & Journ.
Michael Bibler*	Valley Small Business Development Corp.	Business Admin
Kimberly Bimat*	Children's Hospital Central CA Foundation	Recreation Admin.
Christina Briones*	Kidz Success, Inc.	English
Crystal Camacho*	First Steps Pre-School	Child Development
Joe Cha*	Down Syndrome Association Central CA	Public Health
Tou Lee Chang*	City of Fresno Facilities Management	Business Admin
Ann-Marie Clayton*	United Way of Fresno County	Psychology
Chelsea Cochran*	Star Tutoring	Speech Pathology
Darrell Copeland*	Community Medical Ctr. Communication Dept.	MComm & Journ.
Sergio Cortes***	Saint Paul Newman Center	MComm & Journ.
Victoria DeLeon*	American Red Cross	Undeclared
Briana Esquivel*	Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development	Undeclared
Kristina Fabbian*	Fresno State Craig School of Business	Business Admin
Ulises Fernandez*	Fresno County EOC Sanctuary Youth Services	Chicano Studies
Joshua Fine*	City of Fresno Fleet Management	Industrial Tech.
De'Ronshasha Fleming*	Joni and Friends Central California	MComm & Journ.
Jordan Fowler*	Clovis Community Development Agency	Business Admin
Lauren Gaither*	Children's Hospital Central CA Foundation	MComm & Journ.
Ana Gallegos*	Fresno County EOC Sanctuary Youth Services	Public Health
Jessie Guevara*	Valley Teen Ranch	Criminology
Jon Hardamon*	University HOPE	Construction Mgt.
Michelle Harris*	First Steps Pre-School	Child Development
Andres Hermosilla*	Fresno State Craig School of Business	Business Admin
Graciela Herrera*	Read Fresno	Social Work
Anjuli Hollman*	Central Valley Afterschool Foundation	MComm & Journ.
Yekta Karimi*	Youth Leadership Institute	Pre-MBA Psych.
Ana Lazcano*	American Cancer Society	Pre-Dentistry
Kao Mindy Lor*	Fresno Convention & Visitors Bureau	Business Admin

2009-2010 AMERICAN HUMANICS INTERNS

BRITTANY BEARD*

Major: Community Benefit & Youth Services Administration; Minor: Communications
Certificates: Serving At-risk Youth; Special Event Planning
Central High School (400 hours)

DANIEL CISNEROS**

Major: Political Science
American Humanics Program & Student Association; Richter Center Ambassador; Executive Committee Member, Chicanos in Law (175 hours)

JOE CHA*

Major: Public Health Certificates: Marketing & Special Event Planning
Down Syndrome Assoc. of Central CA (150 hours) Mentor: Denise Allshouse

SINTHIA ESQUIVEL**

Major: Social Work Certificate: Cross-cultural Competency
University Migrant Services (205 hours) Mentor: Raul Moreno

ANA GALLEGOS*

Major: Public Health
Fresno County EOC Sanctuary (150 hours) Mentor: Joe Martinez

ELIZABETH KUYKENDALL**

Special Major: Administration & Marketing for Community Benefit Organizations
Certificates: Serving At-risk Youth; Special Event Planning
Assemblymember Villines Office (150 hrs); Yosemite USD (200 hrs)
Mentors: Gayle Holman & Al Noceolo (Principal, Rivergold Elementary)

DAVID LACEBAL*

Major: Sociology Certificate: Serving At-risk Youth AH Next Gen Leader
United Way of Fresno County (150 hours) Mentor: Yvonne Freve

ROSALBA LOPEZ-RAMIREZ*

Major: Public Health
Youth Leadership Institute (200 hours) Mentor: Albert Maldonado

MORGHAN VELEZ YOUNG***

B.A., Anthropology (Fresno State)
Ph.D. Candidate (Stanford)
AH Next Gen Leader
Focus Forward (300 hours) Mentor: Nancy Pressley

NANCY VILLALPANDO***

Major: Sociology Certificates: Serving At-risk Youth; Special Event Planning
American Humanics Program (150 hours) Mentor: Dr. Matthew Jendian
Golden State Family Services (150 hours) Mentor: Jamie Earls

**2009-2010
AMERICAN HUMANICS GRADUATES**



NONA AKOPYAN*
Graduate (January) & Intern
Major: Psychology

Children's Hospital of Central California (150 hours)

I am glad I chose to complete a certificate in American Humanics.

This program taught me and gave me the skills needed to succeed in the nonprofit field. It gave me a chance to receive hand on experiences with local nonprofits, helped me network, and it got me involved in the community. American Humanics is a program I would recommend to everyone regardless of their major.

CINDY BALLESTEROS***

Graduate (August) & Intern & AH Next Gen Leader

Major: Public Health

Planned Parenthood MarMonte (300 hours) Mentor: Alan Gilmore

Working as part of a consulting team through the Capacity Building & Technical Assistance Project was a great experience. I had the opportunity to work with a consultant who provided her professional knowledge, input, encouragement, & suggestions. Before this, I never had the opportunity give a critical analysis or evaluation to an organization. I have gained so much knowledge on governance and board development. Learning how to use resources like the Standards of Excellence has allowed me to gain more knowledge on how to conduct evaluations. This experience has prepared me with the knowledge and confidence in working with community benefit organizations in the near future.



KATHERINE BOROFKA***
Graduate (May) & Intern

Major: Peace & Conflict Studies (UC Berkeley);

Minor: Global Poverty & Practice

Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon (300 hrs) Mentor: Sara Sweatt

It has been such a great experience collaborating with Dr. Jendian to earn the national American Humanics Certification in Management & Leadership for Community Benefit Organizations through Fresno State. I have learned so much, from all of my classes, through the workshops and case study at AHMI, and through my internship with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon. The AH program has been wonderful, and I am so glad I was able to participate!

APRIL BEJARANO***

Dual BA degrees in Sociology & Chicano & Latin American Studies

Graduate (May) & Intern & AH Next Gen Leader

AH Program, 10th Anniversary Celebration Coordinator (300 hours)

*As part of the AH Program, I have realized the importance of relationships and expanded my professional network. I have been amazed at how we, as AH students and alumni, are given the opportunity to take our knowledge—in grant writing, fundraising, grant making, and consulting—and put it into practice. I'm also very proud to be participating in the planning for the 10th Anniversary Event for our AH Program. I hope you can **join us at Wolf Lakes Park on August 20, 2010 to celebrate a "Decade of Dedication"** and help raise funds for our AH Program and its many worthwhile projects, including the Student Philanthropy Project and Capacity Building & Technical Assistance Project!*



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WALTER RAMIREZ DELGADO***

Graduate (May) & Intern & AH Next Gen Leader

B.A., Political Science (Fresno State)

Minors: Communications & International Political Economy

AH Program (300 hrs) Mentor: Kelvin Alfaro

Taking courses in social policy and advocacy, grant writing, leadership, and developing professional relationships has finally made me feel I am on the right track. Working directly with people through public benefit corporations, learning how to advocate, and helping others advocate for themselves helped me realize this is the place where I can make a difference. Being in the AH Program reminds me of Cesar Chavez' wise words, "The end of all education must be service to others." I feel prepared for my career as a nonprofit leader.

MAGGIE SIMMS***

Graduate (May) & Intern & AH Next Gen Leader

Major: Sociology

Animal Rescue of Fresno (250 hrs) Mentors: Linda Guthrie & Kendra Rodgers

When I joined AH, I did not even know the program's correct name. I just knew it was a program that would allow me to follow my original goal—to be involved in a career focused on animal welfare and environmental conservation. Today, I strive to be the best representative of AH that I can, because it changed my life. AH has given me a voice and increased my self confidence. AH taught me that effective, successful leaders listen to those they represent. AH has shown me I am capable of leading, and I have especially appreciated the opportunity to intern with ARF and helping the organization develop video & radio PSAs.



KARINA TORRES*

Graduate (May) & Intern

Major: Business Administration (Management)

Educational Leadership Foundation (150 hrs) Mentor: Raul Moreno

The American Humanics leadership development course helped me understand what a great leader should possess and to see what type of leadership worked best in different scenarios. I realized leadership is more of a process than just skills to be developed. In developing my philosophy of leadership, I examined myself to see how I have been driven to succeed and what were my strengths and weaknesses and recognized these attributes to be part of my leadership style: knowledge, vision, values, determination and communication.



KAU VUE*

Graduate (January) & Intern

B.A., Political Science (Fresno State)

Reading and Beyond (150 hrs) Mentor: Matilda Soria

AH has provided me with confidence, networking, and professional development. I have especially appreciated the opportunity to present a workshop on Advocacy at the AH Management Institute in Phoenix and be involved in the Capacity Building Project working as a consultant alongside Catherine Quinn with Healthy Smiles Mobile Dental Foundation.



MELISSA WATKINS***

Graduate (May) & Intern (500 hours)

Major: Psychology

Fresno State Leadership Council; Encourage Tomorrow; Richter Center Ambassador I feel honored to have had classes with Dr. Jendian and Dr. Simmons which allowed me the hands-on opportunity to practice what is being taught in the classroom. Overall, I was extremely impressed with the Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Project. I feel as though it opened my eyes to another organization's mission, strengths and weaknesses and helped me focus in on how we as AH students are equipped to handle these situations. I appreciate the consultants I had the pleasure of working with on this project.



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GINA MOLINA*

Graduate (May) & Intern & AH Next Gen Leader

Major: Community Benefit & Youth Services Administration

Resources for Independence, Central Valley Mentor: Bob Hand

I have appreciated the opportunities available through our American Humanics Program to participate in hands-on experiences with Community Benefit Organizations. My experiences as a board member for the Association of Fundraising Professionals, an AmeriCorps ProCorps member, and as a member of the consulting team for the Capacity Building & Technical Assistance Project have allowed me to apply my learning and skills.

JONATHAN MUNOZ***

Graduate (August) & Intern

Major: History; Minor: Chicano & Latin American Studies

Californians for Justice (300 hours) Mentor: Ernesto Saavedra

Overall, the American Humanics Capacity Building Project is something I took so much from. I saw how a CBO operates from the daily activities they do in serving the community and how the board works in making decisions for the organization in helping it achieve its mission. I gained much experience and knowledge from my team lead consultant Ann Vermel and this experience is one I know will benefit me as I work as a Summer Associate with the Greenlining Institute this summer and when I enter my career in the CBO sector.



ANYA NAZAROFF*

Graduate (May) & Intern

Major: Communications; Minor: Anthropology; Special Event Planning Certificate Children's Hospital Central California (150 hours)

Through the SIG: CARE Capacity Building & Technical Assistance Project and working as student consultants, our class was able to experience diving into an organization and evaluating it from the inside. We were allowed into the role of professional consultants, analyzing the organization's documents and providing recommendations. This project was "like gold" to me because I learned so much and saw how the Standards of Excellence are applied in a working organization.



DANA PARKER-McCLAIN***

Graduate (August) & Intern & AH Next Gen Leader

B.A., Mass Communications & Journalism (Fresno State)

American Humanics Program (300 hours)

Participating in the Capacity Building Project has been an amazing experience. Students have not only been granted access to the inner workings of established community benefit organizations, but also allowed to step outside of our classroom roles and into the shoes of experts. I learned a lot about my own perceptions and analytical processes. I appreciated that our consultants were there to guide us, but never pushed us toward their conclusions.



EBONEY PEARSON***

Graduate (May) & Intern

Major: Family Consumer Sciences Certificate: Serving At-Risk Youth American Cancer Society (360 hrs); Educational Opportunity Program (120 hrs)

The grantmaking experience in Soc183 through the AH Student Philanthropy Project enhanced my understanding of philanthropy. Participating in different group tasks allowed me to collaborate and learn from others. The opportunity to decide how grant funding would be allocated was empowering and educational. After hearing different speakers, I understood the business aspect of nonprofits more. Analyzing organizational structures and hearing from board members provided me with unique insights. Listening to the good and bad of nonprofits gave me a more realistic perception, and I feel better prepared to work with nonprofits.



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LUIS CASTELLANOS*

B.A. in Social Work

Graduate (August)

The fall semester was one of great growth for me, both as an individual and a professional. The Capacity Building Project gave me the opportunity to not only be a consultant to a CBO, but provided me a greater appreciation of the need for CBOs to evaluate themselves regularly. The most meaningful aspect I have come away with from this experience is how to create preventive measures in CBOs, in an effort to avoid having to implement measures to fix issues later. ... I have taken away a greater understanding of the dynamics of work environments in CBOs. ... The work and interaction with our particular CBO has given me the chance to see the 'back stage' ... Working with my fellow student consultants proved to be a very enriching experience.



MOR CHANG***

Graduate (January) & Intern

Major: Business Administration (Marketing)

Healing Hope, Inc. (600 hours) Mentor: Dr. Dan Griffin

I want to thank Dr. Jendian & Dr. Simmons for their guidance, support, direction, and instruction throughout the whole AH program. AH taught me to become a leader in the nonprofit sector with passions and visions. I kept Dr. Jendian's statement, "You must be the change maker in your community" very close to my heart. The leadership class taught me that leadership is not an issue of personality, but to endow with directions: a sense of future. I learned that leaders have a point of view in how they see the world. They challenge their current standings and share their dreams and visions. I learned purpose creates commitment, consensus, and collegiality and that management is a continual process of maintenance. All I have learned in AH has helped me to found and lead a grassroots organization called Healing Hope, providing mental health care to the SE Asian population.



LORENA CHAVEZ**

Graduate (January) & Intern

Major: Sociology

Highway City Community Development (300 hrs) Mentor: Dr. Don Simmons The AH Program has truly provided me with access to distinguished local nonprofits. Through hands-on work, the AH Program allowed me to get exposed to the true understanding of what is a nonprofit. It has challenged me and given me knowledge on real on-task situations and the need for understanding situations and ways to resolve them. The AH program has allowed me to cooperate with others to make things function. Through group projects, I have been able to understand others' knowledge and their thinking about current issues and the need to have a voice, to speak up about issues that affect us. This program also allowed me to recognize and understand the need of powerful nonprofit work. I was able to understand how nonprofits better society and the importance of how they empower their staff as well as the people they serve.



MARISOL DETJEN*

Major: Business Administration (Management)

Graduate (August) & Intern

The capacity building project gave me the opportunity to work with a credible agency in my town. These people are doing amazing work for valued clients in the Central Valley. The opportunity to see how a real Community Benefit Organization runs was an invaluable experience. The feedback from the consultants was also very much appreciated, as well as an opportunity to grow.



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AMERICAN HUMANICS GRADUATES**



ULISES FERNANDEZ*
Graduate (May) & Intern**

Major: Chicano & Latin American Studies; Minor: Sociology
Certificates in Serving At-Risk Youth & Special Event Planning
Fresno Co. EOC Sanctuary, Focus Forward, Healthy Smiles (300 hrs)

Mentor: Yezdyar Kaoojji

I have always had the interest in being involved with different community benefit organizations and having leadership positions. I think the American Humanics Program has helped me and other students develop a vision of what we can become and accomplish. I have really enjoyed working with individuals in the CBOs, from the children served to the CEOs and board members we consulted with, and being apply my skills in entrepreneurship and my experiences in marketing. I appreciate the opportunities and relationships I have been able to develop through my participation in the AH Program at Fresno State.

MELISSA FREEMAN***

Graduate (May) & Intern & AH Next Gen Leader

Major: Business Administration (International Business Option)

Major: Linguistics; Minor: Japanese

Fresno Nonprofit Advancement Council (150 hours) Mentor: Kate Henry
American Humanics Program (300 hours)



The most important thing I learned from the service-learning experience in the Social Policy Analysis & Advocacy course was a newfound confidence that my voice is important and that people can only listen if I put my voice out for the public to hear. I would have never had the confidence to talk about advocacy or public policy before this class. Now, I feel I can and should advocate for my beliefs. Even on a daily basis, I should speak up to empower others to feel comfortable in their beliefs to speak up as well, even if we disagree. This political economy has shown me that a quiet citizen is not doing anyone any favors. I plan to continue thriving on the empowerment I feel to make sure that I do not bow down quietly without a fight. I am one person, and I can make one big difference in this world.



JEFF GARNER*
Graduate (January)**

BA in Sociology; MPA (May 2010)
Community Outreach & Marketing Director,
Kings County Action Organization

The most important aspect of the fall semester was to understand the important of focusing on social change rather than just social services. I have been programmed to believe that providing services to others is the most important, and, though that is important, I must shift my attention to addressing the roots of the problem. I feel I am a better service agent for my community because of the Social Policy Analysis & Advocacy class, and I feel motivated to take the materials from this class and apply it to my professorial career.

MARLA HARTMAN***

Graduate (January) & Intern

B.S., Community Benefit Administration & Organizational Behavior
Fresno Institute for Urban Leadership; AH Program

Being an American Humanics student and a student of the CBO industry and learning in general, one of the things I thought most beneficial and enjoyable was the opportunity to work with a professional consultant. As with all industries, each professional has his or her own spin on problem-solving, communication and management. Richard Lord did a great job of allowing our group to be creative with meetings, interacting with the client and with analysis – he also did well with directing us and asking questions when needed. He was always available for consultation and additional help.



**2009-2010
AMERICAN HUMANICS GRADUATES**



JULIE HERD*
Graduate (January)**

B.A., Business Administration (Marketing)
Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss, Inc. Mentor: Leann Gouveia
Manager, Business Development & Marketing
Madera Economic Development Corp.

I look back on my experience in American Humanics at Fresno State with fond memories since it's been a few years since I graduated. Having recently participated in the AH Management Institute in Phoenix as the last requirement to earn the AH National Certificate in Management & Leadership for Community Benefit Organizations, I was energized by the current generation of AH students and the development of the AH Program in the short time since I graduated, and I appreciated the opportunity for professional development at AHMI.

DARCY LIEN***

Graduate (August) & Intern

B.S., Community-Based Health Education (San Francisco State University)
Community Resource Developer, Resources for Independence, Central Valley
Program Officer, American Humanics Philanthropy Project (150 hrs)

The American Humanics Program has met and exceeded my expectations and been the right post-baccalaureate program for me. My professors are supportive, extraordinarily knowledgeable, and well connected. My grant writing skills are improved, & I have learned so much about CBOs, evaluation, advocacy, public policy, and community organizing. The Capacity Building Project challenged me and left me feeling tremendously fortunate. I worked with RICV and consultants Jackie Ryle & Paul Pierce. The expectation and strong sense of accountability—from both the organization and consultants—was exactly what school should be about. It's about so much more than a grade; it's about what your work has the potential to mean to the populations involved. Whether that's individuals, such as the consultants reviewing your work and knowing you will be the next generation to carry on the craft or organizations willing to listen and have the opportunity to become better companies and stewards to the community thanks to the work we do as American Humanics students.



MINDY LOR***

Graduate (May) & Intern

Major: Business Administration (Management)

Fresno Convention & Visitors Bureau (150 hrs) Mentor: Gay Fontana

Overall, my experience with the American Humanics Program and the Capacity Building Project was beyond what I expected. One thing that was very meaningful to me was having the opportunity to work with CBOs internally. I appreciate that Hands On trusted our team in evaluating the organization's important documents and that the organization looked at us students as "professionals" rather than just "students." Volunteering and internships does not give you this kind of experience. I can apply what I learned to future situations and projects, and recently I assisted in writing a \$1 million grant for the Fresno Convention & Visitors Bureau awarded by Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi



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Major: Sociology

Highway City Community Development Mentors: Drs. Jeff Harrington & D. Simmons

As part of AH, I read Forces for Good: The Six Practices of High-Impact Nonprofits. The chapter about shared leadership suggests not taking all the responsibility upon one's self and instead giving others responsibility and holding them accountable. In this way, people feel important to the process and become advocates for the cause. I now implement this philosophy into my practices. By sharing leadership you inspire people to be evangelists for your cause. The organization gains leadership, focus, and ultimately makes a difference.

