

UCCS SAHE E-Newsletter



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Hello and welcome from another beautiful summer, soon-to-be fall, in Colorado Springs! The SAHE program, students, and alumni are moving and shaking with students excelling in coursework and presenting at professional conferences, alumni taking on new leadership roles at UCCS and beyond, and wonderful community being sustained through partnership and outreach efforts. This fall we begin a new initiative with the addition of a hybrid program, which specifically meets the scheduling demands of professionals currently employed in higher education. Along with our face-to-face cohort, we are welcoming 23 new first year students adding to our 20+ 2nd year student population. Enjoy reading this newsletter packed with exciting updates about the program and professional development events for both students and alumni. Thank you for your continued support of the SAHE program and our students! -Dr. Patty Witkowsky

Q & A WITH DEAN CONLEY!

How did you get started in the field of Higher Education?

I started as a contractor for the National Center for Education Statistics where I learned about the functional areas of higher education and decided I wanted to go back to school for my PhD. As a doctoral student in the Higher Education program at Virginia Tech I participated in various student support activities that included working with the McNair scholars as well as with students on academic probation. I found this work extremely rewarding as most of these students were juggling three or more jobs, something I myself could relate to as I did the same while completing my undergraduate degree. Now I am really excited to be here and appreciate the warm welcome I've received from the UCCS SAHE community!



What excites you most about being the new Dean?

To get up everyday and work to increase educational opportunities Pre-K to PhD.

Where do you see the College of Education headed?

The COE has a very bright future. I would like to see increased undergraduate enrollment and would like to enhance the quality of both undergraduate and graduate academic programs. The new BI in Inclusive Early Childhood Education and the BA in Elementary Education will provide an opportunity for undergraduate students to see themselves as part of our educational community. I look forward to building research capacity, enhancing the quality of academic programs, increasing diversity, and nurturing partnerships.

Do you have any advice for current SAHE students?

Know yourself, be passionate about your work, and never give up.

Follow Dean Conley on Twitter! @uccs_deanconley

Professional Development Series

We are offering numerous workshops over the course of the year for both first and second year cohort students. The purpose is to provide professional/career-related workshops to provide students with tangible information to utilize in job searches and career development. We began the year with SAHE new student orientation and will continue with monthly sessions throughout the year!



Please let us know if you would like more information about the sessions and we would be happy to send you more information. All workshops are held on campus and are open to all who would like to attend! We welcome alumni involvement!



Please RSVP for the following sessions via Mountain Lion Connect:

Resume and Cover Letter Writing for Student Affairs:

October 9th 12-1pm

Conference Attendance Preparation:

November 13th 12-1pm

Portfolio Preparation:

December 5th 2-3pm

Job Search Process:

January 26th 12-1pm

Making the Most of Your Conference Experience:

February 9th 12-1pm

Seeking Intentional Experiences:

February 23rd 12-1pm

Developing Conference Proposals:

March 15th 12-1pm

Transitioning from Graduate School:

April 19th 12-1pm

Using Your Summer Wisely:

May 3rd 12-1pm



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NEW STUDENT PROFILES



Alejandro DeJesus

I began working in Higher Education over 12 years ago, through my work I discovered a passion for student development. Having progressive experience on three different Universities in two states, I have been

able to help many students over the years to find careers and professional positions. I really enjoy sharing my experiences and encouraging people to find passion in their lives. It's very important to me to embody the values of positive leadership and do everything I can to support an inclusive work environment. I joined the UCCS Staff in 2011 and I have held two positions in the University Center Event Services office. I have learned a lot about UCCS these past three years and I am very excited about the future of our campus. I am a diligent professional, very organized, consider myself a life-long learner and I am very excited about joining the SAHE program.



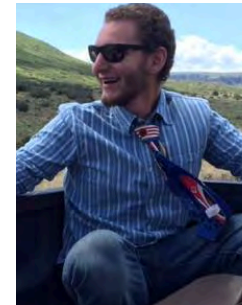
Chelsea Fearon

Chelsea, a first year cohort member, just recently relocated to Colorado from upstate New York. She received her Bachelor's in Mathematics from the State University of New York College at Oswego last December. While an undergrad, Chelsea was a Resident Assistant for three and a half years. It was during this time that she realized how important her position in Residence Life had become to her. Chelsea stumbled across the UCCS SAHE program on the NASPA website and thought it would be a good fit for her, as well as the right amount of adventure.



Cory Drucker

I was born and raised on Long Island, New York. I moved to South Florida where I attended



Lynn University for four years. I continued to live in South Florida for an additional year until I moved to Colorado this past June. Since I've moved to Colorado, I started rock climbing and enjoying other outdoor adventures. I love being outside and exploring my new surroundings every day. During and after college I knew I wanted to have a career working at the university level. I searched for a program, and when I found SAHE at UCCS, I knew it was the right fit. I know I'll be successful in this program and fulfill my ambition of working at the university level.

UPCOMING SAHE EVENTS

September 26th from 8am-5pm: SAHE Diversity Training at the Lodge at UCSS
Mandatory for all current SAHE Students!

September 29th from 11am-2pm: ACPA Presidential Symposium on Student Success Viewing Party in Columbine Hall Room 3022

All are welcome! The topic is *Fulfilling Our Promises to Students: Fostering and Demonstrating Student Success*. Snacks will be provided; please RSVP to Patty at pwitkows@uccs.edu

October 20th from 12-1:30pm: Graduate Students: How to Engage, Support & Mentor for Their Success Webinar in the University Center Room 126

All are welcome! Please RSVP to Patty at pwitkows@uccs.edu

October 24th: Careers in Student Affairs Conference sponsored by the College Personnel Association of Colorado, ACPA Colorado State Division at UCSS

More details to come!

January 8th-12th, 2016: SAHE Travel Tour

Come learn about higher education in New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada! \$225 check made out to Patty Witkowsky is due by November 3rd to Patty in Columbine 3042. Travel tour cost includes transportation, lodging, Grand Canyon sunset tour and some meals. Contact Corrie Keener at ckeener@uccs.edu or Michelle Stallings at mcutaran@uccs.edu for more info!



SAHE Students, Family and Friends enjoyed a Mini-Golf Outing on 9/12!



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