

THE SAHE SCOOP

The UCCS Student Affairs in Higher Education Program Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

by Dr. Patty Witkowsky

Hello SAHE Students, Alumni, and Friends!
Welcome back to the Fall 2021 semester! We are so excited to be back on campus with opportunities to join together in community. Although we continue to experience unknown changes, the positive attitudes and approaches of everyone in the program are ensuring students have positive learning experiences to meet their professional goals. Our SAHE community continues to lead the way in navigating changes in higher education with new roles throughout the country and on our very own campus. Keep innovating, keep promoting equity, and keep inquiring about how to better meet the needs of higher education and our students.

GET READY TO MEET OUR NEW GA!



Hi everyone! My name is Samantha Hernandez and I am the new graduate assistant for the SAHE program! I am originally from Fairfax, VA which is located 30 minutes outside Washington D.C. I graduated in May of 2020 with my B.A. in Fine Arts with minors in graphic design and art history from Christopher Newport University which is located in Newport News, VA. I am a military spouse and my husband is currently active duty in the Army. I moved to Colorado Springs in March 2020 because my husband got stationed at Fort Carson. After graduation, I had planned to pursue a career in graphic design, but during my senior year I fell in love with student affairs and decided to change course. After researching student affairs programs in the area, I decided to apply to and attend the SAHE program here because it felt like the perfect fit for me. In my free time I love to hike with my dog, attend yoga classes, cook vegetarian meals, shop for vintage clothing, and collect vinyl records! I am looking forward to meeting all of you!

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Out-of-state SAHE students share their personal advice and thoughts about moving to Colorado in order to attend UCCS

KANE LEMASTERS

2nd Year Cohort & UCCS
Residence Life Coordinator



Where are you from?

"I am from Washington State. I grew up in Olympia, WA, and went to Central WA University for my undergrad in Ellensburg, WA."

How did you find the SAHE program?

"I found the SAHE program while looking at programs in Colorado state. I knew that I wanted to move away from WA for my graduate program, and Colorado seemed like a wonderful place to do that. Having only visited Colorado once before, I felt like it would be a great place to live and start my professional career!"

Why did you decide to join the program?

"I enjoyed that the program was practicum based, and that classes were planned out as they were. It also seemed like an area and school that would be great to build connections and develop professionally."

How was the transition to a new state?

"Moving here in the midst of the pandemic, in July 2020, was a bit rough. I'd been accepted to a GA position at CSU-Pueblo and was working there in residence life during this unique time and it was difficult at times to feel connected to my new home. But, the cohort and amazing outdoor opportunities and scenery made it all worthwhile for me. After a bit of time, being able to attend in-person classes, and getting out some more, it felt much better."

What is your greatest takeaway from the experience and do you have any advice?

"Being able to move out of my comfort zone has allowed me to grow in so many ways, and this program and institution is perfect for doing just that and not feeling overwhelmed. Get involved and make good connections with your cohort. If you can establish that connection to UCCS and Colorado Springs quickly, it makes the transition easier."

KATIE KANE

1st Year Cohort & Event Services GA



Where are you from?

"I'm originally from Newport News, VA, but finished my undergrad at George Mason University in 2019 and was living outside of Washington D.C. for the last three years."

How did you find the SAHE program?

"I found the SAHE program by scouring the internet for a compiled list of schools across the U.S. that offered Student Affairs programs. From there, I went through almost every single state I had an interest in living in, and it came down to University of Central Florida, Clemson University, and UCCS. Eventually Colorado won out."

Why did you decide to join the program?

"I decided to select the SAHE program at UCCS for my graduate program because it offered what I think is the most well-organized selection of coursework, the most appropriate amount of time to complete a degree and hold a graduate assistantship simultaneously. That way you have a great wealth of experience by the time you are finished with your academic coursework."

How was the transition to a new state?

"So far it has been very enjoyable! Getting across the country in two little cars was quite a journey, but my partner and I made it and lived to tell the tale. I definitely miss my friends, but more than anything I hope they get a chance to visit because it's beautiful out here."

What advice would you give to any other out of state students?

"[My partner and I] looked for apartments in person prior to moving. I cannot stress enough how much that helped—knowing that we had actually set foot in a place and were comfortable with the space was such a huge weight off my shoulders when packing up all my earthly belongings and hitting the road. Please take the time and come to Colorado to find a place to live before moving here. It will add years to your life in the amount of stress it will save you."

What is your greatest takeaway from this experience ?

"My biggest take away is just leaning into the 'newness' of it all. The older I get and more things I experience, the more I realize some things are the same no matter where or what stage of life you are in. The first day of class is always the same, and you'll always feel like you're not doing a good job at work until you've been there for a little while. I keep thinking whenever I get stressed 'this too shall pass' and remember I have two more years of learning and practicing 'til I get it right, and no one expects me to be perfect right away."

A PEEK INSIDE CLYDE'S CUPBOARD

Clyde's Cupboard GA, Katie Morton, gives us further insight into her position and this campus resource.

What is Clyde's Cupboard?

"Clyde's Cupboard is a non-needs-based food and hygiene pantry. We aim to provide essential items to all students with a no questions asked attitude. Started in 2013 by an Anthropology class, Clyde's Cupboard has always been student-led. This year we have expanded and developed new programs and even created my specific GAsip dedicated to the cupboard!"

How did you get this GAsip?

"My original GAsip was in the Office of The Dean of Students. I worked in prevention and outreach involving alcohol and other drugs part of the time. The other time I would work in Clyde's Cupboard. This past year, we realized the need students have for a food pantry and other programs to combat food insecurity. That is where my

GAsip was created! I love solely focusing on the cupboard now."

What do you love most about working with Clyde's Cupboard?

"I love learning more about the



services Clyde's Cupboard can provide. Every single thing we have come up with has been pitched and run by students. This pantry truly is student-led, and it is so exciting to see the growth it has made in just a year. I think I

enjoy telling students about our services and seeing their surprise that it does not just stop at a food pantry. We have plenty of other services to offer (and aren't stopping anytime soon)!"

What have you learned during your time at Clyde's Cupboard?

"I have learned that students sadly suffer in silence. Whether it be embarrassment, pride, or circumstance- students used to not want to ask for help. The attitude around Clyde's Cupboard truly is a non-judgmental, safe space. Students often don't feel weird using the cupboard and in fact brag to other students about grabbing snacks. I have learned that food pantries don't have to be this scary place for people to come to. We can make an environment that is the opposite of that."



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

**Jacqui Gatlin: Lecturer for
LEAD 5290 & Bursar at the
University of Colorado Denver
& Anschutz Medical Campus**

Why did you pursue student affairs and the budgeting and finance part of the field?

"I had a non-traditional path into SA as I sort of fell into it. I worked in the student finances area as a student employee when I transferred schools as a second job to support myself through college working through the remaining 3 years of my undergraduate degree in accounting. When I graduated, I got a job in accounting that provided the realization of how much I missed serving students, the HE environment, and the community within a SA/admin organization on campus. A few months after working in accounting outside HE, my previous supervisor called me one day and offered me a full-time position back in the department I was a student employee in for 3 years. That was the starting point of my professional career which lead to my current position as Director 15 years later. My time in higher education has grown into a passion and love for helping students and serving via expertise in higher education finances."

What did you love most about the UCCS SAHE program and your time with us?

"I loved the cohort environment within the SAHE program the most. I was lucky enough to cross over two cohorts during my time in the program, which provided me with some of the best friendships I have

built in my adult life. The people in the SAHE program are caring, supportive, and positive. Many SAHE grads have provided some of the best/most valuable feedback and support in my career. I am grateful to have been involved in the SAHE program for the past 6 years as a student and faculty member."

What are you looking forward to the most with your new Bursar Position?

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to continue to learn and grow personally and professionally. I consider myself a lifelong learner that can never learn enough. This opportunity allows me to learn more about the medical campus operations, finances, and colleges. It also provides the opportunity to lead a team double the size and scope of my current team here at UCCS, offers the opportunity to collaborate and coordinate between two very different campuses, and will allow me exposure to continue to build on my leadership skills."

What advice you would offer SAHE students?

"Use this time in the SAHE program to develop yourself as a leader and explore finding your passion, niche, or purpose within higher education. Leadership skills are cross-functional and can be used in any career field or area to your benefit."

CHECK OUT THE 1ST YEAR COHORT!

The 1st year cohort had their first class of
Fall semester, which was LEAD 5030



SAA ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the officers elected for this year!



PRESIDENT
Bailey Ashida



VICE PRESIDENT
Katie Morton



TREASURER
Kane Lemasters



SECRETARY
Flora Jathanna



1ST YEAR REP
Robbie Guilford

ALUMNI UPDATES

Congratulations to our past graduates on beginning new adventures, positions, and awards!

Anabell Sintas - Class of 2014

New position: UCCS Finance & HR Professional for the Departments of Languages & Cultures & Anthropology

Daniella Trujillo - Class of 2021

New position: GEAR UP Pre-Collegiate Advisor at Harrison High School in Colorado Springs

Rosanna Smith - Class of 2021

New position: Advising and Testing office at Pikes Peak Community College

Krista Wallace - Class of 2021

New position: Academic Advisor at Pikes Peak Community College

Sam Kelleher - Class of 2020

New position: Resident Director at Radford University

Hannah Scobba - Class of 2021

New position: Assistant Academic Coordinator for the Biology & Chemistry at Metropolitan State University of Denver

Sabrina Wienholtz - Class of 2011

New position: Director of Operations for the Ent Center for the Arts at UCCS

Mark Paquette - Class of 2021

New position: Assistant Director of the College of Business Career Development Center at UCCS

Sarah Long - Class of 2016

New position: President of the UCCS Staff Association

Jonothan Ryan Stephenson - Class of 2018

New position: Residence Coordinator at the University of Wyoming's Residence Life & Dining Team

Zach Johnson - Class of 2019

New position: Program Manager for the Business Minor at the CU Boulder Leeds College of Business

Janelle Dozar - Class of 2010

New position: Assistant Vice Provost of Advising and Learning Enhancement at Kansas City University

Jacqui Gatlin - Class of 2016

New position: Bursar at the University of Colorado Denver and Anschutz Medical Campus

Jillian Mazure Crews - Class of 2019

New position: University Manager with Cisco

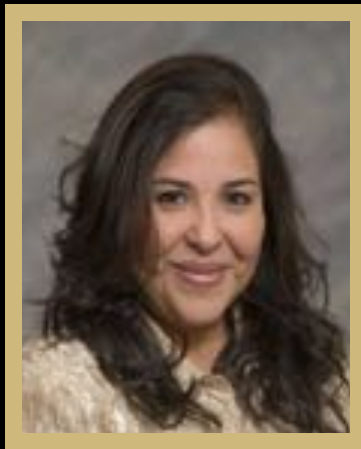
Kailin DeLeo - Class of 2019

New position: Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Programs at Tulane University in New Orleans

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT!



**A FREE VIRTUAL WEBINAR ON ETHICS
TOPICS IN STUDENT AFFAIRS**



Guest Speaker:

Lucila Loera, Executive Director of the
Office for Access & Opportunity at WSU

Date & Time:

Saturday, October 16, 2021
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Zoom Link:

<https://uccs-edu.zoom.us/j/94245858674>

Registration Link:

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