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Photo Spotlight

Members of the 2019 Cohort are all smiles after finishing their final presentations to the program.

Back Row (from left to right): John Wooten, Rachael Clark, Kimberly Hinkle, and Bradley Plesz

Front Row: Lori French, Alexandria Joo, Kaitlin Shields, Lauren Rundell, Mia Pino, and Andrea Diamond

Announcements



SAHE Community, we lost one of our own this Spring. Ariel Ortega is a member of the First Year Cohort and a graduate of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs with a Bachelor's degree in Organizational and Strategic Communications.

Members of the First Year Cohort are dedicating a bench and tree on campus in her memory.

Anyone who met or knew Ariel knew how much she loved people and valued relationships with them. She radiated positive energy every Saturday in class and provided a special perspective valuing diversity, inclusion, compassion, and empathy. Outside of class, Ariel was a huge animal lover at heart. Ariel's family and fellow cohort members have collaborated to launch a fundraiser to adopt a tree and build a bench on the UCCS campus in her memory. Donations are being accepted via a Facebook Fundraiser established by her family and friends. All funds raised through the fundraiser will go towards the tree and bench with extra funds being donated to the Wolf and Wildlife Center in Ariel's honor.

Fundraiser: www.facebook.com/donate/420088125487504/



Congratulations to Dr. Sandy Ho on her recent recognition from the University of Colorado System for her consistent contributions to diversity and inclusion at UCCS.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

NAFSA Annual Conference
May 26-31, 2019
Washington, DC

2019 ACUHO-I Annual Conference
June 22-25, 2019
Toronto, Canada

Undergraduate Spotlight

In its second full year, Spring 2019 will add 5 SAHE minor students to the alumni list, which is now at 8 in just 2 years. Six of the eight (one is already finishing his 1st year of the SAHE master's) total graduates are going on to graduate school in student affairs both at UCCS and beyond. Congratulations to Hannah Scobba, Téa Pino, Krista Wallace, and Stephen Holmes, all Spring 2019 graduates, who have accepted admission to the SAHE program at UCCS. We are excited for Feliz Luna '18 who will be going to the University of Utah and Courtney Sherwood '19 who will be going to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for their graduate studies. The SAHE minor will continue as we also expand the offering to a SAHE track of the new undergraduate bachelor's degree in Human Services. Undergraduate SAHE coursework is unique and we are on the cutting edge of student affairs professional preparation by offering this type of education, preparation, and training to undergraduate students.



“The SAHE minor paved a solid foundation of knowledge pertaining to diversity, assessment, student development, and the history and social justice movement within higher education. I feel prepared entering grad school because the program emphasized development through exercise; where I was able to practice assessment, leadership, and training within the UCCS Orientation Office, while concurrently addressing my own identity as an individual and leader. The growth I experienced within the program has shaped me into an assured student affairs practitioner, where I aim to guide, support, and encourage students.” – Feliz Luna



“The SAHE minor provided me with knowledge on topics like student development theory, the history of SAHE, inclusivity classes, and other knowledge I did not have before taking the minor. I was able to hear from panels of SAHE professionals who talked about their journey into and through SAHE. I was also able to present in front of multiple SAHE professionals about student development theory as well as high schoolers about how to navigate college. I feel as though after participating in the minor program, I am more equipped and informed on the information I will learn in the master's program.” – Téa Pino

NASPA & ACPA Spotlight



Sam Kelleher attended the 2019 ACPA National Conference in Boston, MA this spring.

“It was really awesome being surrounded by such likeminded people. We are all our own individuals, but we all have a passion for students and helping others and you could feel that. I did learn a good amount, but I was fairly surprised on how surface level some of the sessions were. It made me grateful that I’m getting a master’s degree in this field because I believe the discussions we have in class go more in depth than some of the ACPA sessions.”



Sarah Frazier attended the 2019 NASPA National Conference in Los Angeles, CA this spring.

“Attending NASPA 2019 helped affirm my decision to enter this field. I met other passionate student affairs professionals and connected with people in my intended functional area. Also, the sessions mentioned many of the things we discuss in class so I left with an even stronger appreciation for the UCCS program and our cohort setup.”



Dr. Patty Witkowsky photographed with her former master’s program academic advisor, Dr. Susan Komives at NASPA 2019.
Photo Credit: Ralph Komives.

Dr. Patty Witkowsky photographed with John Wooten and Tracy Neve, both Second Year SAHE students at UCCS, at NASPA 2019.



Dr. Megan Bell, Dr. Patty Witkowsky, and Alejandro DeJesus enjoying the NASPA 2019 Opening Session.

Mock Interview Night

A special thank you to the volunteers who made the SAHE Mock Interview Night possible. The SAHE program is extremely grateful for your contribution to the event.

Claire Ami

Alex Baker

Jon Bogh

Ellen Burkart

Bailey Bush

Steven Cucchiara

Alejandro De Jesus

Tam Doane

Ray Fisco

Jacqueline Gatlin

Rachel Gibson

Bethany Grubbs

Molly Kinne

Sarah Long

Valerie McClinton

Phillip Morris

Jonothan Stephenson

Anthony Trujillo

Sabrina Wienholtz



Graduation Celebration



UCCS

Join us for the

SAHE
Graduation Celebration

honoring the 2018 - 2019
Student Affairs in Higher Education Graduates

Thursday, May 16th 5:30pm-7:00pm

UCCS Downtown Presence

102 South Tejon Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Appetizers + cash bar

Awards and recognition for students and faculty

RSVP by Monday, May 6th:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RQnp3sd18IMZoxOV2>

Class of 2021 Cohort

Welcome the Class of 2021 Cohort

Keelan Bailey

Leah Butler

Angel Comer

Jordan Cushman

Stephen Holmes

Alessandra Langfels

Mark Paquette

Karen Perez

Téa Pino

Rebecca Pyles Munoz

Grady Rogers

Hannah Scobba

Jenna Shatrich

Rosanna Smith

Daniella Trujillo

Stephanie Trujillo

Krista Wallace

SAHE Alumni and Student Job Updates

Courtney Sherwood: Aquatics and Risk Management Graduate Assistant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Jonothan Stephenson: Hall Director at the University of Central Oklahoma

Kimberly Hinkle: Student Success Coach at Pueblo Community College

Sarah Long: Assistant Director of the Gateway Program Seminar (GPS) at UCCS

Ann Schwab: Curriculum Management Specialist in the Registrar's Office at UCCS

Ben Vargas: Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) with the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program

Jacqui Gatlin: Director of Student Financial Services at UCCS

Laura Mullane: Project Director for the TRiO Disabled Student Support Services at Pikes Peak Community College

Alyssa Landsberger: Program Coordinator for the Radiology Department at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus