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Student Affairs in Higher Education Program Updates

SAHE STRENGTH AT THE START OF A PANDEMIC

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Well SAHE community, the past five months have definitely been anything but ordinary, but it is wonderful to see the resilience and strength of SAHE students, faculty, and alumni. We have had 16 new SAHE master's students begin class online with three moving from out of state and several starting new Graduate Assistantships as well. With so many concerns around movement between places, these students certainly had new challenges in finding housing, traveling, and adjusting, but we are so happy they persevered as we will continue to need strong, empathetic, and passionate student affairs professionals in higher education.

Our now second year students finished their first year online quickly moving from in-person classes to online ones. They will continue in the online environment at least through the Fall semester and have shown to be great supports for each other in the virtual space.

Our Spring 2020 graduates unfortunately did not have the graduation celebration we were all hoping for, but several of them have moved away from Colorado for new career opportunities and we are excited to stay in touch with them to hopefully celebrate their achievements as a community when we are able.

Our alumni are using their knowledge, skills, and problem-solving abilities to ensure positive experiences for students on their campuses.

Our faculty have remained active and engaged with the SAHE community as well teaching summer courses, conducting research, welcoming new students, and preparing for the changes that Fall brings.

I encourage you to continue to find the good during these ever-changing times, remain vigilant in your maintenance of physical and emotional well-being, and take care of the SAHE community!

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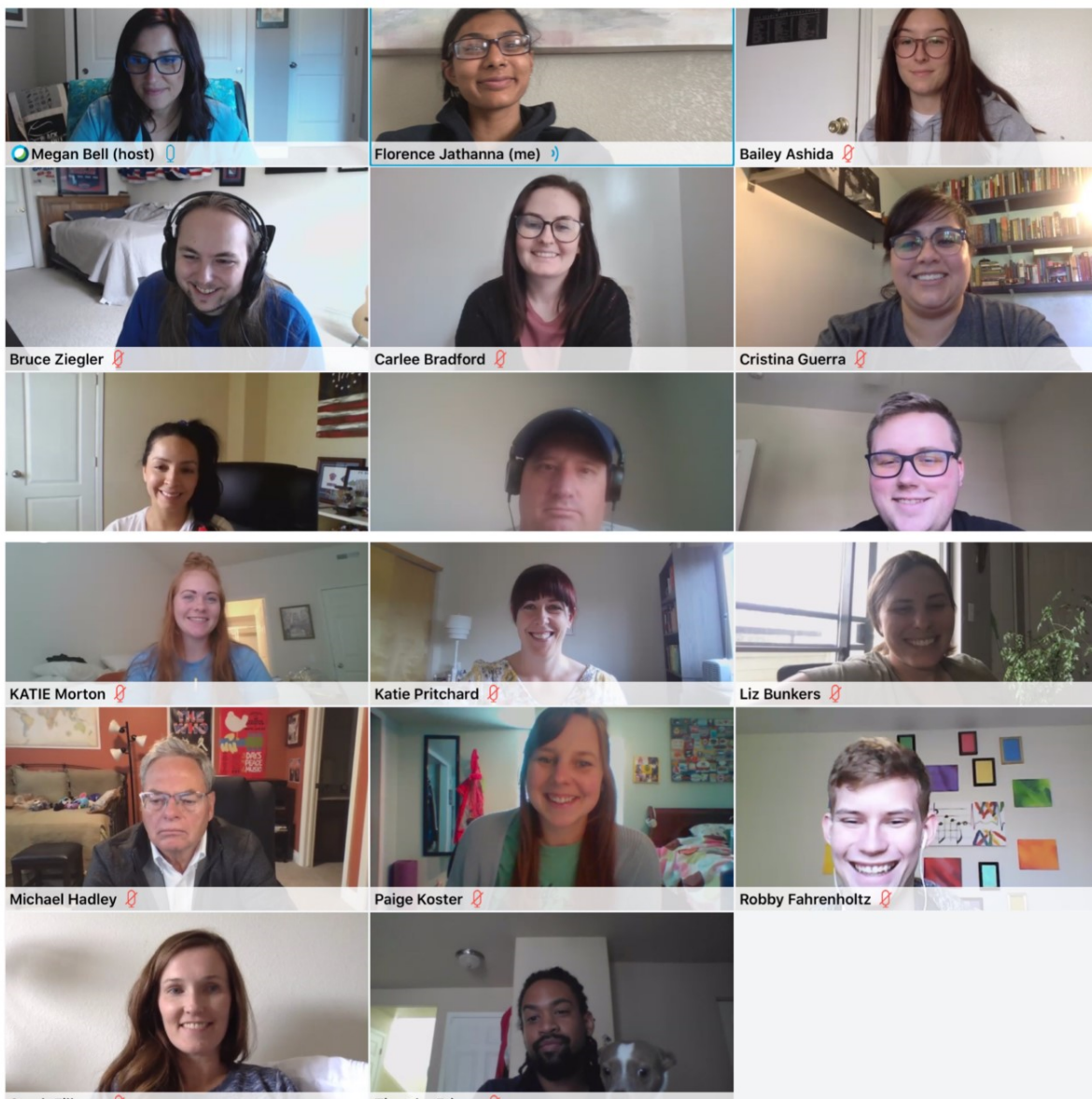
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INCOMING SUMMER 2020 SAHE COHORT

Say hello to our new SAHE students!



MEET OUR NEW GA!



Hello everyone!

My name is Bailey and I am the new graduate assistant! I'm from a really small town called Ordway, which is an hour and a half southeast of Colorado Springs (the boonies of CO). I decided I wanted to make a career out of higher education when I was a senior in high school- partially because I took a career aptitude test and also because my dad was in higher ed for almost 30 years and has had a huge impact on my life.

I graduated from Otero Junior College in 2017 then transferred to the University of Northern Colorado, graduating with my Sociology B.A in 2018. Immediately after, I started worked full time as an admission counselor for UNC and attained a SAHE graduate certificate from Colorado State University this past May, but decided fully online wasn't my jam. I had been wanting to move to the Springs for a while and after researching this SAHE program, I was sold! Even though we've unfortunately had to start online, I'm already feeling so much more at home in this cohort and program.

In addition to this GA position, I have also started a position as an Academic Advisor at Pikes Peak Community College and love it so far! When I'm not working or studying (rare), I love to go to concerts (pre-COVID), travel and take photos, and hang with friends and family.

I'm very excited to be in this cohort and I can't wait to see everything we'll accomplish over the next couple years. Cheers to new beginnings!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



My name is Florence Jathanna and I'm the GA for Student Life and Programming.

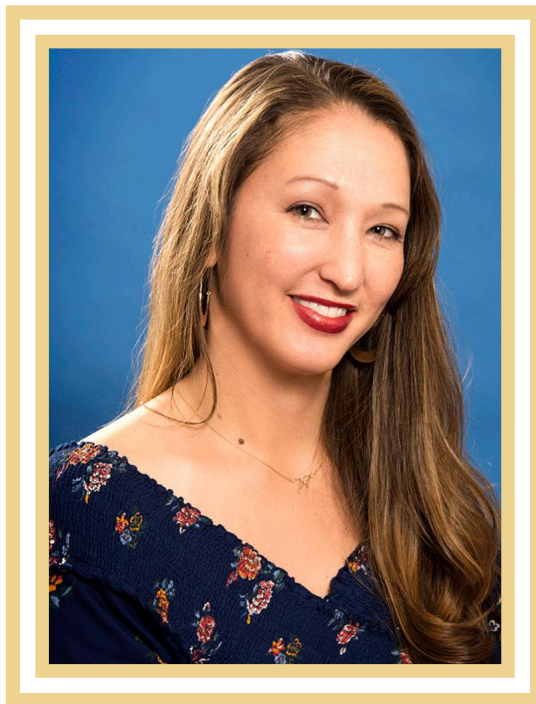
My experience in graduate school so far has been incredible. The way we kicked off right away was definitely a bit intimidating at first, but everyone—from Dr. Bell and Dr. Witkowsky to all my fellow cohort members, have been so helpful! It's hard work, but I've been loving it!

I'm looking forward to learning more about all the functional areas and diving deeper into Student Development theory. The International Studies class in Greece looks super interesting and is also something I'm hoping to do.

I'm interested in ResLife and Student Life! I consider the student contact invaluable and my experience in both those departments have been amazing.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

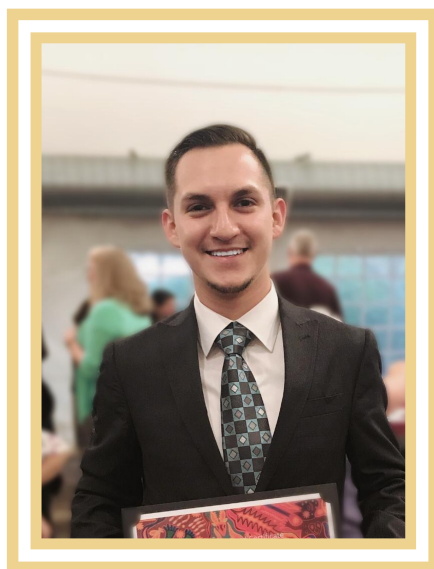
Congratulations Dr. Sylvia Mendez!



Dr. Sylvia Mendez has been promoted to Full Professor from Associate Professor. Congratulations on all your hard work!

GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN THE SAHE PROGRAM

SAHE Master's Students Teaching in SAHE Undergraduate Courses



Amner Carmona-Molina '20

Why did you want to serve as a TA?

I wanted to gain in class experience with students. Student interaction is different inside of the classroom when you are teaching curriculum than outside of the classroom.

What most surprised you about the experience?

For our class, the students participated in a service learning experience. What surprised me the most about was the how valuable and important service learning is for a better classroom engagement and experience.

What is your greatest takeaway from the experience?

The greatest takeaway for me was developing classroom management skills and the exposure to curriculum development.

What would you share with a student interested in this opportunity for them to make the most of the learning experience?

Develop strategic goals with the supervisor to expose yourself to new ways of teaching, and utilize every interaction with the students to develop a relationship with them.

GRADUATION AWARDS



Cohort Leader: Annie Landis



Academic Excellence: Erik Newhouse



Influential Educator: Dr. Sandy Ho



Inspiration in Practice: Alex Baker



Ariel Ortega Diversity Champion:
Ariel Ortega



Outstanding Service:
Pikes Peak Community College,
Advising & Testing

RECENT JOB UPDATES

Bri Walls '19 Colorado College for their Career Coach, special emphasis on-Healthcare, Science, and Outdoor Industry

Caitlin Huckfeldt '18 promotion to Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life at University of the Ozarks

Congratulations to Kolby Stallings '15 who will begin as the Senior Assistant Dean of Admission at Pomona College in September.

Congratulations to Annie Landis '20, Sarah Miller (2nd year), and Bailey Ashida (1st year) on their new positions as part-time Academic Advisors at PPCC.

Congratulations to Kat Pittman '16 on her new position as Development Coordinator in University Advancement at UCCS!



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you

*To the SAHE Students, Alumni, and Friends who have been
leading enrollment efforts this Fall!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Various opportunities coming for the SAHE program!

2020 PRACTICUM FAIR

We invite student affairs professionals with a master's degree who can supervise a SAHE practicum student to come share information about practicum opportunities in your department to new SAHE students!

Saturday, October 10th at 1pm
Location TBA

Register at:
<https://forms.gle/tRZ5Vt5a6DP19uM9A>





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