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Professional Background:

I was working in information technology. At the time my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and I quit working to take her to all her appointments and interpret in Korean for her. I began my post-secondary education at Pikes Peak Community College with a pre-med focus. I did not know student affairs existed as a degree or a profession. As a student, I was recommended to tutor biology, chemistry, and college algebra. I also served on Student Government as a senator, Vice President, then President. I transferred to UCCS and started what I thought was just a job as the PPCC Learning Assistance Centers Tutoring Supervisor. My mentor—at the time—seeing my passion for supporting students, encouraged me to alter my post-secondary journey toward SAHE. I trusted her and her partner—the coordinator of the SAHE program at the time—and everything in my life was SAHE from then on. Although, the conversation with my parents that I would not be ‘that kind of doctor’ was a challenge, I found my calling.

SAHE Teaching Experience:

I teach Culturally Responsive Practices in Higher Education (LEAD 5110). This course is dear to my heart. My former students will recall that I remind them that completing this course is not a ‘check-box’ and never absolves you from your biases and mistakes. We all learn together and try to grow be better in our contributions to creating space and supporting students, colleagues, and the community. I have been teaching for the SAHE program since Spring 2017, but I have been advocating for and unofficially recruiting for the program since 2009.

Excitement for Upcoming Year:

In the coming year, I am looking forward to continuing my support of SAHE (and LRF as a whole). However, what I am most looking forward to is the 10 year Student Affairs in Higher Education at UCCS celebration. I have observed this program transform and grow in all the best ways and a celebration is certainly due.

What advice do you have for current and future SAHE students and student affairs professionals?

I have three pieces of advice for SAHE students and student affairs professionals:

1. Develop strong connections with short-term and lifelong mentors. I am so fortunate to have had mentors (and too many colleagues to mention) who provide encouragement, guidance, and constructive feedback to help me be a better professional and leader. Individuals like Colette Berge, Dr. Mary Yates, Dr. Sylvia Mendez, Dr. Joe Garcia, Dr. Brian Burnett, Jesse Perez, and Sean Dean continue to feed my mind, heart, and SAHE soul.

2. Remember to take care of your students AND you. Yes, it is all about the students AND yet, you cannot best serve them if you are not modeling self-care.

3. Continue learning and challenging yourself. Getting the MA is wonderful and an extraordinary accomplishment. You are not done. Our work changes with the needs of our students, policies, technology, and culture. Stay up to date on what you can and connect with different people.
Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

NACADA Annual Conference
Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2018
Phoenix, AZ

2018 NASPA IV-West Regional Conference
Oct. 23-25, 2018
Wichita, KS

ACPA 2019 Convention
March 3-6, 2019
Boston, MA

2019 Annual NASPA Conference
March 9-13, 2019
Los Angeles, CA

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

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

SAHE Award Winners

Each Spring, the SAHE students and faculty choose award winners for the year. This year’s recipients were:

**Academic Achievement**- Caitlin Huckfeldt

**Outstanding Cohort Leader**- Alex Baker

**Influential Educator**- Tia Luber

**Inspiration in Student Affairs Practice**- Krystal Schiffelbein

**Outstanding Service to the SAHE Program**- Valerie McClinton
New Student Spotlights

Annie Landis
From: Silver Lake, KS
Title: Graduate Assistant for Event Services Operations in the University Center
Why UCCS? “I chose UCCS because the program focuses on diversity and inclusion and the faculty I interacted with were really supportive. I connected so much with Dr. Witkowsky and didn’t with any other faculty at the other schools I applied to.”
Fun Fact: “I share a birthday with Jimmy Page from Led Zeppelin. As such, I am the biggest classic rock fan you will ever meet and my vinyl collection is my prized possession.”

Erik Newhouse
From: Grand Junction, CO
Title: Housing Customer Service Specialist at UCCS
Why UCCS? “I found UCCS an attractive educational community for a variety of reasons. For one, everyone I met on my visit was incredibly passionate about this place – students, staff, and faculty really love being here! I also thought the idea of an accessible cohort-model for SAHE was the best fit for my personality. Plus, I am an avid mountain biker, so I felt that being in the Springs would be a good place for work-life balance!”
Fun Fact: “I learned how to ride a unicycle when I was 12!”
Regan Welsh
From: Albuquerque, NM
Title: Graduate Assistant for Residence Life and Housing
Why UCCS? “I had been in New Mexico my entire life, and Colorado is somewhere I always dreamed of going. Once I learned more about the SAHE program, it only solidified my choice to want to move to the beautiful state and become a Mountain Lion.”
Fun Fact: “I’m one of ten children, and my youngest brother and I were born 20 years and 2 days apart!”

Darius Pardner
From: Aurora, CO
Title: Admissions Counselor at The University of Northern Colorado
Why UCCS? “I chose UCCS because of the structure of the program and its resources.”
Fun Fact: “I was a member of the men’s basketball team that brought UCCS its only conference championship in school history.”
SAHE Alumni and Student Job Updates

**Ashley Marshall**- Assistant Director of Admissions at Colorado State University-Pueblo

**Katie Harris**- Director of Undergraduate Programs in the College of Business at UCCS

**Nery Macias**- Assistant Director of Admissions for the University of Idaho

**Eric Simpkin**- Director of Student Activities/Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach at the University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie!

**Jake Murphy**-

**David Buccieri**- Resident Director position at Temple University in Philadelphia

**Nic Hostetter**- Director of Student Success and Retention at Whatcom Community College

**Lauren Rundell**- moved from Advising GA to Academic Advisor at UCCS

**Caitlin Huckfeldt**- Student Engagement Coordinator at the University of the Ozarks

**Zach Johnson**- Services Coordinator at the CU Law School

**Dr. Amanda Allee**- Office of Institutional Equity Director at UCCS

**Carolyn Alvey**- Academic Advisor and Career Counselor at Colorado Early Colleges

Faculty Accomplishments

**GRANTS**


Conley, V. M., & Mendez, S. L., Increasing Minority Presence within Academia through Continuous Training (IMPACT), Sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

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Morris, P., Military and Veterans Pathways to Success (MVPS), Sponsored by the Anschutz Foundation.

Sullivan, K. (Principal), Yoon, K. (Co-Principal), Morris, P. (Co-Principal), Understanding and Communicating Student Veterans’ Strengths to Stakeholders Across UCCS Communities, Sponsored by the University of Colorado Diversity & Excellence Grant, University of Colorado Colorado Springs.


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**Upcoming Events**

You and a guest are invited to a dinner in honor of

**10 Years of Student Affairs in Higher Education**

at UCCS

A celebration of the successes of students, alumni, and the program’s growth.

RSVP at [http://evite.me/ktCDojgjFY](http://evite.me/ktCDojgjFY) by Friday, August 24th

5:30pm-7pm

Friday, September 7th, 2018

UCCS-Berger Hall

1420 Austin Bluff Pkwy

Colorado Springs, CO 80918
LEADERSHIP, RESEARCH, AND FOUNDATIONS

PhD Research Seminar: Effectively Serving Students at Hispanic Serving Institutions

DR. GINA GARCIA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
4:45-6:00PM
UNIVERSITY CENTER 302

Refreshments provided
Questions? Contact Dr. Patty Witkowsky at pwitkows@uccs.edu

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