Half of the 2018 cohort at the conclusion of their final presentations on their practicum experiences.

Front row: Ashley Marshall, Jake Murphy, Jonothan Stephenson, Jessica Rein. Back Row: Chris Rief, Rickey Ortiz, Ryan Walsh, Ben Vargas, Chad Noble.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryl Leigh Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund: Donations can be made online at uccs.edu/Daryl-Miller, by phone at 719-255-5101, or by check made payable to CU Foundation, 1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80918-3733 with IMO Daryl Miller

Welcome, SAHE Class of 2020!

Blake Barnes, Kailin DeLeo, Sarah Frazier, Jess Haney, Samantha Kelleher, Annie Landis, Jillian Mazure, Sarah Miller, Kaeley Neppl, Erik Newhouse, Ariel Ortega, Darius Pardner, Christina Shelton, Carlie Snethen, Alexander Snyder, Stacy Steepe, Cydney Weber, Regan Welsh

Congratulations to Jacqueline Gatlin, SAHE class of 2016, Associate Director, Student Financial Services (Bursar), for being named the UCCS Employee of the Quarter (October 2017-December 2017).
**NACA**

In February 2018, I had the opportunity to serve as the Block Booking Graduate Intern at the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. I have previously been involved with NACA, but at the undergraduate and regional level; the opportunity to be a graduate intern provided me with a hands-on, first-hand experience of what it is like to plan and run a national convention. Additionally, with student activities/campus programming being the functional area I am most interested in, it was a great chance to connect with other activities professionals from across the country. These four days provided an amazing opportunity to network with agencies and associates, delegates from institutions, and other members of the National Convention Planning Committee. As I move further into the job search, I know that professional association involvement will be something I will seek support for from an institution.

![NACA Convention](image)

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**ACPA**

In March 2018, I attended the ACPA Annual Convention in Houston, Texas as a member of the NextGen Institute planning team. In 2016, I went through the NextGen Institute, which is a place for 100 current undergraduate or early graduate students to learn more about the student affairs profession and how it fits with their career aspirations and goals. At this institute, we had many sessions taking about the foundations of student affairs, the various functional areas that comprise the field, as well as a chance to dialogue about hot topics current facing higher education. I feel very passionately about this Institute because attending it was personally one of the deciding factors that made me commit to student affairs. For students who attend and decide student affairs is right for them, GREAT! However, it can also be beneficial for students to get here and realize that the profession is not something they truly want to be in. As with the NACA conference in Boston, attending the Convention provided an amazing opportunity to network with professionals from across the country, which is extremely beneficial since I am in the midst of a nation-wide job search!
What was your experience with TPE like?

My experience at TPE was incredible. Although the experience was a little overwhelming at first, I really enjoyed my time in Philadelphia. Leading up to TPE was a lot of preparation work in terms of preliminary interviews and applications. However once I was on site at TPE, I was able to network with candidates and employers from hundreds of different institutions. Personally, I interviewed with 25 institutions for my national job search. TPE helped me to keep my search manageable and get a sense for team dynamics and institutional fit in person for potential employers.

Why did you choose to engage with the TPE process?

I chose to attend TPE because I knew that I was open to a national job search, and that TPE provided an opportunity to interview with multiple institutions at one time and at one centralized location. TPE is a convenient option for individuals who are conducting large scale job searches. So for me, I enjoyed the option to make one trip and meet with a lot of institutions in person rather than conducting a large amount of phone or skype interviews. Additionally, I personally find that I perform better in interviews in person rather than over the phone, and so TPE gave me the best chance to conduct a successful job search.

What did you find to be the most surprising thing about your experience with TPE?

I found the size of TPE to be the biggest surprise for me. Although information about the size of the event are all discussed on the website, it was still a bit overwhelming when I first walked in. The convention center which housed hundreds of interview tables was tricky to navigate at first. Additionally, the large number of candidates was surprising. Visually, there were times where it could feel a bit intimidating to see the large amount of competition you as a candidate are up against.

How did TPE help you secure your job at Temple University?

Before registering for TPE and having access to all of the job postings affiliated with the event, Temple University was completely off my radar. I went into the event with preferred locations and institutions for my next job. However, the TPE candidate website introduced the Temple to me and I applied. From there, I was able to meet with the Temple team for first and second round interviews at TPE onsite. I appreciated how TPE helped to expand upon my job search to institutions I hadn’t considered or known about previously. The process truly helps candidates identify great institutional matches for employment in this way.

What will be your role at Temple University?

I will be a Resident Director at Temple University with the Office of Housing and Residential Life. My role will involve student supervision, student organization advising, residential occupancy management, student conduct, crisis management, etc. The population of the residence hall I will supervise will be primarily international students.

What are you most looking forward to about your move to Temple University?

I’m excited about so many aspects of this move! All of my experience in higher
education has been focused at small or medium public state institutions. That being said, I am very excited to transition into a large research institution to diversify my experience. I am also excited to experience living and working at an urban campus built into the city.

How did the SAHE program help you secure the job at Temple University? / How do you think the SAHE program helped prepare you for the role as Resident Director at Temple University?

The SAHE program was a critical component to my successful job search. In all of my interviews and visits with the Temple University team, I leaned on the knowledge and experiences I have gained throughout the SAHE program to highlight my ability to be successful in this job. The SAHE program prepared me to succeed in this role through the practical application of skills I will utilize such as student development theory to practice, helping skills, and program development & assessment.

What are your career plans after graduation?
I have enjoyed working with students on their leadership journey, and plan to continue working in the same functional area, wherever that takes me. Fortunately, it won’t take me all that far as I have been offered (and accepted) a full-time, permanent position here at UCCS as the Coordinator of Civic Engagement. My long term goals include eventually working at the United States Air Force Academy.

How do you think the SAHE program has influenced your work on a daily basis?
I’m not going to lie, I was pretty set in my ways before I began this program. However, I have been able to learn new concepts and approaches to working with students that I have implemented into my approach in being developmental with students. Every student is different, and having more tools at my disposal, such as student development theories, has been instrumental in how I approach each student. Plus, I got to meet Ryan Walsh, and he’s a pretty okay guy.

What are you most looking forward to now that you’ve completed your masters degree?
Honestly, I’m just happy to get my Saturdays back. Do you realize how much college football I’ve missed over the past two years? I think it was at least three games, maybe four.
UPCOMING EVENTS

UCCS
You’re invited to a
GRADUATION CELEBRATION
honoring the 2017-2018
Student Affairs in Higher Education graduates

Thursday, May 10th - 5:30pm-7pm
Kettle Creek
4785 Stanton Rd
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Appetizers | Awards + recognition

RSVP by May 1st:
https://goo.gl/forms/WYgQTXhgzMBK5Of2
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/krCDbjgJFY
by Friday, August 24th       5:30pm-7pm
Friday, September 7th, 2018

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