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Summer 2010
Interview Days 2010

This past year, the HESA program broke another application record, and on February 28th and March 1st, candidates came to campus to gather and share information about themselves and the program. The bulk of the first day was spent in Rome Ballroom, where applicants met each other, the current cohorts, and HESA’s faculty.

Members of the Class of 2010, Christie Letarte and Margo Bertram helped welcome applicants.

On the first day, applicants enjoyed tours, snacks, a photo slide show, and presentations, and a highlight of the initial programming was the student panel. Applicants had the opportunity to ask questions of a group of HESA students, and the responses were diverse, candid, and at times downright hilarious.

On Monday, the prospective students spent most of the day in the Student Union, where faculty and assistantship site interviews were held. Applicants used their down time further connecting with members of the program, checking out the campus, and enjoying UConn’s Dairy Bar ice cream.

Due to much preparation by applicants, assistantship site supervisors, and HESA faculty and students, the day was a major success.
Join us in welcoming the HESA Class of 2012!

Additional biographical information will be available on the website at http://hesa.uconn.edu/current_alumni.html in September.

Tiago Machado  
**Hometown:** Milford, MA  
**Undergraduate Institution:** Bryant University  
**Major:** Applied Actuarial Mathematics  
**Assistantship Location:** Student Activities-Programming Office

Katie Johnston  
**Hometown:** Woodbridge, VA  
**Undergraduate Institution:** Christopher Newport University  
**Major:** Communications and Leadership  
**Assistantship Location:** Higher Education and Student Affairs Masters Program

Alex Matiash  
**Hometown:** Niagara Fall, NY  
**Undergraduate Institution:** SUNY Brockport  
**Major:** Marketing and Psychology  
**Assistantship Location:** Wellness and Prevention Services

Neal Robinson  
**Hometown:** Cary, NC  
**Undergraduate Institution:** University of South Carolina  
**Major:** Public Relations  
**Assistantship Location:** Office of Career Services-Explore Program

Stacey Murdock  
**Hometown:** Bolton  
**Undergraduate Institution:** Cornell University  
**Major:** Communications  
**Assistantship Location:** Careers for the Common Good

Krista Muise  
**Hometown:** Hanson, MA  
**Undergraduate Institution:** George Mason University  
**Major:** Government and International Politics and Conflict Analysis and Resolution  
**Assistantship Location:** Student Activities-Student Organization Support and Involvement

Colby Langweiler  
**Hometown:** Holland, PA  
**Undergraduate Institution:** West Chester University  
**Major:** Communication Studies and Psychology  
**Assistantship Location:** College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Charmane Thurmand  
**Hometown:** Romulus, MI  
**Undergraduate Institution:** Central Michigan University  
**Major:** Biology  
**Assistantship Location:** Office of First Year Programs-UConn Connects

Lauren Jenkins  
**Hometown:** Woodbridge, VA  
**Undergraduate Institution:** University of Maryland-Baltimore County  
**Major:** Modern Languages and Linguistics  
**Assistantship Location:** Center for Students with Disabilities

Alicia Hartley  
**Hometown:** Spring, TX  
**Undergraduate Institution:** Brown University  
**Major:** American Civilization  
**Assistantship Location:** Residential Life
The HESA Family Continues to Grow
The Class of 2012 Continued

Jenn Kosciw
Hometown: Roselle, IL
Undergraduate Institution: Elmhurst College
Major: Spanish, Intercultural Studies, Religion and Service, and Psychology
Assistantship Location: Residential Life

Brett Fuchs
Hometown: Queens, NY
Undergraduate Institution: Allegheny College
Major: Political Science and Values, Ethics, and Social Action
Assistantship Location: Residential Life

Christina Nielsen
Hometown: Miami, FL
Undergraduate Institution: Florida International University
Major: Psychology
Assistantship Location: Residential Life

Kevin Corn
Hometown: Lawrenceville, GA
Undergraduate Institution: Washington and Lee University
Major: US History and African American Studies
Assistantship Location: Residential Life

Andrew Levy
Hometown: Lafayette Hill, PA
Undergraduate Institution: University of Pittsburgh
Major: History and Education
Assistantship Location: Residential Life

Rachel Cooper
Hometown: Mason, OH
Undergraduate Institution: The Ohio State University
Major: Medieval and Renaissance Studies
Assistantship Location: Residential Life

Jessica Sokol
Hometown: Enfield, CT
Undergraduate Institution: Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Major: English and Communications
Assistantship Location: Office of Community Outreach

Kim Pho
Hometown: Chelmsford, MA
Undergraduate Institution: Fitchburg State College
Major: Communications Media- Graphic Design and Interactive Media
Assistantship Location: Student Union

Morgan Cottrell
Hometown: Kingston, RI
Undergraduate Institution: University of Rhode Island
Major: Studio Art, Psychology, and Writing
Assistantship Location: Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
HESA Summers

HESA Student Plans
The summer between the first and second year of the HESA program provides an opportunity for students to round out their graduate career however they choose. Students may continue to work with their assistantship office, with other offices on campus, or at different institutions altogether. Some HESAs even take the opportunity to relax, travel, or study abroad.

This summer, several students will remain on campus and work in offices including the Center for Students with Disabilities, Career Services, Orientation, Leadership Programming, Student Activities, ACES, Community Standards, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Asian American Institute, Student Services and Advocacy, and Wellness and Prevention Services. HESAs will also intern at the University of Alaska at Anchorage, Barnard College, New Mexico Tech, and Eastern Connecticut State University. Several students will travel to Rome for a study abroad experience, while one of our HESAs will take advantage of BGSU’s UK study tour. This year, the HESA program will also send its first graduate assistant to the Semester at Sea Program.

Check back for testimonials from members of the HESA Class of 2011 in the fall 2010 issue of the Program.

UCONN Hosts NUFP Interns for Second Year
During the summer of 2010, UCONN is hosting five NUFP interns in offices across the Division of Student Affairs. The students come to us from universities in New York, Texas, and Ohio, and will be working in Residential Life, Career Services, Student Activities, the Center for Students with Disabilities, and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

The acronym NUFP stands for NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program, which the NASPA website describes as a “semi-structured mentoring program for undergraduate students wishing to explore and better understand the field of student affairs and/or higher education.” More information on the program can be found online at http://www.naspa.org/programs/nufp/.
HESA News and Updates

Here’s a taste of what’s new with the HESA program. More news and updates can be found at http://hesa.uconn.edu/current_alumni.html.

HESA Program Coordinator Promoted

Dr. Sue Saunders has been promoted to Extension Professor, the highest rank for faculty not on tenure track. The process involved evaluation by several professors and the Dean of the Neag School of Education, Uconn’s Provost, and several professors from other institutions. Her excellence in scholarship, teaching, mentorship, and professional service have proven Sue extremely worthy of her new title. The students, staff, faculty, and alumni of HESA could not be more proud to have Sue as coordinator of the program.

Students in UConn’s HESA Program Receive Neag Scholarships

Two members of the HESA Class of 2011, Shirley Armenteros and Akeya Peterson, have received scholarship awards from UConn’s Neag School of Education.

Shirley has received the Vivienne Dean Litt Memorial Scholarship, the Sidney P. Marland, Jr. Scholarship for Educational Leadership, and the Patricia Martin Ph.D.’95 and Kenneth Sawicki, B.A. (Bus)’75 Minority Assistance Fund Scholarship.

Akeya has received the Patricia Martin Ph.D.’95 and Kenneth Sawicki, B.A. (Bus)’75 Minority Assistance Fund Scholarship.

More information about the scholarships can be found at http://www.education.uconn.edu/students/scholarships/. Further information about Shirley and Akeya can be found at http://hesa.uconn.edu/docs/newsletter/2011profiles.pdf.

HESA Students Place in StudentAffairs.com Competition

Two groups of students from the Class of 2010 have taken 2nd and 3rd place in the annual StudentAffairs.com case study competition. This year’s contest required competitors to create 1-4 minute New Student Orientation videos that promoted student use of offices on campus.

The second place entry, put together by Margaret Bertram, Drew Cekada, Eric Crumrine, and Christie Letarte, can be viewed at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ra6HEq_3iYc.

The third place entry, created by Caroline McCall, Faith Sumpter, and Heather Wilhelm, can be seen at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_TdXPrFzJVQ&feature=related.

More information about the competition can be found at http://studentaffairs.com/vcs/index.html.
Graduate Students Present at NACADA Region I

Members of the HESA Class of 2010 Jessica Petriello and Ashley Reichenbach, in collaboration with Dr. Sally Neal, Ph.D., Transfer Advisor and Orientation Coordinator in UConn’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, presented a session on successful strategies for advising transfer students at the NACADA Region I conference in Newton, MA on March 11, 2010. The session abstract is included below, and more information about the conference can be found at http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/regional_divisions/region1/confindex.htm.

TITLE: Advising Transfer Students: Strategies for Success

Undergraduate transfer students at four-year institutions are a large and growing population who have experiences, needs, and expectations that are different than native students. In addition, transfer students often face psychological, academic, and environmental challenges during the adjustment to the culture of a new institution. The main objective of this presentation is to provide advisors with recommendations for facilitating transfer student success during their adjustment process. Participants will be provided with an overview of characteristics, needs and challenges of this diverse and growing group of students. Research findings and best practices will be offered to support recommended techniques for facilitating the success of transfer students. Relevant bibliographic material and examples will be shared with audience members. Objectives will be met through presentation and collaborative discussion. (TS AL)

A Legacy in First Year Programming Continues

In the second half of 2010, the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA) will release the NODA Orientation Planning Manual. Jennifer Drum, former HESA graduate assistant in the Office of First Year Programs at UConn, is highlighted as a co-author of the chapter on planning a week of welcome. Jennifer currently works in the Office of First Year Programs at the University of Washington.

A HESA Does it Again

Jody Poth, a member of the HESA Class of 2010, has been awarded the NACA Northeast Region’s 2009 M. Kevin Fahey Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award, which was presented to her at the Regional Conference in Hartford this past November. Jody served as the Graduate Assistant in the Programs Office of the Department of Student Activities and has contributed greatly to the operations of the office and the wellbeing of many students.

In 2009, the award was granted to Adam Frank ('09), who currently serves as the Coordinator of Student Activities at Westchester Community College. Mr. Fahey, Jody, and Adam are pictured.
**Congrats are in Order**

Ashley Reichenbach (’10), former graduate assistant to the Office of Career Services, has received the 2009 State of Connecticut Richard F. Stevens Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. The honor was presented to her at the NASPA Region I Conference in November of 2009 in Newport, RI in recognition of her significant contributions to both the institution and profession.

**Faculty Continue to Impress…**

Dr. Philip E. Austin, professor of the HESA course Issues in Student Affairs Administration, returned to Gulley Hall on June 11th, 2010 to serve as interim president of the University as a committee searches for UConn’s next (15th) president. Dr. Austin released a statement to the community, which can be found at [http://today.uconn.edu/?p=15888](http://today.uconn.edu/?p=15888), explaining his mission as he takes on this new role. HESA congratulates Dr. Austin and expresses great pride in counting him a professor in the program.

**…and Impress**

HESA faculty member and Director of Counseling and Mental Health Services, Barry Schreier, Ph.D. was invited to be the keynote speaker to the first Lavender Graduation at Purdue University in May. Dr. Schreier also presented a program on suicide prevention titled “Innovations in college counseling 2009-2010: Suicide prevention initiative” at the Annual ACPA Conference in Boston in March. In addition to his presentations and speeches, Dr. Schreier also contributed to the following publications.

**…and Impress!**

This Spring, Denielle M. Burl, Director of Risk Management and HESA faculty member, presented at the NACUA/Educause conference entitled “The Use of Social Media By Students and Employees.” (See: [http://www.nacua.org/meetings/virtualseminars/29april2010/home.html](http://www.nacua.org/meetings/virtualseminars/29april2010/home.html)). In addition, she spoke upon invitation to the Nicholls College Committee for Women on “Sexual Harassment in the Work Place.” Finally, Dr. Burl is the author of a forthcoming NACUANote entitled, “Students and Social Media” scheduled to be published this summer.
The HESA Program Welcomes A Second Full-time Faculty Member...

Dr. Jennifer Lease-Butts has been appointed Associate Extension Professor for the HESA Program, effective Fall 2010. She has been directly involved as an adjunct with the program since 2004, and we are excited to have her in this increased capacity.

...and a new Part-time Faculty

Maureen Armstrong, Executive Assistant in the Office of the Vice President of Residential Life, has joined the HESA faculty. Maureen will be take on the role of Senior Year Experience facilitator.

HESA Says “Don’t be a Stranger!” to a Professor, Friend, and Mentor

Join us as we bid best wishes to professor George Allen, who is retiring after three years with the HESA program and many years as a professor in the Psychology department. He has contributed immensely to the program and its students, staff, and faculty, and he will be missed.

“I have immensely enjoyed teaching three successive HESA cohorts. I have found HESA students to be optimistic in their view of the world, vibrant and energetic, committed to learning, and lots of fun to be around. I will miss you and urge you to keep me informed about your life activities as your time permits. Godspeed and Blessings!!” – George Allen

If you would like to send your kind words and memories to George, he will continue to be reachable at George.Allen@uconn.edu.

And We Hope the Following Friends Stay in Touch Too

Stefanie Landsman, formerly the first alumni relations coordinator for Student Affairs and a 2008 graduate of the HESA program, has left UCONN to serve as the Manager of Regional Alumnae Programs at Barnard College in New York.

Steve Jarvi, formerly the Assistant Vice Provost in the Institute for Student Success and a professor in the HESA program, has taken a new position as Associate Dean in the School of Arts and Sciences at Boston University.

We wish all the best to our outgoing HESA faculty as they embark on their new journeys.
Congratulations 2010 HESA Graduates!

Front: Heather Wilhelm, Mary Falzo, Diep Luu, Jessica Petriello, Margaret Bertram, Christie Letarte, Rachel Jones, Jacqueline Guzman

Margaret Bertram
Hometown: Princeton, IL
Assistantship: Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

Caroline McCall
Hometown: Manchester, CT
Assistantship: Higher Education and Student Affairs Program

Drew Cekada
Hometown: Brunswick, OH
Assistantship: Residential Life

Jessica Petriello
Hometown: NY, CT, CO, and PA
Assistantship: Residential Life

Eric Crumrine
Hometown: Wakeman, OH
Assistantship: Wellness and Prevention Services

Jody Poth
Hometown: Pickerington, OH
Assistantship: Student Activities– Programs Office

Mary Falzo
Hometown: Upstate NY
Assistantship: Residential Life

Will Reddy
Hometown: Cheshire, MA
Assistantship: Careers for the Common Good

Jacqueline Guzman
Hometown: Bridgeport, CT
Assistantship: Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center

Ashley Reichenbach
Hometown: Selinsgrove, PA
Assistantship: Office of Career Services

Tanya Hartwig
Hometown:
Assistantship: Residential Life

Kevin Sella
Hometown: Mayville, WI
Assistantship: Residential Life

Jody Poth
Hometown: Pickerington, OH
Assistantship: Student Activities– Programs Office

Rachel Jones
Hometown: Clovis, NM
Assistantship: Office of First Year Programs– UConn Connects

Faith Sumpter
Hometown: Richmond, VA
Assistantship: Student Union

Christie Letarte
Hometown: Lunenburg, MA
Assistantship: Residential Life

Heather Wilhelm
Hometown: Buffalo, NY
Assistantship: Office of Community Outreach

Diep Luu
Hometown: Alhambra, CA
Assistantship: Center for Students with Disabilities

Drew Zimmerman
Hometown: Ridgeway, MO
Assistantship: Residential Life