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**Vermont Connection**

## Letter from the Editor

Hello HESA Alums, Friends, and Family,

It's the beginning of the school year and *The Vermont Connection* (TVC) is in full force. It's with great pleasure to introduce myself and the other Executive Board members with our 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter of the year. We are incredibly excited for the upcoming year and have many new and innovative ideas to implement.

This is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Vermont Connection Journal* and we hope to make it a memorable one! Our scholarly personal narrative (SPN) moral conversation theme is "Think Globally, Act Locally, Care Personally: Connecting Personal and Professional Discoveries in Student Affairs." This section of the journal is a prime area to reflect on how we all are connecting personal and professional discoveries in our everyday work.

With the economy in its current state and the millennial generation getting older and affecting all aspects of higher education and student affairs, we are moving toward more technological means of communicating. To stay updated on current HESA happenings, please check our "Calendar of Events" and read this and future newsletters on our website. We will also be printing less copies of the Journal than past years. If you would like a printed copy mailed to you, please contact us at [tvc@uvm.edu](mailto:tvc@uvm.edu)

Ultimately, we want to connect with you, our HESA community. You are what makes "**The Vermont Connection**" a reality. We are currently working to facilitate the HESA connection by fixing the obsolete online HESA Alumni Directory. We've made the process of updating your information and viewing the directory a lot easier. When you get a chance, PLEASE update your information. We want the HESA community to be as connected as possible.

Also, please consider participating and supporting TVC and reconnecting with HESA. Writing for this year's journal, supporting us during Phone-a-thon and Production Week, and reconnecting with our community at the Legal Issues, NASPA, and ACPA conferences. The HESA experience and *The Vermont Connection Journal* would not be possible without your support and participation!

We look forward to what the future holds for TVC. With so many innovative ideas and the creativity of this year's E-Board, I am truly fortunate to be a part of TVC again and am looking forward to the 2009-2010 school year.

With care,



Lorriz Anne "Lori" Alvarado

2009-2010

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## Meet the 2009 & 2010 Cohorts

### 2011 Cohort

From left to right, back to front: Amarildo Barbosa (University of Vermont, '07), Alicia Ferrell (Champlain College, '09), Xavier DeFreitas (New York University, '02), Amanda Flores (Texas A&M University, '08), Dustin Evatt (Winthrop College, '09), Sarah Surgala (Bucknell University, '09), Leah Charpentier (University of Rhode Island, '08), Nydia Santana (University of Illinois-Urbana, '09), Jimmy Doan (College of the Holy Cross, '09), Viraj Patel (University of Illinois-Urbana, '09), Jennifer Jang (University of Wyoming, '09), Christine Nguyen (Western Washington University, '06), Katelyn Sadler (University of Arizona, '09), Michael Griffith (Gettysburg College, '05), Vay Van (San Jose State University, '08), Caitlin Bjellquist (Arcadia University, '09), Salomon Rodezno (UC San Diego, '08)

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From left to right, back to front: Matthew Van Jura (Ohio State University, '08), Wendy Schneider (College of St. Scholastica, '07), Jackie Hyman (University of Maryland-College Park, '08), Kirsten Fricke (Maryland Institute College of Art, '03), Adam Ortiz (Wheaton College, '01), Nathan Pabelo (Western Washington University, '07), Jason Johnson (University of Vermont, '02), Laura McGivern (University of Vermont, '05), Erin Craw (College of Wooster, '04), Lorriz Anne Alvarado (UC San Diego, '08), Kailee Brickner-McDonald (College of William & Mary, '06), Valerie Garcia (University of New Mexico, '07), Stacey Banfield-Hardaway (St. Lawrence University, '08) and Payne Hiraldo (Hampshire College, '06). Not pictured: Monique Wright (Wheaton College, '03)







## 2009 Phone-A-Thon

The 2009-2010 Executive Board has big plans for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *The Vermont Connection*, the premiere scholarly publication produced entirely by UVM HESA students. It is a unique aspect of our program, but is only one part of the larger Vermont Connection. This connection is strengthened by the support of everybody involved, not just the current Executive Board or the current cohorts. We hope to carry forth the theme of this year's journal in all of our activities by engaging you: the alumni/ae, family, and friends from our past, present, and hopefully, our future. Without the generous contributions from all the members of the Vermont Connections in time, energy, and finances, we could not sustain our

exchange of knowledge and ideas through the journal and through networking events such as the receptions at the national NASPA and ACPA conferences. For those familiar with Phone-A-Thon, it is our annual fundraising campaign. You can look forward to reconnecting with a current student during the evenings of **September 23-26**. We sincerely hope that you considering giving a donation to TVC and look forward to reconnecting with you in the coming weeks and months, even after Phone-A-Thon is over. We'd like to thank you in advance for your continued support, wish you all the best and trust that you are as excited about this coming year as we are!

## Kenneth P. Saurmann Award Winner



The Kenneth P. Saurmann Award is presented to a selected student, or students, who best display(s) the established award criteria. Those recognized: (a) show a record of outstanding achievement; (b) demonstrate ability to make outstanding future professional contributions at both local and national levels; (c) demonstrate future ability to make outstanding intellectual contribution to the field in the areas of research and scholarship; (d) show evidence of having fostered a sense of community and cooperation among peers, staff, and faculty; and (e) show evidence of outstanding contribution to the University through internship and practical experience. The 2008-2009 award winner is Laurel Dreher. Congratulations Laurel on behalf of the entire HESA community!

# *The Vermont Connection*

## 31<sup>st</sup> Edition

### Call for Submissions

We invite you to submit an article for publication in the 31st Edition of *The Vermont Connection*. The theme of this year's journal is "Think Globally, Act Locally, Care Personally: Connecting Personal and Professional Discoveries in Student Affairs." Traditional models of scholarship, as well as alternate forms of expression, are welcome.



### Journal Theme

Think Globally, Act Locally, Care Personally: Connecting Personal and Professional Discoveries in Student Affairs



### Questions or Concerns

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Content Editors:

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### Timeline

September 23  
September 28

October 23  
November 2  
November 9  
November 20  
December 4  
December 28  
January 15  
January 26-30  
February 26

Abstracts Due from All Authors  
Authors Informed about Abstract Status  
First Drafts Due  
First Drafts Edits to Authors  
Second Drafts Due  
Second Draft Edits to Authors  
Third Drafts Due  
Third Draft Edits to Authors  
Final Drafts Due  
Production Week  
Premiere of 31<sup>st</sup> Edition





## Alumni/ae Spotlight

Beginning in October, the Executive Board will be featuring HESA alumni in what we would like to call the "Alumni/ae Spotlight". Every month you can read about individuals and find out what they have been up to post-HESA. It is our hope that the Alumni/ae Spotlights will allow individuals to reconnect with friends/colleagues who have lost touch over the years and to learn more about those who make up "The Vermont Connection". Please be on the lookout for an email asking for updates. If there are certain alumni that you would like to see featured, please let us know by sending an email to [tvc@uvm.edu](mailto:tvc@uvm.edu) and we will be sure to contact them. We look forward to hearing from you and learning about the exciting things you have been up to!

## Staying Connected

This year the Executive Board will be utilizing all of our electronic resources to their fullest capacity with constant updates to our website and on our email listserv. Even with the information from UVM's Alumni Association, many of you have lost touch. We've made the process of updating your information and viewing the directory a lot easier. Starting this year, we are utilizing Google Docs and have made the directory a living, breathing document. When you get a chance, PLEASE update your information. We want the HESA community to be as connected as possible. To update your information, please copy the link below into your web browser, fill out the form with your current information and click submit:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~vtconn/?Page=updateform.html>

## Greetings from 208 Mann Hall

On behalf of your HESA faculty, I hope this TVC newsletter finds you well and off to a good start of the new academic year (even while you juggle contingency plans for possible campus-wide flu epidemic). The HESA program welcomed our largest incoming graduate class in years and the second year students have done a terrific job orienting them to the campus and building a community spirit. The faculty are getting ready to again roll out the red carpet for October's Legal Issues in Higher Education conference and we hope to see some of you back here in Burlington or in Newport, RI for the NASPA Region I conference in November. While Professor Kathy Manning is on sabbatical this year, Dennis DePaul has added teaching to his professional duties within the Division of Campus and Student Life. Professors Robert Nash and Dorian McCoy asked to be remembered to you all and later this week I am having lunch with our beloved Jackie Gribbons to share some laughs and benefit from her ever-wise counsel.

Until we all cross paths again, we hope you will stay in touch and continue to enjoy the camaraderie that is the true spirit of "the Vermont Connection"!

Be well,  
Deb Hunter

# Congratulations!

The entire HESA community would like to congratulate the 2009 cohort on their recent graduation. The graduates include Travis Annan, Nicky Beaudoin, Meagan Burton-Krieger, Laurel Dreher, Joshua Gonzalez, Grant Hoover, Clinton Jasperson, Julie Kirschner, Jessica Lein, Hung Mai, Frank Michael Muñoz, Marnie Owen, Dominic Rollins, Colleen Toomey, Iesha Valencia, and Jessie Wingate. Congratulations and best wishes!

