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Vermont Connection

Letter from the Editor

Dear HESA Alumni/ae,

Another Fall has begun, and The Vermont Connection (TVC) is eager to welcome new and returning Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA) students to the HESA Community! As a TVC executive and full board we are excited as we look to the upcoming year. We hope to compliment the legacy of those who have gone before us, and begin a new chapter founded on community and scholarship for future students in the program.

We have taken another crucial step towards becoming a directed student organization by adopting our very first constitution. Check our website in the coming weeks to see it! As we move into TVC's 32nd year, we hope this document will provide transparency and context for intentional programming. We also hope it will serve as a living record of TVC's narrative for all Alumni/ae, friends, faculty, and current students alike as we continue to evolve in the years to come.

As part of this evolution, the 32nd edition of The Vermont Connection hopes to promote inclusiveness and solidarity through a singular theme across all forms of expression, "TVC: Critical Truths, Empowered Voices, Changing the Landscape of Higher Education." In an effort to continually support green initiatives and increase accessibility, our newsletters and journals can be found on the TVC website. Our constantly improving Alumni listserv can be accessed and edited via our website at your leisure. We encourage you to log on and update your information so we can keep you up to date with the latest information! You can find us at www.uvm.edu/~vtconn. If you have any questions in regards to the updating process or would like to request a printed copy of the journal please do not hesitate to contact tvc@uvm.edu.

Finally, please continue to support TVC through submitting articles, Phone-a-thon, and marking the ACPA reception, the NASPA reception, and the Legal Issues Conference on your calendars! There are multiple HESA programs, but only one Vermont Connection! We look forward to continuing to build and strengthen our community with you all this year!

Cheers,

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Meet the 2011 & 2012 Cohorts

2012 Cohort

From left to right, back to front: Kristin Lang (University of Iowa, '08), Kristine Din (University of Connecticut, '09), Kim Stabile (Lawrence University, '08), Mae Stephenson (Portland State University, '09), Heather Lou (San Jose State University, '09), Nicole Palmer (St. Peter's College, '10), Rachelle Emard (Carnegie Mellon University, '08), Betsy Crouch (University of Virginia, '06), Danielle L'Esperance (University of Vermont, '09), Jude Dizon (UC Berkeley, '09), Jesenia Gervacio (Bryn Mawr College, '07), Jilliene Johnson (College of Wooster, '08), Ray Mattila (Ohio State University, '10), Katie Julian (Boston College, '10). Not Pictured: Beth Walsh (University of Vermont, '09).

2011 Cohort

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



2010 TVC Phone-A-Thon

This year, the Executive Board has set a big goal for our annual fundraising event, *The Vermont Connection* Phone-A-Thon. Every year, we set new goals for the journal and try to raise as many funds as possible to keep the journal completely run and funded by HESA. *The Vermont Connection* is a unique aspect of the UVM HESA program that allows graduate students and Alumni/ae the opportunity to publish their works. We have set a goal to raise \$15,000 and we need your help! On **September 21-24** the current HESA cohorts will be calling our beloved Alumni in order to get support for the journal. As you may know, the money we

raise each year is put toward printing the journal as well as hosting The Vermont Connection Receptions at ACPA and NASPA conferences. Current HESA graduate students are anxiously waiting the opportunity to connect with Alumni/ae of the program, and we hope that you are looking forward to our call as well. We hope that you will be able to contribute to our fundraising efforts and help make the 31st Anniversary of *The Vermont Connection* a success. We look forward to connecting and re-connecting with you, and keeping *The Vermont Connection*, journal and community, alive.

Kenneth P. Saurmann Award Winner

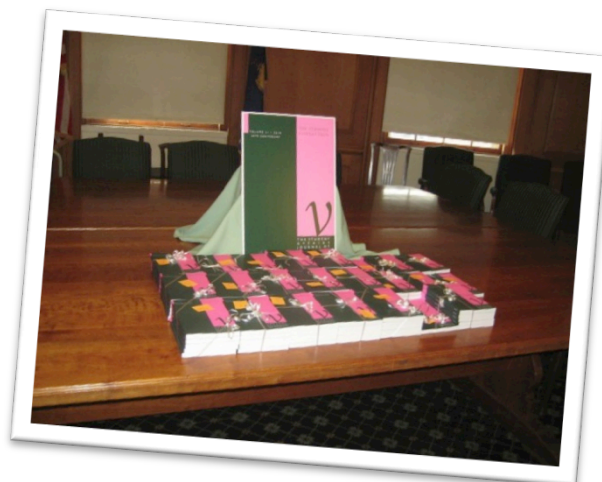


The Kenneth P. Saurmann Award is presented to a selected student, or students, who best display(s) the established award criteria. Those recognized: (a) show a record of outstanding achievement; (b) demonstrate ability to make outstanding future professional contributions at both local and national levels; (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 2009-2010 award winner is Matt Van Jura. Matt is currently working as a Program Advisor within University Unions Arts & Programs at the University of Michigan. Congratulations Matt, from the entire HESA community!

The Vermont Connection 32nd Edition

Call for Submissions

We invite you to submit an article for publication in the 32nd Volume of *The Vermont Connection*. The theme of this year's journal is "TVC: Critical Truths, Empowered Voices, Changing the Landscape of Higher Education." Traditional models of scholarship, as well as alternate forms of expression, are welcome.



Journal Theme

TVC: Critical Truths, Empowered Voices, Changing the Landscape of Higher Education



Questions or Concerns?

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

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Timeline

September 22
September 27

October 22
November 1
November 8
November 19
December 3
December 27
January 14
January 25-26
February 25

Abstracts Due from All Authors
Authors Informed about Abstract Status
First Drafts Due
First Draft 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 31st Edition



Alumni/ae Spotlight

As a TVC Executive Board, we wanted to provide the space for a HESA Alumnus who has recently returned to UVM in a professional capacity the opportunity to share his story. This newsletter's spotlight is on Nick Negrete. Nick graduated from the HESA Program in 2004, and immediately served as the Assistant Director for the ALANA Student Center at the University of Vermont. In 2008, Nick moved back to the west coast, serving as the Assistant Director for the Cross Cultural Centers at California State University, Los Angeles. In June 2010, Nick returned back to UVM, and accepted the Assistant Dean for Retention and Assessment position within the Dean of Students Office. In coordination with many departments across campus, Nick leads a C.A.R.E. Team working with students at risk. Nick also facilitates the research and assessment of programs and services throughout the Division of Student and Campus Life, forging a culture of assessment within each department in order to meet the Division's and Department's goals and outcomes. Finally, Nick advises the Dean of Students Advisory Board, and coordinates the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program (NUFP) throughout the academic year at UVM, as well as the summer intern program. Many things have brought Nick back to the UVM community: Quality of life, career enhancement, UVM values, the student culture, and much more. Nick is extremely excited to be back at UVM, working with colleagues who love and care about our work in Student Affairs. We are glad to see a HESA Alumnus return to UVM in such a great role! Congratulations Nick!

TVC Advisor Search

TVC Advisor Alissa Strong '07 accepted a new position with Semester at Sea! While the Executive Board is sad to see her go, we wish her nothing but continued success as she takes on this new challenge. TVC is now searching for an advisor to work along side the Executive Board, Faculty Advisor Deb Hunter and current Advisor Tricia Rason '06. If you are interested in applying, or would like to recommend a current UVM staff member please contact Cait Bjellquist at CBjellqu@uvm.edu for an application. We are accepting applications through October 4th.

Staying Connected

The Executive Board will continue to utilize our electronic resources in order to update our website and email listserv. Although UVM has a great Alumni Association, many HESA Alumni/ae have lost touch with the program. We are excited to keep working on the directory in order to keep *The Vermont Connection* network alive and thriving. We will continue to utilize Google Docs this year and also continue to have the directory function as a living document. When you have the opportunity to do so, PLEASE update your information on the Alumni Directory. We want to keep the HESA community well connected, and in order to do that we need your help! To update your information, please copy and paste the link below in your web browser, fill out the form with your current information and click submit.

<http://www.uvm.edu/~vtconn/?page=updateform.htm>.

You can also stay connected to UVM by following us on Twitter @UVMhesa! We are using this as a way to stay connected with Alumni/ae and to recruit more amazing people into the HESA Program!

Congratulations!

On behalf of the entire HESA community, we'd like to congratulate the HESA Class of 2010 on their recent graduation! The graduates include Monique Wright, Matt Van Jura, Jackie Hyman, Kailee Brickner-McDonald, Laura Megivern, Payne Hiraldo, Loriz Anne Alvarado, Jason Johnson, Nathan Panelo, Valerie Garcia, Finn Schneider, Kirsten Fricke, Erin Craw, Adam Ortiz, and Stacey Banfield-Hardaway. Congratulations and best wishes!

