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Thank you for viewing the Fall 2021 HESA Graduate Program Newsletter and for supporting our students in and out of the classroom!

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STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Congrats to our December 2021 Graduate, Heather Hill

First-Year Cohort at Orientation

Students in Dr. Gulley's History of Higher Ed course at the WCU Cherokee Center. Their visit in the Qualla Boundary was made possible by director of the Center, Sky Sampson.

Above: 2nd-Year, Jacob Lowman was selected to serve on a panel for the Western Wednesday series. Jacob also represented the HESA Program in this year's 3MT Competition!

Above: HESA Student Community Bowling night in September

Left: HESA Students at a Friendsgiving in November

The first-year cohort participated in the Annual HESA Poster Showcase through Dr. Virtue's EDRS 602 class on December 13th

The second-year cohort presented their assessment projects (EDHE 650) on December 16th.
The group assessment projects included:
1. Safe Zone with Intercultural Affairs
2. Catamounts Care with the Center for Community Engagement & Service Learning
3. CAT Camp demographic comparisons with Office of Leadership Programs
4. CAT Camp learning and outcomes with Office of Leadership Programs

So much cheer at the Annual HESA Holiday Party!

Special thanks to the 2021-22 HESA Student Ambassadors who have taken this initiative to a new level with recruitment assistance, weekly and monthly community social events, and even an upcoming service project:
2md-Years: Jess Minch, Zach Moffett, & Thom Newkirk
1st-Years: Gwyn Howard & Emma Stubbe

ALUMNI RELATIONS

May 2021 Graduates & Current Employment

Congrats to May 2021 Graduates who have ALL have obtained full-time employment in Higher Ed:

Jessica Davis | Willamette University | Career Development
Tyler Davis | Charleston College | Residential Life
Emily Freeze | Clemson University | College of Ed Dean's Office
Jessica Gonzalez | George Washington University | Residential Life
Jacquelyn Henry | Lenoir-Rhyne University | Financial Aid/Admissions
Riley Jelenick | University of Dayton | LGBTQ+ Student Services
Amy Kalayjian | Presbyterian College | Career Services
Elijah McCoy | Loyola University | Student Activities
Johanna Mercado | Queens University | Leadership Programming
Kristen Nichols | Pomona College | Residential Living
Katherine Rufalo | Allegheny College | Residential Living
Katherine Spalding | Western Carolina University | Health & Wellness
Holli Stillman | Western Carolina University | Vice-Provost's Office
Amber Upton | Randolph Community College | Student Success Coach
Caleb Williams | University of Wisconsin | Greek Life
Nadaja Womack | Johnson & Wales - Charlotte | Residential Living

We honor Stephanie Franklin (CSP Alum 2011) who has been fighting cancer and passed on December 11th. She worked at UNCA for more than 10 years, and at UNCW for the last 3 years. She is loved and respected by so many and will be missed in our community. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. More info available here.

Left: Fall 2021 Coffee Meet-Up in the HESA Suite with a few (of the 18!) HESA Alums who currently work at WCU!

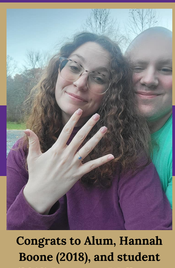
Above: Annaleise Camacho (2012) was recently named Director of WCU's Department of Residential Living

Right: Monica (McGuire) Gillette (2011) completed her Doctorate of Organizational Leadership from Gardner-Webb University in July just before she and her husband welcomed their first child, Henry, in August.

Alex Zernechel (2017) was presented me with the Philippi-Hughes National Award of Distinction from the Alpha Sig chapter at the University of Toledo

Above: Congrats to Andrew Johnson (2017) for being named "Blue Ridge StandOut" Class 2021! Both April (class 2020) and Andrew were recognized at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation event in November.

Right: Congrats to Savannah Matherly (2019) & Mike Jefferson (2020) for their recent webinar (be looking for their upcoming book chapter!)



Congrats to Alum, Hannah Boone (2018), and student (2016) Lawrence Waller on their recent engagement!

Below: It was a HESA reunion of sorts (alums from 2017, 2018, 2019) at Michael (Bishop) Arthur's wedding in October! Congrats!

Fall 2021 HESA Alum Sightings

Terry Chavis (2017) in Greensboro, NC

Alex Kerns (2020) in Lexington, KY

Riley Jelenick (2021) in Dayton, OH

William Crandall (2019) at WCU's Homecoming

Alumni & Stakeholder Opportunities for Involvement:

Sign up to be a **Mentor** to a HESA Student HERE.

Help us **Recruit**! ADMISSIONS DEADLINE: MARCH 1st.
View our social media infographic HERE
View our Fact Sheet HERE.
Recommend a student for us to reach out to HERE.
Sign up for an Open House event HERE.
Admissions Application available HERE.

Need a Summer **Intern**?
If you have an available placement or would like more information, contact April.

Anytime you have **news**, please share it with us for future newsletters.
See news and updates in real time by following the
HESA Faculty Facebook Page and on Instagram @wcuhesa

HESA Program Updates

Program Updates:

- We launched a new identity-based mentoring program for HESA Students for Fall 2021. This is an effort to offer additional support to students outside of the classroom. Currently, about half of the students have opted-in. Alums & Friends, if you wish to be added to our network of mentors, please can sign up HERE.
- We created a HESA Student Manual launch for Fall 2021 available HERE.
- We have revised our student advising model using dispositions, more 1:1 faculty meetings, and ongoing student self-assessment. Learn more HERE.
- We are committed to continuing our 2020 initiative of "Community Conversations" for current HESA students around social and racial (in)justice based in the Intergroup Dialogue Model.

Faculty Updates:

- April and Yancey both have books being published in 2022!
  - April's book (out in February) is entitled *A Practitioner's Guide to Supporting Graduate and Professional Students.* Learn more HERE.
  - Yancey's book (out this summer) is entitled *Multiple Perspectives on Today's College Students: Needs, Challenges, and Opportunities*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Spring Online Open Houses - January 19th & March 26th. Register **HERE**

Application Deadline - March 1, 2022 | Apply **HERE**

ACPA Convention - March 6-9, 2022 | Let us know if you're going!

NASPA Conference - March 20-23, 2021 | Let us know if you're going!

Oral Comprehensive Exam - May 4, 2022

Hooding and Graduation - May 6, 2022

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