



Thank you for viewing the Fall 2022 HESA Graduate Program Newsletter and for supporting our students in and out of the classroom!

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STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



First-Year Cohort at HESA Welcome Social



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

Above: 2nd-Year, Kayla Patterson planned a significant campus program - The BipoC Womxn's Art Lounge - this fall.



Left: HESA Students and Faculty at Homecoming

Right: HESA family members support Cheniqua Arthur as a finalist for the WCU 3 Minute Thesis competition.



Below: The second-year cohort presented their assessment projects for EDHE 650.



Above: Isaiah Lunsford & Hannah Durand both presented at the SACSA conference this fall.



Left: Students and faculty kick off the new academic term in August with some social time.

Right: Dr. Dustin Evatt-Young treated some students from the first-year cohort to appetizers after class one afternoon in December.



Above: Hannah Durand put on a campus-wide program called, "Don't Dis my Ability"



Above: Gwyn Howard and D'Ayana Munley celebrate Frist-Gen Week.



We wish you a wonderful holiday season from our family to yours!



Above: HESA Holiday Party 2022

ALUMNI RELATIONS

May 2022 Graduates & Current Employment

Congrats to May 2022 Graduates who have ALL have obtained full-time employment in Higher Ed:

Josiah Buchanan | Southwestern Community College |Financial Aid

Zach Camerino | Louisiana State University | Residential Living

Dylynne Dodson | Southern Methodist University | Residential Living

Collin Hill | University of Maryland - College Park | Education Abroad

Jacob Lowman | University of Richmond | Residential Living

Jessica Minch | Clemson University | Residential Living

Zach Moffett | University of Wisconsin - La Crosse | Residential Living

Thom Newkirk | Western Carolina University | PEN Scholars Program

Cassidy Pindur | University of South Florida | Residential Living

Alex Rector | Western Carolina University | Project Discovery

Jennifer Sainovski | Wofford College | Career Center

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



Above: Alumni and Faculty at WCU Homecoming 2022

Right: Roslyn Gowens, class of 2019, has been name interim director of the Mount Vernon Campus of The George Washington University



Tyler Melvin, class of 2019, just finished his first semester of the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program at New Mexico State University.



Left: Davis Wilson, class of 2020, presented at the NC AHEAD conference this fall. (North Carolina Association of Higher Education and Disability)



Above: Anthony Pohorilak, class of 2019, wife Leighton, and first-born, Ezra, welcomed a daughter and sister, Maezie this Fall.

Right: Congrats to Meredith Oakley, class of 2017 for receiving the Presidential Recognition Award at the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Employers conference.



Above: Hunter Yarborough, class of 2018, moved to UNC-Asheville this year to serve as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid.



Above: Two alums, Carrie Hachadurian, class of 2019, and Sophie Calhoun, class of 2019, just published an article with Dr. April Perry about supporting independent students. The article appears in the College Student Affairs Journal.

Right: Adam Ray, class of 2016, recently earned his Higher Education Specialist degree at Appalachian State University and is continuing work toward his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership



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 Yancey at HESA@wcu.edu.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Spring Online Open Houses - January 19th & March 16th. Register [HERE](#)

Application Deadline - March 1, 2022 | Apply [HERE](#)

ACPA Convention - March 26-29, 2023 | Let us know if you're going!

NASPA Conference - April 1-5, 2023 | Let us know if you're going!

Oral Comprehensive Exam - May 10, 2023

Hooding and Graduation - May 12, 2023

HESA Program Updates



We are pleased to welcome Dr. Dustin Evatt-Young to the HESA family! Dustin joined us in August 2022 as an Assistant Professor of Practice in Higher Education. In this role he teaches courses in the HESA program while also working with students in the EdD program in Educational Leadership, and serves as Program Director for the LEAD Minor. He jumped into these responsibilities with great energy and ideas.

Dr. Evatt-Young worked as a scholar-practitioner in higher education for over twelve years in the areas of student leadership development, campus activities, career development, equity and inclusion, and young alumni engagement. He has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Leadership Studies, First-Year Seminar, and Student Affairs Administration at previous institutions. Originally from South Carolina, Dustin received his Doctor of Education (EdD) degree from Appalachian State University, a Master of Education degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs from the University of Vermont, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Integrated Marketing Communication from Winthrop University. In their free time, Dustin and his husband, Tyler, enjoy attending musical performances - specifically musical theater and opera - and exploring Asheville's local craft shows, coffee shops, and breweries.

Faculty Updates:

- Dr. Dustin Evatt-Young was accepted to participate in the NASPA EFLA Leadership Academy!
- Dr. Dustin Evatt-Young finished his first semester as Program Director for the LEAD Minor.
- Dr. Yancey Gulley published his new book *Multiple Perspectives on College Students: Needs, Challenges, & Opportunities*
- Dr. Yancey Gulley finished his first semester as Program Director for HESA.
- Dr. April Perry finished her first semester as Department Head for Human Services.
- Dr. April Perry published a Reading Guide (including reflection/discussion questions) for her recently published book, *Supporting Graduate Students*.

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