



SAHE eNewsletter, September 2010

## Student Affairs in Higher Education

Thank you for your interest in the SAHE Graduate Program at Colorado State University (CSU)! We would like to keep you up-to-date on the SAHE program by sending you our monthly eNewsletters. Be on the lookout for future issues, which will include more on cohorts, selection, placement, practice and more!



## Application Deadline:

The application deadline for Fall 2011 is **Wednesday, January 5, 2011**. If you are interested in applying to CSU's Student Affairs in Higher Education Program, the application is available after September 1, 2010 at [www.sahe.colostate.edu](http://www.sahe.colostate.edu). If you have general questions about the SAHE Program, please email:

[SAHE@colostate.edu](mailto:SAHE@colostate.edu)

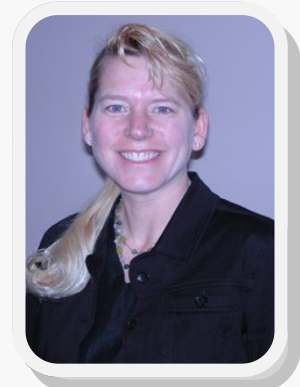
## STUDENT PROFILE: Jordan King, Class of 2011

Hey Everyone! I graduated from Washington University in St. Louis (WashU) in 2009 and entered the SAHE program directly from my undergraduate program. While at WashU, I studied marketing and anthropology but fell in love with student affairs through my work as an Orientation Ambassador and Resident Advisor. I am currently in my second year in the SAHE program and work in the Orientation & Transition Programs office as the Graduate Assistant for First and Second Year Programs where I get to help new first and second year students successful transition to the university. Additionally, I work for the chair of the SAHE program and help out with GO SAHE (an organization that organizes social events for SAHE students). My experience in the SAHE program has been stellar! I have had the opportunity to take meaningful, engaging, and dynamic courses that have taught me important student development theories, approaches to research, techniques for effective communication, and much more! I am able to intentionally apply what I am learning in the classroom to the practical work I do in my assistantship. I love the exciting faculty, caring students, and supportive Division of Student Affairs here at CSU and am proud to be a CSU Ram!



## FACULTY PROFILE: Kris Binard

After graduating from Colorado State University, I traveled throughout the United States before coming back to CSU to pursue a Master's Degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education. I completed my Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Innovation from the University of Colorado at Denver. I am currently the Dean of Student Services at Front Range Community College, Larimer Campus and I co-teach the College Student Personnel Administration course. Fall 2010 will be my eleventh year teaching this course, and I have enjoyed every semester! I live in Longmont in a 100 year old house with my partner, Ron, and our two children, Cameron who is going into 5th grade and Connor who is going into 3rd. We all love to hike, camp and travel. However, we spend most of our weekends on the soccer field! My research interests include leadership development and succession planning within community colleges.



# Summer Practica 2010!

## SAHE Practica!

Over the course of the two year program, SAHE students are required to complete 2 practica, which are 60-hour experiences selected to broaden practical knowledge and expose students to other areas of interest beyond their assistantships. Students choose to do a practicum at various points in the year, whether during a semester or over the course of the summer. Though some students choose to complete a practicum here at CSU, others travel across the country - and even abroad - to gain experiences that will help them in their practice.

### Joe Kowalczyk, Class of 2011—Franklin College, Switzerland

I had an absolutely amazing summer! I traveled to southern Switzerland to complete a practicum at Franklin College (FC). When I first joined the SAHE program, I found out current and former students had completed their practica overseas. I was intrigued by this opportunity, so I asked my academic advisor what I should do if I wanted to go abroad. She connected me with the program director who, subsequently, connected me with a former graduate of the SAHE program who was working at FC. After a few exchanges over email and a couple of long-distance phone calls later, I found myself on a plane heading to Switzerland (and Europe!) for two months. It was one of the best summers of my life – both professionally and personally. I was able to use the knowledge and skills I gained from my first year in the SAHE program in FC's Office of Student Life, helping design their orientation leader and resident assistant trainings programs. When I wasn't in the office, I spent my evenings and weekends enjoying the sites of Switzerland, Italy, Czech Republic, and France. One of the highlights of my travels was when I bungee jumped off the dam in Val Verzasca (famously shown in the opening scene of GoldenEye!) I'm so happy I was able to spend my summer working at an institution overseas because that experience really opened my eyes to the possibilities the field of student affairs holds.



### Brittany Janes, Class of 2011—St. Louis Community College, Missouri

My practicum in the office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement at St. Louis Community College was amazing! The staff was very friendly, and had challenging and rewarding projects for me to complete. For example, I gave a Service Learning presentation to 30 orientation students, where I explained Service Learning wasn't simply the addition of community service to college courses, but included preparation and reflection on their experience. I also did a hunger simulation with the students called the pretzel activity and afterwards we went to the local food bank to volunteer our time to stocking and bagging food. It was a great experience that I will never forget. Overall, this practicum was very applicable to my skills, interests, and aspirations. I would recommend it to anyone interested in community colleges or service learning.



### Khouri Markos, Class of 2011—University of Dubai, UAE

The opportunity to complete a practicum in the United Arab Emirates will always highlight my experience in the SAHE program! My supervisor in the UAE, the Dean of Student Services at the University of Dubai is a SAHE alum. As a result, I was able to apply concepts learned in the CSU/SAHE program to my work in student life and development at the University of Dubai. Experiencing firsthand the work environment and culture of Dubai was eye opening and truly transforming in terms of my own growth and global awareness. The experience was a constant adventure and allowed me to extend far beyond my comfort zone– the key to a successful learning experience. On a daily basis, I learned lessons in cross cultural communication, cultural differences, and cultural perceptions. What I loved most about being in Dubai was the multicultural and metropolitan atmosphere that exists and draws people from all over the world. The geographical diversity represented in this fascinating city provided me with the opportunity to learn from people all over the globe, including Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, India, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, and Kenya (to name a few)! Completing a practicum in this vibrant area of the Middle East allowed me to see higher education from new perspectives including opportunities that exist, areas where development is needed, and the extent to which the culture of the region impacts daily decisions. It also confirmed for me that Americans must have more exposure to this hospitable and misunderstood region. I had the opportunity to meet wonderful students, staff, and co-workers who will remain in my memories for years to come and “inshallah”, one day I will return!



### Erin VanDenburgh, Class of 2011—San Diego, California

Having the flexibility and opportunity to spend a summer in San Diego is in the top 5 reasons why SAHE has been such a great program for me. Going into the summer I knew I wanted to use the time effectively but balance it out by finding a location that allow time for fun and relaxation. That place for me was San Diego. Even though there weren't any practicums originally listed in San Diego it wasn't hard to find resources and connections through the extensive professional network the SAHE Faculty and Staff. In a matter of weeks I secured two practicums at two different universities in the San Diego area. Both practicum experiences helped me to gain practical experience in my areas of interest, expand my own professional network, and enjoy a great summer in a not too shabby location. Whether you stay near or go far away for your practicums through the SAHE program you can be sure that you will find the support you need to find interesting practicums that will contribute to your overall SAHE experience.

