

2008 AMERICAN HUMANICS PHILANTHROPY PROJECT PARTNERS

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Students4Giving is a national initiative of Campus Compact and Fidelity® Charitable Gift Fund which seeks to educate and inspire a new generation of philanthropists in a new era of giving. As a part of the pilot year, five academic institutions including California State University, Fresno and their participating students received oversight of a \$15,000 donor-advised fund to be used for future grant recommendations within their communities.

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Campus Compact is a coalition of more than 1,100 college and university presidents representing some 6 million students committed to fulfilling the public purposes of higher education. Campus Compact is a leader in building civic engagement into campus and academic life. Through our national office and network of 33 state offices, member institutions receive the training, resources, and advocacy they need to build strong surrounding communities and teach students the skills and values of democracy.

For more information about Students4Giving, visit www.compact.org/students4giving/2008

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Dan DeSantis, CEO

American Humanics, Inc.

American Humanics, Inc. is a national alliance of colleges, universities, and nonprofits with a mission to educate, prepare, and certify professionals to strengthen and lead nonprofit organizations. California State University, Fresno was *one of three* Cohen Grant Award recipients for research provided by American Humanics, Inc. in 2007-08 and received \$5,000 to develop a comprehensive academic program that imparts fundamental knowledge to students regarding philanthropy and its connection to the nonprofit sector. This grant has enhanced the creation of a two-semester course sequence on "Grant Writing and Evaluation" (Soc182) and "Philanthropy and Grant Making" (Soc183). <http://www.humanics.org>

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The Learning Center (CSUF)	Starbuck's Coffee Co. (Visalia-Main & Court)



American Humanics Student Philanthropy Project

California State University, Fresno

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Community Grant Awards Presentation

May 13, 2008, 5:30 pm
Fig Garden Financial Center
Fresno, California



Campus Compact



<http://www.csufresno.edu/ah/>

The American Humanics Student Philanthropy Project at California State University, Fresno provides hands-on experiences in philanthropy and leadership by allowing students to develop contacts with community organizations, assess community needs, and learn how to request and evaluate funding proposals.

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NEWS CONFERENCE

Order of Speakers

5:30 p.m.

- **ELEANOR URIVE**, post-baccalaureate student (BA in Liberal Studies), will introduce the evening and describe the background of the American Humanics Student Philanthropy Project.
- **SUSANA MORENO TZINTZUN**, graduating health science major with American Humanics Certificate, will describe the RFP process.
- **KELVIN ALFARO**, graduating sociology and psychology major with American Humanics Certificate, will talk about the American Humanics Program
- **ERNESTO SAAVEDRA**, graduating sociology and psychology major with American Humanics Certificate, will talk about what he learned from the process and why he's involved in the American Humanics Program.
- **ELIZABETH KUYKENDALL**, junior nonprofit administration and marketing major, & **NICHOLAS MONTOYA**, graduating psychology major, will present the grant awards and invite each of the grantees a chance to address the press.
- **GERI YANG**, junior women's studies major, will broadly describe Fresno State's commitment to civic engagement.
- **GINA MOLINA**, graduating Liberal Studies major with American Humanics Certificate, will wrap up the evening, thank our sponsors, and inspire the gift of giving.

Students4Giving at Fresno State Awards \$8,000 in Local Grants

FRESNO, CA—The American Humanics Student Philanthropy Project at California State University, Fresno hosts Students4Giving, a community event to award a total of \$8,000 to two local nonprofit organizations on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fig Garden Financial Center Courtyard (5260 North Palm Avenue).

Part of the *Students4Giving* National Initiative of *Campus Compact* and *Fidelity® Charitable Gift Fund* with additional funding from Fresno Regional Foundation and American Humanics, Inc., this project seeks to inspire young people to increase their involvement with philanthropy. Fresno State was one of five academic institutions nationwide to receive oversight of a \$15,000 donor-advised fund to be used for grants to local nonprofit organizations.

The event's theme, "Students4Giving at Fresno State are Forces for Good," underscores the national initiative and importance and impact of involving students in grant making at the local level. This semester, the 30 students enrolled in Soc150T, "Philanthropy and Grantmaking" awarded Boys & Girls Club of Fresno County and River Tree Volunteers \$4,000 each for their work in our community. "Students4Giving features the selected organizations and demonstrates the relational component of philanthropy—'the sharing of one's time, talents, and treasure for the sake of another or the common good,'" said student Jennifer Mastro, a Mass Comm/Journalism major. "We hope to inspire a giving spirit in our community!"

Students began the semester investigating needs in our community, identified focused funding areas and formed three boards of trustees (Environment, Women & Girls, Re-entry & Restorative). They researched nonprofit organizations meeting those needs, developed a request for proposals, and invited select organizations to apply. Students then evaluated and scored the proposals and oral presentations. "Not only has this an academic learning experience for us, it's also a way for us to engage with the community," said student Geri Yang, a Women's Studies major.

The \$4,000 grant to Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County will be used to introduce a new program, "Date SMART" (Skills, Mastery, And Resistance Training), for 60 young women ages 13-18 at two Clubs—the East Fresno and West Fresno clubs—and help participants gain the knowledge and skills necessary to establish fun, safe, and mutually-supportive dating relationships by confronting attitudes and behaviors that contribute to abusive relationships. "Through its written proposal and oral presentation to our board of Trustees, Boys & Girls Club demonstrated professionalism and a proven track record that we believe will make for a positive impact on the 60 young women who will participate in 'Date Smart,'" said student Nicholas Montoya, a Psychology major.

The \$4,000 grant to River Tree Volunteers will be used to purchase three additional canoes which will increase its capacity to expose a greater number of volunteers to the San Joaquin River in order to plant trees and remove trash and debris. The organization regularly cleans along 33 miles of the San Joaquin River between Friant Dam and Skaggs Bridge County Park. "The San Joaquin River is a vital source of water for our community and the valley wildlife," said student Kelvin Alfaro, a Sociology and Psychology major. "This program will ensure the preservation of the river for all to enjoy."