

**2006-2007
SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARDS**

Recognizing exemplary commitment to community engagement

University Volunteer of the Year

REBECCA ASAMI

Community Service Scholarship Program

SALVADOR ORTIZ

Scholars Service Grant Program

KARINA NAVA

American Humanics Program

LESLIE GACAD

Community Partner

FRESNO COVENANT FOUNDATION

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DR. WADE GILBERT

Staff Member

DR. DAN GRIFFIN

Special Recognition

FINANCIAL AID WORK STUDY PROGRAM

(Maria Hernandez and Lisa McReynolds)

ANNUAL SERVICE RECOGNITION RECEPTION

HONORING

THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

AT

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2007

UNIVERSITY HOUSE

6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.



**Office of Civic
Engagement and
Service-Learning**

**Radin Community
Service Scholarship
Program**

**Scholars Service
Grant Program**



**American Humanics
Nonprofit Administration
Program**

The **Office of Civic Engagement and Service-Learning (CESL)** is dedicated to engaging the entire campus in creating a better community through service and learning.

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Radin Community Service Scholarship Program

Students involved in the Community Service Scholarship (CSS) Program complete 150 hours of service with a designated non-profit, enroll in an academic course related to their service, and receive a \$1,200 scholarship from the CSS fund.

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The **Scholars Service Grant Program (SSG)** enhances academic study with civic engagement opportunities in the university and community. Renewable grants of \$750 are awarded to qualifying students who complete 60 hours of community service per semester at an approved service site.

Aleta Wolfe, Career Services
<http://www.csufresno.edu/ssg/>

The **American Humanics (AH) Program** is linked with American Humanics, Inc., a national organization that collaborates with affiliated universities, professional organizations, and nonprofit agencies to educate, prepare, and certify professionals who can strengthen and lead nonprofit organizations.

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 Dr. Robert S. Palacio, Chair of the Sociology Department

**2006-2007
 SCHOLARS SERVICE GRANT**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Major</u>
You Her*	Fresno State Upward Bound	Pre-Nursing
Nancy Hill*	Fresno READS	Liberal Studies
Maria Reyna Jimenez*	La Vina Covenant Church	Liberal Studies
Sue Lor*	CSUF Health & Psych. Services	Envir Health Sci
Nancy Medel*	Turner Elementary School	Counseling
Claudia Meza*	SMILE Center	Chld & Fam Studies
Veronica Munoz*	Fresno State Children's Center	Undeclared
Alexandra McEwen*	University Outreach Services	Business Admin
Karina Nava*	University Migrant Services	Credential Prog.
Maria Olivarez*	Fresno State Children's Center	Liberal Studies
Salvador Ortiz***	Fresno County EOC - Sanctuary	Social Work
Stephanie Puder**	Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society	History
Kimberly Ramirez*	University Outreach Services	Social Work
Catalina Ramos*	Fresno State Children's Center	Undeclared
Lorena Ramos*	University Outreach Services	Social Work
Tiffany Renteria*	Cruising for Jesus	Pre-Nursing
Grisel Ruiz*	College Assistance Migrant Program	Spanish
Maria Silva*	Fresno State Children's Center	Liberal Studies
Rita Sotelo*	Stone Soup Fresno	Liberal Studies
Kevin Stimmel*	Fresno State Children's Center	Business Admin
Nang Thao*	Fresno State Children's Center	Undeclared
Lucero Karina Torres*	College Assistance Migrant Program	Business Admin
Esperanza Vargas*	Fresno State Conley Gallery	Interior Design
David Vazquez*	Youth Leadership Institute	MassComm/Journ

**2006-2007
SCHOLARS SERVICE GRANT**

Name	Organization	Major
Zaira Acevedo*	Fresno State Children's Center	Pre-Nursing
Silvia Aguirre*	Stone Soup Fresno	Social Work
Glafira Alejandre*	University Migrant Services	Constr. Mgt.
Ambar Alvarez*	University Migrant Services	Counseling
Hector Amador*	CSUF Learning Resource Center	Psychology
Ana Ayala*	SMILE Center	Sociology
Lauren Burner*	Fresno State Children's Center	Pre-Nursing
Leticia Campos*	Fresno State Children's Center	Liberal Studies
Justin Carrasco*	University Outreach Services	MSW Program
Jennifer Cook*	University Outreach Services	Criminology
Yazmin Correa*	College of Health & Human Services	Health Science
Norma Cruz*	Fresno State Children's Center	Liberal Studies
Mayra Diaz*	University Migrant Services	Psychology
Abulfazl Eghbali*	University Outreach Services	Liberal Studies
Saul Fernandez*	Stone Soup Fresno	Business Admin
Maria Flores Jimenez*	Fresno State Children's Center	Liberal Studies
Maria Fonceca*	USU Productions	Business Admin
Salvador Gallegos*	University Migrant Services	Business Admin
Eliseo Garcia*	College Assistance Migrant Program	Social Work
Mariluz Garcia*	SMILE Center	Liberal Studies
Mayra Gomez*	Fresno State Children's Center	Liberal Studies
Leticia Gonzales*	Stone Soup Fresno	Liberal Studies
Elizabeth Granados*	Stone Soup Fresno	Health Science

**SERVICE RECOGNITION RECEPTION
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Recognizing the exemplary commitment to community engagement among our faculty, staff, students, and partnering agencies, including American Humanics interns and Radin Community Service Scholarship & Scholars Service Grant recipients and their mentors, and those graduating with American Humanics National Certification.

Welcome & Awards Presentation

President John D. Welty

The U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award, a national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service and issued by the U.S. President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, will be presented to 132 students tonight.

Award recipients receive an official President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin (gold, silver, or bronze, depending on the number of hours served), a personalized certificate of achievement, a note of congratulations from the President of the United States, and a letter from the U.S. President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

There are three levels of the AWARD varying by hours of service completed within a 12-month period, and recipients are identified according to the categories below:

	Ages 15 - 25	Ages 26 & up
* Bronze Award	100 - 174 hours	100 - 249 hours
** Silver Award	175 - 249 hours	250 - 499 hours
*** Gold Award	250 or more hours	500 or more hours

**2006-2007
AMERICAN HUMANICS INTERNS**

STEPHANIE AVILA **

Major: Business Management and Organizational Leadership
Community Food Bank (181 hours)
Mentor: Karen Clifton

The courses I've completed thus far for the American Humanics certificate have been very insightful. I've had a chance to study what's involved in starting a nonprofit and developing a board of directors, sit in on an actual board meeting, and prepare a grant proposal for Community Food Bank. I will use the knowledge learned and apply it to my future dealings, hopefully with great success.

MARILYN BYRNE *

Graduate Student in MFA program at CSU, Fresno
Encourage Tomorrow (100 hours)
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (150 hours)
Central California Criminal Justice Committee (25 hours)
Mentors: Suzanne Moreno, Vickie Fouts, & Ellie Bluestein

My internships taught me invaluable lessons about leadership, networking, and the internal workings of nonprofits. I am proud of my accomplishments in planning and implementing two major events and in preparing and securing a \$2,500 grant for CCCJC. Every aspect of my involvement in the American Humanics Program has nurtured my confidence and developed my abilities.

KOUA CHA *

Girl Scouts Golden Valley Council (120 hours)
Mentor: Cathy Caples
Dual Majors: Public Administration & Chemistry
Dual Minors: Math & Biology

I was able to learn important management skills through American Humanics and apply these skills through my internship at Girl Scouts Golden Valley Council with a great mentor in Cathy Caples who showed me what it takes to run an effective and efficient organization.

SAL GALLEGOS *

University Migrant Services (120 hours) Mentor: Raoul Moreno
Fresno Nonprofit Advancement Council (100 hours) Mentor: Kate Henry
Major: Business - Information Systems

My passion is to be of service to the community. Through SSG, American Humanics, and the Craig Scholars programs, I have been able to give back. I plan to continue my service through agencies that extend services to my neighbors; to serve the community is my Passion, Purpose, and Plan.

**2006-2007 RADIN
COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARS**

Name	Organization	Major
La Lee*	Stone Soup Fresno	Nursing
Kelsey Lewis*	Star Tutoring	Liberal Studies
Jennifer Lucas*	Wesley Head Start	Psychology
Jana Macklin*	Central CA Joni and Friends	Business Admin
Rhoda Mangar*	United Way of Fresno County	Business Admin
Jessica Marban*	Hispanic Youth Symposium	Mec. Engineering
Britnee Maxfield*	One by One Leadership	Business Admin
Kendra McGowan*	Fresno City Fire Department	Liberal Studies
Craig Meredith*	Victory '06	Political Science
Jessica Ortiz*	Saint Agnes Medical Center	MassComm/Journ
Salvador Ortiz***	Fresno County EOC - Sanctuary	Social Work
Maria Pacheco*	Leavenworth Elementary School	Social Work
Iliana Perez*	Dept. of Education Research & Adm.	Business Admin
Natasha Phinney*	Children's Hospital Foundation	Communication
Cashmere Pope*	Fresno County EOC - Sanctuary	Psychology
Stephanie Puder**	Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society	History
Guadalupe Rodriguez*	Centro La Familia	Business Admin
Liliana Romero*	Fresno County EOC - Sanctuary	Social Work
Jill Rucker*	Community Medical Centers	MassComm/Journ
Randi Say**	Saint Agnes Medical Center	Communication
Adam Schroeder*	Woodward Shakespeare Festival	Theatre Arts
Ella Shasky*	Star Tutoring	Credential Prog.
Christina Siebeneicher*	The Maddy Institute	Business Admin
Geneva Skram*	SJV River Parkway & Cons. Trust	Sociology
Morgan Spruance*	People's Church	Communication
Carin Stirrup*	Saint Agnes Medical Center	Recreation Admin
Ian Struble*	Fresno Nonprofit Advancement Council	MPA Program
Millie Tang*	Community Medical Center	MassComm/Journ
Cathy Teng*	Centro La Familia	Business Admin
Melissa Thiessen*	Huggins Early Childhood Ed Center	Liberal Studies
Angel Thomas*	Samaritan Women	Social Work
Allison Tolladay*	Saint Agnes Medical Center	MassComm/Journ
Kari Urias*	Tree Fresno	MassComm/Journ
Bi Vang*	Stone Soup Fresno	Liberal Studies
Jessica Watkins*	Children's Hospital Foundation	MassComm/Journ
Kathleen Watrous*	Huggins Early Childhood Ed Center	Child & Fam Studies
Melissa Wong*	KTDA, Inc.	Business Admin
Vang Pheng Yang*	Stone Soup Fresno	Chemistry
Kimberlee Youman*	Special Olympics	Ag Education

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COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARS**

Name	Organization	Major
Sandra Acosta***	Children's Hospital Foundation	Sociology
Miguel Aguilar*	Fresno Rescue Mission	Business Admin
Yadira Arambula*	Saint Agnes Medical Center	Nursing
David Ashjian*	Ronald McDonald House Charities	Business Admin
Celica Bailey*	Fresno City Fire Department	Biology
Regina Barnes*	Direction Sports	Credential Prog.
Aimee Barserian*	Update on Health	Business Admin
Abel Blanco, Jr.*	Fresno County EOC - Sanctuary	Social Work
Robert Bradshaw*	The Maddy Institute	Business Admin
Robyn Brown*	Hanford Chamber of Commerce	Business Admin
Diana Bui*	Fresno County Office of Education	Communication
Stephanie Carter*	Saint Agnes Medical Center	MassComm/Journ
Megan Christianson*	Community Medical Centers	Health Science
Laurie Eberle*	The Animal University Foundation	Business Admin
Jonathan Enns*	Fresno County EOC	Business Admin
Rena-Marie Fields*	Clovis City Police Department	Animal Science
Laura Flores**	Wolters Elementary School	Political Science
Ruben Flores*	Vinland Elementary School	Liberal Studies
Bernique Fondern*	Boys2Men Girls2Women Found.	MassComm/Journ
Amanda Gann*	Break the Barriers	Liberal Studies
Abrie Gerhardt*	Fresno Philharmonic Association	MassComm/Journ
Elizabeth Goularte*	Star Tutoring	Counseling
Vincent Guthrie*	Update on Health	MassComm/Journ
Simon Haeder*	The Maddy Institute	Business Admin
Amanda Hartley*	Greater Fresno Chamber of Commerce	Business Admin
Jonathan Hendrickson*	Crossroads Community Church	Music
Ka Zoua Her*	Stone Soup Fresno	Social Work
Carmen Hernandez*	Central CA Joni and Friends	MassComm/Journ
Jonathan Hernandez*	SMILE Center	Communication
Margarita Hernandez*	Vinland Elementary School	Credential Prog.
Victoria Hernandez*	Arte Americas	Political Science
Megan Jaennette*	Central CA Joni and Friends	Business Admin
Jenna Jones*	Community Medical Center	Business Admin
Danielle Jorn*	Woodward Shakespeare Festival	Theatre Arts
Dina Josan*	The Animal University Foundation	Business Admin
Jasleen Kang*	The Animal University Foundation	Business Admin
Leepao Khang*	Stone Soup Fresno	MPH Program
Haley Kolberg***	Children's Hospital Foundation	MassComm/Journ
Ashley Kraus*	Wesley Head Start	Business Admin
James Leath*	Riverbluff Elementary School	Communication

**2006-2007
AMERICAN HUMANICS INTERNS**

GENEVA SKRAM *

Major: Sociology Minor: Gerontology
 Certificates: Special Event Planning, Serving At-risk Youth, & Urban Planning
 San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, Inc. (150 hours)
 Mentor: Kathy Lustig

I consider myself an ambassador to my community through my involvement with American Humanics. My internship provided me with the opportunity to coordinate an event for over 600 guests. My skills gained from American Humanics provided me with the skills necessary to make the event a success. I feel fortunate and proud to be involved with a program that is synonymous with producing quality interns and employees.

RACHEL TABRIZI-HITZ

B.A. in Sociology
 American Red Cross (Fresno & Madera Cos.) (175 hours) Mentor: Vern Simmons
 Now employed as a Program Specialist w/ California Teaching Fellows Foundation

While working in the finance department of American Red Cross, I learned various aspects of nonprofit finance, including A/P, A/R, grant allocation, fundraising, and some of the details of 501(c)3 tax status. I am grateful for having an excellent mentor and friend in Vern over the past year, and I sincerely believe that the skills I have learned have given me a competitive edge in the nonprofit industry.

KOZUE TOMOMATSU *

B.S. in Psychology; now in MSW Program at Fresno State
 Big Brothers Big Sisters (150 hrs.) Mentor: Deanna Ramirez

American Humanics has provided me with great opportunities to expose myself for learning about nonprofit organizations through applied internship experiences. I have appreciated learning about nonprofit organizations in such a supportive, encouraging, and professional environment.

SALVADOR ORTIZ **

Major: Social Work
 Fresno County EOC Sanctuary Transitional Living Center (450 hours)
 Mentors: Angie Nguyen, Lesley Chance, & Katherine Martindale

My personal and professional development was enhanced through hands-on internship experiences in my field of choice. I also learned a lot about a population that I didn't know much about before. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything.

SUSAN VANG ***

Major: Sociology
 Lao Veterans of America, Inc. (530 hours) Mentor: Ellen Moy

I've learned that service is more than helping others. It's about being able to immerse myself in the culture of the service and the people. In this way, I have been able to better understand my community and my place in it and take pride in what I have done.

**2006-2007
AMERICAN HUMANICS GRADUATES**



SANDRA ACOSTA ***

Major: Sociology
Children's Hospital of Central CA Foundation (150 hrs)
Mentors: Julie Cusator and Megan Alfaro
Hispanic College Fund (Hispanic Youth Symposium) (150 hrs)
Mentors: Cheri Cruz & George Cushman

In my search for true happiness, I feel fortunate to have crossed paths with American Humanics, Children's Hospital of Central California, and the Hispanic College Fund. Each of these organizations has demonstrated to me the practice of charity, and I have had opportunities to enhance my skills to more effectively serve others. I have come to believe in the virtue of service.

SARAH CAIRNS **

Graduate & Intern

Major: Anthropology
San Joaquin River Parkway & Conservation Trust (380 hrs.)
Mentor: Sharon Weaver

Now employed as a Communications Associate with the organization.

The American Humanics Management Institute (AHMI) in Washington, D.C. was an amazing experience. I networked with students and leaders from around the country. It was exciting to learn with so many outstanding students who will become leaders in their own communities. The workshops presented valuable information that I continue to reference for my work in the sector. I felt honored to be a part of a campus program that is well known and respected in the national alliance. As my college experience comes to a close, I know my AH experience, and especially AHMI, will be one I always remember.



LESLIE GACAD *

Graduate & Intern

B.A. in English; now in MSW Program at Fresno State
Habitat for Humanity (Fresno) (1200 hours)
Fresno Housing Alliance and
SJV Affordable Communities Initiative (200 hrs.)
Mentors: Tony Miranda, Dr. Donna Hardina, Rollie Smith

I appreciate the leadership opportunities provided me at Habitat, having planned the annual recognition event, drafted a volunteer outreach plan, and developed conflict resolution skills. My experience with the American Humanics has been powerful, having served as AHSA President and on the planning team for the 2007 AH Management Institute. My ability to lead and set a vision for future growth has grown tremendously, and I am grateful to have learned these skills and realize my capabilities to contribute to my community.

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AMERICAN HUMANICS GRADUATES**

RAJNEET BATH ***

Graduate & Intern

B.S. in Health Administration; now in MPH Program
Sikh Council (150 hours)
Saint Agnes Foundation/Update on Health (175 hours)
Mentors: Jenelle Higton & Karen Esajian



I started American Humanics wanting to just get certified, but it turned out to be more than just a certification. After completing the program and working on my own project, I realized with the knowledge and skills I have gained from AH it has given me the confidence and capability to run my own nonprofit.

RACHAEL SCOTT ***

Graduate & Intern

Major: Sociology
Fresno Covenant Foundation (300 hours)
Mentor: Jenny Brietigam



American Humanics gave me a way to pursue my dream of giving back to my community. I always knew that I wanted to use my life to make a difference in the world, however small or large, and American Humanics provided me the tools, experience, and confidence to embark on that path.

BROOKS WHEELER ***

Graduate & Intern

Special Major: Nonprofit Administration
Fresno Coalition for Arts, Science, and History (150 hours)
Fresno Parks & Recreation (Mayor's Friendship Camp) (150 hrs.)
Mentors: Cynthia Cooper; David Huff



Through American Humanics, I have been able to fulfill my passion and commitment for helping at-risk youth in our community and for raising awareness to the growing potential and role for the cultural arts community in the Central Valley. I feel privileged to be an AH graduate! Earning this certificate is one of my most self-defining moments because of the relationships I've been able to build and the service I've taken part in. Every single person in this program amazes me and has given me the courage to charge on!