



SUMMER 2010 NEWSLETTER

President's Welcome

Hello HESA GSA members, alumni, and friends,

It's hard to believe that HESA GSA only celebrated its first year as a chartered organization on March 25 of this year. The work done by officers and members prior to our charter date and the achievements in the past year have built us into the organization we are today. Therefore, I first would like to thank everyone who had some part in establishing and contributing to the fulfillment of our group's mission. We could not have accomplished so much in so little time without unwavering support from past members and strong leadership from past executive board officers. You all know who you are - thanks for everything!



So, what exactly have we accomplished? Well, in the past year we've organized numerous social and service opportunities for members, including our annual Welcome Back BBQ, a trip to Peter Piper Pizza, volunteering with Operation Christmas Child, helping with Baylor Move-In Day, and assisting in the orientation of incoming HESA students. I think everyone would agree that the year's high point was hosting the first annual Texas Conference, featuring Dr. Robert Birnbaum, and organizing a social event for all Baylor graduate students. This year's leadership team has discussed recreating most of these programs with our own special twists, as well as injecting some original ideas into the year's schedule. We also hope to play a larger part in recruiting students for the HESA program with the ultimate goal of enhancing the reputation of what we believe to be an exemplary and vigorous graduate program.

We're looking forward to the growth of HESA GSA with the addition of members from the incoming cohort. We hope to keep our alumni and friends updated with newsletters throughout the year, so keep an eye out for exciting news as the year unfolds! Thanks again for all your support, and best wishes to our program graduates who are making a difference in the field of student affairs.

Thanks and Sic' Em!

Ida Jamshidi
HESA GSA President

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

*This year, the HESA program welcomes two full-time assistant professors,
Dr. Nathan Alleman and Dr. Rishi Sriram.*

DR. NATHAN ALLEMAN EARNED A BA FROM MESSIAH COLLEGE IN PHILOSOPHY, MA FROM GENEVA COLLEGE IN HIGHER EDUCATION, AND PHD FROM THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY IN HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY, PLANNING AND LEADERSHIP (2008). FOLLOWING HIS DOCTORAL WORK, NATHAN WAS AN ASSISTANT VISITING PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AT WILLIAM AND MARY, TEACHING STUDENT DEVELOPMENT THEORY, ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE, SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION, AMONG OTHER COURSES. RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE FACULTY SOCIOLOGY, COLLEGE ACCESS, AND YMCA STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS. NATHAN IS EXCITED TO JOIN THE BAYLOR COMMUNITY, ALONG WITH HIS WIFE KAREN, 5-MONTH OLD DAUGHTER ANNABELLE, AND MAINE COON CAT EL GWAPO.



DR. RISHI SRIRAM JOINS THE FACULTY AFTER A YEAR AS A VISITING FACULTY MEMBER AND PROGRAM COORDINATOR. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS FROM BAYLOR UNIVERSITY. THIS SPRING, HE SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED HIS DISSERTATION AT ASUZA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY TO EARN HIS PH.D. HIS RESEARCH INTERESTS INCLUDE COLLEGE STUDENT SUCCESS, LIVING-LEARNING PROGRAMS, AND STUDENT AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. HE RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT HOUSING ON EXPLORING THE EFFECT OF A RESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC-STUDENT AFFAIRS PARTNERSHIP: THE FIRST-YEAR OF AN ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE LIVING-LEARNING CENTER. THIS FALL, HE WILL TEACH CULTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. HE CURRENTLY LIVES IN WACO, TEXAS WITH HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN.

To welcome these new faculty members to the HESA family, you can reach them at Nathan_Alleman@baylor.edu and Rishi_Sriram@baylor.edu.

BAYLOR WELCOMES A NEW PRESIDENT!



President Starr with some members of the 2009 Cohort

THE HESA PROGRAM IS PROUD TO WELCOME BAYLOR'S 14TH PRESIDENT, JUDGE KEN STARR, TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY! MEMBERS OF THE SECOND-YEAR COHORT WERE ABLE TO MEET AND GREET PRESIDENT STARR AND HIS WIFE, ALICE, DURING AN ON-CAMPUS RECEPTION IN JUNE.

PRESIDENT STARR RECEIVED HIS B.A. FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN 1968, HIS M.A. FROM BROWN UNIVERSITY IN 1969, AND HIS J.D. FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL IN 1973. PRESIDENT STARR COMES TO BAYLOR FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE SERVED AS THE DUANE AND KELLY ROBERTS DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW. AMONG OTHER DISTINGUISHING APPOINTMENTS IN THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL SYSTEM, PRESIDENT STARR SERVED AS THE SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES FROM 1989 TO 1993, WHERE HE ARGUED 25 CASES BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

ALUMNI NEWS

Aaron Dabney
Class of '09

Aaron recently accepted a faculty appointment as a part-time lecturer in the Aviation Science department at Baylor.

Aaron teaches the Intro to Aviation class to first-year majors and assists with recruitment and retention projects.

J. T. Snipes
Class of '09

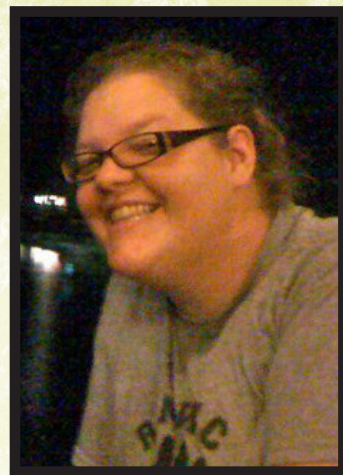
J. T. recently accepted an offer to attend graduate school at Indiana University in their Higher Education and Student Affairs program. J. T. will start at IU this fall as full-time doctoral student and graduate assistant in the Center for Urban and Multicultural Education.

Please send alumni updates to Lindsey_Reimer@baylor.edu.

HONORS AND REWARDS

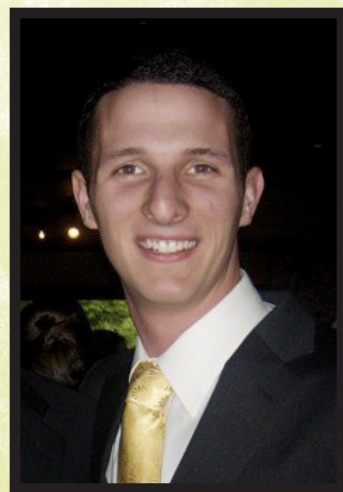
Please help us congratulate the following 2009 HESA Cohort members who have received awards and recognitions within the past year. Keep up the good work!

Kerri Bond presented a workshop at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June of 2010. The presentation was entitled "Beyond Prestige: Finding a Graduate Program for You."



Dr. Rishi Sriram and Jesse Hines won a research article competition with the Texas Association of College & University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA). The article is entitled "Reframing Student Affairs Practice." TACUSPA will present the award at their annual conference in October.

In the spring of 2010, Jon Abernathy helped survey and analyze a statistical representation of students' perceptions of dating/relationship programming in a college setting. Because of these efforts, his undergraduate institution, Union University, received an \$8,000 grant for a conference on marriage and dating.



WELCOMING THE 2010 COHORT



HESA members at a softball game



Welcome Back BBQ



The newest cohort at HESA Orientation



End-of-Year Banquet with 2008 and 2009 Cohorts

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*We want to hear what you think! Please send any feedback to
Lindsey_Reimer@baylor.edu to ensure that the newsletter is as
helpful and beneficial as possible!*