

# Higher Education Student Association Newsletter

March 2014

## Alumni Professional Panel Breakfast

On February 19th, in the Russel Center HESA hosted an Alumni Professional Panel Breakfast. For this event, HESA invited past alumni from the Higher Education Program that are now currently working in the field to come in or video conference with our current students. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain valuable information first hand about job searching and helpful tips on interview techniques.

### Important information that our students learned about job searching from our Alumni were:



- Utilize the social media outlets. In fact, twitter has a specific area for student affairs job postings (# SA jobs). Most of the time the jobs that are posted on this come out before they are officially announced through the institution or other higher education job websites.
- Never count yourself out of any job. Always try to apply the skills gained during your graduate experience to your advantage in whatever job you may be pursuing.
- Do not interview for jobs you are not interested in, it will come across in the interview process.
- Use your cohort as your network and support system throughout the process and beyond. Those around you can be some of the most valuable people when making outside connections.

- Always check and re-check resume materials

### Important information that our students learned about after obtaining a job were:

- In your first position constantly look for ways to get involved or diversify your resume.
- When adjusting to a role make sure to take the time to understand the history of the institution and the office before you came, before trying to change everything.
- Own up to your mistakes and allow yourself humility to take a step back.

This is a small amount of valuable information from the Panel that students were able to take away. For those in attendance there were several other topics of discussion and room for individual questions on a personal basis as well. All students that attended left with more confidence in the job searching process.

If you have any information that you would like to share or have apart of our next newsletter please be sure to forward that information to [Alexandra.White@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:Alexandra.White@rockets.utoledo.edu)

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## Higher Education Student Highlights



**Carlos Pinkerton**

My name is Carlos Pinkerton. I am a 1st year HESA Student. I currently work as the Graduate Assistant in the Office for the Student Experience where I work directly with the Dean of Students. I am originally from Cleveland Heights, OH. I did my undergrad at THE Ohio State University, where I majored in Strategic Communications.

It was at Ohio State where I found my love for Student Affairs, being involved in various student activities I found out about this wonderful field of study. Immediately after graduation I received a full time position working in University Development. While in development I worked as a program assistant for the Office of Donor Relations. I also served as a Greek Week Advisor for the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life in the Ohio Union. This further sealed the deal for me that Student Affairs was for me! Upon graduation next spring. I plan to work for 2- 3 years to gain additional experience then go on to pursue my PhD. in either Higher Education Policy or Higher Education Administration



**Dayna Boes**

I first want to congratulate my Cohort for surviving our Comprehensive Exam! We did it! For those of you who do not know me, I have a very unique academic background. I earned my undergraduate degree in Astronomy from the University of Toledo. Yes, that is a real degree and no, I cannot tell you why out of over 200+ majors I chose that one. I began working at the Office of International Student & Scholar Services during my sophomore year (I am currently a GA in the Office) and I had two of the best supervisors/mentors out there. I owe a large amount of my success to them as they were the ones to point me in the direction of Higher Education/Student Affairs. I soon realized that the international niche of higher education was where I found passion and meaning in my life. There is something very special about working with international students and I cannot quite describe that feeling in words. My job humbles me every day as I have the opportunity to work with some of the most incredible people I have ever met. I admire the bravery and strength it must require to leave behind everything comfortable and familiar in pursuit of achieving some kind of personal or educational growth. And I find peace in knowing that I am part of that; something so much larger than myself.

I began the Master's program with very specific interests and career goals, and my experiences throughout the program have reconfirmed and strengthened my passion for working with international students. With my degree, I plan to continue advising international students for the next 3-5 years, and then I would like to serve in a leadership role within an international office, perhaps an assistant director or director? We shall see where the wind takes me!



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## HESA GA PREP

On March, 13th HESA provided incoming students in our master's program the opportunity to meet with current GA's and students in the program to discuss the GA Fair. For the incoming students that attended they were able to gain valuable advice on how assistantships work and what to expect at the fair. This was also a great opportunity for the new students to meet some students already in the program. The event was a success and HESA wishes the best of to all those that participated in the GA Fair!



## HESA Shout Outs

**Calling all Higher Education Students!!**

On April, 25th from 12:00– 1:30 pm in the Russell Center, HESA is hosting an end of the year celebration, HESA PALOOZA! Come one, come all to celebrate everyone's accomplishments, those graduating and enjoy everyone's company. There will be food and of course tons of fun. What better way can you think of to celebrate then end of the school year then spending with it your peers? HESA hopes to see everyone there!



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**To all those who**  
**survived comps!**

## Upcoming Events:

**HESA PALOOZA! (end of the year celebration) Friday, April 25th from 12:00-1:30pm in the Russel Center (there will be food & FUN!)**

**HESA ELECTIONS– TBA, please keep an eye on your email for further information regarding HESA elections**