

# Annual American Humanics Dinner honors students

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The 29th annual dinner to honor ASU's American humanics student achievements took place April 29 at the Wyndham Phoenix Hotel.

The theme of the night was "One Voice, Many Missions: The artistry of the nonprofit sector," which acknowledges the numerous people who contribute in various ways to the nonprofit sector.

The keynote speaker was Patrick McWhortor, president and chief executive officer of the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits, who shared some inspirational thoughts on how this year's graduates will influence the nonprofit sector.

Student award winners included:

- Jaclyn Goris won the Camelback Kiwanis award, which honors a returning American humanics student who has provided outstanding leadership and potential in the nonprofit field.
- Emily Curry was awarded the second annual American humanics alumni scholarship, a scholarship funded and awarded by AH alumni. The recipient is chosen based on his or her contribution to American humanics, and the recipient's ability to demonstrate use of his or her unique talents to benefit and strengthen the nonprofit sector.
- Jenna Schaefer was awarded the graduating senior director's award, which honors a graduating American humanics student who has provided exemplary leadership and maintained academic excellence.
- Candida Henriquez received the American humanics management institute director's award, which honors a returning student for his or her emerging leadership to support the Annual American Humanics Management/Leadership Institute (AHMI) campaign. This award provides

support for the annual management institute in the name of a deserving undergraduate student through a financial contribution made in his or her name to the AHMI campaign.

- Samuel Richard earned the George F. Miller outstanding student award, named in memory of the ASU American humanics program founder, honoring an American humanics student who displays exemplary qualities of leadership, academic achievement, and commitment to the youth and human service organization field.
- Kristina Oniszko won the Jack Armstrong Scholarship, which is awarded to a deserving undergraduate student in honor of Armstrong, the founding executive director of American humanics at ASU. The scholarship was established by the First Gen AH alumni, family and friends of Armstrong.

Graduating seniors honored at the dinner included Frank Carbone, Ashley Collins, Traci Cowley, Emily Curry, Lauren Dunning, Jaclyn Goris, Candi Henriquez, Stanley Hopkins, Casey Johnson, Michal Kempton, Rachael Mangum, Erika Moore, Kristina Oniszko, Jonathan Pasquinelli, Alexandra Paul, Andrea Payne, Samuel Richard, Jenna Schaefer and Jennifer Speer.

Stacey Freeman, senior program coordinator for ASU American humanics, says the dinner is a much-needed reward for students who have accomplished so much throughout the year.

"They are strong leaders and will positively affect the nonprofit sector for many years to come," she says.

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