



HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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CURRENT STUDENT SPOT LIGHT:

Wrayanne Glaze

Wrayanne is one of the most caring, hard-working people that I have ever met. She was in the Army for 2 years, stationed in Ft. Jackson, SC. She was a light wheel vehicle mechanic. She has 2 kids, Dallas who is 10 and Denton who is 5. She enjoys taking classes here at GHC and made the Dean's list twice! Wrayanne is vice president of Psi Beta and a member of the Human Service Club. She currently volunteers with Hospice and is working as

a group counselor for the GA multiple offender program. She absolutely loves it!! Wrayanne is always the first to comfort someone when they are down. She does not hesitate to speak up and demand fairness. When speaking about her goals in class, her main goal is to "take everyone home with her and take care of them". I feel confident in saying that if she physically could- she would. Her determination to help others is unmistakable.

Wrayanne is one of those people that will inevitably save the world. We definitely need more people like her!



The best rules to form a young man are: to talk little, to hear much, to reflect alone upon what has passed in company, to distrust one's own opinions, and value others that deserve it.
Sir William Temple

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GRADUATE SPOT LIGHT:

Melissa Smith

I just graduated from GA Highlands in the Spring of 2008. I graduated with a degree in Human Services and I believe that there is no doubt that if I had not been in this program with the wonderful instructors and classes that I have had, I would not have the opportunity to have two internships with the Department of Family and Children

Services in Polk County.

I felt encouraged to apply myself and to make many advances to help me get a career in the human services field. In the Human Services program we are allowed to explore different areas of the human service professions and also learn many applications that expanded our ability to work with people and be better employees in the careers that we became involved in.

Every day do something that will inch you closer to a better tomorrow.
Doug Firebaugh

Melissa Smith continued:

This program gave me the skills needed to excel in my career. During the last week of classes I applied to work with the DFCS office that I had been doing my field work for. I was hired to work with them and I currently work at the Department of Family and Children Services in Polk County. I know that the human services program was well worth participating in.



WHAT WE HAVE DONE...

* September 6, 2008 The Inaugural Felicia Claxton Scholarship Ride- we will post more information about this in our next newsletter

WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW?

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
Margaret Mead

* We are so excited about a new semester here at GHC. We are making plans to do and be a part of SO many things. Keep an eye out for the Human Services Club- we are planning to be all over the place!

Agency Spot Light:

Unfortunately, we were unable to spotlight an agency in this issue due to lack of information. If you are an agency that is in need of volunteers, or would simply like getting the word out about the services that you offer, please send information stating your mission and what you do. We will gladly post the information in the newsletter and forward it to other agencies, schools faculty, staff, and students.

This is a great way to get the word out about the services that you provide and the needs that you may have. This information is a great way for students to learn about your agency before making their field placement choice.

If you would like to see your Agency spotlighted, please send a brief statement describing your agency and the clients you serve. Also include the volunteer opportunities that are available, contact information, and e-mail address. Send info to sclaxton@highlands.edu.

Advisor's Corner:

Susan Claxton

It is with great enthusiasm that I report that the First Felicia Claxton Memorial Scholarship Ride was a success. We raised approximately \$1,700 through sponsorships, rides, and donations. We had about 14 Volunteers which included past and present Human Services Students and their families. The riders who participated were extremely complementary of the route and how well we were organized. In addition to the riders and volunteers we were fortunate to have a wonder entertainment group called "Christian Heritage" which by the way my step-father is the lead guitar.

Our route was a scenic ninety mile route through northwest Georgia. When we returned we served lunch which included spaghetti, rolls, tea, and pound cake for dessert. I cannot thank everyone enough for their support and participation. Our 2nd Annual Ride is planned for September 12, 2009. Details will follow in future newsletters.

With all that said, we are still a long way from our goal of \$40,000. This is the amount we need to endow and maintain the scholarship in perpetuity. If you would like to make a donation please contact Susan Claxton at sclaxton@highlands.edu. Again, thank you all for your continued support.



For more information please contact: Susan Claxton, Human Services Program Coordinator at 706 368 7618 or sclaxton@highlands.edu.

Words from the Human Service Club President:

Shannon Williams

I can not express how excited I am about Fall semester! Being appointed Human Services Club president is an honor and a privilege. Just a tid-bit about me. I am a single mom to 12 year old, Jenna. I will graduate in May 2009 and continue on to a 4 year college with a focus on either Psychology or Sociology. After I receive my bachelors I hope to work with abused children, while continuing to work toward my Masters degree. There are so many things that I am hoping for us to accomplish as a club this semester- I just can not wait!! It is time for us to stand up in our college and community and be heard. We must say loud and proud "We are going to make a difference!" **So, Who's with me?**

There is no better time than now to thank the one person who has made such an impact in my life, Mrs. Susan Claxton. I speak for myself, as well as, others in the club when I declare she is our "rock". Those of you who do not know her are missing out on one of the kindest, caring, hard-working people that I have ever met. She is always willing to go the extra mile do *whatever* it takes to help out *anyone* in *any* situation that may arise. Mrs. Claxton is the epitome of Human Services. It is for all of these reasons that we continue to work so hard to make the Felicia Claxton Memorial Scholarship a reality. If you have any question contact: Susan Claxton sclaxton@highlands.edu OR Shannon Williams swilli12@student.highlands.edu.



This is Felicia Claxton. We will continue to keep her photo posted to remind us of how important the establishment of the scholarship remains. I believe that knowledge is power and we are going to have the opportunity to give a student power over their education. What a great day it will be!!!!

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In this period of scarce resources, community agencies face unparalleled challenges in meeting existing needs. The Human Services Program/Club works to build collaborative relationships among public and private community organizations in order to help build, shape, and strengthen relationships between Georgia Highlands and the communities within their service area.



Making a difference- one starfish at a time



Human Services Club

Human Service Advising Information

To all Human Service majors and those thinking of joining the Human Service program:

Be advised that these classes are only offered in the **Fall**: SOCI 1110 Intro to Social Services; HMSV 1120 Interpersonal Communication and Helping Skills; and PSYCH 2140 Principles of Behavior Analysis.

These classes are only offered in the **Spring**: SOCI 1160 Social Problems; SOCI 2145 Death and Dying; SOCI 2130 Group Process; and PSYCH 2128 Theories of Personality.

I would suggest that everyone contact Mrs. Claxton to set up an appointment to go over your schedule as soon as

possible to avoid any confusion with which classes are offered when.

Also, HMSV 2160 Field Work Practicum I must be taken after you have taken PSYCH 1120 and during your last two semesters.

Human Service Core classes are not taught in the Summer

The great and glorious masterpiece of man is to know how to live to purpose.

Michel de Montaigne