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AMERICAN HUMANICS[®] CURRENT COHEN RESEARCH GRANT AWARD WINNERS COMPLETE PROJECTS

Kansas City, MO – August 23, 2010 – American Humanics (AH) today announced that Jennifer Rinella and Kelly McPhee, the two recipients of its prestigious Cohen Research Grants for 2009-2010, have successfully completed the projects for which they received their awards. Both award winners presented their research accomplishments during a recent AH Professional Development Meeting. The Cohen research awards were established in 1997 by Jerome and Jeannette Cohen to provide funds for research in nonprofit management and leadership by faculty at American Humanics-affiliated colleges and universities.

Jennifer Rinella, Director of Nonprofit Leadership Studies and American Humanics at Rockhurst University, chose the project topic “Raising the Bar on Fundraising Education”. Her project has resulted in the development and unanimous approval of an undergraduate fundraising curriculum leading to a concentration within the Nonprofit Leadership Studies major. Ms. Rinella is a Rockhurst AH alumna with a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and a Master’s in Integrated Humanities and Education, and she is a doctoral student at Baker University.

Kelly McPhee, AH Campus Executive Director at the University of Baltimore (UB), selected the topic of “Nonprofit Studies Across the Curriculum: The Establishment of a Campus-Wide American Humanics Minor”. Her work resulted in the establishment of UB’s first-ever, campus-wide social entrepreneurship minor; course changes to the Community Studies and Civic Engagement curriculum; and the addition of a new class, “Community Case Studies,” offered as an on-line course for students at Perry Point, Maryland. Ms. McPhee was first introduced to American Humanics in September 2006 as an undergraduate student at the University of Baltimore. She was a first-round NextGen Scholar recipient and is currently AH certified and six credits short of a Master of Arts degree.

About American Humanics

American Humanics is the only workforce development organization that certifies diverse, work-ready talent for the nonprofit sector. Our alliance of educational programs and nonprofit partners produces the leaders whose work strengthens communities worldwide. With over 62 years of experience, American Humanics is the nation’s original architect of building the bridge between nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions, thereby assuring the talent exists to meet the increasing leadership needs for the nonprofit sector. For additional information about American Humanics, please visit our website, <http://www.humanics.org>
