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NEWS CONFERENCE—Order of Speakers

6 p.m.

JASON WHITTEN, a senior majoring in Sociology & pursuing the Humanics Certificate, welcomes & introduces Dean Lowham

DR. ELIZABETH LOWHAM, Dean of the College of Social Sciences provides the Official Welcome on behalf of the University

JESSICA PIFFERO, a graduate student in the MPA Program & Communications Specialist at Fresno State introduces Special Scholarships & Award Presentations

DR. PETER ROBERTSON, Director of Development at Fresno State Alumni Association, presents the Jeffrey Robinson Humanics Scholarship to LEXEY JENKINS-NYCE, a junior Music major pursuing the Humanics Minor Degree

MR. ADRIAN GOMEZ & MS. GABRIELLE KIRKLAND, Lecturers, present the 2023-24 Ellen Bush & Katherine Whitney Stephens Scholarships to JEANINE HALBROOK & JADE TOSCANO

DR. MATTHEW ARI JENDIAN, Humanics Director presents Humanics Exemplar & Outstanding Graduate & Alumnus Awards to PRESLEY FLETCHER, ARMANDO VILLARREAL, & GABRIELLE KIRKLAND

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMING GRANT:

- ★ NOEL AGUILAR, a senior majoring in American Indian Studies & Sociology & JADE TOSCANO, a senior sociology major (both pursuing the Humanics Certificate) present this grant to Every Neighborhood Partnership

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING GRANT:

- ★ JEANINE HALBROOK, a junior majoring in Community Benefit & Youth Services Administration & TERESA MAGANA, a junior majoring in Recreation Administration (both pursuing the Humanics Certificate) present this grant to Reading Heart

MARCUS WILLIAMSON, a junior sociology major pursuing the Humanics Certificate & RAUL DIAZ, a master's student in Psychology, thank our partners and inspire philanthropy

DR. JENNIFER RANGLES, Sociology Department Chair, concludes

2023 HUMANICS@FRESNOSTATE

STUDENTS4GIVING PHILANTHROPY PROJECT GRANTS



MISSION: “Activate. Equip. Mobilize. Transform.”

VISION: “Students excel, community members are healthy and whole, and our neighborhoods thrive.”

HUMANICS S4G GRANT AMOUNT: \$6,500

PROJECT/PROGRAM: The grant will help ENP to pilot 8 After School Edible Garden Programs for AY2023-24. Two garden program staff will go to each site every week, teaching the same 30-minute lesson. The curriculum will cover gardening, sustainability, and healthy eating to support children’s physical, mental, and social wellbeing. Lessons will include taste tests as well as exposures to different types of organic materials. Children will be exposed to healthy eating options while learning about how food is grown and where it comes from.



MISSION: “Serving children in hospitals and children in areas with limited access to books.”

FOUNDER: Danay, 16, founded Reading Heart, a community-based 501(c)(3) book donation organization, at the age of eight. The youngest registered social entrepreneur in Fresno County history, Danay is also “an avid book reader and advocate for education.” Danay started Reading Heart with the idea that “she wanted to share her passion for reading and the joy of escaping in a good book with other children.”

HUMANICS S4G GRANT AMOUNT: \$6,500

PROJECT/PROGRAM: The grant will be utilized to offer a 1-week summer pilot “young authors” program to help a diverse group of 20-30 local children from underserved areas in Fresno County learn how to write and illustrate their own books with the goal of publishing those books at our own print shop.

2023 HUMANICS STUDENTS4GIVING PHILANTHROPY PROJECT PARTNERS

The Humanics@FresnoState Students4Giving (S4G) Philanthropy Project strategically allocates grants to local CBOs to address community needs. For 2023, these are Educational Programming and Environmental Justice Programming. From 2007-2023, more than 400 Fresno State students have awarded nearly \$235,000 in grants to more than 42 different organizations.

STUDENTS4GIVING—a national initiative of **Campus Compact** and **Fidelity® Charitable Gift Fund** (2007-2010)—sought to educate and inspire a new generation of philanthropists in a new era of giving. In the 2007-08 pilot year, five academic institutions, including California State University, Fresno, and their participating students received oversight of a \$15,000 donor-advised fund to be used for future grant recommendations within their communities.

KENNEL BOOKSTORE AT FRESNO STATE—A previous partnership saw 100% of the proceeds from sales of the “Bulldogs at Your Service” T-shirts at the Kennel Bookstore are donated to our Humanics S4G Philanthropy Project at Fresno State.

CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION—Since 1966, the Central Valley Community Foundation has been a trusted partner in philanthropy. As the only accredited community foundation in the region, we drive strategic investments and offer best-in-class charitable tools to connect donors to the causes they care most about. As a philanthropic financial institution with \$140 Million in assets under management, we partner with the community and multiply every dollar for big, measurable change. **Mission:** We connect capital and communities for a just and thriving Central Valley. Ashley Swearengen, CEO

WHITNEY FOUNDATION—“Sharing with others what we have been given”

These simple words sum up the spirit of the founder Kathryn Whitney Stephens, who established the Foundation with this vision and a \$2 million endowment in 1999. By 2010, over \$1.5 million had been distributed in Fresno County, Salt Lake City, & Boise, ID, especially to projects that may have “fallen through the cracks” in traditional funding sources. In 2018, with gratitude for nineteen years of engaged philanthropy through grant making in Central CA, Salt Lake City, UT, and Boise, ID, The Whitney Foundation marked its sunset. The “purposeful spend-down process” followed a strategic plan over four years, and included larger grants, match grants and endowment grants. Although Kathryn passed away in 2005, her work lives on through a legacy gift to the Central Valley Community Foundation to fund the annual Humanics@FresnoState S4G Grants.

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