



American Humanics and the Human Spirit Initiative

Inspiring and promoting nonprofit sector careers



American Humanics

Founded in 1948, American Humanics is a national alliance of colleges, universities and nonprofits dedicated to educating, preparing, and certifying the next generation of nonprofit sector leaders. American Humanics is affiliated with nearly 70 colleges and universities nationwide and partners with more than 70 national nonprofit organizations including the March of Dimes, the YMCA, and the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Human Spirit Initiative

The mission of the Human Spirit Initiative is to inspire people to build healthy, diverse, inclusive communities. By telling the stories of the founders of movements that became organizations, such as Volunteers of America and Mental Health America, the Human Spirit Initiative hopes to motivate individuals to take visionary and innovative leadership in the non-profit human services world.

The Partnership

Developed as a result of the closely related missions of the two organizations, the American Humanics (AH) and the Human Spirit Initiative (HSI) partnership allows both organizations to inspire and promote nonprofit sector careers.

Capturing History and Inspiring Nonprofit Leadership

HSI researches and creates monographs that highlight the history of nonprofit human services and civic engagement; "telling the stories and showing the way" civil society has been built. AH distributes the monographs to their campus programs and national nonprofit partners, who then share them with potential future nonprofit leaders. These monographs will become part of the suggested undergraduate American Humanics curriculum. Through strategic development and distribution of these monographs, both organizations hope to inspire visionary and innovative leadership through nonprofit sector careers.

Availability

The monographs are available to all AH campus programs and nonprofit partners and can be found at www.humanics.org and www.human-spirit-initiative.org

"AH understands the importance of storytelling in communicating ideas and inspiring change. In fact, the theme of the 2009 American Humanics Management Institute is 'The Power of Stories: Passion from the inside-out.'"

- Kala M. Stroup, President, American Humanics

"We hope these stories of social entrepreneurs of the past, who created enduring movements they could never have imagined, will provide lessons and inspiration for students to see themselves as the leaders of the future."

- Kathleen Horsch, Chairman, Human Spirit Initiative.

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