

## **Six Oklahoma College Students Are Honored As Newman Civic Fellows by Campus Compact**

Six Oklahoma students were named 2011 Newman Civic Fellows by Campus Compact. The six students from Oklahoma join 137 students from 30 states in the program, and were nominated by their college or university president as the best-of-the-best: by inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. Through service, research, and advocacy, these Newman Civic Fellows are making the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves, the root causes of social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change. The Newman Civic Fellows Award is named for Dr. Frank Newman, one of the founders of Campus Compact, who dedicated his life to creating opportunities for student civic learning and engagement.

Newman Civic Fellows were nominated by their institutional presidents. Through the Newman Civic Fellows Awards, college and university presidents acknowledge students with the ability and motivation to create lasting change in our communities. The Fellows will be working with Oklahoma Campus Compact to extend service leadership opportunities to other students. For more information about the Newman Civic Fellows, visit [www.compact.org](http://www.compact.org).

### **2011 OKLAHOMA NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWS**



#### **Kyle Buthod, Oklahoma State University**

Kyle Buthod, a junior at Oklahoma State University (OSU), has actively demonstrated a commitment to community civic engagement, while maintaining a high academic record and holding several leadership positions. Recently, Kyle has been an integral part of the Japanese Relief Effort, one of the largest student led philanthropic fundraisers in OSU's history. He is currently developing and implementing a long-range campaign to engage the OSU community in recognizing and addressing humanitarian needs to serve the global community. The

campaign will involve and inspire students through role-modeling, collaborative efforts, and strategic planning.

#### **Valerie Howard, Southeastern Oklahoma State University**

Valerie Howard, a junior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, is a History major and Business minor. She focuses on politics and economics in academics as well as in her community involvement. Valerie understands that a democracy depends upon the involvement of its citizens. She is active in the political process, having served as a volunteer and intern for both local and state campaigns. She also served as a Congressional Intern. Beyond government involvement, Valerie is passionate about the importance of education to change lives, regularly volunteering as a tutor.





**Austin Hula, University of Central Oklahoma**

Austin Hula, a sophomore at the University of Central Oklahoma, actively seeks to help persons with mental and physical disabilities in order to improve their livelihoods. For the past four years, Austin has been involved with “Make Promises Happen,” a camp devoted to developing and encouraging individuals of all ages with special needs. Austin invites his fellow students to share his love for this population by bringing in his peers as new counselors to work with the campers, and is a valued leader among the college-age volunteers.

**Stefany Stewart, East Central University**

Stefany Stewart, a junior at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, is a community organizer and social entrepreneur seeking long term solutions to community problems. Stefany is active as a volunteer both at Pauls Valley General Hospital and with her hometown high school, among other community organizations. She understands the power of volunteers and has been working to recruit volunteers to build the capacity of organizations she believes in. Stefany is currently leading an effort to involve teen volunteers with the Pauls Valley General Hospital Auxiliary in order to expand the services offered to patients and is active in inspiring recent and not so recent graduates to volunteer at her hometown high school.



**James Logan Walker, Rose State College**

James Logan Walker, a student at Rose State College, has moved beyond campus to engage a wide variety of people in an effort to find solutions to community challenges. He serves with Heart of God ministries in Oklahoma City as a Children’s Training Director and a Physical Training Director. The ministry efforts are focused on working to assist underprivileged, elderly, and mentally challenged individuals. He has also helped establish a community-based ministry in a low-income suburb of Oklahoma City focused on food and support mechanisms for the at-risk residents of that community. Walker is also an active volunteer with the Senior Olympics and in providing support to the families of deployed military personnel at Tinker Air Force Base.



## **Jasmine Wilson, Langston University**

Jasmine Wilson, a sophomore at Langston University, is a student leader who is active in providing assistance to low-income families. Through her involvement with the Scholars Club and other student organizations on campus, Jasmine has participated in numerous activities designed to assist low-income families in the Langston community. Her outstanding efforts have been recognized by her peers, faculty/staff, and community leaders.

