

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

Nine Oklahoma students were named 2012 Newman Civic Fellows by Campus Compact. The nine students from Oklahoma join 162 students from 32 states in the program, and were nominated by their college or university president as inspiring college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. 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.

With the Newman Civic Fellows Awards, college and university presidents acknowledge students with the ability and motivation to create lasting change in our communities. 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 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).

### 2012 OKLAHOMA NEWMAN CIVIC FELLOWS



#### **Sasha Stierwalt, Northern Oklahoma College**

Sasha Stierwalt, a sophomore nursing student at Northern Oklahoma College, volunteers with Hospice and many group projects, such as a two-day Oklahoma Blood Institute blood drive and Be the Match bone marrow registry drive. She also led the initiative to collect stockings with Christmas presents for young cancer and Cystic Fibrosis patients who were hospitalized over the holidays, and organized a fundraiser for a family of one Cystic Fibrosis patient in need.

#### **Nathan Jones Northwestern Oklahoma State University**

Nathan Jones, a senior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, from Beaver, Oklahoma, is a campus and community leader. Since his arrival on campus, Nate has been involved with the Baptist Student Union to assist community improvements. He is also a member of the Leviathan, which focuses its work on civic leadership through voter registration drives, candidate forums and constitution day awareness events. Nate was selected as Northwestern's first Civic Education Fellow in 2010. This fellowship allowed him to intern for State Senator Bryce Marlatt. For his capstone study at Northwestern, he is analyzing different approaches to curbing gang behavior in public schools.





## **Kenneth Meador**

### **Oklahoma City Community College**

Kenneth Meador, a second-year student at Oklahoma City Community College, is active in issues involving at-risk youth. In the past year, he completed over 75 hours of service with Infant Crisis Services, a nonprofit entity supplying formula, food, diapers, and clothing for babies/toddlers in times of crisis. In addition, he has served more than 25 hours with Whiz Kids, a nonprofit tutoring and mentoring program for at-risk children in Oklahoma City.

## **Mark Miller**

### **Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology - Okmulgee**

Mark Miller, a second year student at Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, trains therapy dogs and uses the dogs in a program he created called, "Read to the Dog." He leads 4-H Dog Clubs in two counties to help children train dogs. He is also involved in delivering food, assisting with county cleanups, and developing presentations to help students at 50 Oklahoma high schools understand the consequences of texting and driving.



## **Jacob Daniel,**

### **Rogers State University**

Jacob Daniel, a junior at Rogers State University, has served on public forums for KRSC-TV, volunteers at Rogers State's adopted elementary school, and helps with the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure events. He is a prominent member of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature team and participates in their statewide conferences



## **Carrie Williamson**

### **Southeastern Oklahoma State University**

Carrie Williamson, a junior Occupational Safety and Health major at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, is an outstanding student, works fulltime, is a dedicated mother and grandmother, and constantly volunteers her time to serve others. She has been a 4-H leader, Relay for Life team captain, coach, volunteer at Families Feeding Families, and disaster relief worker. After graduation, Carrie plans to pursue a career in the safety field with a special focus on educating children.



## **Blaine Boyd**

### **Southwestern Oklahoma State University**

Blaine Boyd, a student at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), demonstrates the type of civic engagement that sets an example for others, shining a positive light in a time when negativity has dominated much national conversation. Blaine strives to engage his peers politically and to promote physical activity among youth in the fight against obesity. He's involved with a Let's Move Program in Weatherford, Oklahoma through SWOSU's Young Democrats Chapter. Blaine was after-school recreation director at a local church and volunteers to coach his local middle school basketball team. He also promotes the health of the young through the Blue Backpack Project to supply school lunch program students with food for the weekend. He also tutors students at East Elementary in reading. Blaine's goal is to pursue the study of law in order to become a public defender.

## **Susan Phares**

### **University of Central Oklahoma**

Susan Phares, a junior Nursing major at the University of Central Oklahoma, is highly concerned about the poor treatment and neglect that many senior citizens experience. Susan takes it upon herself to inform her fellow students of the needs of this often forgotten generation, building student concern and interest in their needs. Susan takes groups of students from the Volunteer Activities Council to a local nursing home to help students grow beyond their comfort zones. Susan has also worked with senior citizens in Peru and Canada during international service trips.





## **Carrie Crafton**

### **Western Oklahoma State College**

Carrie Crafton, a second year student at Western Oklahoma State College (WOSC), took on the challenge of a yearlong commitment to complete 300 service learning hours through Students in Service of AmeriCorps. During the year, she worked with the WOSC Upward Bound program, the afterschool program ASPIRE, and first grade teachers at Washington Elementary school. Carrie is a leader with the Cub Scouts. She also tutored adults in English with the local Literacy Council. She has participated in the national Psi Beta research project, Altus Special Olympics, and the Altus reservoir clean-up.