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SWOSU's Kamuela Ahuna Named Newman Civic Fellow

Southwestern Oklahoma State University student Kamuela Ahuna of Foster (Bray-Doyle) has been named named a 2019 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact as part of a group of 262 students nationwide.

Campus Compact is a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education.

Ahuna is pursuing a degree in computer science. Ahuna has been active at SWOSU in many campus and community-based projects. Coming from a small Oklahoma high school, he is committed to providing a pathway to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields for other rural students. To that end, he is actively involved in the SWOSU Computer Club and a computer science camp for area high school students.

As a mentor and role model to fellow students, Ahuna provides information on accessibility to higher education and to STEM fields of study. He is a volunteer at the First Tech Challenge Robotics competition and represents the university as a member of the SWOSU Marching Band. As a member of the President's Leadership Class, Ahuna is active in many civic engagement events, including fighting childhood hunger through the Backpack for Kids program at a local elementary school.

His mentor at SWOSU is Hayden Harrington.

The Newman Civic Fellowship, named for Campus Compact co-founder Frank Newman, is a one-year experience emphasizing personal, professional and civic growth. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities, including a national conference of Newman Civic Fellows in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. The fellowship also provides fellows with access to apply for exclusive scholarship and post-graduate opportunities.

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