



**Department of Housing
and Residence Life**

Dear SEAHO Awards and Recognition Committee,

The University of Central Florida is proud to nominate **Travis Gabriel** for the *SEAHO Conference Fee Waiver Scholarship*. Travis is an outstanding young professional who has shown us through his initiative and eagerness to learn that he has a long and wonderful career ahead of him. Attending the SEAHO Conference in 2008 will only add to his plethora of experiences to build his future.

Travis offers the UCF Department of Housing and Residence Life team a unique and diverse perspective on this profession. Having a background in law enforcement, especially in recent times, has proven invaluable to our ever-growing institution. Moreover, Travis has a huge passion for leadership development and advising. He works extremely hard to develop students through class instruction, supervision, mentoring and advising. He is well-respected among the department and among the student body for his efforts in these areas.

If there is a free minute in the day, you will find Travis face first in a book or journal, absorbing as much knowledge as he can. He attends conferences, seminars, webinars, classes, or anything he can get his hands in to learn, grow and develop as a professional. He constantly shares this knowledge with his students and has proven to be quite a resource for his colleagues. In particular, he brings forward new diversity initiatives for our department to learn about and use not only with ourselves, but with our student population. Travis is also involved in many outside clubs and organizations in which he is able to share with us all of his experiences.

One of Travis's most unique traits is his true compassion for all students. For example, there was a fire at an off-campus apartment complex and he was one of the first people at the scene. He stayed for hours offering any assistance he could. There was absolutely no reason he had to do that, but he did. It is actions like this that show all of us at UCF that Travis will thrive in this field.

If the committee wants to offer this waiver to a candidate with an unbelievably unique and diverse perspective on life and career....Travis Gabriel is your guy! We regret that we cannot assist him financially in his quest to attend SEAHO 2008, but we are hopeful the committee will consider him for the scholarship.

Sincerely,

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