

SDHE to get new fellowship program

The Kay Goddard Fellowship will accompany the Cynthia S. Johnson Fellowship as an opportunity for new students

Applications are due January 15 for perspective students hoping to become part of the new cohort of Student Development in Higher Education students. But, this year new SDHE students will also be able to apply for two fellowship programs within the SDHE application as well: the Kay Goddard Fellowship and the Cynthia Johnson Fellowship.

Dr. Goddard and Dr. Johnson are founders of the SDHE program. When Dr. Johnson passed away several years ago, the Cynthia S. Johnson Student Development Institute and Fellowship was created in her honor. About a year ago, Dr. Goddard was approached about funding another fellowship this year.

"I chose to [fund a fellowship] because of my belief in the importance of the out-of-classroom life of college students contributing to education and to community, which are my goals," Dr. Goddard said.

"A sense of community in our society as a whole and education certainly is a critical part of us running and maintaining a democracy. So that's why I really decided to become involved, so that promising students would

have an opportunity to participate in a manner that I did."

The Johnson Fellowship began two years ago with the first fellow, Jovana Ramos, who has held the position for two years. The position is normally held for one year, but because it was a new program and going through changes, Jovana continued on as the fellow after the first year.

As a fellow, one of Jovana's primary duties is to help coordinate the annual Johnson Forum, which "brings together leaders and scholars at all levels of experience to advance their understanding of the evolving issues affecting students, higher education institutions, the profession of student affairs, and a fundamental commitment to social change." She works in the background to ensure everything runs smooth at the forum. She also interns with the Leadership Research Center on campus and assists faculty in SDHE with their research. Although, her duties haven't always been the same.

"It's been changing over the last two years, so I have a feeling it's going to change for