



OCPA News Spring 2007 Edition

President's Pen

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At one time or another, we've probably found ourselves chanting the familiar phrase "change is good." Although it may have been said through gritted teeth, or in the company of colleagues who are commiserating over a shared negative experience, many of life's changes really do result in positive outcomes.



Your OCPA Executive Council has been working diligently to bring about changes that our members can support and embrace, and this issue of the *OCPA News* is one example of that effort. In addition to the new logo, which was introduced last fall, you'll notice that the masthead of the newsletter has been redesigned to give it a fresh look. Similar changes are underway for our other image materials, including the website and our informational brochure. In keeping with ACPA's Sustainability Taskforce recommendations, OCPA will use recyclable printed materials, and will carefully consider the durability and usefulness of items selected for distribution as promotional materials. Those of you who attended last month's successful Annual Conference will remember that the reusable travel cup you received and were encouraged to fill during the refreshment breaks was a simple way to implement a basic tenet of the sustainability campaign—**use resources wisely**. Expect to see more of that at our future professional development events.

The Executive Council has also endorsed a Strategic Plan (2006—2008), supported a proposal to explore a student affairs journal for the Great Lakes region, initiated a change to the functional roles of several members, and adopted a new model for the organization's structure (see page 10). We recognize that our ability to recruit and retain members depends largely on our ability to effectively communicate what we have to offer as a student affairs organization; namely, professional development, networking, and leadership opportunities. We hope you'll agree that we're on the right track to better serve Ohio's student affairs graduate students, staff at all levels and faculty members. We also hope you'll agree that these changes are, indeed, good.

Best Regards,
Kathy Morris
OCPA President

Will we see you in Orlando?

If you're attending the ACPA/NASPA Joint Meeting in Orlando March 31—April 4, be sure to stop by **Gainesville 1/ 2 of the Gaylord Hotel from 7:30—9 pm on April 3rd** for the Joint Reception! Members from NASPA IV-E, MN, IL, WI, IN, and OH will be there! All OCPA members are invited!

2007 OCAPA/OASPA Awards

Mark G. Noffsinger New Professional Award

Kari Taylor, Miami University

Phillip A. Tripp Distinguished Service Award

Chuck Rickard, Kent State University

Cultural Diversity Award

Ohio Dominican University -
Presidential Taskforce on
Multiculturalism

Fayetta Paulsen

Accomplished Leader Award

Paul Putman, Cleveland State University

Undergraduate Student Leader Award

Kourtney Kocel, Otterbein College

Robert F. Rogers Graduate Student of the Year Award

Lauren Moran, Baldwin-Wallace College

Gerald L. Saddle mire Mentor Award

Jennifer Grube Vestal, Denison University

Silent Auction 2007

of Items in the auction: **43**

of institutions/individuals donating an item(s) for the Auction: **24**

Number of individuals who had winning bids on items: **33**

Fun and excitement as a value added feature of the conference: **Priceless!**

The Silent Auction **raised over \$1000** for shipping donated books and materials to the University of West Indies and provide support for remaining needs of their new Student Affairs graduate program. We thank you again for your contributions to the success of the conference.

Another Successful Spring Conference!

The month of February began with the celebration of our 5th annual conference co-sponsored with OASPA. This proud partnership brought 276 student affairs scholars, practitioners, and aspiring graduate and undergraduate students to Worthington, Ohio to spend a day and a half locating the Center of our profession. Two pre-conference workshops, 45 program sessions, two keynote addresses, and one post-conference workshop facilitated discussion, exploration, education, and relationship building. Joan Hirt spoke to us about how institution type influences our professional roles, while Bob Young delivered a reflective and inspirational closing keynote about "nothing."

We thank the many dedicated individuals who made this year's conference a success! Also, if you did attend the conference, don't forget to complete the online conference evaluation. If you are a member, who did not attend this year's conference, and have feedback about future conferences, don't hesitate to share your feedback with the OCAPA Executive Board.

OCAPA/OASPA Conference Planning Committee

Conference Chairs

Kate Porubcansky, Otterbein College
Mary Ann Begley, Bowling Green State University

Registration

Mike Griest, Urbana University &
Nicole Hoefle, Bowling Green State University

Site Coordination/Logistics

Steve Pagios, Bowling Green State University

Program/Educational Sessions

Amy Rosen, Otterbein College

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Cullen Jackson, Bowling Green State University

Awards

Kim Ferguson, Capital University

Development

Joel Daniels, Central Ohio Technical College

Organization Outreach

Jessica Douglas, Ohio Northern University

New Attendees

Brittany Garner, Miami University

Case Study Competition

Colette Masterson, The Ohio State University

Silent Auction

Jennifer Grube Vestal, Denison University

VIP Host

Timeka Rashid, Columbus State Community College

Diversity Pre-Conference

Annie Russell, Ohio University

Job Search Post-Conference

Kelli Raker, Capital University

Welcome Dr. Molly Schaller!



Beginning at this year's annual conference, Dr. Molly Schaller assumed the role of Faculty Liaison to the OCPA

Executive Board. Molly assumes the role previously held by Dr. Dafina Stewart, who had served in this capacity since 2003.

The Faculty Liaison is an appointed position inaugurated by John Berry during his presidency of OCPA. As a new position, Dafina worked with the Executive Council to continue to define and refine the position. The faculty liaison attends Executive Council meetings and offers faculty perspective on the current issues in the state.

Moreover, the faculty liaison helps coordinate faculty involvement in OCPA activities, including the Careers in Student Affairs Conference and the Robert A. Dubick Case Study Competition. Additionally, the liaison maintains communication from the board to faculty across the state and serves as another link, along with the Graduate Student Member-at-Large to the large population of graduate students in the state.

Molly is a real Ohioan: BA from Ohio State, MS from Miami, and Ph.D. from Ohio University. For 10 years, Molly worked as a full-time practitioner at the University of Dayton before taking on a role as an instructor and now as an assistant professor in their College Student Personnel and Higher Education Administration Masters programs.

Molly's extensive practitioner experience, along with her deep ties across the state to faculty colleagues in graduate prep programs will be an invaluable asset to OCPA. We look forward to her contributions in the coming years! **Welcome!**

Dr. Young Speaks of... Nothing!

By Amanda Fojtik, Graduate Student, Ohio State University

For a fifth year now, Dr. Bob Young of Ohio University has delivered a perceptive, insightful, and honest closing keynote speech. To conclude this year's conference, Dr. Young suggested a novel replacement for the professional calendar-filling competition that can occasionally consume our professional lives; he suggested that we allot some of our time to *doing nothing*.

As student affairs professionals, we are a group of hard-working individuals that pride ourselves on generously giving our time and attention to whatever emergent situation comes across our desk or whichever student knocks on our door seeking advice and guidance. Dr. Young questioned this seemingly self-sacrificing mentality. Should some of the time we spend in the company of others in meetings or on committees be spent alone, reflecting on how to dig ourselves out from the everyday routines that become us? Can we truly be the type of creative, innovative, proactive and balanced (*yes, balanced*) professionals today's higher education environment demands if we are constantly in the process of going, going, going?

Too often in students affairs we become comfortable with expressing our leadership skills by racing to respond to our students' or to our institution's needs to prove that we are important, and that we are to be respected. By competing with one another and with other departments and offices within our institutions we lose sight of our own goals and values.

In his closing keynote, Dr. Young reminded conference attendees that in order to assert the kind of meaningful and lasting influence to which so many of us aspire, we must respect the individuality of our own thoughts enough to prioritize spending time alone—thinking, reflecting, and questioning. Without this intentional process, we are doing our students, our institutions and ourselves a disservice by just refurbishing, rewrapping and representing old ideas rather than taking a chance on developing fresh thoughts.

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Cover letter? Check. Suit? Check. ...Now what?

By Natalie Pariano, Graduate Student,
Ohio University

As a young professional eager to enter the working world, I am willing to attend almost anything that claims to give me the secrets of the job search. I have seen several different presentations at other conferences as well as attended outside seminars and panels conducted by those who have expertise in the career search. Very few of these have ever gone beyond the basics of the resume, cover letter and attire, leaving me with the lingering question: Now what?

At this year's OCPA/OASPA Joint Conference I was pleased to finally have my question addressed in depth during the Job Search Boot Camp workshop. Ann Wright and Michelle Crawford from Wright State touched on cover letters and resumes, and then walked attendees through placement at national conferences. Marketing yourself before, during and after interviews was covered by Dwayne Todd of CCAD. Kate Porubcansky of Otterbein College introduced job seekers to the idea of institutional fit.

The evening concluded with a panel of over eight professionals in student affairs from various Ohio institutions. The roundtable discussion allowed students and job seekers to ask candid questions.

As a first time attendee I must admit my expectations were exceeded in all areas of the conference, but as an enthusiastic job seeker I was impressed and satisfied by the Job Search Post-Conference. It provided me exactly what I seeking: knowledge beyond the basics and access to distinguished professionals willing to assist and guide me through the exhilarating & intimidating job search.

An Embarrassment of Riches:

Ohio's Graduate Preparation Programs in Student Affairs

By Dafina L. Stewart, Ph.D., Bowling Green State University

Increasingly, entry into and advancement in a career in student affairs requires the attainment of a graduate degree in college student personnel, student affairs, higher education, or other related discipline. Fortunately, for residents and those looking for opportunities within the state, Ohio boasts an abundance of graduate-level preparation programs in the field. North, south, east, west and central, there is a graduate program in student affairs to fit almost any need and interest. Moreover, each institution is located in close proximity to a number of baccalaureate and liberal arts colleges at which students may find graduate assistantship, practicum, and other practical experiences.

In the state's center is Ohio State University (OSU), one of the oldest student personnel programs in the country. OSU offers a Master of Arts degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Administration and Higher Education. Buckeyes studying student affairs do so in the state capital at a nationally recognized research university whose football team went 12-0 in the 2006 season. For student affairs professionals, OSU's program is probably best known by one of its storied faculty, **Dr. Robert F. Rodgers** who just retired last academic year and for whom OCPA's Graduate Student of the Year Award is named.

Ohio University (OU) is in Athens, southeast from Columbus on US Highway 33. The College Student Personnel (CSP) program at OU also has a long history rooted in preparing both traditional student affairs practitioners and general higher education administrators. OU has a great variety of degree

programs in our field, including two Masters of Education degrees and the Doctor of Philosophy degree. The one-year master's program in higher education is traditionally geared to current full-time practitioners in general administrative functional areas. The two-year M.Ed. program in college student personnel prepares students for more student-centered administrative positions. Individuals seeking advanced study and preparation through earning the doctorate can do so either on-campus with a graduate assistantship or off-campus in the executive cycle program for full-time administrators in higher education. Another Bob, **Dr. Robert Young** is (in)famous for his annual closing keynote at the joint conference hosted by OCPA and OASPA each winter.

Moving west across the southern half of the state, to the southwest are Miami University of Ohio, the University of Dayton, and Wright State University. Each institution is unique and offers a distinctive experience for its graduates. Miami has a very highly regarded master's program in college student personnel (M.S.) and is launching a doctoral program this fall in higher education and student affairs. Miami is the home campus for one of ACPA's premiere publications, *About Campus* edited by **Dr. Marcia Baxter Magolda**, and of this year's OCPA Outstanding New Professional, **Kari Taylor**.

The University of Dayton is the only private institution in the state with a graduate preparation program in student affairs. UD offers two Masters of Science degrees in college student personnel and in higher education administration. UD also offers a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. UD is also home of **Dr. Molly Schaller**, who assumed the role of **Faculty Liaison** to the OCPA Executive Board at the annual conference.

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Call for Nominations!

Nominations for elected positions on the OCPA Executive Council are due by Wednesday, March 14.

Election positions available for the next board term are Graduate Member-At-Large, Secretary, and President-Elect. The election will open to the general membership on Friday, March 16, and close on Friday, March 30. Election results will be announced shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these positions, please contact Dwayne Todd at 614-222-4015 or dtodd@ccad.edu. Executive Council positions can also be found online at www.ocpaonline.org.

We hope you will consider running for one of these offices!

More Opportunities to Serve OCPA

There are several President-Appointed opportunities for you to serve on the Executive Council of OCPA, too.

If you are interested in any of the appointed positions listed below, please contact Tracy Benner, President-Elect, at TBenner@otterbein.edu.

- External Relations Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- Diversity Chair
- Development Chair
- Historian
- Technology Chair
- Careers in Student Affairs Conference Chair
- Support Staff Conference Chair
- Annual Conference Chair
- Awards Chair
- Faculty Liaison

An Embarrassment of Riches: *cont'd.*

Wright State University, the third of the southeast triumvirate, has become known for its outstanding services and accessibility to people with disabilities and the education of a racially and ethnically diverse population. These characteristics are also found among Wright State's graduate students in student affairs. At this campus, students complete either the Master of Arts or Master of Education degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education. **Dr. Joanne Risacher**, faculty emeritus, is a past president of both OCPA and OASPA.

Traveling north on Interstate-71 at the northeast corner of Ohio, we come to four more programs located at Kent State University, the University of Akron, Youngstown State University, and Cleveland State University. Kent State University, infamous in the war protest movements of the 1970s, has established itself as a reputable regional destination for emerging professionals in student affairs. Offering both the M.Ed. and Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel, Kent does not stop there. A certificate program in college teaching and an educational specialist degree in higher education complete their program offerings. Kent also recently added a study abroad trip to Florence, Italy during the December break led by this year's winner of the OCPA Presidents' Discretionary Award, **Dr. Janice Gerda**.

At the University of Akron, students can pursue a certificate in Higher Education, the Master of Arts degree in Higher Education Administration, and the Ed.D. in Educational Administration-Higher Education Administration. Students in northeastern Ohio can also pursue a Master of Education in Counseling in Higher Education Student Services

at Youngstown State University or certification or a master's degree in adult learning and development at Cleveland State University. CSU also offers the doctorate in Urban Leadership with several program emphases, including administration, counseling, and learning and development. This year, OCPA awarded the Fayetta Paulsen Accomplished Leader Award to **Paul Putnam**, who is pursuing his doctorate at CSU.

Headed west across the Ohio Turnpike, we arrive at the University of Toledo (UT) and Bowling Green State University (BGSU), our final stops on our journey across the state. At the University of Toledo, individuals can pursue either the M.Ed. or the Ph.D. in Higher Education, which especially caters to full-time student affairs professionals. UT also has broader ACPA ties, as one of its faculty, **Dr. Anne Hornak**, is the immediate past president of the Michigan College Personnel Association. Just twenty miles south down Interstate-75 from Toledo is Bowling Green State University. Approaching its 40th year of preparing people for professional positions in student affairs, the College Student Personnel and Higher Education Administration programs at BGSU offer the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Several of its faculty members have been recognized by either ACPA or OCPA, including **Dr. Michael Coomes**, winner of last year's Phillip A. Tripp Distinguished Service Award.

No matter where you are in the state or what level of education you seek, there is a graduate program for you in Ohio. To more fully explore our embarrassment of riches, also known as Ohio's graduate preparation programs, visit the OCPA website and click on the hot link for "Ohio Graduate Study."

OCPA Members Strong in Presence at ACPA/NASPA

While everyone gears up for the craziness that will undoubtedly ensue at the ACPA/NASPA Joint Convention at the end of March, some OCPA members will need to do more than pack their bags!

OCPA is proud to recognize the members who have been chosen to present at the 2007 ACPA/NASPA Convention. Be sure to check out the program descriptions at www.2007jointmeeting.org and support your fellow OCPA members in Orlando!

Saturday, March 31

Robert DeBard, Associate Professor, Bowling Green State University. *Resource Management for New Professionals*, 1–4 p.m., Sawgrass-Marriott.

Sunday, April 1

Dr. Mark Kretovics, Associate Professor, Kent State University. *Leading with Power and Responsibility: Politics and Power in Higher Education*, 1–4 p.m., Destin 1/2–Gaylord.

Monday, April 2

Michele Welkener, Graduate Student, Ohio State University. *Searching for Significance: Students' Perspectives on Meaning, Purpose, and the College Experience*, 7–8 a.m., Grand Ballroom Salon 3–Marriott.

Robert DeBard. *Greeks and the First-Year Experience: Removing Myths and Making Meaning*, 8:30–9:45 a.m., Sun Ballroom D–Gaylord.

Deborah Jackson, Assistant Professor, Youngstown State University. *Assessing Effectiveness of Psychoeducational Groups with University Judicial Alcohol Sanctions*, 10:15–11:30 a.m., Grand Ballroom Salon 7A–Marriott.

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Executive Council Biographies

In the Fall 2006 issue of OCPA News, we started introducing the members of the Executive Council. We continue the introductions in this issue. Read about the dedicated folks who have either been appointed or elected to help OCPA grow stronger every day!

Dwayne Todd—Past-President

Dwayne currently serves as the Dean of Students at the Columbus College of Art and Design (CCAD), where he has worked for approximately 5 years. In his current position, he oversees residence life, student activities and events, counseling services, campus dining services, judicial affairs, orientation/new student programs, and student insurance programs, and participates in institutional assessment and planning functions. He previously served in various Student Affairs roles at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX, and was the Assistant Chair of the MBA at Franklin University in Columbus, OH. Among these institutions, his career in higher education spans 12 years of work in areas such as residence life, Greek affairs, new student programs, leadership development, classroom teaching, facility management, strategic planning, and college administration.



Originally from Dayton, OH, Dwayne received a Bachelor of Music from Samford University in Birmingham, AL, and a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX. He is currently in his sixth year of study for a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at Ohio State University, and his research interest pertains to the impact of college living environments on student success. Additionally, Dwayne serves as an Adjunct Faculty Member in the MBA Program at Ohio Dominican University, teaching courses in leadership, organizational change management, and graduate learning strategies.



Eric Fulcomer—Member-at-Large, 4-Year Private

I am the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Life at Bluffton University. I came to Bluffton in 1993 as an intern, serving as a hall director while enrolled the CSP program at Bowling Green State University. Over my 14 years at Bluffton, I have served in a variety of positions. My first professional position after graduation from BGSU was Director of Marbeck Center (the student union).

Later I served as Director of Career Development, Associate Dean of Students, Director of Admissions, and Vice President for Enrollment Management. The divisions of Enrollment Management and Student Life were merged together in the fall of 2005.

I am a life-long Ohioan. I grew up in Beavercreek, near Dayton. I received my BS in English from Eastern Michigan University, my MA in College Student Personnel from Bowling Green State University, and my Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from University of Toledo. I am married to Andrea, a physician assistant, and we have two children - Noah and Anna, ages six and four.

This is the second time that I have served on the OCPA Executive Board. From 1995 - 1997, I served as Membership Chair. This past spring I was elected to serve as Member-At-Large for four-year private colleges. Outside of my work and OCPA, I serve as President of the Bluffton/Pandora Rotary Club and Bluffton Village Council and am active in my church and other community organizations.

Monday, April 2

Barbara Wharton, Program Coordinator, Ohio State University. *Demonstrating Links Between Student Affairs Functions and Student Academic Progress*, 12—1:15 p.m., Gainesville 1/2—Gaylord.

Susan Iverson, Assistant Professor, Kent State University. *Assessing Best Practices for Diversity*, 1:45—3 p.m., St. George 108—Gaylord.

Martin Manning, Associate Director, Student Life, Youngstown State University. *Shaping Leadership Development Programs: Identifying and Implementing Learning Outcomes*, 1:45—3 p.m., Grand Ballroom Salon 8A—Marriott.

Tuesday, April 3

Michael Dannells, Professor, Bowling Green State University. *The Power to Discipline, the Responsibility to Protect: Deconstructing in Loco Parentis*, 8:30—9:45 a.m., Grand Ballroom Salon 8A—Marriott.

Shannon Spencer, Bowling Green State University. *Learning from Each Other: Co-ops, Internships, and Service Learning*, 10:15—11:30 a.m., Osceola Ballroom 6—Gaylord.

Annie Russell, Resident Director, Ohio University. *Beyond the Obvious: Maximizing Growth in Your Career Through Professional Development*, 12—1:15 p.m., Orange Blossom Ballroom—Gaylord.

Wednesday, April 4

Molly Kinne, Resident Director, Ohio University. *Initiatives in Psychological Care: Developing, Implementing, and Evaluating Counselor-in-Residence Programs*, 8—9:15 a.m., Miami 2—Gaylord.

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Executive Council Biographies, cont'd.**Kim Ferguson—Awards Chair**

Kimberly M. Ferguson is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She attended Lorain County Community College for one year, and continued her studies at Ashland College. Ms. Ferguson graduated from Ashland College with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Sociology, and a minor in Business Administration in 1990. She continued her studies at The University of Akron where she achieved a Master of Arts in Educational Administration (Higher Education Administration) in 1993.

Kim has served at Albion College in Michigan, The College of Wooster, the University of Akron, and The Ohio State University of Marion. She currently serves as an Associate Dean of Students & Director of Judicial Affairs at Capital University. Her responsibilities include judicial affairs/student conduct, troubleshooting and providing consultation and crisis and other intervention for students, faculty (full-time and adjunct/instructors) and staff.

Kim has one daughter, Ashley Blake Ferguson, age 15. Ashley attends Columbus School for Girls, a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School.

**Annie Russell—Diversity Chair**

I've been on the midwest tour for a number of years now, having grown up in Indiana, attended Adrian College in Michigan for a B.A. in Communication, and attended Ohio University for a M.Ed. in College Student Personnel. I currently work as a Resident Director at Ohio University and am hoping to enter a Ph.D. program in the near future. My interests in student affairs and higher education have always included diversity issues and I strive to learn more every day.

Johni Amos—Careers in Student Affairs Conference Co-Chair

I am originally from Dayton, OH - home of the Wright Brothers, about half of the original cast from *The West Wing*, and Ermal Fraise, inventor of the Pull Tab and Pop Top Beverage Cans. I got my BA in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Ohio Northern University and then went Kent State to get my M.Ed. in Higher Education. I am currently the Assistant Director of Residential Life at Kenyon College where I work with the student staff and have collateral assignments in Student Activities. I am a huge fan of pop culture, useless trivia, and post-it notes.

Colette Masterson—Member-at-Large, Graduate Students

I am a 2005 graduate of Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio earning a BS in Business Marketing and a BA in English Creative Writing. I'm currently a graduate student in the Higher Education and Student Affairs Program at The Ohio State University. I am a Graduate Administrative Associate with the Ohio Union and Student Activities serving as the Fiscal Coordinator for the Council on Student Affairs.

I have been a member of OCPA since 2004 after attending my first Careers in Student Affairs Workshop in the fall of 2003. I have attended the OCPA/OASPA Annual Conference the past three years.

Through these opportunities, directly related to OCPA, I learned Student Affairs was my passion. My favorite things about OCPA and the true value of my involvement in this association is the connection between colleagues within the state of Ohio. Regardless of professional responsibilities, the camaraderie and commonality between all of us is so pervasive and energizing. We have such a wealth of professional knowledge and experience in Ohio, I look forward to continuing my involvement with OCPA in the future.

Wednesday, April 4

Annie Russell. *Shaping Our Work: Strategic Planning to Define Departmental Mission and Culture*, 9:30—10:45 a.m., Sun Ballroom 6—Gaylord.

Dr. Dafina Stewart, Assistant Professor, Bowling Green State University. *X to Y: Shaping and Preparing a New Generation of Professionals*, 9:30—10:45 a.m., Naples 3—Gaylord.

School Receptions at the ACPA/NASPA Joint Conference

Monday, April 2

7:30—9 p.m.

- Miami University of Ohio, Vinoy—Marriott
- Ohio University, Sanibel 1/2/3—Gaylord

9:30—11 p.m.

- Kent State University, Emerald 8—Gaylord
- The Ohio State University, Harbor Beach—Marriott

Tuesday, April 3

7:30—9 p.m.

- **NASPA IV-E and the CPAs of MN, WI, OH, MI, IL, and IN, Gainesville 1/2—Gaylord**
- Bowling Green State University, Sawgrass—Marriott

Interested in a leadership role within OCPA?

Nominations are being accepted for elected positions today! Or volunteer for an appointed position!

More information on page 5 and www.ocpaonline.org!

Mark Your Calendars!

The 2007 Support Staff Conference Committee is planning an exciting event for Friday, June 22, 2007 at Urbana University, in Urbana, Ohio. This year's conference will be co-sponsored with SOCHE (Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education).



More information coming soon. Please check www.ocpaonline.org for upcoming information about the call for programs and registration.

If you have questions, please contact Robin Gagnow, Baldwin-Wallace College at rgagnow@bw.edu or call: (440) 826-8153.

Executive Council Biographies, cont'd.

Janice Gerda—Technology Chair and Webmaster

I am a member of the faculty of Kent State University, serving as an Assistant Professor of Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel. Our program has over 100 master's, specialist, and doctoral students (and lots of wonderful alumni) and we are very proud to have strong historical and current connections to OCPA.



I began my career in student affairs as an RA at CWRU, and then became a Resident Director while obtaining an M.Ed. in Adult Learning and Development from Cleveland State. At that time, I attended an OCPA conference at the University of Dayton and still remember how much I enjoyed my first OCPA contact. But since I had been born and raised in Ohio, I decided I wanted to go out and see the world. So, I went to Iowa (Grinnell College, where I was a hall director for two years.) From there, I went to the University of Virginia and served as an Assistant Dean of Students. When I decided it was time to pursue a doctorate, I did a national search and ended up choosing to return to Ohio, to BGSU for my Ph.D. So, my degree profile turned out to be an Ohio sweep.

I own a house with lots of renovation and gardening needs in Kent, and enjoy history-related hobbies, such as recently joining the Kent Homestead Preservation Society (a group working with that gorgeous spooky Victorian on West Main Street that belonged to the KSU namesake.) My family lives in Brunswick and I travel often to do fun stuff with my nephews, Jordan (7) and Josh (5).

Bluffton U. Tragedy

May everyone keep Bluffton University students, families, staff, and faculty in their thoughts and hearts during this sad time. Information from www.bluffton.edu is posted below:

The Bluffton University men's baseball team was involved in a bus accident in Atlanta, Ga., early March 2. The bus was on its way to Florida for the team's spring break games. "This is a sad tragedy for the students, families, friends and Bluffton University campus community. We are asking for prayers of support during this time," said Bluffton University President James M. Harder. We will continue to post information to the Web.

MMOGSISP Review

By Leslie Jo Shelton, Ohio University

This year's MMOGSISP was held November 4-5 in Oak Brook, Illinois and linked to the NASPA IV-East conference. The conference theme, "Knowledge for Today, Inspiration for Tomorrow" was demonstrated throughout conference activities such as a case study competition, sweatshirt auction, social/networking opportunities, and a range of sessions to attend.

Three keynote speakers shared words of wisdom, including Dr. Robert Young (Ohio University), Dr. James Troha (Heidelberg College), and Dr. Dafina Lazarus Stewart (Bowling Green State University). Overall, approximately 50 graduate attendees from all across the region gathered for this exciting opportunity that truly did give us knowledge and inspiration in student affairs!

Diversity Survey

We need your help to meet the needs of educating all higher education professionals on issues of diversity! Please take the time to fill out our diversity survey by clicking on the attached copy or going to <http://www.ocpaonline.org/diversity.html> and downloading the survey.

You can send it as an attachment to Annie Russell, Diversity Chair for OCPA, at russele1@ohio.edu. Remember, the more we know, the more we can grow!

Case Study Competition Wrap-Up

By Collette Masterson, Graduate Student Member-at-Large, The Ohio State University

The 2007 Robert A. Dubick Case Study Competition was a great success this year! We had more graduate student interest in the competition than we could accommodate, but were able to have six teams, representing five institutions share their case analysis with us. The case set the scene of a mid-sized state university in the Midwest, not a far stretch for some of our participants. The team members took on the persona of an Assistant Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, in their first year of a new professional position. The case was based in the practical application of student accountability. In the role of Assistant Director there were events and programs which were frequently left to the professional to carry out without much accountability on the students who should have been responsible. Essentially, the case study teams had to present their solution to "How do you hold students accountable for activities/events which can't fail?"

Each team, relying on each other, theory, and literature, presented fantastic practical explanations of their plan to hold students accountable. All teams were fantastic and thorough, making the judge's decisions that much harder. I want to again thank the amazing judges, Conni Dubick of Kent State University and Michele Welkener of The Ohio State University, who spent their entire Thursday evaluating the case study participants. The opportunity to discuss the case in the question/answer section after the case presentation of each team always provided a candid discussion and I appreciate Conni and Michele's dedication to this truly professional experience for graduate students. Thanks also go to Mr. Alvin Brockway, Associate Publisher for Circulation of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* for donating subscriptions to the Chronicle for the top 3 teams.

Case Study Results:

First place: Amie Jackson and Christina Mastrangelo, Kent State University
 Second place: Amanda Fojtik and Candice Reder, The Ohio State University
 Third place: Erin Genide and Katie Knoll, Ohio University

Congratulations to all participants for their extraordinary effort.

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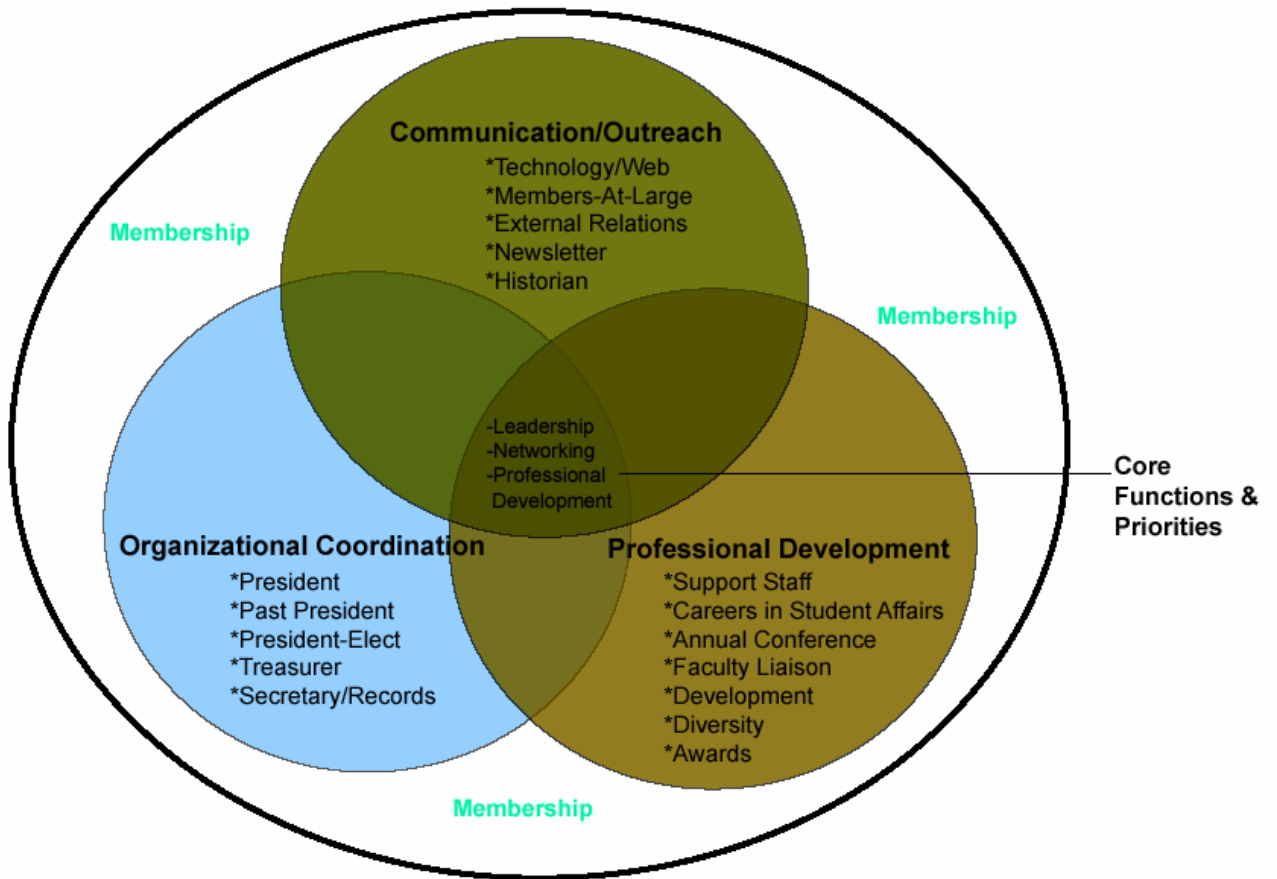
Students beginning a degree program at Terra State Community College (Fremont) in fall 2006 learned more about both the college and how to be a successful student. Seeking a method to assess student outcomes, increase persistence and meet AQIP standards led to the development of a required, one credit hour orientation course, GEN1000 that introduces Terra Community College students to campus resources.

Designed to be delivered in an on-line format, each student must complete 10 modules over the course of the 16-week semester. Those modules served to introduce students to college resources such as Learning Support Services, the campus library, and academic advising as well as the information management software.

Coordinated by the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services, the course has helped transform summer transition programming, fostered departmental cooperation, served as an introduction to distance learning and increased student interaction with admissions staff. Still considered in its "pilot" phase, both staff and instructors have creatively adjusted to curricular and other challenges. Over 500 students have registered for the course during both fall 2006 and spring 2007 semesters.

Below is the new OCPA Organizational Model mentioned in the President's Pen on page 1 of this issue of *OCPA News*.

OCPA Organizational Model



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