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# OCPA & OASPA

Conference

Merging at the Crossroads:  
Collaborating to Chart Future  
Directions

January 30 & 31, 2003  
Radisson Hotel  
Worthington, Ohio

<http://www.radison.com/worthingtonoh>

<http://www.ocpaonline.org>

### OCPA Mission

To provide quality, affordable, professional opportunities for educators committed to student learning and student development.

### OCPA Vision

OCPA will assume a leadership role as an inclusive organization for educators-initiating, influencing, and addressing higher education issues related to student learning and student development.

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# The President's Pen

By Cindy Mako, OCPA President

As I sit back and reflect on my career and academic background I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet and work with so many dedicated and gifted academicians. While the path I was on, I thought was well planned out, there were times when turns and bends appeared which led to unpredictable yet exciting opportunities. It is through these unpredictable turns and bends that some of the most exciting new scenery appeared.

As student affairs professional we are challenged daily and sometimes hourly to venture down paths that sometimes lead us into unfamiliar territory. But through our knowledge, skills and experiences we find ourselves capitalizing on the unfamiliar in order to create new learning opportunities. These paths to the unfamiliar are similar to the current state of higher education today. We are all aware of the economic issues that face higher education. As well as how these issues impact how we work with students and our colleagues. One way to connect with colleagues across the state and talk about the issues at



hand is to join us at the first joint conference between OCPA and OASPA. An appropriate theme, "Merging at the Crossroads" promises to provide professional development opportunities for student affairs professionals and faculty at all levels.

I invite you to join us in January for two days of networking and open dialogue on the future of higher education. As you make your travel plans for the conference and the holidays take time to think about the following quotation which was taken from our conference call for programs. I think it will help us all reflect on the past in order to prepare for the future. Peter Senge and his associates stated in *The Dance of Change* that "leadership is the capacity of a human community to shape its future and specifically to sustain the significant process of change required to do so." They continue their definition of leadership by maintaining "that any organization has many leaders because there are many people at many levels in the hierarchy who play crucial roles in leadership communities... Diverse people in diverse positions contribute vitally to the way that an enterprise shapes its' future."

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# OCPA & OASPA Conference Schedule

## Thursday, January 30

8:00- 9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast  
Conference Registration  
Presenter Check-in  
Resource Areas Open

9:00 – 9:45 AM

Session 3

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Session 4

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Closing Luncheon  
Dr. Bob Young, Keynote Speaker

Volunteers are needed to introduce presenters and to help with registration. Be sure to circle “Volunteer” on your registration form!

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# Updates...

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## Careers in Students Affairs Conference and Fall Workshop: A new format and great success!

This past October, OCPA sponsored it's annual "Careers in Student Affairs Conference" combined with a professional development workshop. The conference was held at The Ohio State University - Columbus.

While undergraduates, and graduate students attended morning sessions on topics such as: *Student Affairs Jeopardy*, *Making the Most of Your Assistantship*, and *Marketing the Skills from your Undergraduate Leadership Experience*, student affairs professionals discussed current issues in higher education in round table discussions.

Lunch featured a panel of student affairs professionals who shared their experiences in the field, and the afternoon featured speaker was Beth Flynn from the OSU Leadership Center, who presented: **"Fish! Catch the Energy, Release the Potential"**. This presentation was based on Seattle's world famous Pike Fish Market. During this presentation, conference participants discovered creative ways for promoting teamwork in their work environment as well as the importance of *play at work*, *making peoples day*, and *choosing your attitude*.

Overall the conference was a great success!

If you have any questions, contact: Angela Henderson, Undergraduate Focus Chair, [henderson.264@osu.edu](mailto:henderson.264@osu.edu)

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## OCPAonline.org has the scoop!

You'll find OASPA/OCPA conference info and the most recent OCPA newsletters, government relations reports and Executive Board meeting minutes. Quick navigation buttons have been added to the home page to direct you to the hottest topics. If you need OCPA info, it's probably there! (Suggestions for improvement always welcome.)

As the hiring and job search season gears up, consider using our "Job Postings" webpage. Ohio student affairs employers are invited to send a .pdf or .doc document with the job description (or a link to an online description) along with the closing date for applications. Job searchers will find links to national online job search sources as well as Ohio opportunities.

Winter is also the season for graduate school applications. Whether you're mentoring a potential master's or doctoral student or considering returning to school yourself, check out the wealth of programs we have right here in Ohio. From the OCPAonline.org home page, look to the left navigation bar and click on "Ohio Graduate Study."

Finally, I'm happy to report that we have renewed our domain name. This means that you will be able to find OCPA in cyberspace at OCPAonline.org for at least three more years!

## **Exciting News from Ohio's Four-Year Private Institutions!**

### **Bluffton College**

Bluffton would like to welcome Gracy McBrayer from Huntington College (Indiana) and Ben Fielding from the University of Connecticut as our new graduate interns. Both Ben and Grace are serving as graduate Hall Directors and student affairs generalists as they pursue their master's degree in College Student Personnel at Bowling Green State University. Submitted by Korine Steinke

### **Capital University**

New full-time staff:

Corey Posey, Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs

Dave Crafts, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Orientation

Tacci Smith, has been promoted to Associate Director of Student Activities and Orientation

New Graduate Assistants:

Margaret Sallee, Career Counselor, Career Services

Davida Haywood, Student Organizations Specialist

Ross Radish, Residence Hall Director

Stacy Mollman, Residence Hall Director

Submitted by Tacci Smith

### **Heidelberg College**

Andrea Grata Domachowski is the new Director of Career Development

### **Hiram College**

We have two new Area Coordinators. Koreen Kerfoot is a recent graduate from Indiana University at Pennsylvania and Jenn Allen is a recent graduate from the University of Maine. Submitted by Angie Montgomery

### **Kenyon College**

Jill Atkinson is moving from her role as Assistant to the Dean for Academic Advising to the Admissions Office.

### **Tiffin University**

Marion Assumes TU Presidency

Dr. Paul Marion officially assumed presidential responsibilities of Tiffin University on July 1, 2002.

Dr. Marion, former President of Franklin College in Indiana, has 34 years of successful experience in higher education administration, including 17 years as chief executive officer.

"Tiffin University is a strong institution of higher education with a very bright future" said Marion. "I am honored to have been selected as President, and I appreciate the opportunity to work with the trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the community to continue the positive momentum that has developed under President Kidd's excellent leadership. My wife, Susan, and I are thrilled to be a part of Tiffin University and we are also excited about becoming actively involved with the community."

In addition to serving as President of Franklin College, Dr. Marion's executive experience has included the following positions: President of the Pennsylvania Association of College and Universities that includes 115 independent colleges and universities, public universities, and community colleges; Chancellor of the 10-campus State College System of West Virginia; and Director of Higher Education for the State of Arkansas. He has also served as an Associate Vice President of the 16-campus University of North Carolina and held administra-

tive positions at several other universities.

President Marion has taught courses at Temple University and North Carolina State University, and has been a guest lecturer for courses at several universities. He has made more than 100 presentations at national, regional, and state higher education conferences, published 20 articles, and received several awards and honors.

Paul Marion earned the following degrees: the Ph.D. from the University of Colorado at Boulder; the M.A. from California State University at Fresno; and the B.A. from Davidson College in North Carolina.

During Marion's presidency at Franklin College, enrollment increased to record levels, a \$40 million fund-raising campaign was successfully conducted, new facilities were constructed and the size of the campus was expanded, salary levels for faculty and staff members were increased, and new academic programs were added. In addition, the teacher education program was re-accredited, a new academic organizational structure was created, the leadership and professional development programs were enhanced, and an on-going strategic planning process was implemented.

Dr. Marion and his wife, Susan, have two daughters, Martha, who is a student at Northwestern University, and Katherine, who will attend Ohio University this fall. Submitted by Russell Barefoot

### **Wilmington College**

Wilmington College would like to welcome Kandra Sejas to our team as Assistant Director for Residence Life. Michael Allbright is also joining us as College Commons Manager while he pursues his Master's Degree in CSP at Wright State University. We have had a whirlwind of activity in recent months, with Megan Ray leaving us and Bonnie Byrne assuming the duties of Assistant Dean of Students for Housing. Administrative Assistant Karen Couch has worked miracles once again single-handedly housing all of our returning students and is working to assign our new community members. Campus Village Manager and Service Learning Coordinator has re-vamped our Living Learning residential program, and had a record breaking year for logged service hours. Ken Lydy has been at the helm of many amazing programs in student activities including Community Day, Sibs Weekend, etc. Mark Denniston has probably served on every committee imaginable to represent our area at its best. The rest of the Student Life team, led by Ken Peress has had a remarkably successful semester. We look forward to 2002-2003 being the best year ever at WC.

### **RESIDENCE LIFE INVOLVEMENT IN NACURH**

Attention Reslifers! Is your school affiliated with NACURH (National Association of College and University Residence Halls). This is a first rate student leadership opportunity that you may be missing out on! Hall Councils, RHAs, and student staff members can benefit from the programs, conferences, and resources offered by this dynamic group. Ohio is a part of the Central Atlantic region (CAACURH), and our very own Wright State University (in Dayton) hosted the fall regional conference in November 2002. For more information, please contact Bonnie Byrne, Regional Advisor, at [Bonnie\\_Byrne@wilmington.edu](mailto:Bonnie_Byrne@wilmington.edu), 937-382-6661, or check out the website at [www.nacurh.org](http://www.nacurh.org). Put your finger on the pulse of residence hall student leadership with NACURH! Submitted by Bonnie Byrne

### **The College of Wooster**

Wooster welcomes two new members to their Residential Life & Housing Team: Carly Kovelan and Morgen Flowers join us this month as Area Coordinators. Submitted by David Brown