



OHIO COLLEGE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION 2005 CAREERS IN STUDENT AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 22, 2005
Ohio State University - Newark
Reese Conference Center
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Ohio College Personnel Association (OCPA) is a comprehensive student affairs organization dedicated to providing quality professional development opportunities that enhance student learning, foster an appreciation of diversity and encourage collaborative partnerships among student affairs professionals in Ohio.

The OCPA Executive Council would like to encourage you and your students to participate in our upcoming **2005 Careers in Student Affairs Conference—Student Affairs: A Career for This Millennium on Saturday, October 22, 2005**. We expect 200+ undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate participants, in addition to talented faculty and professional staff! **Attendance and participation is open to all OCPA members and non-members.**

The Careers in Student Affairs conference is designed for undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate students interested in pursuing graduate studies and careers in Student Affairs. The conference will offer opportunities to learn about graduate school program options, network with Student Affairs practitioners, meet new friends, and get motivated to seek a career in Student Affairs.

The **Graduate School Expo** is one of the great features of this conference. **Student, faculty, and staff interest and participation has grown over the last two years, as well as the interest in graduate preparation programs outside of Ohio.** We now have students attending the conference from Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. Therefore, we expanded the Graduate School Expo to include a variety of graduate preparation programs from across the region. It is our goal to provide students with the following:

- Exposure to various Student Affairs/Student Personnel Graduate Academic Programs and entrance requirements.
- Identify important deadlines for admission and identify application/entrance exam requirements (LSAT, GMAT, GRE, etc.)
- Provide information on Graduate or Teaching Assistantship opportunities and financial aid options
- Create opportunities for graduate school representatives to recruit leading baccalaureate and master's candidates interested in graduate school

If you have questions, please contact Kim Ferguson at 614-236-6611. You may also email her at kfergus2@capital.edu. We look forward to seeing you on October 22, 2005!

Registration materials available online at

<http://www.ocpaonline.org/Conferences/conferences.html>

OCPA Mission

The Ohio College Personnel Association is a comprehensive student affairs organization dedicated to providing quality professional development opportunities that enhance student learning, foster an appreciation of diversity, and encourage collaborative partnerships among student affairs professionals in Ohio.

OCPA Vision

OCPA will maintain a proactive leadership role as an inclusive organization committed to initiating, influencing, and addressing issues and trends in higher education that assist in enhancing student learning and development.

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President's Pen

By Dwayne Todd



Hello and welcome to another year with OCPA! I'm sure that this past month has been incredibly hectic for all of us as we have put in the long hours and intense efforts to ready our campuses for the new academic year. What an exciting time, though! Part of what I love about higher education is the freshness and renewed energy that comes with welcoming a new class of students and seeing the familiar faces of returning students after the summer break.

I hope you will take the time to examine the tremendous professional development opportunities OCPA will provide you this coming year. Coming up first is our *Careers in Student Affairs* Conference on Oct. 22 at OSU-Newark. This is such a great opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to learn more about the field of Student Affairs. We are excited this year to include the Ohio Minority Undergraduate Fellows in Student Affairs (OMUFSA) Program in conjunction with the *Careers in Student Affairs* Conference, and we will be able to provide a limited number of conference fee waivers to those students accepted into the program. For more information and an application, please go to <http://www.ocpaonline.org/Conferences/conferences.html>.

Even with the excitement of starting a new year, my heart is saddened by the stories of those in the Gulf Region who have lost so much in the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. In particular, many of our colleagues at higher educational institutions have been hit just as hard as other citizens in those areas and are now left homeless and jobless. Our best wishes and support go out to all the victims of the storm, including those students, faculty, and staff who will forever be affected by this tragedy.

Among the resulting chaos, I am reminded of what a special field this is in which we work. Higher education professionals from across the country opened the doors of their institutions to thousands of students displaced by the disaster, working very quickly to help them get admitted, receive financial aid, attend orientation, get registered for classes, and find housing...all within days! Knowing that these students would have unique needs, so many of our colleagues went the extra mile to ensure that they would not have to postpone a year of their education and would receive the essential services they need to move on with their lives. I also think about how so many of the rest of us reached out to our own students who had friends and loved ones in the region and were unsure about their safety. What a special privilege it is to be able to do the kind of work it is that we do! Though we may not have been a person who served one of these specific students, I hope you remind yourself often that you do make a tremendous difference in the lives of other students every day.

Make each occasion with students a sacred opportunity to make an impact!

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UPDATES...

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NEW STAFF

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BA - Journalism from The Ohio State University.
Submitted by: Julie C. Marks, Director of Residence Life

BLUFFTON COLLEGE

NEW STAFF

Dr. Eric Fulcomer, formerly Vice President of Enrollment Management at Bluffton University has taken on new responsibilities as Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Life, Dean of Students. He has held various positions at Bluffton beginning as a Bowling Green State University Graduate Intern in 1993.
Submitted by Jacqui Slinger, Director of Career Development

THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

NEW STAFF

Assistant Director of Residence Life: Carly Kovelan
Three Area Coordinators in Residence Life: Josh Nowack, Mike Kavulic, Karl Bluemel
Assistant Director of Student Activities: Dottie Collura

COMMON FIRST-YEAR READING

Our first-year student book was Life of Pi.
Submitted by Bob Rodda, Director of Lowry Center & Student Activities

XAVIER UNIVERSITY

NEW STAFF

Jason "JB" Baily, Assistant Director of Student Life/Student Activities Council, Advisor over the summer.

NEW ORIENTATION PROGRAM

While in the past the parent program for our new student orientation was multiple days long, the parents left campus on the same day (the evening) the first year students moved in.
During new student orientation we had Keith Edwards speak about what men can do to reduce rape on college campuses.

COMMON STUDENT AFFAIRS READING

The division of student development read and discussed Leadership and Self-Deception: Getting Out of the Box, The Arbinger Institute, 2000/2002 this summer.
Submitted by Luther Smith, Assistant VP for Student Life

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

NEW STAFF

Taryn Anderson, VISTA Community Collaboration Coordinator
Jan Davison, Career Services: Assistant Director for Career Planning
Angela Gray, Associate Director of Student Activities
Christy Malone, RHC, Lohman Complex & Ackermann Hall
Brian Murphy, Interim Assistant Director, Multicultural Affairs
Kelli Raker, Grad. Asst., RHC, Cotterman & Capital Commons Apts.

UPDATES CONTINUED...

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

COMMON RESIDENCE LIFE READING

For Area Coordinator training, we read Celebrating the Third Place by Ray Oldenberg and we are currently reading Heroic Leadership by Chris Lowney

NEW STAFF

Will Oprisko, Area Coordinator in Residence Life
Kathleen Lis-Dean, Assistant to the VSPA
Rebecca Jamrozik, Assistant Director of Student Activities
Ryan Knotts, Coordinator of Developmental Programming
Mary Ball, Counselor
Allison West, Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities
Chris Kerr, Campus Ministry
Emma Hayes, Campus Ministry
Submitted by Kyle O'Dell, Assistant Director of Residence Life

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

We have had a great beginning to the academic year here at Wittenberg! We are excited about our new President, Dr. Mark Erickson (great Student Affairs background), and look forward to the new changes that will be occurring over the year.

Our office of Residence Life also has some new faces...

Andrew Sadouskas joins us as a Residence Coordinator in Firestone Hall. He also has campus wide responsibilities for alcohol and wellness education and works closely with our Health and Counseling Center. Andy comes to Wittenberg from the Ohio University's College Student Personnel program with a Master of Education.

Justina Torres is our new Residence Coordinator for Hanley, South and Woodlawn Halls. She will also be serving as the advisor to our Residence Hall Association. Justina graduated in May from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN with her Master of Science in Education.

We also are pleased that two of our staff members have returned for their second year. Angela Hopkins (graduate from University of Akron's program) has moved over to be the Residence Coordinator for Tower Hall and the Polis House. Melissa Jensen (graduate from University of Findlay's MBA program) is the Residence Coordinator responsible for Ferncliff and Myers Halls.

One last item - we are VERY pleased to announce after four years of service to Residence Life - Mike Griest received a promotion as the Interim Director of Student Activities at Wittenberg. He has been very busy with our new student orientation program and welcome activities.

Submitted by Holly Reynolds, Assistant Dean of Students/ Director of Residence Life

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

Jaime Clougher—Jaime began as the new Assistant Director of Residence Life/Residence Hall Director on July 1. She comes to us as a recent graduate of Indiana University with a Masters in Student Affairs Administration. While attending Indiana University Jaime worked for Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis' Housing and Residence Life Office as an Interim Assistant Director and Graduate Hall Director. As an undergraduate Jaime also served as a Hall Director. Jaime grew up in Jersey Shore in Toms River, New Jersey. Her favorite pastimes include: spending time with family, traveling, scrap booking, attending concerts and Broadway shows.

Corey Posey-Assist. Dir. Of Orientation & Campus Ctr/Resident Hall—A native of East Orange, NJ, Corey completed a BS in Sociology from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and a B.A.S.W. in Social Work from Salisbury University (formerly Salisbury State University). Upon completion of his undergraduate studies, Corey was admitted to the SPA Program at The Ohio State University, and in June 2002, achieved his Master's Degree in Higher Education & Student Affairs.

OTTERBEIN CONTINUED...

For the past three years, Mr. Posey served as the Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs at Capital University. Some of his professional affiliations include the Ohio College Personnel Association, National Association for Student Personnel Administrators, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Sue Pelo-Greek Life

Originally from New York, born and raised in a small town outside of Rochester, NY (go Yankees!); attended Hartwick College, a proud member of Alpha Omicron Pi (why her passions are focused on Greek students and student-athletes); graduate program at Bowling Green State University where she spent the majority of her assistantship time living (with a fraternity), working, studying, and advising Greek Students. She is extremely enthusiastic about the position and says that she is looking forward to meeting as many people on campus as possible.

Julie Saker, Director of Student Conduct and Wellness—Julie completed her Bachelor of Science in Human Resources and Family Studies at the University of Illinois and Masters of Science in Student Personnel Services and Counseling from Miami University. She was hired as the Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Small Living Units at Otterbein College in 2001. During Julie's second year at Otterbein, she took on a wider scope of responsibility including increased judicial responsibility, summer conference and co-establishing a Women's Issues Committee. She served in this position until this summer when she was promoted to the position of Director of Student Conduct and Wellness. Some of the responsibilities in her new position include counseling students having difficulty socially and academically, working with faculty to assist students having difficulty; overseeing the judicial process; and coordinating wellness programming. In addition, Julie will administer the Summer Conference Program.

Submitted by Angela Harris, Assistant Dean of Students / Coordinator of Ethnic Diversity and Carol A. Padezanin, Executive Secretary, Student Affairs

Special Announcement: this year's annual conference theme will be...

**Hitting the Bull's Eye:
Are We on Target with Students?**

**Don't forget to mark your calendars!
Feb. 1-3, 2006 in Worthington, OH**

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