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PRESIDENT'S PEN

By Glenda Bebber, NCCPA President, Wingate University

It is official – spring is in the air! Warm temperatures and blooming flowers are telling us all that the spring semester is almost over. I know this finds many of you buried under mounds of advising appointments, resume critiques and in the mist of housing sign-ups. During these hectic times, do not forget the reason you entered this field... because of your passion for student success. I have recently found myself too busy doing my job to actually do my job. Take the time to really listen to the student in front of you; enjoy the moment to realize your contribution to this young life... enjoy your work.

NCCPA volunteers continue to work hard to provide professional development and leadership opportunities for our colleagues throughout the state. The fourth annual President's Forum was a success with keynote speaker, Vernon Wall. The drive-in allowed for many intimate discussions on campus hot topics regarding social justice issues. We are very proud of our friends at Mount Olive College for hosting a wonderful student LEAD conference in late February, where Nancy Hunter Denny provide another phenomenal keynote address.

Connie Uselman and committee are working tirelessly to prepare for the upcoming Administrative Support Conference at UNC-Greensboro on Friday, April 18th. Please take time to thank the support staff in your offices for all the numerous times they have saved you by allowing them to attend the drive-in conference.

As you hear talks of the US presidential candidates, do not forget that elections for NCCPA are upon us! During this time, I reflect on the many opportunities I have had through this wonderful organization. NCCPA continues to thrive with dedicated, committed and passionate individuals who truly seek the best for the students we serve and to represent our state extremely well.

ACPA is quickly approaching and I hope to see many of you in Atlanta. Please make special note of the ACPA section in this newsletter for special events regarding NCCPA. I again wish you an awesome semester of growth, challenges, and successes.



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SPECIAL NOTES

NCCPA Elections coming soon- all information to be distributed on the NCCPA listserv

Please submit any changes/edits to the website or newsletter to David Bucci at buccid@ecu.edu

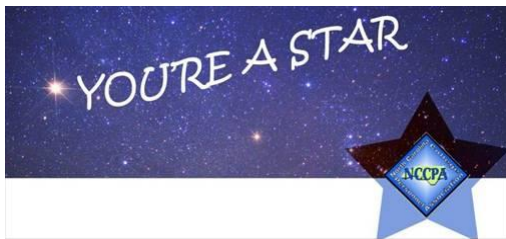
To post any job openings on the website, contact David Bucci at buccid@ecu.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL CONFERENCE 2008

Friday, April 18, 2008

**UNC Greensboro:
Greensboro, NC**



Bring out the Star in YOU!!

The annual Administrative Personnel Conference is a great opportunity for those working in administrative roles to participate in workshops designed to educate, stimulate, recharge, and motivate. Attendees will participate in a series of workshops of their choice. A sampling of some of the workshops being offered include: "Tips to save time and money when both are limited"; "Brain Attack, It's more than a charade (reducing the chance of a stroke)"; "Fueling for Success (making behavioral changes in your life)"; and "Understanding personality types in the office".

After the workshops, attendees will enjoy a luncheon with key note speaker, Alan Mueller. Alan is a career student of life who has worked in a variety of settings. He has been everything from a restaurant manager, salesperson and pharmacy technician to a bank teller and loan officer. Alan has worked in higher education for almost a decade now, and currently serves as the Assistant Director of Student Programs at Appalachian State University. He holds degrees in Philosophy and Religion, College Student Development and Adult Education. He is a devoted husband of 12 years and the father of a 3-year-old daughter. Alan is also an amateur musician, who supports musical youth activities such as drum and bugle corps. Alan is very committed to students, and seeks to take every opportunity to pull good learning moments out of otherwise mundane tasks. Alan is truly an inspiring individual and you will walk away at the end of the day feeling positive and rejuvenated.

Additional Information

Check-In:
8:00 AM- 9:00 AM

Where:
Cone Ballroom in the Elliott
University Center

Early Registration:
\$35 postmarked by April 4th

Late Registration:
\$45 postmarked after April 4th

Registration Information Online:
<http://www.mynccpa.org/adminconference.htm>

NCCPA Conference 2008



Mark your calendars for November 12-14th, 2008 for your trip to beautiful Asheville, North Carolina. Asheville North Carolina sits nestled in the Appalachian Mountains, and is just minutes from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Home to the historic Biltmore house, the city of Asheville is a thriving city full of outstanding restaurants, shopping, art and culture. On the January 11th edition of the ABC show 20/20 Asheville was recognized as "America's Happiest City."

This progressive town provides strong leadership in areas of social conscience and responsibility. Mid November is a particularly wonderful time to visit, as much of the fall foliage will still be intact and will provide a beautiful backdrop to reconnect with colleagues from throughout the state.

NEWS AND UPDATES:

Are you headed to Atlanta?

The 2008 ACPA Atlanta Convention will take place at the Marriott Marquis and Hyatt Regency from Sunday, March 30th through Wednesday, April 2nd. We hope that many NCCPA members will be heading south to enjoy this annual chance to catch up with colleagues across the country, as well as professionally pause and reassess what we do for students and how we do it.

Make sure to mark the following Monday events on your “must do” list while in Atlanta:

1) Attend the first ever Town Hall Assembly Meeting on Monday, March 31, 2008 from 3:00-5:00pm in the Marriott Marquis, Imperial Ballroom. You will be making history by being part of this new system of governance for ACPA.

2) Visit NCCPA’s table at the Convention Showcase from 6:30-8:00pm on Monday in the Hyatt Regency-Centennial Ballroom. The theme this year is March Madness so you are invited to wear your college colors as you visit ACPA’s commissions, standing committees, and state/international divisions. This event will be located just across the hall from the Graduate Preparation Fair, and refreshments and cash bar are available.

3) Stop by the South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia Personnel Associations Social on Monday from 9:30-11:00pm in the Hyatt Regency, Hanover Hall G. We are excited to have this fun opportunity to meet with our neighboring colleagues and talk about how to have more collaborative efforts in the future.

Safe Travels!

Lori Haight, President-Elect

Social Networking for Student Affairs: By Stuart Brown

The social network phenomenon had its genesis on college and university campuses, most notably with Facebook.com. The major networks have no restrictions to access. While this has allowed membership to skyrocket, the open door policy has diluted their impact for specific audiences.

For student affairs administrators this problem has now been solved with the introduction of **iStudentAffairs.com** (<http://iStudentAffairs.com>). Launched in February 2008, as a social networking site for student affairs professionals, the site has registered over 1,000 people in less than two months. Individuals must register and be approved to access the site. Why are people asked to register? This is to ensure the integrity of the site. By keeping out spammers and advertisers, the focus remains on people interested in joining a community involved with higher education.

The response to the site has been overwhelmingly positive. Alex Herzog, Director of Campus Card Services at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas stated, “I can’t believe this site didn’t come about sooner. It’s a great resource for student affairs professionals and I personally like the ability to reconnect with colleagues in the field. I think this application is more personal and applicable for student affairs administrators than Facebook.”

Once people are registered, they can share program ideas, views on policy matters, photos, discussion forums and more. Dozens of interest-based groups, that reflect personal interest or professional responsibilities have been formed. Personal blogs have been created, which are featured on the main page, as well as a wide variety of videos. **iStudentAffairs.com** also provides a built-in email system to correspond within the network, catch up with friends and surprise long lost colleagues. Individuals can also post messages to entire groups or write a post directly on someone’s My Page bulletin board, known as a Comment Wall.

The goal of **iStudentAffairs.com** is continued growth with the desire to become the social networking site for student affairs professionals, where connecting, sharing, and collaborating will be commonplace.

Stuart Brown heads the website StudentAffairs.com

HIGHLIGHT: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

Darris Means, Member at Large Diversity

Darris Means graduated from Elon University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Sociology. Upon graduation, Darris was selected to serve a two year term on the Elon University Board of Trustees as the Youth Trustee. Darris went on to Clemson University to receive his Masters in Education with an emphasis in Student Affairs and Higher Education. He currently serves as the Assistant Director of Student Life and Leadership Development for the Elon Academy at Elon University. The Elon Academy is a three-year college-access program for academically talented high school students with a financial need and/or no family history of college. He is very passionate about his work because he is a first generation college student.



Darris enjoyed his experience with SCCPA, so he jumped at the opportunity to serve on the Executive Board of NCCPA this past Fall. In his current position on the Executive Board, he has the opportunity to address concerns and topics regarding social justice and diversity. He looks forward to collaborating with higher education institutions and leaders across the state to take social justice to the next level. Means is also involved in the Southern Association for College Student Affairs, the ACPA’s Commission for Social Justice Educators, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Alamance County’s Closing the Achievement Gap Committee, and Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He was recently named Triad’s “40 Leaders Under Forty” by the Triad Business Journal.



SAVE THE DATES



ACPA.....March 29- April 2 in Atlanta, GA
 Distinguished Scholar 2008 Nominations..... Due March 28
 Administrative Support Conference.....April 18 at UNC Greensboro
 NCCPA Fall Conference.....Nov. 12-14 at Asheville NC