



NCommunicator Catch the Wave

WINTER 2007

President's Pen

PRESIDENT'S PEN: Catch your wave to NCCPA...

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year!

Spring semester is already in full swing and I know everyone is busy with their plans, student appointments and everyday tasks. The same is true for NCCPA – the fall has flown by and we are already busy working to bring you productive programs this coming spring. First let me say congratulations to the Fall Conference planning committee. They worked very hard on the conference and it turned out to be a great success. It was our small, intimate, in-depth conference. Thank you Angela and Heather, along

with your team members, for your hard work and dedication to the conference and NCCPA. Of course I have to put in a plug for next year's conference – SAVE THE DATE – NCCPA and NCHO will join together in Greenville November 14-16, 2007.

Back to Spring 2007 – get your calendars out and mark these dates:

February 17 – LEAD conference, Duke University

April 13 – Administrative Support Conference, ECU

May 16-18 – President's Forum (with a twist): Sustainability – Get GREEN in Greenville,

Greenville, SC
Please remember to check our web site for information on all events and announcements.

I wish you all the best in 2007! See you at our NCCPA events, or ACPA. **Catch Your Wave,**

Topics of Interest:

- LEAD 2007
- Fall 2007 Conference
- Focus on New Professionals
- Fall 2006 Wrap Up



For conference information go to www.mynccpa.org.

**LEAD Conference
February 17, 2007**

Hosted by Duke University

Register online at

www.mynccpa.org.

Get Green in Greenville

May 16-18, 2007

Greenville, South Carolina

Keynote Speaker: Debra Rowe

Registration Opens

mid February

**Administrative Support
Conference
April 13**

Hosted at
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC

LEAD Conference

Duke University

Durham, NC

February 17, 2007

The Conference:

LEAD brings together leaders from campuses across the state of North Carolina to a one-day drive-in conference. This conference is specifically geared toward current and rising student leaders and Duke University will host the 11th annual gathering sponsored by the North Carolina College Personnel Association (NCCPA). The conference will allow students to network, learn how other leadership teams and programs function and to get ideas to bring back to campus. The conference is filled with fun, educational sessions, keynote lunch address, round table discussions and lots of extras!

Who Should Attend:

The first question that often comes to mind is, "Who should attend?" This conference is designed to reach across the campus boundaries. Student participants, including members from Student Government, Residence Life, Student Activities, Clubs, Organizations, Greek Life and the general student body, will all benefit from attending. Even graduate students and professionals will have time to meet and share ideas.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, February 16

8:00 p.m. Informal Pre-Conference event (hotel information upon request)

Saturday, February 17

8:00 a.m. Registration & Banner Contest submission

9:00 a.m. Welcome & Roll Call

9:30 a.m. Program Sessions – Round 1

10:30 a.m. Program Sessions – Round 2

11:30 a.m. Program Sessions – Round 3

12:30 p.m. Lunch & Swap Shop

1:30 p. m. Keynote address by student leader and guest speaker

3:00 p.m. Program Sessions – Round 4

4:15 p.m. Closing Ceremony

Workshops:

This one-day conference offers workshops that will serve in the development and strengthening of students and their leadership skills. A variety of topics and sessions will range from specific topics to broad areas of interest that can help all student organizations. A mix of discussions, round table topics and other formats will be included. Most sessions will be approximately 45 minutes in length. Student teams, graduate students and advisors will be presenters throughout the day. Interested in being a presenter? Go to www.mynccpa.org.

Conference Fees:

The cost of the conference is \$35 per person and is non-refundable. This fee covers a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, t-shirt, event costs and conference materials. **All money and forms must be received by February 9, 2005. A late registration fee of \$5 per person will be charged after Feb. 9th.**

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NCCPA LEAD
CONFERENCE



Dr. Greg Dale,

LEAD Keynote Speaker

Dr. Greg Dale is an Associate Professor and Sport Psychology Consultant at Duke University. As a professor Greg teaches and conducts research in the areas of Sport Psychology and Sport Ethics. As a sport psychology consultant, Greg helps coaches and athletes develop systematic approaches to the mental aspects of performance. In addition to his work with athletes and coaches at Duke, Greg is a member of the sport psychology staff for USA Track and field and consults with athletes and coaches in professional football, soccer, baseball, golf and tennis.

Greg is a former middle and high school coach in New York City and San Antonio, Texas. He has conducted over two hundred workshops with coaches and athletes from a variety of high schools and colleges across the country and Mexico. He is the coauthor of the books, "The Seven Secrets of Successful Coaches: How to Unlock and Unleash Your Team's Full Potential" and "101 Team Building Activities: Ideas Every Coach Can Use To Enhance Communication, Trust and Teamwork."

Questions? Comments?:

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to get involved with the LEAD program, feel free to contact Sarah Morris at sarah.morris@duke.edu



**NCHO/NCCPA Joint Conference
“Treasuring Partnerships”
November 14, 15, and 16, 2007
Greenville, NC Hilton**

Committee Chairs

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East Carolina University campus

Your help is needed!

If you wish to be involved with one of the committee areas for the fall conference, Please contact hande@ecu.edu to be contacted by a committee chair.

“Surviving a national job search – a conversation with a new professional”

By Justin Williams, Chair Graduate and New Professionals

The year is half over and soon it will be time to start recruiting, interviewing, and deciding who to hire for the next academic year. This can be a daunting task for those interviewing for a position, especially if this is their first time. NCCPA has been providing graduate students the opportunity to get some valuable insight and experience into conducting a national job search through fall pre-conferences over the past few years. Last year Steve Rice was one of those graduate students. I had the opportunity to talk with Steve about his experience at fall pre-conference and going through a national job search.

Starting his career in higher education at East Carolina with a BS in Communications, Rice then traveled to Greensboro where he completed his MEd in Higher Education Administration. Rice felt ready to interview for professional positions so he attended the 2005 Fall Graduate Pre-conference. Rice recalls the reason for attending the fall pre-conference “as a place offering beneficial topics to help him with his job search.” One of the things that stands out from pre-conference was the opportunity to do mock interviewing with professionals already in the field. “This helped me overcome my nervousness about interviewing,” Rice said.

The next major task was going through a national placement process. Equipped with the knowledge Rice picked up from pre-conference, he felt ready to tackle the interviews ahead of him. “Although placement seemed overwhelming, it was nice and inspirational to see so many people going after the same thing as me” Rice remembers. The overall experience of attending a conference is something Rice remembers as being great, but interviewing did take a lot of energy.

Now as a full time professional, Rice is just as busy with regular duties and responsibilities as he was with classes and projects. However, it is worth it to Rice because “working with college students is something that I find to be very rewarding and enjoyable, so when you enjoy what you do it is not really work.” It is so rewarding that Rice sees himself still working with college students several years down the road.

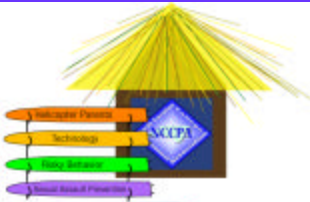
In closing, Fall Pre-conference is designed to help those graduate students thinking about or starting the national job search process. Take some advice from someone who recently went through all of this: “Go with the flow. If you don’t, you could really stress yourself out.”



Wanted:
Graduate and New Professionals Co-Chair
To assist in providing increased attention to new professionals in
NCCPA.

Contact Justin Williams at Justin_Williams@uncg.edu.

Catch the Wave
HOT TOPICS
NCCPA Fall Conference



The conference was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who attended, helped, participated and/or presented. Without your dedication to NCCPA and higher education, our students would not be as well served.

During the conference, we all had a chance to take a break from the daily hustle and bustle of our offices to reflect on and learn about HOT TOPICS in higher education.

On Wednesday night, we kicked off the 2006 fall NCCPA conference with an exciting luau and our unique new member pinning tradition. While everyone enjoyed dancing and dining on sundaes and fresh fruit, the men of the conference performed a rousing karaoke rendition of "It's Raining Men". Everyone got lai'd as they joined the party and a great time was had by all. It was a great way to get everyone to 'catch the wave' of excitement for the conference. Of course during each day we learned a lot about hot topics, but we left plenty of room for socializing and getting to know other professionals from across the state. On Thursday, after a day of presentations, many of us went downtown to a Winston-Salem hot spot, the Filling Station, for dinner and a couple people even bought an enormous dessert, much to the enjoyment of all!

In an effort to have a meeting of the minds, we officially began the conference with a hot topics discussion based on each attendee's area of interest and we finished the conference with the 'Open Spaces' session that allowed everyone to discuss one more topic of their choice. Throughout the two days, conference attendees had the opportunity to participate in six different presentations on various issues affecting higher education today. Topics were as varied as the presenters - cyberspace, helicopter parents, campus promotions, being crazy busy, religion in the south, and what I wish I had known as a new professional.

During lunch on Thursday and Friday we were honored to have two professionals who have excelled in higher education. Our distinguished scholar, Dr. Richard Eakin, offered wisdom from the lessons life has taught him during his extensive career in higher education. On Friday, the president-elect of APCA, Dr. Vasti Torres, shared with us her vision for student affairs and how we need to be deliberate with our message as professionals and as educators.

A special thanks to our super awesome incredible committee members! Alan Mueller, Stacey Davis, Stacey Harris, Courtney Sandler, Glenda Bebbler, Lauren Whitaker We could not have done it without them!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2007 NCCPA/NCHO Co-Conference In Greenville!

Heather Campbell & Angela Cobos



New member Pinning

Congratulations to the 2006 NCCPA award winners. Seven individuals received recognition at the annual NCCPA fall conference that was held in Winston-Salem in early November. NCCPA appreciates the level of care, attention to detail and organization, forward thinking, and their willingness to go above the call of duty for students on their campus and across the state.

The winners are:

Distinguished Scholar Award

Dr. Richard Eakin, retired Chancellor ECU

Co-Recipients of the Outstanding Service in Support of the Profession

Dr. Boka Wesley Hadzija , Professor, School of Pharmacy, UNC Chapel Hill

Dr. Michael Brown, Associate Dean for the Thomas Harriot College of Arts & Sciences, ECU

Outstanding Professional Contribution

Jeff Lesley, Building Services Coordinator, UNC Wilmington

Outstanding Graduate Student

Susannah Lawrence, Graduate student at Appalachian State University

Outstanding Committee Member

Stacy Davis, Director of Academic Advising, Belmont Abbey College

Outstanding New Professional

Julie Lawson, Director of Campus Life, Lees-McCrae College

Candid Photos from Conference



Dinner on the Town



"Free" Drinks for All



Remember: "It's Raining Men"?



Sundae Bar..YUMM!



Lunch before we leave