



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS, THERE'S EXCITEMENT AHEAD

## Putting the Pieces Together: How You Fit Into Student Affairs!

OCPA 2003: Careers in Student Affairs Workshop  
Saturday, November 15, 2003  
The Ohio State University - Marion  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Careers in Student Affairs Workshop is for undergraduate and graduate students who are aspiring to be in leadership positions within Student Affairs. This dynamic workshop will provide opportunities to:

- ◆ Examine the various career tracks in Student Affairs
- ◆ Discover how to market your undergraduate leadership skills and experience
- ◆ Learn how to chart your course for a senior Student Affairs position
- ◆ Explore Ohio graduate schools and learn about the admission and financial aid process

The luncheon will feature Dr. Donald G. Chenoweth as our keynote speaker. Dr. Chenoweth will address the nature, characteristics, meaning, and application of Student Affairs positions, as well as provide an interesting perspective on the question of whether the current organizational and financial patterns in colleges and universities support student learning.

Dr. Donald Chenoweth served as Dean of Student Services at the Ohio Wesleyan University for 10 years. He is currently a Senior Professional in the Office of Human Resources at the Ohio State University. His areas of expertise include strategic planning, change management, organizational assessment and leadership development, and coaching.

**Registration must be received by November 3, 2003.**

Contact Kimberly M. Ferguson at 740-389-6786 for more information or visit our website at [www.ocpaonline.org](http://www.ocpaonline.org)

#### 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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OCPA News

# President's Pen



Greetings from the Ohio College Personnel Association (OCPA)! The Executive Board has been very busy designing and devolving numerous professional development opportunities for you. I think that you will discover that OCPA is committed more than ever to high professional standards, inclusion, intentional student learning and development, and collaborative partnerships.

Please remember that we cannot fulfill our mission without you! Our membership is our most important resource and we need your input and participation to make our organization successful. Please let us know if we can serve your needs in any manner not previously demonstrated. Also, we ask that you tell a friend or colleague about us. Our members are also our greatest recruiters!

We are very excited about the many initiatives underway this year. On November 15, the annual Careers in Student Affairs Conference will be held at the Ohio State University – Marion Campus. Under the direction of Kim Ferguson, this conference promises to be bigger and better than ever before. A bit later this year, you will find that we are continuing our wonderful partnership with OASPA. For the second consecutive year, OCPA is partnering with OASPA to create a dynamic two-day conference. This year, our joint conference will be held on January 28-31. We are intentionally partnering with OASPA in an effort to maximize the development of all members of the Student Affairs community - graduate students, new and seasoned professionals, senior student affairs professionals, and higher educational faculty. This year we are also offering a fantastic development opportunity for all professionals in our field to focus on the issues of diversity. Timeka Thomas Rashid has led the way in designing a pre-conference workshop focusing on this most important topic. You will read about many other exciting opportunities in the near future.

It is a great pleasure to serve as OCPA President for the 2003-2004 academic year. The board and I intend to build on the strength of previous leaders and the rich professional experience of our membership. For more information on how you can get involved and help us reach our goals please feel free to email me at berry.19@osu.edu.

**John M. Berry**

OCPA President 2003-2004

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### Annual Conference

**Tracy Benner**  
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### Awards

**Kathy Morris**  
Assistant Vice President for  
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Wright State University

# Diversity Workshop 2004

The members of the Diversity Committee of the Ohio College Personnel Association  
invite you to attend:

## OASPA/OCPA Pre-Conference Diversity Workshop “Educating Ourselves to Understand Our Differences” Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2004, from 1-5pm

### **Potential topics during the workshop include:**

- Recruiting and retaining students and faculty of color
- Creative and unique retention programs
- LGBT issues and programs
- Raising and achieving academic standards and success
- Creating a more multicultural campus climate
- Government regulations and its affect on minorities in higher education
- Defining diversity on college campuses

We are very excited about this opportunity to come together and hope that you are able to attend this workshop. **Membership in OCPA is not required to participate in this workshop.** Should you have any questions or would be interested in leading a session contact:

Timeka Rashid at (614) 823-3206 or trashid@otterbein.edu

Deadline for session proposals is **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

# UPDATES . . .

## **Updates from our private institution colleagues! Courtesy of Eric Anderson, Member-at-Large, 4-year Private.**

Tuesday, October 21st Skiptet Latin Ensemble  
7pm-9pm, Campus Center Lounge, Otterbein College

Come enjoy the many styles of Latin music! This Cleveland ensemble consists of drums, bass guitars, keyboards and vocalists! All in celebration of Hispanic Awareness Month! Event is free! For more information about these programs please contact the Office of Ethnic Diversity at 614-823-1250.

At Hiram, in Student Life, we have two new staff members. Eric Riedel is our new Dean of Students and he comes from Colby Sawyer College in New Hampshire, and Vince Wilson is our new Assistant Director of Residence Life / Director of Community Service, and he comes from Guelph in Ontario Canada.

Notre Dame College welcomes aboard...Dr. Andrew Roth, President of Notre Dame College; Gloria Jenkins, Assistant Director of Student Accounts; Carolyn Elkins, Admissions Counselor for Non-Traditional Students; Amber Prekler, Assistant Director of Career Services / Adult Recruiter; Stuart Smith, Director of the Website; and David Armstrong, Dean of Admissions. Here's to an exciting academic year!

Walsh University has hired a new Career Development Director, Jonathan Wray.

Capital University has recently added several new Student Services staff:

Betty Lovelace, VP and Dean of Student Services  
Nancy Smith, Assistant Director of Career Services  
Ryan Sarni, Service Learning Coordinator (VISTA)  
Sherika Dailey, Assistant Director of Residence Life  
Lauren Garrett, Director of Cotterman Hall

**Don't forget to renew your membership!  
Did you know that OCPA is able  
to accept Visa, MasterCard,  
and American Express?**

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Ohio  
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of Student  
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Administrators

# The Spirit of Education



Ohio's Conference for Student Affairs  
January 29-30, 2004

## Call for Programs

**On behalf of the conference planning committee, we invite you to submit a program proposal for the January 2004 joint conference of Ohio Association of Student Personnel Administrators (OASPA) & Ohio College Personnel Association (OCPA) to be held January 29-30 at the Radisson Hotel Worthington in Worthington, Ohio.**

**This year's conference theme, "The Spirit of Education", focuses on our ability to share our expertise and ideas with others to further their education and our own. Along with keynote speaker Judy Rogers, member-presented educational sessions allow us to explore current trends, new directions and best practices in student affairs. You may wish to present on an innovative or collaborative program or service at your institution. We encourage you to consider co-presenting with a new professional or graduate/undergraduate student as a mentoring activity.**

**Program Proposal Forms can be found at  
<http://www.ocpaonline.org/Conferences/AnnConf04Proposal.pdf>**

**We hope you will join us as a presenter, participant, and/or conference volunteer. This conference will be an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues and form new friendships. Full conference registration materials will be available via email and online on both the OASPA and OCPA ([www.ocpaonline.org](http://www.ocpaonline.org)) web pages in mid-October. Mark your calendars now to join us in January 2004!**

For full consideration, Program Proposals must be postmarked or faxed no later than November 3, 2003, to:

Tracy Benner, Conference Co-Chair  
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Student Affairs Office  
Westerville, Ohio 43081  
Fax: 614-823-3299  
Phone: 614-823-1250  
Email: [TBenner@otterbein.edu](mailto:TBenner@otterbein.edu)

# ATTENTION GRADUATE STUDENTS!

This is your chance to make your mark during a professional conference! The annual case study competition is approaching soon. Each participating team will receive the actual case a few days prior to January 29, 2004, which is when the competition will be hosted. If a friendly competition against other graduate students throughout Ohio seems intriguing, find a partner and contact Kate Police by November 25, 2003. Teams of two members will be registered on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please act now!

Contact Information:

Kate Police, Graduate-Member-at-Large

cpolice@kent.edu



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[WWW.OCPAONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.OCPAONLINE.ORG)  
TO FIND  
GREAT INFORMATION!

**Fiona MacKinnon, Carolyn Palmer, Fayette Paulsen, Sandra Emerick,  
Constance Dubick, Susan Eklund-Leen, Sue Heimann,  
Denise Reading, and Willie Young**

**What do all these individuals have in common?** Besides being great mentors and exceptional student affairs leaders, they are making a difference in the lives and careers of students and staff members interacting with them. These individuals have a unique designation behind their name - they are all Lifetime members of OCPA, giving their time, energy and support to OCPA for the past 28 years. Being a Lifetime member gives you the opportunity to support OCPA and the members you believe can make a difference in the organization. OCPA is more than just a conference session or newsletter article, it has a family flavor that makes being a member very special.

The Lifetime member fee is \$200.00 (while in the state of Ohio), it may seem high at first, but in the long run it will save you money and provide you with many years of memories. I'm proud to be a Lifetime member of OCPA - what about you?

by  
Robin W. Gagnow, Kent State University  
OCPA Historian

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SUBMISSIONS, QUESTIONS, OR COMMENTS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO:  
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**It's That Time Again!**  
**Nominate Outstanding Professionals to be recognized at the  
2004 OCPA/OASPA Conference**

**Applications are due by mail, e-mail, or fax to:**

Kathy Morris, OCPA Awards Chair  
366 University Hall

Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Dayton, OH 45435

Fax: 937-775-3669 • [kathy.morris@wright.edu](mailto:kathy.morris@wright.edu)

**Deadline: Monday, November 3, 2003**

Please direct all questions to Kathy @ 937-775-2809 or via e-mail as listed above.

Recipients of the Awards will be Announced at the OCPA/OASPA Joint Conference, January 2004.

**(Please see individual award criteria and descriptions available at [www.ocpaonline.org](http://www.ocpaonline.org))**

1. Phillip A. Tripp Distinguished Service Award
2. Gerald A. Saddlemire Mentor Award
3. Mark G. Noffsinger New Professional Award
4. Innovative Program Award
5. Fayette Paulsen Accomplished Leader Award
6. Cultural Diversity Award
7. Graduate Student of the Year Award
8. Undergraduate Student Leader Award

**Please take this time to nominate those individuals who make outstanding contributions  
to the field of Student Affairs!**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CAMPUS LIAISONS FOR THE FOLLOWING:  
BLUFFTON COLLEGE, CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY, FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE, KENYON COLLEGE,  
OBERLIN COLLEGE, AND WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY.

INTERESTED?

CONTACT ERIC ANDERSON AT [careers@capital.edu](mailto:careers@capital.edu)