



# OCPA News

## OCPA/NACA Workshop Asks, “Are You Making Life Count?”

Professionals from 21 different schools and four different states gathered at Cleveland State University May 18, 2001 for the Professional Development Workshop, *Making Life Count*. The program was sponsored by the National Association for Campus Activities Great Lakes Region, the Ohio College Personnel Association, and Cleveland State University. The featured keynote presenter John DeBoer, led participants through a series of activities designed to assist in the examination of personal and professional ethics, balance, and acting as a whole person.

Workshop attendees enjoyed a barbeque lunch around the fountain at the historic Mather Mansion, one of the last remaining mansions of Cleveland’s famed Millionaire’s Row. The bulk of the workshop was held in the mansion’s former ballroom, a fitting backdrop for

DeBoer’s message of life as a concert. During the workshop he shared a plaque, which his mother brought to this country when the family left the Netherlands in 1950. The tile plaque reads “Dan het concert des levens krijgt niemand fen program.” Translated: “*In the concert of life, no one has a program.*”

For those in attendance, the workshop provided a fitting end to a hectic year.

It was a time to re-examine our lives and vocations and reflect upon the positive, meaningful differences that we make for so many. Participants left the workshop de-stressed and energized – ready to enter summer and the next academic year refreshed and renewed.

Ideas for future professional development workshop topics, speakers, preferred dates and locations are welcomed and should be sent to [p.putman@csuohio.edu](mailto:p.putman@csuohio.edu) for inclusion in next year’s planning.

### **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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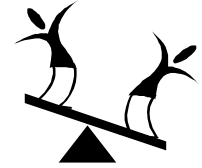
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# Support Staff Conference 2001 - Attitude is Everything

Cindy Mako, Chair



The University of Akron hosted the annual Support Staff Conference on May 16th, 2001. Over 115 support staff from 17 institutions through out Ohio participated in the day's events. This year's theme, "Attitude is Everything" focused on the importance of providing excellent customer service.

The Keynote Speaker, Dr. George Prough, is a Professor of Marketing in the College of Business Administration at the University of Akron, where he has been a faculty member since 1968. He has written numerous articles for such journals, and co-authored

Essentials of Marketing Research, a textbook published by a division of Macmillan Publishers. He has also done consulting and led marketing, strategic planning and sales training programs. Dr. Prough is active in the Greater Akron community. He was involved in the Marketing Committee for Imagine Akron:2025, is a past member of the Board of Trustees for United Way of Summit County, past president of the Akron-Canton Chapter of the American Marketing, and was chosen by the President of the University of Akron to lead the inception of the

University's Strategic Thinking efforts.

A special thanks to the following individuals who presented at the conference: Scott Smith, The Ohio State University; Kim Hawes Falasco, Morgan Stanley Financial Services; Beth Sampsel, the University of Akron; Pia Fitzgerald & Sara Sherer, Mount Union College; Jan Behner, Mount Union College; Chad Cunningham & Dennis Macfarland, The University of Akron; Paul Putnam, Cleveland State University; Michelle Ocepeck & Michelle Gaffney, Mount

Union College; Shaan Fowler, The University of Akron, Michele Scott Taylor, Walsh University.

A sample of the session topics enjoyed by participants at this year's event are: Planning for Your Future, Ensuring Quality Publications: How to Plan and Maintain an Effective Program, Supervising Student Workers: What a Responsibility!, and Establishing a Collective Voice: Developing a Support Staff Group. Please plan on joining us for next year's OCPA Support Staff Conference.

## ACPA's Standing Committee for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness

By Paul Putman, SCLGBTA Ohio State Representative

The SCLGBTA of ACPA strives to do the following:

- To educate the general membership of ACPA in order to increase their personal and environmental awareness of the social, psychological, health-related, political, economic, professional, legal and spiritual realities of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender persons.
- To work actively to eliminate the overt and covert oppression of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender persons within ACPA and on college and university campuses.
- To protect and advocate for the basic human rights of Lesbian, Gay,

Bisexual and Transgender students and colleagues.

- To provide support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender members as well as allies of ACPA by reducing professional isolation.

As the Ohio State Representative to the SCLGBTA, I can help ACPA and OCPA members connect with resources, both locally and nationally.

There is also interest in creating a state-level network for LGBT-awareness. If you would like to be involved in such a network, please contact me at [p.putman@csuohio.edu](mailto:p.putman@csuohio.edu). Regardless of whether or not you would like to

personally be involved, it would be tremendously helpful if you could send name and contact information for student and faculty/staff LGBT organizations on your campus and an institution contact for LGBT issues.

Keep in mind that June is LGBT pride month. Even if students aren't around for formal programming, consider taking some time to read up on LGBT issues (especially the Stonewall riot, which took place June 27-28, 1969), ponder programmatic or policy change possibilities for next year, and help your institution become more informed in the future by forwarding contact names for the Ohio SCLGBTA network.

# OCAPA Silver Anniversary Conference - *Reflecting on our Past to Envision our Future*

This year's annual conference celebrates OCPA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be held October 11-12, 2001 in downtown Columbus at the Westin Great Southern Hotel. Our keynote speaker is Mr. Robert Gatti and our Featured speaker will be Dr. Steve Michael. Watch for Registration Packets in August with all the details of the conference outlined. Below you will find information about the Westin Great Southern Hotel and the Robert A. Dubick Case Study Competition.

## Hotel Information - Westin Great Southern Hotel

Situated in the downtown business district, just blocks from the Columbus Convention Center, the historic Westin Columbus is just minutes from the Brewery District and Ohio's Center of Science Industry, and connected to the historic Southern Theatre.

Built in the 19th century, The Westin Columbus is a landmark hotel of Victorian splendor updated for the modern traveler. Each of the 196 spacious guest rooms and suites is richly appointed with cherry wood furnishings and features high European ceilings and marble bathrooms, along with modern conveniences such as dual-line direct-dial telephone with voice mail and data port, and remote-control color television. Accommodations also feature personal refreshment centers, in-room safes and coffee maker with Starbucks® coffee. Westin's Guest Office® rooms offer additional amenities especially for traveling executives, including in-room laser printer/fax/copier, spacious work desk with ergonomic seating, and a speakerphone.

**October 11-12, 2001**  
*Western Great Southern Hotel,  
Columbus*

Rooms can be reserved at the conference rate of \$110 per night until September 24, 2001. Reservations made after September 24, 2001 will be accepted on a rooms and rate availability basis. The hotel room rate is subject to applicable taxes presently at 5.75% state tax and 10% occupancy tax. Check-in time at the Westin is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 1:00 PM.

The Westin Great Southern Hotel is located at 310 South High Street adjacent to the City Center Mall and the German Village. For reservations call 614-228-3800. Be sure to let them know you with the OCPA Conference to get the special conference rate.

For more information on the Westin in Columbus, including maps, directions, accommodations, dining, and nearby attractions, visit their website at [www.westin.com](http://www.westin.com).

## Dr. Robert A. Dubick Case Study Competition

Dr. Robert A. Dubick served the profession of student affairs as a Professor of Higher Education at The University of Akron where he formally served as Associate Provost and Dean of Students. Dr. Dubick provided outstanding service to OCPA as a Member-at-Large for 4-Year Public institutions, and was the 1998 recipient of OCPA's Phillip A. Tipp Distinguished Service Award. His extensive service was most noted by his exemplary work with FIPSE alcohol education, his emphasis on community building, and his example of ethical leadership.

## Registration Committee Members

If you have questions about the OCPA Silver Anniversary Conference, feel free to contact any of the committee members below:

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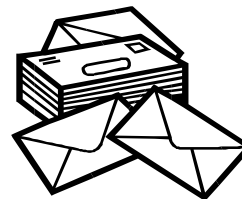
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Graduate students and new professionals are invited to participate in the OCPA Case Study Competition. Participants must be current graduate students or new professionals with two or fewer years of experience. Both team members must be registered for the conference. There is no additional fee to enter the competition.

# Call for Nominations: OCPA AWARDS 2001



Please Take The Time To Nominate Those Individuals Who  
Are Outstanding Role Models In Student Affairs

**All applications are due by  
mail, e-mail, or fax to:**  
Jacqui Slinger, OCPA Awards Chair  
Director of Career Development  
Bluffton College  
280 W. College Ave - Box 1028  
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**The Deadline is**  
*Friday, September 7, 2001*

Please direct all questions to Jacqui at  
419-358-3247 or via e-mail as listed above

**Recipients of the Awards Will Be Announced at the  
OCPA Silver Anniversary Conference in Columbus,  
Ohio on October 11-12.**

**OCPA Awards 2001 :**  
(please see individual award criteria and descriptions  
on the following pages )

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

## **THE PHILLIP A. TRIPP DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

The Phillip A. Tripp Distinguished Service Award is presented annually by OCPA to a student affairs professional in recognition of extended illustrious service to our field. The purpose of the award is to recognize seasoned members of the profession. Selecting the recipient of The Phillip A. Tripp Distinguished Service

Award will be based on the following criteria:

1. At least fifteen (15) years of professional involvement in the field of student affairs

2. Significant and outstanding contributions to the profession through administration writing, teaching, research and service to professional organizations

The committee may select up to two (2) recipients in any given year. However, the award is not given of necessity, but is to be special award. The nominee need not be a member of OCPA or have spent his or her entire career in Ohio. However, the nominee must have made a significant contribution to the profession in the state of Ohio during the span of a professional career.

Nominations should include the following materials:

1. Letter of nomination
2. Current vita of nominee
3. Letter of recommendation from someone other than the nominator
4. Other supporting documents if necessary

## **THE GERALD L. SADDLEMIRE MENTOR AWARD**

Gerald L. Saddlemire was an effective administrator, a true scholar and educator, and a mentor who accepted each person as a unique individual and believed that the ability and potential of men and women were the profession's greatest asset. This newly formed Gerald L. Saddlemire Mentor Award is presented to the student personnel professional who embodies and advances the true spirit and ideals of Dr. Saddlemire.

Criteria selection will consider the recipient who has:

1. Acted as a mentor and role model to graduate and/or undergraduate students, and other student affairs professionals
2. Served as a supportive and educative administrator
3. Significant contributions to the ideals of the student personnel point of view

Although the recipient need not have been working in Ohio during his/her career, the nominee should have made significant contributions in the state of Ohio. Nomination packet should include the following information:

1. Letter of nomination
2. Current resume of nominee
3. Supporting letters of nomination from an undergraduate student and/or graduate student/assistant and staff members mentored by the nominee
4. Any other supporting documents attesting to the nominee's qualifications for the award

### **THE MARK G. NOFFSINGER NEW PROFESSIONAL AWARD**

Mark G. Noffsinger was one of the founders of OCPA. As president-elect in 1979-80, Mark was one of several who initiated the New Professional Conference which was regionally held in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Berea. Mark served as President in 1980-81 of OCPA.

Selecting the recipient of The Mark G. Noffsinger New Professional Award will be based on the following criteria:

1. No more than three (3) years experience in the student affairs profession
2. Acted as a role model to students and professionals
3. Demonstrates creativity and innovation in the field with the potential for continued success

Nominations should include the following:

1. Letter on nomination
2. Current resume of nominee
3. Supporting letters of nomination from students, graduate student/assistant, and staff members
4. Any other supporting documents attesting to the nominee's qualifications for the award



### **THE INNOVATIVE PROGRAM AWARD**

The Innovative Program Award is presented annually by OCPA to a student affairs professional who has initiated a new program or unique approach to a college policy, program or problem. Through this award, the OCPA attempts to recognize innovative and effective approaches directed towards meeting the changing needs of students on the campus, and the applicability of these approaches to other campuses.

Selecting The Innovative Program Award will be based on the following criteria.

1. Description of the specific campus concern, need, or problem;
2. Explanation of how the program or police addressed the identified concern, need, or problem;
3. Evaluation of the policy or program including suggestions concerning how the policy or program could be modified to become more effective and
4. Description of how the policy or program could be implemented on other campuses

Nominations should include the following:

1. Cover letter from the submitting nominator
2. Information about the individuals responsible for the innovative program or policy
3. Other supporting documents detailing the creation and implementation of the program

Only one nomination will be considered from each campus or branch campus. The policy or program nominated must be less than three years old.

### **THE FAYETTA PAULSEN ACCOMPLISHED LEADER AWARD**

Fayette M. Paulsen was a founder of OCPA and first president in 1976-77. Fayette is the only person in Ohio who has been president of all three state personnel associations-OAWDAC (now OAWE.), OASPA and OCPA. The Fayette M. Paulsen Accomplished Leader Award is presented by OCPA to a student affairs professional who has outstanding leadership, and made significant contributions to the field and to the institution of which the professional is part. The professional has achieved innovative responses in meeting the varied and emerging needs of today's students.

Selecting the recipient of The Fayette K Paulsen Award will be based on the following criteria:

1. Made significant contributions to the field and to the institution
2. Acted as a role model to students and professionals
3. Demonstrates leadership and innovation in the field by meeting student's needs

Nominations should include the following:

1. Letter of nomination
2. Current resume of nominee
3. Supporting letters of nomination from students, graduate student/assistant, and staff
4. Any other supporting documents attesting to the nominee's qualifications for the award



### **THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY AWARD**

The Cultural Diversity Award is presented to an individual, campus/community program, or service who or which has demonstrated creativity, innovation, and success in making a significant contribution and impact in the area of multicultural understanding and appreciation. The purpose of this award is to encourage and recognize outstanding efforts addressing cultural diversity issues in higher education.

Selection of The Cultural Diversity Award recipient will be based on the following criteria:

1. Description of the specific campus, community or organizational need or issue
2. Explanation of how the person, program or service addressed the need or issue
3. Description of the contribution:
  - a. Person: served as, role model mentor, and/or teacher to undergraduate or graduate students and/or professional staff, served as a supportive and educative administrator, or made significant contributions through innovative program development or research
  - b. Program: Evaluation of the program or service including how it could be modified to become more effective and how it could be implemented in other campuses, communities, or organizations



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