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**The Ohio College Personnel Association and
The Ohio Association of Student Personnel Administrators**
are pleased to announce their upcoming conference to be held
January 29-30, 2004, at the Radisson Worthington in Worthington, Ohio.

The conference will feature keynote speaker **Judy L. Rogers** of Miami University discussing “**What is the Role of Spirituality in Student Affairs Work?**” The address will ask, how is our teaching, leading and advising different if we incorporate the spiritual? How can we include the spiritual dimension in appropriate ways in our practice to better accompany students in their search for meaning, purpose and values? Judy Rogers will explore these questions from the perspective that our inner lives matter in our work.

The pre-conference workshop, “**Educating Ourselves to Understand Our Differences**” will feature three presentations including keynote speaker, **Jim Ewers** of Miami University-Middletown. His presentation, entitled “**Will the Battle for Equal Educational Access Ever Be Over**” will focus on recent court cases and their implications for students and faculty of color. Participants will leave with strategies for developing networks and partnerships, and empowered to make a difference on their campus. The pre-conference workshop will be held on January 28, 2004, from 1:00pm—5:00pm. For more information, please refer to the Diversity Workshop section of this newsletter.

Conference participants will have the opportunity to choose from over forty unique program presentations during seven session times. New at this year’s conference will be a resume review program for new professionals and graduate students. Graduate students are also encouraged to participate in the annual Dr. Robert A. Dubick Case Study Competition. In addition to two catered luncheons, conference attendees will enjoy an afternoon reception where OASPA and OCPA annual awards will be announced.

Register today and catch “The Spirit of Education” in 2004!

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



I have recently had the unique opportunity to attend several dialogue sessions surrounding the issues of public accountability of higher education. These issues certainly do not occur in a vacuum. The field of Student Affairs will play a vital role in shaping both our students' and the larger communities understanding of the role of higher education. A perfect opportunity to expound upon these issues and to engage in even broader personal and professional development will be the joint OCPA/OASPA conference held on January 29 and 30, 2004. This event promises to intrigue and educate all facets of our Student Affairs communities. I invite you to join us in January for two days of networking and open dialogue on the future of higher education.

This year, we are pleased to offer even more developmental training opportunities for our constituents. The pre-conference workshop, "Educating Ourselves to Understand Our Differences", will engage you in candid and open dialogue related to issues and concepts of diversity. Make sure you and/or your campus colleagues take advantage of this important opportunity!

We at OCPA continue to strive toward serving your professional needs. Please feel free to discuss with the OCPA Executive Board, any ideas, suggestions, or concerns you may have that could potentially serve to strengthen our organization. Again, it is our mission 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.

Thank you and I hope to see you at the January conference!

John M. Berry
OCA President 2003 - 2004

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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 28th 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 contact:

Tracy Benner at (614) 823-1250 or tbenner@otterbein.edu

Dr. Robert A. Dubick Case Study Competition 2004

Graduate Students and New Professionals Sign Up!

It is not too late to participate in the annual case study competition!
This is a wonderful experience to apply higher education skills to practical problems.
The competition is at the OCPA Conference on January 29, starting at 1:00 pm.

To register contact:

Kate Police: cpolice@kent.edu - with your name and teammates name, email addresses, phone numbers, faxes, graduate programs, school, and places of employment.

To find out more about the case study competition go online at www.ocpaonline.org or contact Kate Police with any questions.
Registration deadline has been extended to **January 14, 2004!**

What are you waiting for?

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

UPDATES . . .

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

Capital University

2004 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Learning

The 13th Annual **Capital University Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Learning** will take place Monday, Jan. 19, 2004.

A complete schedule can be found on Capital's Web site at <http://www.capital.edu/MLK-day/> . Questions about the event may be addressed to Gay Steele, 236-6181, or gsteele@capital.edu

This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Tonia Stewart. She is a tenured Professor and the Director of Theatre Arts at Alabama State University. And she is a professional actress perhaps best known for her recurring role in "In the Heat of the Night".



Submitted by Tacci Smith

Baldwin-Wallace College

POW! Promoters Of Wellness are a student-led group who educate their peers on issues concerning mental and physical health and wellness. During the first semester, our peer educators focused on mini presentations. POW! began with an introduction of who and what they are all about during community hour at the College Union. After their initial introduction, the following topics were presented in various ways, "Sleep Deprivation", "Nutrition" and "Test Anxiety". Presentations were done in a fast, fun and interactive way that allowed students to enhance their awareness and knowledge of overall mental and physical wellness.

The focus during the second semester will be evening hall programs. Hall Directors and Resident Assistants are required to offer a number of floor programs each semester. HD's and RA's will contact POW! with their program idea. POW! will research the topics and provide information in a fun and interactive way.

Health and Counseling Services provide any educational brochures and materials needed to effectively present the topics. This is a pilot program that is in its first year. The number of students reached per presentation has steadily increased to over 200. Students are more inclined to participate with their peers. We are seeing an excellent response to mental and physical health and wellness.



Submitted by Cassy Bailey

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CAMPUS LIAISONS FOR THE FOLLOWING:
BLUFFTON COLLEGE, CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY, FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE, FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY, KENYON COLLEGE,
OBERLIN COLLEGE, TIFFIN UNIVERSITY, AND WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY.
INTERESTED?
CONTACT ERIC ANDERSON AT careers@capital.edu

A Success Story...

The Careers in Student Affairs Workshop hosted 126 undergraduate/graduate and post-baccalaureate students, faculty and staff at Ohio State Marion on Saturday, November 15, 2003. The workshop provided an insightful look into the various career options in student affairs. Participants were inspired by the leadership, knowledge and enthusiasm of our presenters. Sessions included:

- Career Tracks in Student Affairs: A Panel Describing the Experiences of Professionals
- Navigating Your Way to a Senior Student Affairs Position
- Chart Your Course: Finding the Student Affairs Program Right For You
- Making the Most of Assistantships, Internships and Practicum(s)
- Negotiating Salary and Benefits
- Student Affairs, Student Services, Enrollment Management, Retention--What Does It All Mean?
- Charting Your Course for a Senior Student Affairs Position
- Marketing Your Leadership Experiences
- Career Options in Professional Schools

The workshop also provided students with an opportunity to meet with graduate school representatives from Kent State University, Ohio State University, Youngstown State University, Miami University, and Ohio University. The graduate school representatives appreciated being given the opportunity to meet with such quality undergraduate students. Dr. **Mark Kretovics**, Assistant Professor of Higher Education and Student Personnel at Kent State University said, "Kudos to OCPA on a job well done." All representatives have expressed an interest in returning for next year's program. We hope to increase the number of participating graduate schools, in addition allocating more time for students to meet with the representatives from each school.

I want to personally thank the students who attended, as well as all of the presenters for helping to put on such a great program. This was one of the most well attended Careers in Student Affairs Workshops in the history of OCPA.

Plans for next year's Careers in Student Affairs Workshop will begin soon. If you are interested in participating in the planning process, please contact Kimberly M. Ferguson at 740.389.6786, extension 6389 or e-mail ferguson.308@osu.edu.

I look forward to working with you to make next year's workshop even more successful.

Kimberly M. Ferguson, Chair, Careers in Student Affairs Workshop

Photos courtesy Robin Gagnow



John Berry, OCPA President, welcomes students.



John Berry and Kathy Morris chat with a student.



Dr. Donald Chenoweth, keynote speaker, prepares the keynote address.

INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING INFORMATION TO THE OCPA NEWSLETTER?

SUBMISSIONS, QUESTIONS, OR COMMENTS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO:

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Thank You

The Awards Committee would like to THANK all those who nominated exceptional individuals or programs for the 2003 OCPA Awards. As a result of these efforts, a program will be presented at the annual OCPA/OASPA Conference showcasing the variety and quality of the special events and activities taking place on member campuses. Consider attending the afternoon reception to learn more about these programs and how you can nominate a deserving individual or program for future consideration!



VISIT
WWW.OCPAONLINE.ORG
TO FIND
GREAT INFORMATION!

All Conference Registration Materials can be found on the
OCPA Website

www.ocpaonline.org

Deadline for Conference Registration is January 14, 2004!

Don't Miss This Exciting Opportunity!

OCPA IS LOOKING FOR 2004 - 2005 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS!
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING YOUR INSTITUTION AND GROWING
PROFESSIONALLY THROUGH INTERACTION WITH COLLEAGUES IN THE STATE OF OHIO?
PLEASE BROWSE OUR WEBSITE WWW.OCPAONLINE.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON POSITIONS AVAILABLE.