



OCPA News

Winter 2005

President's Pen

I love this time of year! I love everything about it... the football games, the crisp air, the holidays, the feasts, the time to see loved ones, and, of course, the leaves. I find myself carefully watching the trees along the side of the roads, trying to notice if the colors are more vibrant from one day to the next. Sometimes they change overnight, and sometimes it seems to take forever, but it always happens despite my occasional prediction that "they aren't going to be as pretty this year."



And like any good Student Affairs practitioner, I was able to find a metaphor for this observation! I began thinking about the changes we see in our students as they develop in so many ways throughout their collegiate experience. And much like the leaves I carefully observe, these changes in students happen at varying rates. Sometimes it happens quickly, as when a student has that "ah-ha" experience that opens up a new potential career path for her. At other times, change happens more slowly, as when a student begins to use his developing critical thinking skills to evaluate perspectives he hears in class or among his friends. It is reassuring, though, that change does eventually happen for virtually all students...even if it does take a while for some of them! Just when you're ready to give up on that particular student, remember that some leaves change quickly and vibrantly, while some take a little more time or do so more subtly. We must trust the process, knowing that they eventually do so in a way that is true to their unique nature.

Just a few weeks ago, many students took advantage of an important development opportunity by attending the OCPA Careers in Student Affairs conference at OSU-Newark. With hundreds of undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, professional staff, and higher education program representatives on hand, it was truly an exciting experience for all as we discussed the wonderful opportunities that exist in this field of work. Kim Ferguson, the conference coordinator, did a superb job once again in putting together all of the important pieces with such an event. Erica Lee, John Berry, and others put in many hours as well to help make it the enriching professional development experience that it was. A sincerely thank you to everyone!

Our next professional development opportunity is our annual conference on Feb. 1-3, 2006, in Columbus. This is our main event each year and continues to be a valuable educational opportunity for so many in the state. Many program proposals have been submitted, and it's shaping up to be a fantastic learning experience. Be watching for email announcements about the conference... we really want to see you there!

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Get Involved!

OCPA Seeks Nominations for Elected Executive Council Positions for 2006-2007

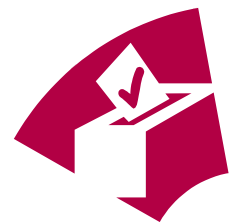
A variety of Executive Council positions including the following elected positions: *President-Elect*, *Treasurer*, *4-Year Public Member-at-Large*, *4-Year Private Member-at-Large*, *2-Year Member-at-Large*, and *Graduate Student Member-at-Large* will be available for the 2006-2007 year. New terms will commence in June 2006. Meetings are held in central Ohio five times/year. Involvement on the Executive Council is a great way to network with student affairs professionals throughout the state and also to give back to your profession.

To learn more about the "job description" for specific positions and to obtain contact information for Executive Council members, see: http://www.ocpaonline.org/About_Us/about_us.html

Self-nominations are welcome! To nominate yourself or a colleague, please send the name of the nominee, job title, institution, mailing address, phone number, email address, as well as specific position interests to: Amy Lahmers, OCPA Past President, at Lahmers.8@osu.edu

Nomination deadline: Friday, February 10, 2006

Ballots will be sent electronically to OCPA members by March 1, 2006 and results will be announced in April 2006. Questions can be directed to Amy Lahmers or to any OCPA Executive Council member. We look forward to receiving your nominations!



Silent Auction



Get ready for the **1st Annual Silent Auction at the OCPA/OASPA Annual Conference in February!** We're looking for school items as well as other fun and exciting things for conference participants to bid on to raise money for OCPA and the ACPA Leadership Foundation. Suggestions of items include but are not limited to: sweatshirts, blankets, mugs, tickets to a concert, massages and/or salon services, gift sets (lotion, tea, coffee, etc.), books, and cds. Certain items will be designated for student bidding only! If you are willing to donate an item or have any questions, please email Kathy Titus-Becker at titus-becker.1@osu.edu.

President's Pen, continued

Finally, please consider running for an elected position on the 2006-2007 OCPA Executive Board. If you are more interested in an appointed position, contact Kathy Morris, President-Elect, at kmorris@wright.edu, who will be making appointments for various responsibilities on next year's board. Serving OCPA in this capacity is an excellent way to get to know colleagues throughout the state, as well as to give back to the profession. Nomination information is provided in this newsletter.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays and we'll see you at the annual conference in February!

Sincerely,

Dwayne K. Todd
OCPA President 2005-2006

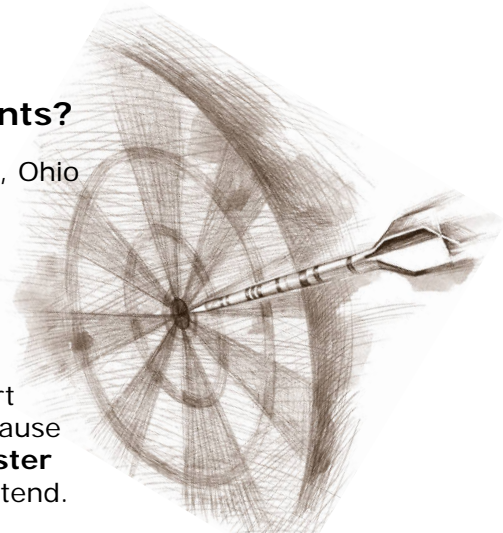
OCPA/OASPA Conference 2006

Hitting the Bull's Eye: Are We on Target with Students?

February 1-3 (Wednesday through Friday), 2006—Worthington, Ohio

- Pre-Conferences on Wednesday, Feb. 1
- Conference on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 2 and 3

Ohio's conference for student affairs is just around the corner, which means that it is **TIME TO REGISTER!** OCPA and OASPA have once again kept the cost of registration to a minimum in an effort to maximize participation for this excellent learning opportunity. Because this conference has gained in popularity you are encouraged to **register before the January 6 deadline** to ensure you are "on target" to attend.



As usual, there will be an array of exemplary programs, an inspiring keynote address, terrific networking opportunities, and of course, good food and plenty of fun. New to this year's conference is a Silent Auction that will raise money toward conference expenses and the Diamond Honoree fundraising campaign for Susan Eklund-Leen, OCPA's only two-term President who served from 1984-1986, with the money benefiting ACPA's Educational Leadership Foundation." First-Time Attendees will have special opportunities at the conference, including a reception on Thursday morning and a chance to network during optional "Night on the Town" activities.

The keynote speaker will be **Dr. Ann Groves Lloyd, Assistant Dean for Assessment and Development, University of Wisconsin-Madison** and currently the ACPA State and International Division Director. Throughout her travels and work with ACPA and assessment, she will provide interesting insight to the question posed by the conference theme by highlighting materials from the recent joint publication of ACPA and NASPA, *Learning Reconsidered: A Campus-Wide Focus on the Student Experience*.

Three dynamic pre-conference workshops will be presented on the afternoon of Wednesday, February 1:

- **Educating Ourselves Through Program Assessment: Continuously Improving our Service to Students.** Our keynote speaker has agreed to offer a pre-conference assessment workshop to a limited number of participants. Attendees will explore a self-evaluation of their assessment practices, develop tools for evaluating "where you're at" regarding assessment in your unit/department, and identify strengths upon which to build and aspects to improve or enhance. This workshop will provide a catalyst for important conversation and action on the topic of assessment.
- **Diversity Training** – The annual diversity training series will feature a number of break out sessions on topics such as Exploring Religion Beyond Christianity, Cultural Diversity Programming: Where Do I Begin?, Asian Americans: The Myth of the Model Minority, Diversity and the Student Newspaper, and Reflections of GLBTQ Students on Campus – watch the OCPA and OASPA website for updates and broader descriptions of these sessions.
- **Higher Education Funding Issues in the State of Ohio** - Expanding on the success of the 2005 conference presentation, "The Ohio Board of Regents: A Partner in Success," this pre-conference workshop will expand on the partnership between the Ohio Board of Regents, public and private colleges and universities in the State of Ohio, and student affairs professionals. Special emphasis will be placed on the role of the Board of Regents in higher education and student affairs, current trends and initiatives of the Ohio Board of Regents, and possible future collaborations. Issues will also be addressed from the perspective of a public and private institution.

Hotel arrangements can be made at <http://www.radisson.com/worthingtonoh>. This venue will provide the conference room rate of \$74/night. Please use the block code OCPA or mention this code when reserving your room to obtain the conference rate.

OCPA/OASPA Conference 2006 Schedule

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

11:00 am	Pre-conference Workshop Registration
12:00 pm	Opening Luncheon
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Workshops (Diversity, Assessment, Ohio Board of Regents)
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Break with beverages
4:30 pm	Workshop wrap-up and evaluations (possible Resume Review Appointments)
5:00 pm	Dinner on your own OASPA Executive Board Meeting OCPA Executive Board Meeting
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Conference Planning Committee Review

Thursday, February 2, 2006

8:30 am	Registration Opens, Silent Auction bidding begins, Vendors/Sponsors Court open Resume Review and Resource Room will be open 8:30–10 am and 1:30–5:30 pm
9:30 am	First time attendees orientation and welcome
10:00 – 11:00 am	Keynote Speaker, Ann Groves Lloyd
11:15 – 12:00 pm	Session 1 (focus on content from keynote facilitated by SSAO's and faculty)
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Opening Luncheon
1:00 pm	Silent Auction ends, Case Study Competition Begins
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Session 2
2:45 – 3:45 pm	Session 3
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Break – Visit Vendors/Sponsors tables
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Session 4
5:00 – 5:25 pm	Awards Reception
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Awards Program
6:30 pm	Dinner on your own or meet in the lobby for conference coordinated "Night on the Town" options

Friday, February 3, 2006

8:30 am	OASPA Business Meeting OCPA Business Meeting Continental Breakfast Registration Opens Resume Review and Resource Room Opens
9:30 – 10:30 am	Session 5
10:00 – 12:00 pm	IUC Meeting
10:45 – 11:45 am	Session 6
12:00 pm	Closing Luncheon

Session descriptions are online now!
[www.ocpaonline.org!](http://www.ocpaonline.org)

The registration form will be sent as a separate attachment, and will also be available online at the OCPA and OASPA websites (www.ocpaonline.org and www.bgsu.edu/organizations/oaspa/). Registration fees can be paid by check (made out to OCPA) or by Paypal.

Accepted program proposals will be posted online in early December and also more information about Resume Review and Resource Room sign-ups, Graduate Student Case Study Competition, and reservations for "Night on the Town" options. Again, the deadline for conference registration is **Friday, January 6th**. Should you have additional questions about the conference, we welcome you to contact us directly.

Your Conference Co-chairs,
Jennifer Grube Vestal and Jim Troha
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Diamond Honoree Award Recipient

Please plan to support the ACPA Educational Leadership Foundation & honor OCPA's 2006 Diamond Honoree Award Recipient,

Dr. Susan J. Eklund-Leen

Please join friends and colleagues around the state in honoring OCPA's only two-term President by making a donation in Dr. Eklund-Leen's name to ensure the \$1000 fundraising goal.

The Diamond Honoree program was established as a way to recognize and honor higher education professionals who have made outstanding contributions to students and student affairs. Funds raised for ACPA's Educational Leadership Foundation support *About Campus*, ACPA's Foundation Grant Program, piloting of a 3-day institute for Multicultural Competencies in Student Affairs, and *Annuity Coeptis*.



Please make checks payable to the Educational Leadership Foundation & write Susan Eklund-Leen in the memo section of the check. (*Please DO NOT make checks payable to ACPA.*)

Mail contributions to:
ACPA Headquarters
Attention Jennifer Garcia
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Thank you for your support of higher education and student affairs.

Call for Nominations

Do you have colleagues or students on your campus who have made an impact? Are they creative, innovative and enthusiastic about Student Affairs? Please take the time to nominate a colleague or student for one of the following awards:

Phillip A. Tripp Distinguished Service Award
Gerald L. Saddlemire Mentor Award
Mark G. Noffsinger New Professional Award
Innovative Program Award
Fayette Paulsen Accomplished Leader Award
Cultural Diversity Award
Graduate Student of the Year Award
Undergraduate Student Leader Award
Gerald L. Saddlemire Award
Distinguished Service Award
William Nestor Presidential Award
Outstanding Contribution to Literature or Research Award

On behalf of OCPA & OASPA, we hope that you will take the time submit a nomination for a deserving colleague or student on your campus. All awards are open to any individual in Higher Education and need not be a member of OCPA or OASPA. Individuals may receive an award being sponsored by both organizations. This is a great way to let others in the state know about the awesome work that sometimes goes unnoticed. **Nominations are due Friday, January 6, 2006 by mail, email, or fax.** Specific nomination details for all of the awards can be found on the OCPA and OASPA websites (www.ocpaonline.org/ and www.bgsu.edu/organizations/oaspa).

For more info, Contact Betsi Werling, OCPA Awards Chair at 419-358-3376 or by email at werlingb@bluffton.edu. Recipients will be announced at the OCPA/OASPA Annual Conference on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at the Awards Ceremony.

Campus Updates

Baldwin-Wallace College

The Office of Residence Life is proud to introduce the following new members of our staff team:

Robin Gagnow joins our team as the Director of Residence Life. His previous Ohio experiences include housing positions at Kent State University and Ashland University.

Gina Vance joins our staff as the Assistant Director of Residence Life. Gina's previous experiences include serving as the Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Residence Life at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio.

In addition, Baldwin-Wallace College brought in six new graduate Hall Directors: Jennifer Lee, Lauren Moran, David Barrett, Cory Lundeen, John Schaefer and Shukri Mohamed. Each has brought in a wealth of student affairs experiences.

Kent State University

The Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel graduate program is pleased to announce the addition of a faculty position to the program faculty, to begin August 2006. A search is underway for an assistant or associate professor, with review beginning January 9, 2006. Details at <http://www.ehhs.kent.edu/TLCS/programs/EA/HIED/>

OCPA Updates

Welcome to the following 2-year college campus liaisons:

- Dr. Roxanne DuVivier, Hocking Technical College
- Dale Stearns, Terra Community College
- Rebecca Peroni, Washington State Community College
- Dr. Jan Rogers, Columbus State Community College
- Patty Sturch, Jefferson Community College

Thank you for your work in OCPA!

OCPA Online

Your source for:

- Membership information (including renewal forms)
- OCPA/OASPA Conference 2006 information
- Job postings
- An overview of upcoming OCPA events
- OCPA awards information
- Links to institutions in the state
- Resource links to diversity information
- Links to graduate programs
- Past newsletters

www.ocpaonline.org

General Business Meeting

There will be a general business meeting of the association during the annual conference.

In addition, there will be a celebration of OCPA's 30th anniversary!



2005-2006 OCPA Executive Board Roster

Elected Positions

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Mark your calendar!

The registration
deadline for the
OCPA/OASPA
Conference 2006
is **January 6th!**

