

SCCPA News



South Carolina College
Personnel Association

Spring 2010

Plans in Progress for Upcoming Conferences

So far, the next SCCPA Drive In on a Dime conference series, with locations in driving distance for a one-day session, has been a popular idea.

The **spring Drive In on a Dime** conference is anticipated for April, with the final date and location to be set soon.

For more information, contact Jon Diggers at jdiggers@southuniversity.edu.

Amy Gamble is also working diligently on planning the **fall SCCPA conference**. If you have ideas or suggestions, or if you are interested in helping, contact Amy at acg@clmson.edu.

And don't forget about Boston! The **ACPA Conference** is March 20-24. Check out the schedule for the "innovative ideas, revolutionary results" at <http://cdms.myacpa.org/programs/book>.

And the 2010 winners are ...

SCCPA 2010 award winners will be announced at the spring Drive on a Dime conference – another reason to plan to attend!



Inside this issue:

Conferences	1
Graduate Paper Award	1
Umfress Named Dean of Students at Coker College	2
Palmetto Practitioner	2
Drive on a Dime Conference Review and Reflections	3
Of Interest	3

Graduate Paper Award Topic Announced

Graduate student members of SCCPA are strongly encouraged to enter their original work for the 2010 graduate paper award.

This year's papers topic should allow for a wide range of perspectives: "Discuss a major issue

facing higher education, student affairs, and the college student population today."

All submissions should be new writing and not previously published. Papers should be no longer than five pages in length,

double-spaced and use appropriate APA style.

Papers are due April 16, hopefully giving student affairs faculty the ability to incorporate this topic into their spring curriculums and assignments.

Learn more about the graduate paper awards online at www.sccpaweb.org.

Umfress Named Dean of Students at Coker College



Jason Umfress has been named dean of students at Coker College. A candidate for a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Clemson University, Umfress was previously the assistant to the vice president for student affairs and the director of career services at Delta State University (DSU) in Mississippi.

As Coker's dean of students, Umfress will supervise the college's Office of Campus Life. This includes the areas of residence life, orientation, intramurals and wellness, community service and leadership programs,

student events and organizations, student government, multicultural affairs, and disciplinary matters.

"College is a microcosm of the real world where students are allowed to explore new thoughts and ideas in a safe environment," said Umfress.

"It is our job to create and foster these learning opportunities in order to produce students who are well-rounded, community-minded citizens of the world." Umfress has held positions in student

services at the University of Georgia and DSU, and he was a graduate teaching assistant at Clemson. He is currently the managing editor of the "Journal for the Study of Sports and Athletes in Education."

Umfress holds a master's degree in college student affairs administration from the University of Georgia. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from DSU, and he is a 2001 inductee of the DSU Student Hall of Fame.

Special thanks to the Coker College newsroom for sharing this press release with SCCPA.

Learn about all SCCPA member from our member list online!

Palmetto Practitioner Update

After a short hiatus, the SCCPA online journal *Palmetto Practitioner* plans to release its next issue this spring.

Articles submitted should represent what is typically considered a "refereed journal article." The editorial board seeks

articles pertaining to primary research, new and innovative programs, technology issues, etc. Submissions should generally not exceed 4,000 words in length and be in APA format.

Other submissions are accepted under the



categories Research in Brief, Perspectives, and Reviews. Information about all categories – as well as the latest issues – is available at

<http://www.sccpaweb.org/palmettopractitioner/index.html>.

Submit articles to Suzanne Price at mjprice@clermson.edu.

January Drive in on a Dime Conference: A Success



Mike Brown
Clemson University

A Conference Review by **Mike Brown**

Alcohol and drug issues are ones that student affairs professionals have to deal with far too often. In order to address these issues, these issues were the focus of the SCCPA “Drive in on a Dime” held Friday, January 15 at Converse College.

According to Stephanie Boyd, a health educator at Furman University and keynote speaker, 75% of 12th graders surveyed had drank alcohol. The statistics show that many

students are coming to campus with pre-existing drinking habits.

Each year 1,400 college-age students die from alcohol-related unintentional injury. Alcohol-related incidents can have a huge impact on a campus, and as student affairs professionals it is important we work to prevent such tragedies from occurring.

We learned from the CORE survey how various factors (like race, gender, year in school, on-or off-campus living) impact

student drinking at five South Carolina universities surveyed in 2008. We also learned about current alcohol trends and fads. This presentation gave information regarding alcohol-related products that are making it harder for student affairs professionals to enforce campus alcohol policies.

The “Drive in on a Dime” Series workshop was a great opportunity to share information with professionals from around the state.



Talia Corley
Clemson University

A Conference Reflection by **Talia Corley**

In order to effectively serve our students, we have to know what the current trends are in everything ranging from study habits to slang to partying.

As new professionals, graduate students can sometimes have a hard time keeping up with the most in-depth, latest knowledge, as most educational conferences (and even

many books) can be well out of our price range. That’s why the most recent Drive in on a Dime was so beneficial to me and the other grad students who attended.

Not only did we get to learn about student drinking habits, CORE survey results and the latest fads in a location that was convenient to us, but we also got to learn about it for free – with lunch included!

Aside from the obvious financial benefits, the conference allowed for us to listen to speakers in an intimate setting that provided opportunities to ask questions in private or as part of the session. Overall, it was an excellent (and enjoyable) opportunity to learn, network and mingle on a graduate student budget and time schedule.

Please submit information for future newsletters to Carrie DuPre at cpriiddy@clemson.edu.