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Vision Statement for "New Association"

Work continues on the consolidation of NASPA and ACPA. Keep an eye out for an upcoming email from ACPA regarding a free webinar discussing the consolidation—and allowing members to ask questions. Below is the current vision statement for the "new association."

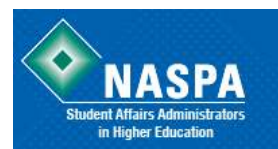
New Association will be the comprehensive, all-inclusive, career-spanning, international student affairs association for professionals and faculty in the country and internationally. Through membership of 17,000 and growing, New Association will garner a stronger voice in and for higher education and the student affairs profession, as well as with external constituencies and organizations. New Association will enjoy significant financial strength and sustainability through its united status, providing new resources to fund scholarship, creativity, and innovation of practice. As the foremost student affairs association, it will be strongly positioned for private and federal grant funding and corporate sponsorships.

As New Association welcomes and engages all student affairs professionals, faculty and students, it will promote and enjoy an open exchange of ideas through inclusive participation of its members at all stages of their careers and in various professional specializations. New Association will draw on the knowledge, expertise, and experiences of seasoned professionals, serving as their networking venue for staying abreast of current trends and conversing with like colleagues on top-level issues. Further, as the entry point association for all new professionals, New Association also will focus strongly on mentoring and nurturing the future leaders of our profession, while gaining vibrancy and insight from the active participation of graduate and undergraduate students. New Association will make it a priority to forge strong partnerships with sister associations, and through these collaborations, will be uniquely situated to lead policy, practice, scholarship, and advocacy for student affairs in higher education.

New Association will lead in advancing whole person learning, particularly in areas such as ethical decision making, intercultural and multicultural competence, global knowledge, civic participation, leadership, and experiential learning. Building on the strong traditions, expertise, and experience of ACPA and NASPA, New Association will be known for its extensive and coordinated array of professional development opportunities for members. These opportunities will assist the membership in becoming effective leaders in student affairs by expanding their knowledge base through professional development and research and strengthening their expertise in various arenas. In doing so, members will contribute to the enhancement of relevant and effective services to students; partner with faculty to enhance learning and to develop evidence-based research; provide transformational experiences; and contribute to the success of future lifelong learners and problem solvers of the 21st century.

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SCCPA Fall Conference a Success

What a success! SCCPA welcomed 121 attendees from 22 institutions to Furman University for October's annual conference. Thank you to all our attendees, presenters, and conference coordinators. Conference participants had 26 breakout sessions to choose from, all based on the APCA Professional Competencies

Attendees also donated the equivalent of 1,000 pounds of food to the Harvest Hope Food Bank in Greenville, SC.

Congratulations to presentation and award winners:

Outstanding Educational Session: *Jeremy DiGorio and Jeff Kenney, Clemson*

Case Study Winners: *Steven Miller and Jacklyn Welsheimer, Clemson*
Carol Edens-Epps Outstanding Graduate Student Award: *Tricia Kennedy, USC*

Paul P. Fidler Bridge Builder Award: *Carrie DuPre, Clemson*

Programming Award, Large Public Institution Award: *Capstone Scholars Program, USC*

Hilda F. Owens Contribution to Knowledge in the Field: *Sandra Rouse, Voorhees College*

Joseph E. Heyward Humanitarian Award: *Laura McMaster, Clemson*

Joseph O. Nixon Award for Chief Student Affairs Officer: *Dennis Pruitt, USC*



A Graduate Student's Perspective on the Fall Conference *By Bonnie Graham, Clemson University*

Attending the South Carolina College Personnel Association's fall 2010 conference was an excellent experience as a first year graduate student. I was nervous for my first professional conference, but the welcoming atmosphere and encouraging environment at SCCPA made me feel comfortable and excited. The networking opportunities available to me and being able to present at the conference added to the experience.

During the initial meeting of the first-time attendees, we were encouraged to reach out and meet people from different schools. It was fun to make connections and hear what other students and professionals are doing at their institutions. This

small exercise made us feel more comfortable with each other and allowed for more opportunities to network throughout the conference.

I was also able to present with my supervisor, Dena Kniess, on Sophomore student issues and programs. The group of students and professionals who attended our session were engaged and respectful, making my first time presenting more enjoyable. Professionals were more than willing to share their ideas with us and this allowed me to see how important it is for us to work together and help each other help our students. The conference had a great balance of a laid back yet professional atmosphere, which

is appealing to young professionals and graduate students. Networking opportunities and presentation skills were just two of many things I took away from attending the conference. I hope to get more involved in SCCPA in the future and look forward to attending another conference next fall.



Helping Students Afford School

Federal Student Aid **FAFSA**

It should come as no surprise to anyone reading this that students are increasingly experiencing trouble paying for their education. State funding is plummeting and tuition rates are rising. What is a student to do?

As student affairs professionals, we need to be educated on financial aid options so we can best help our students discover options available to them. For the 2010-2011 school year, the online FAFSA (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>) must be submitted by midnight, June 30, 2011. While this seems to be far into the future, it makes sense to begin thinking about the process now as students and their parents prepare their tax returns, as these returns are the basis for the FAFSA. And students are encouraged to apply early! Do not delay! (Note: students must file a FAFSA EACH YEAR.)

Using the FAFSA, the government establishes a student's Expected Family Contribution to education.

It is this number, combined with the student's year in school, enrollment status, and the cost of attendance at the chosen school that determines the overall need.

Here are some BRIEF details about scholarships specific to South Carolina:

LIFE: No application is necessary. All entering freshmen and transfer students are automatically reviewed for their LIFE Scholarship eligibility when they are accepted to college. If coming from high school, the student must have a 3.0 GPR, score an 1100 on the SAT or an equivalent 24 on the ACT, and rank in the top 30% of the graduating class. Students from a 2-year school must have a 3.0.

Palmetto Fellows: This is a merit-based scholarship awarded to talented SC high school students who want to attend a SC college. A student must apply through their high school

guidance office for this scholarship, and it must be applied for prior to high school graduation.

HOPE: The program is a merit-based scholarship created for students attending a four-year institution who do not qualify for the LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded during the freshman year of attendance only, and the student must have earned a 3.0 in high school.

Private: These are non-university scholarships awarded by various individuals, organizations, and companies. Application and awarding procedures vary. Students should visit their school's Financial Aid Office for a list of private scholarships.

These are just BRIEF overviews of options. Please go online to <http://www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/FinancialAid.htm> to learn more!

Of Interest:

- Send newsletter news to Carrie DuPre at cpriddy@clemsun.edu
- Stay connected by visiting us online at www.sccpaweb.org.
- Plan now for the annual ACPA conference, March 26-30, 2011: <http://convention.myacpa.org>.

Happy Holidays from SCCPA!



Education Blog

Keep up-to-date on the latest higher education issues with the **Campus Leader** blog, published by Carrie DuPre, faculty member in Clemson's Department of Communication Studies and doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership. Go online today:

<http://campusleader.wordpress.com>