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PCPA'S 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO STUDENT SUCCESS

Submitted by David Greene, PCPA Conference Chair

My name is David Greene and I have the honor of being the 2012 Annual Conference Chair. The 2012 Annual Conference, **A Holistic Approach to Student Success**, is just around the corner. Let me just say I am so excited about the upcoming conference, I hope you are ready for a great experience this year!

This year we are doing things a little different.

Sunday is all about graduate students. That's right, if you are a graduate student, have an idea for a roundtable discussion or presentation for graduate students or you are excited about being a mentor to graduate students, then you do not want to miss Sunday.

There will be a poster presentation contest and a case study just

for grad students. A special thanks to Seton Hill's David Zlockie for working on and organizing these contests. We will have a group set to judge the posters and will award a prize to the best poster at our Sunday night dinner. More information about these contests will be available soon.

Then, Carnegie Mellon's own Bryan Koval is redesigning the Mentor/Mentee process. In the next few weeks you will be hearing more about the process including how you can be involved.

We will end Sunday with a dinner followed by the late night dance party with Philadelphia DJ Kid Rocc.

On **Monday**, a group of senior student affairs professionals will have a panel discussion about how

mid-level leaders can prepare themselves for their next leadership position.

Also, on Monday, there will be panel discussions, lectures, presentations, committee meetings and opportunities to get involved.

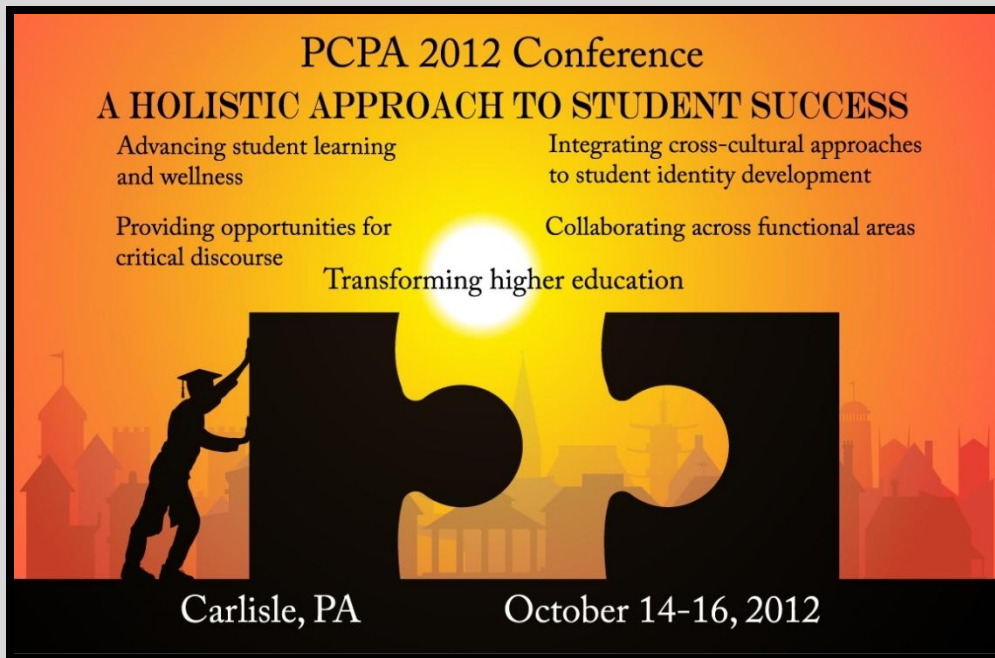
Dinner is on your own Monday, but Duquesne University's Todd Eicker is planning a **PCPA Bonfire** that is sure to be exciting. Don't forget the S'Mores!

Tuesday will be the final day of the conference. There will be more panel discussions, lectures, presentations, committee meetings and opportunities to get involved. You will leave prepared for new challenges and armed with more information.

We will end the day with a grab-and-go lunch.

If you are looking for a way to get involved you can contact me dgreene@ccp.edu.

PROGRAM PROPOSALS MAY BE SUBMITTED ONLINE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7TH.



Full Conference Registration Early

Professionals Member \$155; Non-Member \$205

Full Conference Registration Late Begins October 1

Professionals Member \$180; Non-Member \$230

Partial Conference Registration

Sunday Only, includes dinner \$70; Non-Member \$85

Monday Only (No Dinner) \$120; Non-Member \$135

Tuesday Only includes lunch \$65; Non-Member \$75

Graduate Packages - All include Membership

Early

Full Conference Registration \$115

Two-day \$90

Late begins October 1, 2012

Full Conference Registration \$130

Two day \$105

Sunday Only, includes dinner \$50

Monday Only (No Dinner) \$65

Tuesday Only \$50

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Things have been busy for PCPA not only as we make our plans for the upcoming academic year – but also we’ve managed to stay busy over the summer months as well. This summer, the executive board spent two days at the conference location having our annual retreat and planning for the year.

PCPA also hosted two events this summer. We piloted a summer Keystone workshop on grant writing – and found great success with this program in the summer months! We look forward to hosting another summer Keystone in the future. Several west members and non-members alike also gathered at the Hard Rock Café in Pittsburgh for a networking and recruitment event, hosted by the west Members at Large.

Beyond that, we’ve all been busy planning for the upcoming 2012 Conference, which will involve a few new programs and ideas as well as some of the old favorites PCPA has come to love. I hope that you will consider joining us in Carlisle in October!

I am looking forward to a great year with PCPA and I am thrilled to be serving as your President for the 2012-2013 year.

Happy August and good luck with the beginning of another successful academic year!

*Submitted by Amanda Ries,
 PCPA President*

PREPPING FOR AN EQUITY & INCLUSION STATEMENT

By David Greene, Chair, Constituencies Commission

This is the first time I am addressing you in my role as Constituencies Commission Chair. I want to thank you for the honor I have to serve PCPA in this role. I look forward to the work we have ahead of us and the ability to continue and expand upon all that is has already been accomplished.

I want to thank to Kate Linder for the time she spent as Constituencies Commission Chair. I hope my time as the Chair will reflect the passion she has shown for equity, diversity and inclusion over the years.

During the next year I will be working with a committee to finalize the completion of the PCPA Equity and Inclusion Statement. The statement will provide a clear voice for how we promote equity and inclusion; our non-discrimination policy; how we will be leaders in the area of equity and inclusion; and how we will work to evaluate our activities and external relationships as an organization.

This will not be an easy task but it is an important one that I am happy to lead. There will be a roundtable discussion during the 2012 Annual Conference concerning this project. Additionally, I will be hosting four additional discussion groups around the following topics – LGBTQI; Men and Masculinity; Women; and Multicultural Issues. The goal is to create four subcommittees around these topics so we are better prepared to support our community. If you have a passion for any of the topics, please join us for the discussions. I will also be looking for passionate leaders willing to chair these committees.

It is through the collective voice of the Pennsylvania higher education community that we move forward and will work to support the growth and development of one another. How we frame the discussion of equity and inclusion has the potential to influence various policies and practices throughout our state.

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PCPA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



.....**RONIKA MONEY-ADAMS**.....

Ronika Money-Adams recently joined the PCPA Executive Board, and we want to take a moment to introduce her to you. Be on the lookout for future PCPA Member Spotlights in upcoming issues of the PCPA Newsletter.

Needless to say my resume screamed Student Affairs more than it did Educational Psychology by the time I was ready for graduate school. I have yet to regret my decision.

What is one of your most memorable moments of your student affairs career? Having a former resident whom I had had several encounters with judicially thank me.

What's the biggest issue your students are facing right now? Financial concerns. Many of our students are concerned about the cost of higher education. While they want to pursue a college degree, they are leery about the impact of student loans and rises in tuition. As a result, we have more freshmen entering our campuses working full time while trying to study along with taking our (Student Affairs) advice to "get involved." It is a lot of weight to bear when they may not only be supporting themselves but their family at home.

If you weren't working in Student Affairs, what career would you be in now? Psychology or Counseling

What do you do in your free time (i.e.hobbies, etc.)? Crochet, sing, cook, and listen to music/attend concerts.

Current Position/Institution: Penn State Brandywine

Past Higher Ed Positions/Institutions: Resident Director at West Chester University and IUP

Degrees/Institutions: BS in Psychology from Delaware State University, MA in Student Affairs in Higher Education from IUP.

How did you end up in Student Affairs? Beginning my sophomore year in college all of my work study positions were in Student Affairs related offices. I served as an RA, an Office Assistant for the Asst. Vice President for Student Affairs, and was a cashier in our Student Union store which was supervised by Student Affairs. Additionally, I was involved in Student Government and well as other Student Activities related organizations.

PCPA BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

Prepared by Charmaine Strong, PCPA Recorder

The Summer Executive Board Meeting was hosted by PCPA President Amanda Ries at the Hotel Carlisle & Embers Convention Center conference site on Tuesday, 19 June 2012. Following are the highlights:

SAVE THE DATES for the annual conference, 14-16 October 2012. Go to **PCPA.net** for registration information and additional details.

Amanda Ries reported that all bylaw changes have been approved and web information is up-to-date.

Amber Sherman Racchini reported total assets of \$17,052.62.

Comparative list of state CPA membership costs and PCPA membership rates discussed. PCPA is mid-range; agreed to remain at \$25 and address branding and building of membership.

Newsletter will now be quarterly. Information/articles/position openings should be sent to Brian Root at bkr5@pitt.edu.

Grady Roberts Writing Award selection process is in process; readers will review the submissions. Award recipient announced at the conference.

Grant Writing Keystone was successful. Webinar platforms being investigated for future keystones so more professionals can take advantage of these professional development opportunities.

Discussion on online payment for conference registration using Wufoo. Will be pursued.

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