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CASHE is back!

It's been a few years since our last newsletter, but we're bringing it back with the hopes of keeping you "in the know" regarding Commission activities, ACPA happenings, professional development opportunities, and most of all, how to get involved. So keep reading!

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Letter from the Chair

Greetings, CASHE members!

As we start another academic year, I hope each of you found time this summer to reflect on your good work and take care of yourselves physically and emotionally. I know that I am continually surprised by how quickly June, July, and August seem to pass.

It has been a busy summer for your Directorate members, who have been working diligently to push the work of the Commission forward. As you may have noticed, we have been out of touch for a while and are trying to reconnect with our mission and purpose this year. Reconstituting our newsletter is one of these measures.

The Commission sent out a member survey in August, seeking to better understand who our members are and what they want to see from us. This survey will remain open through October, and if you have not yet had an opportunity to take it, please follow the link here:

https://uwmadison.qualtrics.com/SE?SID=SV_00Lp0URKkErwDTC.

Our preliminary data indicates that many of you would be interested in resource sharing; this can be accomplished in-part by use of our Commission Listserv. If you are interested in signing-up, follow the directions on our Commission website:

<http://www.myacpa.org/comm/academic/communications.cfm>.

As I know that a number of you are also members of entities connected to Academic Support, our Directorate is



at the beginning stages of building significant relationships with a number of other organizations. Gala Jackson, our lead on Commission Partnerships, is working with her team to identify what resources we can bring to you from other professional groups, and how we may think about working together to develop new research and professional development opportunities for the field. If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact Gala directly: gala.jackson@housing.gatech.edu.

We are launching a new initiative at the Baltimore Convention: an Open Book Club Meeting. The title chosen this year is "Deadly Professors" by Thomas B. Jones. The title is available for purchase from Stylus Publishing; please check the Commission website for information on ordering this book.

I wish you the best as you begin your semester and look forward to connecting with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Adrianna Guram
Chair, Commission for
Academic Support in Higher Education

Submit Your Nominations!

The window for nominations will soon be closed. Please, take a few moments and nominate an outstanding academic support professional! The award categories are: Commitment to Excellence in Academic Support, Innovative Academic Support Initiative, Outstanding New Professional, Outstanding Graduate Student

Submissions Due October 15, 2010

Format:

Word Documents

Contain:

Name of nominee, name of institution/organization, 2000 words max description, double spaced

Send to:

casheawards@gmail.com

ACPA Association-Wide Awards

Please consider nominating fellow professionals for a Major Association-Wide Award. Most awards are presented at the Monday Awards Luncheon (March 28, 2011: 12:00-1:30 pm).

The following awards have nomination deadlines of

October 15, 2010

- Voices of Inclusion Medallion
- Emerging and Senior Scholars

The following awards have nominations deadlines of

November 12, 2010

- Contribution to Higher Education
- Contribution to Knowledge
- ACPA Excellence in Practice
- Esther-Lloyd Jones Professional Service
- Lifetime Achievement
- Annuit Coeptis
- Champion of Sustainability
- Senior Student Affairs Practitioner Program

To submit your nominations or for additional information visit:

http://www.myacpa.org/mem/mem_criteria.cfm.

Get Professionally Involved

CASHE Committees:

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The Commission for Academic Support in Higher Education (CASHE) has recently expanded its Directorate. If you are interested in learning more about these committees, please visit <http://www.myacpa.org/comm/academic/> or contact a Directorate member at <http://www.myacpa.org/comm/academic/directorate.cfm>.

We want to hear from you!

Partnerships and Collaborations

A number of groups are interested in working with us this coming year; if you're interested in being a part of these collaborations, contact Gala Jackson, our Partnerships and Liaisons Lead (gala.jackson@housing.gatech.edu).

· **The Commission for Student Development in the Two-Year College** is looking to have an individual to contribute an article on academic support at 2-year colleges – what does this look like, what are the issues to be addressed, new innovations, etc. Additionally, they are interested in an article on developmental education at community colleges. Lisa Kelsay (kelsayl@morainevalley.edu) is the contact for this opportunity.

· The **Commission for Academic Support in Higher Education**, the **Commission for Academic Affairs Administrators**, and the **Commission for Administrative Leadership** will co-host a roundtable at the Convention, focused on the topic of “retention” and approaching it from the vantage point of our different perspectives. At the conclusion of this roundtable, we will look to move forward with a thought paper to be internally published.

· **The Commission for Graduate and Professional Student Affairs** is interested in creating a white paper on the legitimate need for academic support for graduate/professional students, not only our undergraduate population.

Supporting the ACPA Foundation

The ACPA Foundation encourages activities that generate and disseminate new knowledge in the Student Affairs profession and that prepare students for leadership roles in a global society. In order to fulfill its purpose and mission, the Foundation seeks philanthropic support for ACPA initiatives involving research, scholarship, and professional development and leadership programs. Each year, the Foundation gives out nearly \$10,000 in grant money to individuals engaged actively in research in higher education, but must replenish this amount in order to sustain itself.

Make a contribution to the future of the profession! To read more about the Foundation and to make a contribution, visit here: www.acpafoundation.org.

Professional Scholarship and Development

CASHE is being charged to think about how we may participate in publications and professional development this coming year. Here are some ways that you may think about contributing to this effort:

- **Writing an article for *Developments*** (the ACPA online newsletter) about the role of Academic Support in the success of today's college student
- **Creating an Institute on Academic Support** (see other ACPA Institutes here: <http://www2.myacpa.org/pd/>). Interested? Contact Adrianna Guram, Commission Chair (aguram@odos.wisc.edu) for more information!

CASHE at the Convention

CASHE is sponsoring a unique program at this year's annual ACPA convention. CASHE invites you to an open book club to discuss the novel "Deadly Professors" by Thomas B. Jones. This book is described as "a parody of the mystery genre and campus life, but with a serious purpose." The novel covers topics such as the nature of today's college students, inclusive teaching, racial diversity, the roles of faculty, campus life, concerns of individuals in mid-career, the purpose of liberal education, sports in higher education, and many others. Stylus Publishing is offering a discount on the purchase of the books for the Book Club meeting at the convention. Use the code DPACPA when ordering from www.styluspub.com. The more books you buy, the greater the discount: 2-4 titles - 20%, 5-9 titles - 25%, 10-24 titles - 30%, 25-99 titles - 35%. CASHE looks forward to discussing this novel with you. Happy reading!



Member Spotlight



Renee Nilsen
Partnerships and
Liaisons Team

Current position: part-time Coordinator, Health and Veterans Services at Baruch College. I completed my graduate studies in Higher Education Administration in June. I am looking to enter the field on a full-time basis with a particular interest in academic advising.

ACPA member since: April 2009

CASHE member since: March 2010

Goals for CASHE in 2010: As a member of the CASHE Directorate Partnership and Liaison Team, I am excited to be working with the Partnership Team Leader, Gala Jackson, in developing a directory of related professional organizations. As a recent graduate student, who was unsure of what organizations would best fit my professional goals, I hope this is of assistance to those who are currently in that position.

Best song of 2010 so far: "These Blues Weren't Meant to Last" from The Ramblers, *Getting There* album or "Gone" from the yet-to-be-released Mary Bragg album.

Favorite ice cream flavor: chocolate hazelnut ganache from Capannari Ice Cream in Mount Prospect, IL

Anything to add: Thank you to Lauren, my fellow Directorate member, for asking me to be the spotlighted member. Everyone in CASHE has been great to work with, and I am looking forward to seeing where 2010-2011 takes us all!