

HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE-LINE



"WE ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR STUDENTS' LIVING EXPERIENCE"

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Greetings from the Chair!

Hello and greetings!

At this year's Convention we will welcome in a new class of Directorate Body members and a new Chair for the Commission, Kathleen Kerr. I am very excited to see Kathleen stepping in to this role and I know that she will provide excellent leadership for our Commission. Thank you to everyone who participated in our election process this year!

Our Directorate Body will be discussing a range of issue at the convention and one of them will be an attempt to identify key educational areas that we can invest our Commission's energy in. Our Commission will be looking at ways to develop manuscripts, electronic bulletins, and research grants for topics that impact the housing profession. I welcome any input you may have as to the topical areas that we should focus on and I invite you to share those thoughts at our open Directorate Body Meeting (Sunday, 9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Marriott - Lincoln room) or by emailing me directly (clarkt@union.edu).

We are also hosting a variety of other events on Monday night at the convention, come spend your evening with the ACPA Housing Commission!

NACURH Student Award for Leadership
Training presentation
Monday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Marriott, Indiana Ballroom E

Convention Carnival
Monday 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony (co-sponsored with OCM)
Monday 9:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Alcatraz
Brewing Company, *Circle Centre Mall*
49 W. Maryland St. Suite 104
(please note location change**)**

Thank you all for the opportunity and support of me as Chair. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve you. See you in Indianapolis!!!

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NEWSLETTER GREETINGS

HRL Commission Leadership and Tasks for 2005-2006:

The Housing and Residential Life Commission provides many activities and services that benefit housing professionals in ACPA. Listed below are the committees and projects we are currently working on, as well as the Directorate Body and Commission members assigned to facilitate the tasks. If you are interested in obtaining more information or in serving on any of the listed committees, please feel free to contact the chair of each area.

Chair: Todd Clark

Vice-Chair for Education & Outreach: Chris Elliott
Assessment: Olan Garrett, Evelyn "Scoobie" Woods
Convention Programs: Stephanie Sue Helmers
Pro Development at Placement: Kathleen Gardner, Roberta Garrett

Educational Initiatives: Erick Albinson

Vice-Chair for Membership Services: Rachel Rumpel-Comerford

Marketing/Membership: Kathleen Gardner, Jenna Moroney

Newsletter: Angel Wilson

Website:

Carnival: Lulu Barrueco-Kaliher, Mary Gallivan

Awards: Jayme Uden

Vice-Chair for Commission Operations: Kathleen Kerr

Elections: Manny Ruiz

DB Orientation/Manual: Harry Knabe

Fundraising/Corporate Relations: Adrian Gage, Delton Gordon

Liaisons:

ACUHO-I: Debra Monk

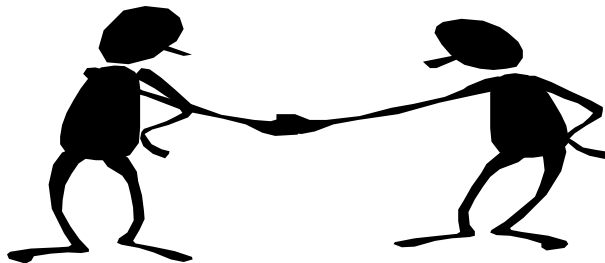
Core Council: Debra Monk

Multicultural Affairs Commission: Angel Wilson

NACURH: Evelyn "Scoobie" Woods

SCLGBTA: Stephanie Sue Helmers

SC Woman: Debra Monk



Greetings from the Newsletter Chair!

Happy wintery, blustery February everyone! Although 2006 seems like it just started, we are quickly approaching Spring Break already! Students are busy with papers, finals, and tests, while we are busy with disciplinary hearings, staffing changes, and conference-hopping! This issue of *Life-Line* introduces you to our newly-elected Directorate Body members, provides pertinent job searching tips, and humbly requests nominations and reviewers for ACPA's Housing and Residence Life awards. We are also very excited to inform you that our Awards Ceremony will be sponsored with OCM this year at the award-winning Alcatraz Brewing Company! Though the location has changed, we still guarantee that a great time will be had by all!

Please feel free to email me with any possible contributions and as always, questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions are greatly appreciated!

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GETTING INVOLVED!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY-ELECTED DIRECTORATE BODY MEMBERS!

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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

Here is where you'll find the latest tidbits on what's happening within the HRL Commission as well as any other information from groups or individuals that needs to be shared. If you would like to submit something to be shared here, please email Angel L. Wilson at angelw@austin.utexas.edu.

ACPA's Housing and Residential Life Awards Award Nominations and Award Reviewers Needed!!!

AWARD NOMINATIONS

ACPA's Commission for Housing and Residential Life is now accepting nominations to recognize excellent and outstanding contributions in the field of student housing and residence life. The deadline for nominations is March 6, 2006. All institutions are encouraged to participate in this program by nominating deserving individuals and programs. This year we have two new awards: the Outstanding Innovation Awards and the Outstanding Use of Technology Awards. These two new awards are replacing the Outstanding Residence Hall Program Awards, which the commission has decided were too hard to compare and select any one nomination as better than the rest.

The Award Categories are listed below:

The Outstanding Research Award: given to a person who has completed an outstanding research project of educational and intrinsic value to the practicing student housing/residence life professional.

The Outstanding Service to the Commission Award: for a Directorate Body member who has demonstrated outstanding performance and leadership in the Commission.

The Outstanding Innovation Award: presented to an individual or department that designs, implements and evaluates an outstanding innovation.

The Outstanding Technology Award: presented to an individual or department that designs, implements and evaluates an outstanding method of using technology.

The Outstanding New Professional in Residence Life Award: presented to a person in their first three years of professional level employment who has made outstanding contributions to their campus and/or profession.

The Outstanding Undergraduate Student Staff Member Award: presented to an outstanding undergraduate student employed in a paraprofessional staff position.

The Outstanding Graduate Student Staff Member: presented to an outstanding full-time graduate student employed in a paraprofessional staff position.

The Outstanding Experienced Professional Award: presented to an individual with 4 or more years of professional employment who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to his/her campus and/or the housing profession.

The Excellence in Service Award: presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to her/his campus and/or the housing profession who is not a student or professional staff member.

Please consider submitting a nomination and join us for the Awards Recognition Ceremony at the ACPA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. More information on the time and location of the Ceremony will come later. For more detailed awards information please visit the following website.

<http://www.myacpa.org/comm/housing/awards.htm>.

All nominations should be accompanied by a title page that includes: 1) the nominee's name, title, address, and phone number; 2) the name of the award for which he/she is being nominated; 3) the nominator's name, title, address, and phone number and 4) indication whether the nominee is a recipient of any other ACPA award or grant during the 2005 calendar year. Submission of a nomination indicates permission to post the complete nomination on the website should it be selected as a winner unless otherwise indicated. We have provided last years winning nominations as examples to assist you. They are available on the Commission website at:

<http://www.myacpa.org/comm/housing/currentawardwinners.htm> (continued on page 5)

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(continued from page 4) All nominations must be submitted as one document via email to the Awards Chair for the Commission for Housing and Residential Life, Jayme Uden at juden@ksu.edu. Nominations should be submitted as one document, although they may include multiple pages. Nominations may be submitted in PDF or Word format to be considered, however Microsoft Word is the clear preference of reviewers. Also, please keep in mind that these nominations will be emailed to reviewers and large files make this process difficult. Files larger than 1 MB will not be accepted.

AWARD REVIEWERS

ACPA's Commission for Housing and Residential Life is seeking volunteers to help review this year's award nominations.

The awards are designed to recognize excellent and outstanding contributions in the field of student housing and residence life. More information about the individual awards and the process are available at this link (feel free to pass on):

<http://www.myacpa.org/comm/housing/awards.htm>

The Awards Committee will review nominations and names of recipients will be announced at the Awards Recognition Ceremony at the convention in Indianapolis.

Reviewers will be forwarded the awards via email on March 7 and will have until March 14 to submit their evaluations via email. This is a one week turn around, but we hope that by using email we can eliminate the delays caused by mail which have occurred in the past. Reviewers will need to be able to view materials in MS Word and/or PDF format.

If you are interested in serving as a reviewer please email your name and email address to: juden@ksu.edu. If there are any categories that you are specifically interested in please note that as well.

Please direct all questions or inquiries to Jayme Uden at juden@ksu.edu or 785-395-6896.

CONVENTION SHOWCASE

Convention Showcase Crossroads of America

Hello from the Showcase committee chairs, Lulu Kaliher and Mary Gallivan. We are very excited for this year's showcase. In case you don't know, the "Convention Carnival" name has been changed to "Convention Showcase" to better reflect the purpose of the event--an opportunity for commissions, standing committees, state/international divisions, and graduate preparation programs to showcase their contributions to student affairs and to recruit new members. The showcase will be held on:

Date: Monday, March 20, 2006

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Sagamore Ballroom, Indiana Convention Center

Mary and I have worked on a fun, interactive game table that will draw in a crowd but we need your HELP!!!! We need give-aways from different schools for our table. Anything from shirts to pencils will be wonderful to receive (no candy or chocolate is allowed though). We would like to have a variety of schools represented so please make sure to bring items to our commission meeting during the convention. If you have any questions about what to bring, please email myself (lulu@udel.edu) or Mary (mgallivan@urh.buffalo.edu). See you all in Indianapolis!

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Commission Sponsored Programs

The Commission for Housing and Residence Life proudly announces the following Sponsored Programs that will be presented at the annual convention:

Assessing Residential Living-Learning

Environments: Creating Partnerships to Gain

Understanding

Monday, March 20th

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Wabash Ballroom I in the Convention Center

Presented by:

Matthew Wawrzynski, Michigan State University

Jody Jessup, Michigan State University

Nancy Lange, Michigan State University

Making an Educational Difference: Rethinking

Student Staff Roles

Monday, March 20th

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Room 107 of the Convention Center

Presented by:

Amy L. Franklin-Craft, Michigan State University

Nicole D. Eggleston-Person, Michigan State University

Making Training “Different.” An experiential approach to preparing residential staff

Tuesday, March 21st

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Room 107 of the Convention Center

Presented by:

Kimberly E. Clemens, The George Washington University

Evan Baum, The George Washington University

Harry Knabe, The George Washington University

Corrine T. Farrell, The George Washington University

The Difference We Make In Students’ Lives: The Parental Perspective

Tuesday, March 21st

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Room 103 of the Convention Center

Presented by:

Ron Thompson, Florida International University

What it takes to make a difference (The Freshmen – Sophomore Curriculum Connection)

Monday, March 20th

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Room 105 of the Convention Center

Presented by:

Sami Z. Nassim, University of Delaware

Ivet Ziegelbauer, University of Delaware

Lulu Kaliher, University of Delaware

These programs were selected after several commission members volunteered their time to review over 16 programs that were submitted for sponsorship by the commission. The Commission would like to recognize and thank the following individuals who collectively completed over 100 reviews of the programs.

Jon Acton, Duke University

Kenrick Ali, University of San Francisco

Emily Aubele, Clarion University, Venango Campus

Kate Baier, New York University

Jason Bergeron, Baldwin-Wallace College

Cara Bernstein, University of Florida

Catherine Bickel, Ball State University

Lisa Brown, Xavier University

Jodie Castanza, University of Illinois

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John Govednik, Analytic Business Services, Inc.

Edward Grandpre, Clemson University

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Jasi O’Connor, Concordia College

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Rachel Rumble-Comerford, William Woods University

Valdez Russell, The Ohio State University

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Jodi Schulman, Rutgers University

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Jeremy Suttles, Kalamazoo College

Ronald Thompson, Florida International University

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James Wade, The University of San Francisco

Daniel Watts, University of Rochester

Heather Whitmill, Indiana State University

Tricia Zelaya, The Ohio State University

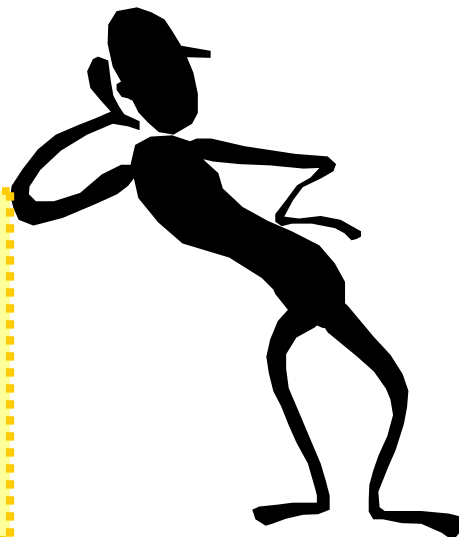
“CREATIVITY CORNER”

Keys to Placement at ACPA By Manuel Ruiz, Dickinson College

1. Don't spend all your time in placement! Employers want to see that you care about your professional development! The conference offers so many interesting opportunities to learn and get involved. Take time to attend a session, a speaker, or commission events.
2. Use the candidate resource area to learn more about the schools that interest you most. Always be ready to ask questions, the more specific to the school the more apparent it is that you did your homework.
3. Don't schedule back to back interviews. You want to have time to process in between interviews. In addition, an employer may go over their designated time if they do not have another scheduled interview.
4. Keep a smile on your face and remember that you are always in interview mode (placement area, elevator, outside function). Higher Education is a small field; never bad-mouth colleagues or the profession.
5. Attend socials if you are invited. This is a great opportunity for you to meet current/past folks that have worked at a particular institution you are interested in learning more about.
6. Have plenty of resumes, a stapler, business cards, notepad, pen and pencils on hand.
7. Keep notes on the positions you've interviewed for at the conference (names, position descriptions and brochures are always helpful for future reference).
8. Always send a thank you note after the interview no matter what your interest in the position.
9. Send follow-up letters/emails after the conference for positions that interest you.
10. Always be professional and ethical through your entire job search.

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If you have something that you would like to share with others (fun advice, anecdotal stories, poetry, art, photography, etc.), please email Angel L. Wilson at angelw@austin.utexas.edu. Remember, what you have to offer, might benefit others!



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