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Thoughts from the President

The publication of the Fall '06 newsletter holds particular significance to me and is a tangible sign that VACES is in the process of renewal and revitalization. Please do not interpret this statement to mean that I am not most appreciative of all that the VACES leadership was able to accomplish.

However, did you miss your Fall 2005 or Spring 2006 newsletters? Publishing the newsletter is where I faltered the most over the last year as we attempted to fill the newsletter editor position. Tammy Feaster, Past-secretary of VACES, was willing to assume this position when she was called to active

duty in the military. We all hold a special place in our



VACES President Kathleen May,
University of Virginia

hearts for Tammy and we know she will actively participate in VACES when her tour of duty is completed. We were fortunate that Agatha Parks-Savage volunteered to become our newsletter edi-

tor. Her energy and enthusiasm has been inspiring and contagious. Thank you, Agatha, from all of us.

I trust you will find this newsletter engaging and informative. This issue of the newsletter brings to light some of VACES's recent accomplishments and future plans. You will find "teasers" and will have to visit the VACES table and attend our division meeting at the VCA Convention to find out more about the details of initiatives such as research grants and our membership campaign. I also encourage you to visit the VACES website to learn more about VACES. Continued on pg. 3 col. 2

From The Editor's Desk

I am grateful to serve as your new VACES newsletter editor. I want to take this opportunity and recognize my graduate assistant, Justin Dewberry, for his enthusiasm and creativity in making this newsletter happen. I could not have done this without him!

I am interested in hearing from you regarding what you would like to see posted in our next newsletter (Spring 2007). Submissions from faculty, students, and clinicians are all welcomed! Please keep the word count *no longer* than 300 words. I kindly ask that you email your submis-

sion directly to me **no later than February 19, 2007.**



Dr. Agatha Parks-Savage
VACES Newsletter Editor
Regent University



**DEADLINE
FOR
PROPOSALS
IS
FRIDAY,
DECEMBER
1st!**

VACES Graduate Student Conference '07

“Start It Up!”

The Virginia Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (VACES) is sponsoring the 8th Annual Graduate Student Conference. Our theme this year is “Start It Up!” The conference will be held at the University Center of the College of William & Mary on Friday, February 16, 2007. Please see “The Call for Proposals” in this newsletter.

The presenters will be stu-

dents from Counselor Education Programs across the Commonwealth. Presentations and poster sessions will be offered as well as a time for networking and socializing. There will be raffle drawings and a luncheon.

Mark your calendars and please join us. If you are a student, submit a proposal and share your expertise with your colleagues, attend other stimulating pres-

entations, and connect with graduate students from other programs. If you are a faculty member or supervisor, please come and support your students and supervisees. They are tomorrow's leaders! We look forward to seeing everyone in Williamsburg.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: “Start It Up!”

Virginia Counseling Graduate Student Conference '07

We are currently accepting proposals for the 8th Annual Virginia Counseling Graduate Student Conference to be held at the University Center of the College of William & Mary on Friday, February 16, 2007 from 8:00 – 5:00. Proposals will be accepted for presentations and poster sessions. Our emphasis this year is on students' ways to “start it up” which can be interpreted in many ways – starting to become more active, starting something new, starting to explore a new idea, etc.! Presentations will be 50 minutes in length. We are looking for a variety of topics in counseling (school, agency, community, mental health, etc.). We will accept as many proposals as possible until

December 1, 2006, but may be limited by space demands! You will be notified by e-mail upon receipt of your proposal and will be notified by January 15th regarding acceptance.

PLEASE RETURN THE PROPOSAL SECTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO:
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slt9m@virginia.edu

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st! No late proposals will be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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Dr. Lennie Echterling of James Madison University and VACES Webmaster conversing with a firefighter during a training exercise.

PROPOSAL

NAME _____

(Please list the name of all presenters; put an * beside the contact person)

ADDRESS _____

PLEASE NOTE THAT PROPOSALS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE:

_____ I AM A STUDENT AT _____
YES/NO NAME OF UNIVERSITY

PHONE _____ EMAIL (required) _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE: _____ PRESENTATION _____ POSTER SESSION

SPECIALTY AREA: _____ TARGET AUDIENCE: _____

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: _____

PLEASE ATTACH A 50-75 WORD DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTATION.

Thoughts from the President Continued from pg. 1

Highlights of our recent efforts include:

- New VACES brochure that updates our commitment to advocacy and social justice and lists the VACES 06-07 leadership team.
- Website is now linked to VCA and is easy to access
- A very successful '06 Graduate Student Conference and planning for the '07 conference. Please see the "Call for Proposals" in this newsletter
- A campaign headed by our Graduate Student Liaison, Amanda Flora, to have every Counselor Education Program in the Commonwealth appoint a graduate student to serve as the link between VACES and his or her counselor education graduate program.
- Participation in SACES Emerging Leaders Workshop by several VACES members

and a strong presence at the conference itself

I would like to call your attention to our Advocacy Report which consists of a reminder to vote November 7th and encourages you to consider the social justice implications of the proposed Marriage Amendment that will be on the ballot.

It is with sincere gratitude that I extend my warmest thanks to board members and friends of VACES that have been involved for many years including Tammy Davis, Gerard Lawson, Lennie Echterling, Steve Nielson, Jeanne Booth, Nancy Bodenhorn, and Victoria Foster. Their contributions and tireless efforts over many years are truly awesome. And it is with the same gratitude and appreciation that I welcome those members whose involvement may be more recent and as vital to our organization including Agatha Parks-Savage, Amanda Flora, Teresa Christensen, Amie Manis, Laurie

McClurg, Lisa Pleszkoch, and Charles Fawcett. I would like to extend a special thank you to Jessica Eure, a graduate student in the mental health track at The University of Virginia, who donated her time and talent to VACES by developing the logo for our brochure. There are many other individuals who have contributed to VACES and although they are not named in this column, their efforts have made a difference.

To all VACES members, we look forward to a successful and productive year. We would like to be responsive to your needs. Please contact any member of the VACES Board to share your ideas or to volunteer to work with us.

Pura vida,
Kathleen



The UVA Rotunda



The College of William and Mary

Come See Our VACES at VCA

VACES Division Meeting Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 6:30pm.

The following sessions are among the offerings at the VCA convention that may be of particular interest to VACES members. They focus on counselor education, training, or supervision. Most presenters are VACES members.

Pre-Convention Workshops

P103 - FACE-SPIRIT: A New Model for Integrating Spirituality into Counseling and Psychotherapy

Radha Horton-Parker & Charles Fawcett

P104-Supervision Training for Clinical Supervisors

Steven K. Nielsen & Kathleen May

Sessions

T102-Professional School Counselors: Leaders in Educational Reform

Rita Schellenberg & Agatha Parks-Savage.

T103-Cultivating Cultural Competence in Consultation

Tim Grothaus &Gwen Lee-Thomas

T106-Let's Get Real: Frank and Honest Discussions on Multicultural Issues in School Counseling

Dana Griffin

T110-Clinical Counseling Training: Improving Intern/Externship Settings for Counselor Education Students

Jennifer R. Burrus, Anne Marie Hughes, & Susan Leone

T206-Sexuality and the Counselor: Reaching Out from Your Comfort Zone

Marie C. Steele

T210-The Revised ACA Code of Ethics: What Counselors in Virginia Need to Know.

David Kaplan, Ph.D.

T-306-Supervision through the Eyes of Beginning Counselors: Perceptions and Lived Experiences between Supervisors and Students in a First-Year Practicum Class

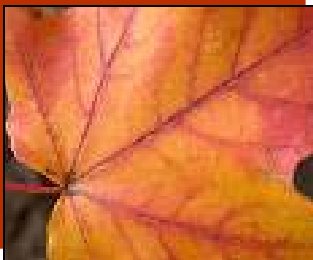
Matthew J. Paylo, Rebecca Caldwell, Jessica Eure, Warren Meehan, & Lynn Ramsson

T-602 Are We Setting School Counseling Students Up for Failure?

Dana Griffin

T605-Supervisory Informed Consent: Practical Issues for Supervisees and Their Supervisors

Timothy D. Rambo



Graduate Student Report



Amanda Flora
VACES Graduate
Student Liaison,
Doctoral Student at
UVA

and students, we would like to have a student liaison from each Counselor Education program

There is “new news” from the graduate student committee. In an effort to further strengthen the communication between supervisors, faculty,

throughout the Commonwealth. The directors of all programs were contacted by letter at the start of the academic year to request their assistance in the appointment of a student liaison. To those programs that responded, thank you! We hope to hear from the other programs as soon as possible. In addition to contacting me with concerns for the Board, the student liaisons will help encourage their peers to attend the Graduate Student Conference. For more information

about the student liaison or other graduate student news, please contact me at flora@virginia.edu



Emerging Leaders

Like many doctoral students, early into my doctoral program, the professional activity of my faculty served as an influence in my identity as a counselor educator. As I considered the value of associational membership, I joined a number of counselor-related associations including SACES and immediately sensed an invitation to be involved. The connection I experienced was deepened when I learned of my nomination to participate in the Emerging Leaders program at the recent SACES conference in Orlando, FL.

This training was attended by doctoral students *and* new faculty from doctoral programs

across the southern region. It was enthusiastically led by two esteemed members of our profession, Pam Paisley and Don Locke who shared a rich history and vision for the counseling profession. While much could be said for the experience, some of the more salient aspects of the day-long event were: networking with other doctoral students – sharing ideas and support, hearing from the current leadership, and leaving with a sense of purpose.

As I contemplated my educational and professional goals, making a difference – a difference in the lives of others and

my community, was an essential factor. Having attended the Emerging Leaders training, I came away with an affirmation that we *all* have something to contribute. I would encourage graduate students and members that are looking for a place to make difference to contact a VACES board member or to attend Emerging Leaders training - I’m sure you’ll discover as I did a warm and validating reception.

Article Contributed by: Chris Rodriguez. Chris is a Doctoral Student in Counselor Education from Virginia Tech.

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Membership Update

There are currently 142 members in VACES. Of those, 88 are regular members, 42 students, 6 emeritus, and 5 are retired. Thirty-three of the members live in the greater northern Virginia area, 43 in the Tidewater/Williamsburg area, 17 in and around Richmond, and 49 are in central and western VA (the rural areas).

Being a member of VACES has many benefits. Belonging to an organization that is dedicated to the improvement of academic and supervisory experiences for counseling students and counselors ensures the future of the profession in Virginia. It creates an opportunity to network as well as be represented in Virginia legislature, licensure, and accreditation processes. Additionally, it helps keep supervisors up to date with the current trends and regulations through workshops, trainings, conferences, and newsletters.

In an effort to increase VACES membership, Agatha Parks-Savage and Charlie Fawcett are in the process of creating a survey to better determine how VACES can serve Virginia practitioners, educators, supervisors, and students. We look forward to these results with the hope that the information will help make VACES stronger and more viable than ever before.



Charlie Fawcett
Membership Development
Chair,
Doctoral Student at UVA



CAST YOUR VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7th

The VACES leadership would like to remind all VACES members to make their voices heard in the upcoming election.

VACES has a long tradition and commitment to improving counseling and supervision in all settings of society by promoting social justice and advocacy. We ask that you carefully consider the social justice implications of the proposed Marriage Amendment. On November 7th, you will be asked this question when you go to the polls:

Ballot Question #1:

Shall Article I (the Bill of Rights) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to state:

"That only a union between one

man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions.

"This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage. Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage."

There are many reasons to cast your vote on this radical change in Virginia's constitution. We encourage you to

learn more and cast your vote on November 7th.



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