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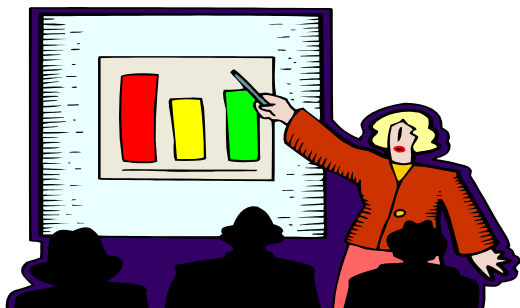
WIN A DVD PLAYER!

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2004 VIRGINIA COUNSELING GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

The 5th annual Counseling Graduate Student Conference is planned for Friday, February 20th in the University Center on the campus of The College of William and Mary.

Call for proposals is available in this newsletter!
Please encourage your students to participate!



President's Message

By Dr. Tammy Davis

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Hello! I am so excited to have the opportunity to serve as VACES President 2003 – 2005! It seems appropriate to provide a short bio for those who may not know who I am. I am currently an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. I have been at Marymount for four years, teaching mainly in the School Counseling program, although I also teach courses in the other counseling programs. Prior to coming to Marymount, I was a practicing school counselor for nine years in the Manassas City Public School division. I have served as the VACES Vice-President for the past two years and am a co-coordinator of the Virginia Counseling Graduate Student Conference.

I would first like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our Past-President, Dr. Renee Staton, who served us so very well during the past two years. Under her leadership, VACES was awarded the State ACES Award at the American Counseling Association Conference last March in Anaheim, CA. You can look for the award to be displayed at VACES events! Renee's outstanding contributions to VACES had positive results and deserve our kudos!

My main focus for the next two years is to increase membership of counselor educators and supervisors in our organization. We have adequate representation from most of the counselor education programs in the state, but we are lacking in members from the counseling supervision side. I hope to increase efforts to reach out to this population and provide more meaningful services to support counselor supervisors in Virginia. Key members of VACES have already begun to dialogue about developing a supervision training module in order to increase the opportunities for current practicing counselor to be qualified to provide supervision. Although the details are still in the works, this is a major area of focus for the current VACES officers and liaisons.

An area of success for VACES has been the Graduate Student Conference. The 2004 Conference will be the 5th year for this event, which continues to grow and evolve into a premier opportunity for graduate students to network and get their "feet wet" in terms of professional presentations. It is amazing how many of our graduate

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SACES 2003: Virginia Well - Represented!

The Southern Association for Counselor Education & Supervision was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 5-6. Many counselor educators and counseling education students from Virginia attended.

Special acknowledgement all of the counselor education professors and students who were presenters:

Regent University: George Jefferson and Stephen Parker; **Old Dominion University:** Ed Neukrug;

James Madison University: Eric Cowan, J. Edson McKee, Jerry Benson, Lennie Echterling, Jack Presbury, Joseph Marchal, Renee Staton, and Michele Kielty Briggs; **Virginia Tech:** Gerard Lawson, Hildy Getz, Nancy Bodenhorn, Rebecca Farrell, Angela DeCarla Jackson, and Anna Epperson; **Marymount University:** Laurie Hubbs, Lisa Jackson-Cherry; **College of William and Mary:** Laurie Craigen, Mary Crozier, Tammi Milliken, Ed Cannon, Victoria foster, Hugh Jackson, Juliana Mills, Cheri Harrell, Donna Kaiser, Christing Sacco-Bene, Tim Grothaus, Denny Frank, Angela Holman and Marcy Douglass

University of Virginia: Kathleen Armstrong, Valeria G.Balog, Kathleen May, Don Redmond, Harriet Gloffoff, Josephine Kim, Claudia Williams, Tim Rambo, Charlotte Redden Hamilton, Kathleen Thorell, Shunda Brown, and Jack Culbreth; **Other Virginians:** Avis Quinn (Virginia Western Community College); Ryan Greene (Blue Ridge Mental Health) These fine professionals demonstrated that Virginia is at the forefront of counselor education and supervision. Congratulations to all!

VACES MEETING: WIN A DVD PLAYER!!

The next VACES meeting will be held at the VCA Convention

Date: Thursday, November 20

Time: 4:00 to 4:30 PM

Place: TBA on site.

WE WILL BE DRAWING FOR A DVD PLAYER! YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

SACES Emerging Leaders: Training and Opportunity

Three VACES-sponsored doctoral students representing two doctoral programs in Virginia were provided an opportunity to participate in the Emerging Leaders training that took place prior to the SACES Convention in September. The 3 hour session was conducted by Dr. Don Locke and Dr. Pamela Paisley. Virginia's three student representatives were Ed Cannon from William & Mary, and Shunda Brown and Josephine Kim, both from the University of Virginia. The participants were asked to share their thoughts about this experience. Our three emerging leaders will also be sharing information about their training experience when VACES meets at VCA!

Shunda Brown: I was honored to have the opportunity to attend the Emerging Leaders training. It offered great insight and tolls on becoming a successful leader in the counseling profession. The workshop fostered an environment that promoted leadership, innovation, and a sense of community. Drs. Locke and Paisley stressed the importance of appreciating diversity, personal integrity, and self-awareness. This was facilitated through an interactive exercise that provided a creative space for both personal and professional learning and exploration. The exercise was extremely valuable to me because it exemplified the profession's obligation to ensure that every group has a "voice" and is represented in counseling organizations. This training was also helpful because the facilitators provided strategies on how to become more active in professional organizations, and it served as a great networking opportunity. I left the workshop feeling invigorated!

Ed Cannon: The chance to meet other counseling students from around the region at SACES was an experience I won't soon forget. The wealth of experiences and perspectives was inspiring, and I was able to connect with enthusiastic people who represent the future of our profession. The chance to exchange ideas in a supportive atmosphere made for a unique opportunity, and I am honored to have been selected.

Josephine Kim: The interactions, the content, and the process of what I witnessed at the Emerging Leaders conference was by far beneficial to me, both as a student and as a hopeful leader. What was most powerful and moving to me was the catharsis that rushed through me just to be present amidst people like me – minority who have transcended into majority.

Notes from the Past – President

By Dr. Renee Staton

I was tempted to write this piece by focusing on our accomplishments over the past couple of years, including our discussion of supervision guidelines, our receipt of the national ACES division award, and our ongoing success with the Graduate Student Conference. That work continues, and I look forward to joining you as we continue to enhance the VACES organization.

What seems most compelling right now, though, is a focus on advocacy. Advocacy, as you know, can take many forms. We can advocate for clients, for programs, and for the profession. Attracting and retaining new professionals is an important part of our advocacy efforts, as is speaking up to let others know what we do. I recently heard about a young man with a bachelor's degree who has been asked to provide "counseling" in local schools for at-risk students. This situation troubles me for several reasons. I'm wondering about the school counselor's role in this process. I'm concerned that the person asked to provide the "counseling" has insufficient training. I also wonder about the depth and accuracy of the school board's understanding of counseling. I know this isn't an isolated incident, but I do believe that these types of events can be curtailed if we work to enhance others' understanding of professional counseling. Although we pay lobbyists to represent our needs formally with legislators, I believe we need to be our own best spokespeople. If you have great advocacy ideas, please let me know. Please contact me at statonar@jmu.edu.

Treasurer's Report

By Ed Cannon, VACES Treasurer

As of November 1, 2003, the VACES account has a balance of \$2,294.72. Disbursements since the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1) include the stipends given to the three students who attended the SACES Emerging Leader training session at the SACES Conference. A treasurer's report will be distributed and discussed at the VACES division meeting at VCA.

Call for Nominations

If you are interested in running for an office in VACES, please contact Renee Staton @statonar@jmu.edu. Currently, we have vacancies in the offices of Vice-President and Secretary. We will also be asking for nominations at our VACES meeting at VCA. Election ballots will be available in the spring.

students move on to present at state and national conferences after having a positive experience at the Graduate Student Conference. Please note the "Call for Proposals" in this newsletter and share the word with graduate students in your area! We're looking forward to our largest crowd ever in Williamsburg in February!

School counseling supervision is an area that has continued to be a professional focus for our organization and with the addition of a School counseling coordinator in the Virginia Department of Education, Dr. Sylinda Gilchrist, Virginia seems very supportive of its school counselors. VACES will continue to support the efforts of school counselors as we move toward the adoption of state counseling standards and the development of a Virginia Model for School Counseling Programs.

One of our biggest needs currently is to fill vacancies in our slate of officers. In particular, we have immediate vacancies for Vice-President and Secretary. Renee Staton, Past-President, will be in charge of soliciting nomination and creating a ballot for voting which will be a part of the Spring VACES Newsletter. We will accept nominations at the VCA convention in November, but also will accept any nominations by email until January 15th. You may contact Renee at statonar@jmu.edu. Also, we may need to fill vacancies on some of our committees, so if you are interested in serving in VACES in any capacity, we would love to have you!

A major goal for my presidency is to always be accessible and available for the membership. This is a goal for my work with my graduate students, and it is a professional goal for serving in this position as well. If you have questions, concerns, ideas, or just want to make contact, please feel free to contact me anytime at tamara.davis@marymount.edu or at DrD4UNC@aol.com. You may also feel free to call me at (703) 330 – 0019.

It is my hope that I can serve this organization as effectively as Presidents who have gone before me. Please know that my commitment and dedication to VACES is a priority, and I hope that together we can accomplish important goals for our organization.

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The VACES Newsletter is published twice annually. All articles or items of interest to professional counselors, counselor educators, or counseling students are welcome. The editor reserves the right to edit and/or abridge submission for space and content. To submit articles for publication or for more information, please contact VACES newsletter editor Jeanne Booth:

booth@lynchburg.edu or 434-544-8551.

VACES MEMBERS AND THEIR STUDENTS TO PRESENT AT VCA!

Among the sessions scheduled for presentation at the upcoming VCA Conference, you will find many that will be conducted by VACES members and their students. From models of supervision to social psychology, from family systems to suicidal children, VACES will be contributing programming of interest to counselors in virtually every setting. Look for these and other VACES-sponsored sessions at the convention, and please support our counseling graduate students at their VCA presentations. And, congratulations to all these fine counseling professionals!



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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

We are currently accepting proposals for the 4th Annual Virginia Counseling Graduate Student Conference to be held at the University Center of the College of William & Mary on Friday, February 20, 2004 from 8:00 – 4:00. Presentations may focus on any area of counseling and should be 50 minutes long. We are looking for a variety of topics in counseling (school, agency, community, mental health, etc.). We will accept as many proposals as possible, but may be limited! This year's theme is:

PICTURE IT: FRAMING YOUR COUNSELING FUTURE

NAME _____

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

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL (required) _____

UNIVERSITY & COUNSELING PROGRAM/SPECIALITY:

TARGET AUDIENCE _____

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: _____

DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION (50-75 words):

Special Equipment Requests: _____

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO:

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**DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS IS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH! No late proposals will be considered.**

****Only presenters will be eligible for two (2) door prize drawings to win \$200 toward attendance at VCA Convention 2003!***