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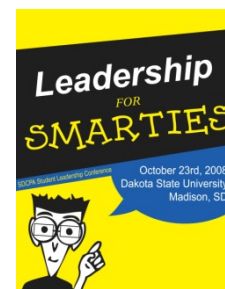
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2008 Student Leadership Conference “Leadership for Smarties”

The 2008 Student Leadership Conference hosted by Dakota State University was a “sweet” time! Students from several South Dakota colleges and technical institutes learned everything from “Personal Branding” to “Finding Lifesavers” to “Bucket Filling.” Networking, leadership and self-understanding were the key words for the day. MTI student, Nick Waldner, stated that the conference was definitely better and more fun than similar conferences he’d attended.



Conference Highlights

- ♦ **Keynote Speaker:** Jeff Beals spoke on “Self Marketing Power: Branding Yourself as a Business of One.” As Vice President of a real estate company, a teacher at the University of Nebraska, co-host of a weekly radio talk show and a freelance writer, Jeff shared many life experiences. He said, “In order to get ahead, land a big client or make a difference in the community, professionals need to establish and exploit their “personal brands.”
- ♦ **Group Activity:** Students were encouraged to work together and learn the importance of communication.
- ♦ **Closing Session:** The closing session presented by Jackie Payne focused on “How Full is Your Bucket.” She introduced the concept of the bucket and the dipper as developed by Dr. Donald Clifton and Tom Rath. She shared that the concept of “bucket filling” can be considered positive reinforcement in every aspect of your life.

So....which SDCPA college will host the 5th annual conference? TBA in February!! 



Team work in progress!



A job well done!



Students listen in during a breakout session.

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Connecting With Your Board Members...

Amanda Patzer

Amanda began working at Mitchell Technical Institute in August 2006 and is currently in her third year at MTI. She works as an Admissions Representative in the Student Services Department.

In her free time, Amanda enjoys keeping up with the Minnesota Twins, scrapbooking and spending time with her family and fiancé. She will be getting married in June 2009 so continues to keep busy with all of the "planning." She and her fiancé recently bought a house and are enjoying the responsibilities of home ownership.

Amanda graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and a minor in Business Administration. She has been a member of SDCPA since 2006 and is the new Secretary.

Susie Hadrick

Susie is currently the Director of Residential Life, Student Activities and Security at Dakota Wesleyan University. Prior to taking this position in March 2004, she served as the Business Manager for the Union at SDSU.

She enjoys playing softball in the summer, watching and following the Minnesota Twins, spoiling her new niece Jessica and traveling as much as possible. She has also been known to burst into a random rendition of "Jingle Bells" at any time of the year.

Susie graduated from SDSU in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in history and education and went on to receive her master's degree in Counseling/Student Personnel in 2003. She is currently serving as President-Elect of SDCPA and was previously a Private Institution Representative.

Janell Oberlander

Janell currently serves as the Dean of Student Services at Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City. She has held this position since 2004. Prior to serving as the Dean, Janell served WDT as the Admissions Coordinator and Career Services Coordinator and has been at WDT since 2000. Before returning to her home region, Janell and her husband of 14 years, lived in Butte, MT where she worked as the Counselor for the College of Technology of Montana Tech of the University of Montana for six years.

During her career, Janell has served on the SDCPA Board, served as President of the South Dakota Association for College Admissions Counselors, serves as a board member of Partnership Rapid City, is a graduate of Leadership Rapid City, is an active soccer parent and serves several other local boards and organizations. On June 8, 2008, Janell and her sister, completed the Deadwood/Mickelson Trail 1/2 Marathon.

Janell and her husband have two daughters, Kaylynn (9) and Kassy (4). Janell holds a Masters in Counseling from Idaho State University and her Bachelor's of Science in Society and Technology with an Organizational Management Emphasis from Montana Tech.

Get Involved

By: Reeny Wilson

In the early 90s, I remember using a slogan for RA Selection that said, "College is not a spectator sport – get in the game!" I'm bringing that slogan back. Your professional development is not a spectator sport...get in the game! SDCPA needs you to get involved – be on a committee, run for office, serve as a representative!

SDCPA is a great organization to network with professionals in South Dakota. As a member of the Executive Board, you have even more opportunities to get to know your colleagues from around the state and discuss how to better serve our students and institutions through meaningful collaborations. The Executive Board's annual retreat is an added bonus, giving you the chance to connect, relax and plan for statewide concerns without breaking your department's budget!

Consider running for President. This three year commitment provides challenges and wonderful opportunities. As President-Elect, you have the opportunity to participate in the ACPA leadership retreat in the summer with other leaders from around the country (at no expense to you). During the second year of your term, as President, SDCPA has made the financial commitment to ensure you are able to attend and participate in the annual ACPA convention. Throughout the three-year term, you're actively involved in all aspects of SDCPA – learning more, doing more, being more!

Nominations for Executive Board positions will be taken starting this fall. Think about running for an office, or nominating someone you know....just get in the game!


Questions? Contact Reeny Wilson at maureen.wilson@sdsmt.edu or any Executive Board member.

2009 Mid-Winter Conference

"Bridges to Understanding: Connecting People and Ideas"

By: Susie Hadrick

Save the date for this year's Mid-Winter Conference that will be held February 4 – 6, 2009 at Cedar Shore Resort in Chamberlain/Oacoma.

Start making plans for your breakout session proposals. You will find the conference registration form and proposal form on our website: www.mysdcpa.org under the "Conferences" link. Plans are well underway and this will be an amazing year. If you are interested in helping with the conference planning committee, please contact Susie Hadrick, President-Elect, at 605-995-2953 or via e-mail at suhadric@dwu.edu. We look forward to seeing old friends and new faces this February! 





Campus Happenings...

Dakota State University - The DSU Office of introduce an employee to SDCPA! Kelly Barnes is the new Career Advisor/Student Employment Coordinator for DSU, replacing Heather Muller who formerly worked in the position. Kelly has been at DSU for nearly four years, most recently in the Enrollment Services Office as an Admissions & Marketing Representative. In her new role, she will assist with career exploration activities and workshops, oversee the Job Location & Development (student employment) program, and assist Financial Aid with work-study placements. Prior to DSU, Kelly worked at DWU as an Admissions & Marketing Representative. Originally from Mitchell, SD, Kelly graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Bachelors in Fine Arts Administration.



Mitchell Technical Institute – It has been a busy fall at Mitchell Tech. A groundbreaking was held September 9 for a new \$3.5 million Utility Training Center and a \$2.5 million addition to the existing Technology Center. The additions will allow the utilities-related programs to expand and for three communications-related programs currently located at the Main Campus to move to the new site adjacent to I-90. MTI congratulates Electrical Construction & Maintenance student Ryan Risseeuw, Clear Lake, on becoming a SkillsUSA national champion in Residential Wiring. Risseeuw was the only South Dakotan to bring home a gold medal at the event held in June in Kansas City. MTI's newest program, Power Sports Technology, is off and running. The one-year program teaches skills necessary to build and maintain popular sports vehicles like motorcycles, ATVs, four-wheelers and snowmobiles. It is the only Power Sports program in South Dakota. MTI welcomed a new president this summer. Greg Von Wald became the school's fourth president. He replaced Chris Paustian who retired after 23 years. Finally, MTI is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. Opened in the fall of 1968, MTI has grown from an initial enrollment of just over 200 in 12 programs to today's 750 students in 21 programs, some nationally unique.

Mount Marty College – A new MBA program began at Mount Marty this fall on the Yankton and Watertown campuses. The Watertown campus opened its new building across from the LATI campus. Mounty Marty is also proud to announce that Megan McGlone returned to MMC as the new Student Success Coach. Another exciting event for MMC is that they held their first Freshman Seminar program, which began this fall.


National American University – The National American University Rapid City Campus is excited to announce some additions and promotions of their Staff members. Peggy Roozing, formerly an office assistant in the student success center, is now the campus operations manager. Wanda Redlin, one of the admissions coordinators, is now the Director of Admissions. Gale Folsland, health care program coordinator, is not the academic dean. In addition, Lee Shore joined the NAU staff as the new Resident Life Director.

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology – Many new and exciting changes have been happening on the School of Mines campus:

- Dr. Robert A. Wharton was welcomed as the 18th president of the School of Mines, having previously served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Idaho State University.
- Five major building projects are being planned on campus, including three related to Student Affairs – a \$6 million renovation of the Surbeck Student Center beginning Spring 2009 and renovations of Palmerton and Connolly Residence Halls scheduled for completion by Summer 2010.
- Fall 2008 Career Fair was the largest in campus history and was expanded to two locations to accommodate the 149 employers that registered.
- Through an agreement with the SDSM&T Foundation, Residence Life added three apartment complexes (40 units total) to its inventory of managed housing units in addition to the three on-campus residence halls.
- The Student Affairs Division recently welcomed two new employees – Bard Mustard, previously a BHSU student intern who was recently hired as Accounting Assistant/Event Services in Surbeck Scheduling Center and S. Abena Songbird, program assistant for Student Activities and Leadership Center, Multicultural Affairs Office and Ivanhoe International Center.

University of South Dakota – Over 300 people gathered as The University of South Dakota officially dedicated the Andrew E. Lee Memorial Medicine and Science Building on September 5 after four years of construction. A distinguished list of guest speakers attended the event, including United States Senator Tim Johnson. The Lee Med Building features state-of-the-art faculty research laboratories, classrooms and offices. The facility houses the U's Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences, Medical Student Affairs, Division of Health Sciences Dean and Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy departments. The University's new student center, the Theodore R. and Karen K. Muenster University Center, is currently under construction as is the new business building. Slagle Auditorium will undergo construction and renovations are planned for Pardee Laboratory, Churchill-Haines and Akeley Lawrence Science Center by the end of 2010.

Jeff Baylor has settled in to the new position of associate vice president of enrollment and student services in his first six months at the University of South Dakota. He comes to The U after three years at Saint Leo University in Florida serving as assistant vice president of enrollment and then assistant vice president of student services. Baylor's title is the result of an amalgamation of the positions of assistant vice president of enrollment services and assistant vice president of student services. In his new position, Baylor is hoping to create "a seamless approach to recruitment and retention with a focus on student engagement, development and success." "I believe that we have the opportunity to start a relationship built on trust and integrity with students early on in the admissions process," noted Baylor. "Once they are here we need to carry that through as they transition to life at USD. It is our responsibility to meet those expectations we created in students based on the promises made in the admissions process."

Newsletter Articles: In addition to publishing information about SDCPA events and campus happenings across the state, we would like to include articles related to topics of importance in the world of student affairs. Members are welcome to submit articles for publication in the SDCPA Connections newsletter. 

To view submission guidelines, visit:
[http://www.mysdcpa.org/SDCPA%2520Connections%2520Newsletter%2520Submission%2520Guidelines\[1\].htm](http://www.mysdcpa.org/SDCPA%2520Connections%2520Newsletter%2520Submission%2520Guidelines[1].htm)