

A Message from the President

It is already 2008! It seems like only yesterday that we were worried about Y2K and if our files would be lost forever! Now we are computerizing more of our advising files and even the advising itself through the use of websites!

My term as your President is now half completed and I can assure you your Board of Directors have been working hard to advance OHAAA as the main Ohio Academic Advising Association. OHAAA will be represented again this year at the Ohio College Personnel Association Conference at the end of January. Many of their members are or will become academic advisors. We are also looking at the possibility of having tables or displays at other conferences as well, cost permitting. OHAAA like many other organizations at this time of the year is getting very busy planning and organizing conferences and seminars.

You will find elsewhere in this newsletter items about our Regional Seminar and Annual Conference. Preparations for both of these events are in full swing. I am very excited about hearing Dr. Molly Schaller from the University of Dayton at our regional seminar on March 14th. Her interactive presentation should help all of us work better with students. You will continue to hear more about these events as they get closer.

The theme for the Annual Conference "Adventures in Advising" was submitted by Amber Lohrey of University of Cincinnati, a member of OHAAA. In the past your Board of Directors developed the theme. Now we want our members input again! We are looking for energetic Keynote Speakers for future events and want your suggestions. If you have any, please email them to me at Kevin.Smith@wright.edu.

I'm asking all of you to pay particular attention to the following articles about our seminar and conference. This year there are several changes which will impact your registering for these.

Happy Advising everyone!

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Second Annual Regional Seminar Is Almost Here!



The second Annual OHAAA Regional Seminar, “**Advisor Help Me! Working With Exploratory and At-Risk Students**”, is all set and it’s almost time to register! Members should have received a postcard announcing the seminar.

The seminar will be held on March 14th at Miami University-Middletown and will be a half-day event. Dr. Molly Schaller from the University of Dayton will be our guest speaker for this exciting event. She will get us involved in helping our “at-risk” and exploratory students.

This year we will also be having group discounts for members from a single institution! Registration will begin on OHAAA’s website February 1st. You will be able to pay on the site using **VISA/PayPal** or you can print the registration form and mail it with your check. The site is www.academicadvising.org We must *close* the registration on March 7th (a week before the seminar), so don’t delay.

IMPORTANT: Please remember that the group rate is only in effect when you first register! So make sure you register all members attending at one time. The rates start at \$15 for one member down to \$10 if you have ten or more attending! The fee for *non-members* is \$15 each.

The directions to Miami University-Middletown, the registration form and the ability to pay will all be posted on the website by February first. This will be the first year we are able to allow you to pay by credit card and also the first time we offer group rates!

I know we are offering an exciting, beneficial regional seminar again this year. I hope you can attend!

Quotes to Remember:

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure.”

- General Colin Powell

“Success is dependent on effort.”

-Sophocles

ADVISING QUOTE

“Advising should contribute to students’ learning and success, not merely supply answers to specific questions.”

Academic Advising for Student Success

By Susan H. Frost

2008 Academic Advisor Excellence Award

It is time for you to be taking a close look at your coworkers and peers for the 2008 Academic Advisor Excellence Award. This award will be presented during the Annual Conference on June 20, 2008. But nominations will be due before then, so now is the time to consider who you want to nominate.

To be eligible, OHAAA members were nominated for the Academic Advisor Excellence Award based upon evidence of the following criteria: service and commitment to students; service and commitment to the college; represents their college well to the public; innovation in advising services; external recognition and service (NACADA; Awards; advising publications, etc); and goes beyond the call of duty. Self nominations were not allowed. This will be the second year we have presented this award.

Your Board of Directors is currently reviewing the procedures for the award and due dates. When finished, the nomination packages will have the criteria and nomination process that you will need to follow. Expect to see the Call for Nominations shortly after the Regional Seminar.

Adventures in Advising!

The Annual OHAAA Conference is scheduled for June 20th at the OSU Fawcett Center in Columbus. Our theme says it all! What advisor hasn't had an "Adventure in Advising"? This will be an exciting event for our organization!

You will have the opportunity on June 20, 2008 to meet advisors from around the state and hear presentations from them on the great things we advisors are doing! At lunch, we will also discuss how OHAAA is doing, introduce next year's officers and present the 2008 Academic Advisor Excellence Award.

Although we do have some ideas for a keynote speaker, your suggestions are welcome. Sometimes it is hard for just your Board of Directors to find speakers for our events. So your suggestions are indeed welcome and wanted. Any suggestions for possible OHAAA speakers can be submitted to the President at Kevin.Smith@wright.edu The Board of Directors can then maintain the list of suggested speakers.

Start thinking now if you would be interested in doing a presentation at the annual conference. The Call for Proposals will go out in March as will the Call for Nominations for Officers, but don't wait to start planning! Registration for the conference this year will include online registering and group rates.

Plan on attending and making this the best conference yet for OHAAA!