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It's Hiring Time Again

Hello WACUHO,

Is it late February already? The past month and a half has been a blur of activity here at California College of the Arts. Like many of you, I've been interviewing ACUHO-I summer intern candidates (and I'm pleased to say we hired someone fantastic!) and leading our Resident Advisor selection process. This is always one of my favorite times of the year because thinking ahead and making plans for the next academic year invigorates me. I hope your intern and RA selection processes went well and that your 07-08 staff members are as exciting as mine! I also wish you luck as the conference season begins — whether you're an employer, candidate, or conferee. I hope to see many of you at the ACPA/NASPA Joint Conference and at our WACUHO Annual Conference in Palm Springs in April!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy spring,

Hallie, editor

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WACUHO Affirmative Action Statement

WACUHO recognizes the benefits which are derived from the inclusion of diversity in the Association. Significant contributions are made by members from all areas of higher education and at every level of responsibility. The quality perspective and experience shared by our members, inclusive of ethnicity, age, gender, religious preference, sexual orientation or differing abilities, adds a dynamic which enriches the character of the Association. WACUHO encourages all to actively participate in its programs, events and activities.

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President's Message



Greetings WACUHO!

I have spent the last few months in awe of the incredible efforts of our association members to bring great programs to our students and colleagues. In November, I did the whirlwind RAP tour – exploring the unique Cal Maritime campus to “*find my NRAP*”, seeing Cal Lutheran for the first time and “*doing what moved me*”, and visit-

ing old friends at UC Riverside to see “*leadership powers unite.*” My thanks go out to the tireless Northern, Central and Southern RAP committees for their work. Our friends on the islands have taken a hiatus from RAPping this year, but we look for them to return in style next year.

After a short break, I experienced the Western Training Institute, Vegas style, in January. With amazing Resident Scholars, a fun (and lucrative, for some) location, and a fantastic program, the attendees were able to make Connections ... with each other, the scholars, and their institutions and students. I know I returned to my campus feeling rejuvenated and having made new friends and colleagues! Many thanks to the committee for making WTI such a success.

Speaking of rejuvenation, the Annual Conference committees have also been hard at work bringing this year's annual conference into reality. The location, programs, and activities promise a renewal of energy and excitement for all areas of housing. If you have not already registered, don't delay. On-time registration continues until March 8th. In typical WACUHO style, the conference promises to enrich your mind, body and soul. Don't miss this exciting event!

With all the activity running through our region, I am reminded it is that time again to call for volunteers to keep the association running smoothly next year. Our 30+ committees provide relatable topic areas for all of our association members, and the Executive Committee guides the association towards the future. My involvement with committees and my time on exec have been critical to my development as a professional in housing. If you are interested in chairing or joining a committee, or if you want to run for an Executive Committee posi-

tion please visit our website at WWW.WACUHO.ORG.

We're also looking for a new Waves editor. The editor is a two-year appointed position who acts as a non-voting member of the executive committee. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact me directly.

But wait! There's more! This is also the time of year for us to recognize members and corporate partners whose service to the association is exemplary. If you know of folks who should be nominated for the Charles L Miller, RW Gang, Committee Volunteer of the Year, and Diversity and Affirmative Action awards, please visit the website for more information and deadlines.

Finally, the Executive Committee meets February 22-24 on the Santa Clara and San Jose State campuses. If you have items you would like us to explore, please send them my way. We are here for you!

My recipe for this edition is a simple one. As the cold and flu season hits and the rain is coming down like crazy in Santa Cruz, I share with you my favorite rainy day mulled cider recipe:

Chase Away the Chill Cider

- ½ gallon apple cider (not juice, cider)
- 1 small orange, washed and sliced in circles with peel intact
- 1-1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
- a few cloves
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Dump it all in a pot or a slow cooker and let it simmer for a few hours. Your whole house will smell great!

'Til next issue, take care of yourselves,
Alex Belisario
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Annual Conference Update



GREETINGS from the Annual Conference Host Committee!

STOP what you're doing and add the dates and location information for this year's Annual Conference to your calendars and agendas!

The dates are April 8th-11th, and the location is the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa in Palm Springs. We have been planning a great conference giving you many opportunities for

Rest, Relaxation, and Rejuvenation!

Check out the annual conference web page for all the details. It is your best choice for the most current information and the place to register for the conference.

HURRY, as folks who register by our Early Registration Deadline of March 8th receive the best rate for this ***Family Friendly... Single Savvy... Desert Event.***

Annual Conference . . . Speakers Announced!



The Annual Conference Programs Committee is happy to announce two speakers for this year's conference. On Monday morning we will hear from Dr. Will Keim. Will has spoken to more students on more campuses about actualizing peak performance and leadership than anyone in our nation. His corporate clients include AT&T, IBM, State Farm Insurance, several state human resources and development organizations, and Delta Airlines. He is the author of *The Education of Character: Lessons for Beginners*, *Spirit Journey*, *Life after College*, *The Truth About College*, *The Tao of Christ* and is a contributing author to *Chicken Soup for the College Soul*, *Let Your Leadership Speak*, and *Greek Inspirations*. Educator, Residence Hall Director, Educational Program Coordinator, 4 Year Division 1 Varsity Letterman in baseball, and Campus Minister, Will Keim understands stu-

dents and the major issues facing them.

On Wednesday morning, our speaker is Dr. Dawn Person. Dawn is a Professor of Counseling and Student Development in Higher Education at California State University, Long Beach. She serves as co-director of the CSU/UC Irvine joint Doctoral Program in Educational Administration and Leadership, Higher Education –Community College Emphasis. She also coordinates a Masters Degree program that emphasizes student development/affairs in higher education. Prior to her decade of college teaching, Dawn served as a counselor, advisor and administrator in student affairs, coordinating programs and services in support of students of color, international students, first-year students, and student athletes. She serves as a consultant to colleges and universities on program evaluation, student retention, organizational change, and multicultural issues. Among her many honors and awards, Dawn received the American College Personnel Association's Diamond Honoree Award, a lifetime achievement award and she was a recipient of the College of Education Most Valuable Professor Award. She remains active with ACPA, NASPA and other professional associations.



We look forward to hearing from both Dr. Keim and Dr. Person and the vast experiences they bring.

— James C. Smith, Program Committee Co-Chair

The WACUHO Conference Experience of a (former) New Professional

Thinking back to the start of my relationship with the WACUHO family brings a smile to my face. The year was 1995; the host school was UC Santa Barbara. A new professional in Residence Life right out of undergrad, I was employed at a school I had heard about two weeks before the application deadline. Did I mention I was new?

Past supervisors told me about their positive experiences with WACUHO. Now, it was time to see first hand what WACUHO was all about. I was excited and nervous about attending my first regional conference as a professional. I knew it wasn't going to be like Northern RAP, or any of the student conferences I attended. I was glad to know that other Resident Directors from my school were attending. At least I would know a couple of folks.

As I drove to the conference I got nervous again. Would I fit in with professionals from other schools? Was I too young? Would I be accepted without a masters? Would I be able to hold my own in discussions? To be honest I was feeling ill prepared. My former supervisors and mentors were not attending the conference and the folks from my new school were also young or new to the region. As I registered and looked through the materials (like a good conferee) I was happy to see the opportunities for new professionals to meet one another. What? I was not the only new professional attending this conference? There was hope for me!

Initially I felt out of place. I saw long lost friends shout out and happily hug each other. Where was my hug? My long lost friend? As I walked to my first session I was approached by a very friendly woman who introduced herself and asked how I was doing. My first new long lost friend! (She remains so to this day). She noticed I was alone and invited me to join her and some friends for lunch. I made it a point to stray away from the people from my school and force myself to interact with people I did not know. I encourage new folks to do the same...

After my programming sessions I was off to meet my new friend... lunch was a great experience. My new friend introduced me to four of her close friends all of whom were serving on WACUHO committees. They used committee work as an opportunity to reconnect throughout the year. They recruited me for the New Professionals Committee which I worked on for two years before moving to the WTI committee. I was bitten by the WACUHO committee bug! I also served on the Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee. Every year we met at the annual conference and shared the hugs and greetings of long lost friends!

Last year, after a two year absence, I realized how important WACUHO is to me. I missed the excitement of new professionals coming together with great ideas to make their mark in the field. I missed seeing my long lost friends and catching up in person. I missed the wisdom of more "seasoned" professionals. I missed the chance to connect with peers to make our experience in Student Affairs more fulfilling, rewarding, and special.

I encourage new professionals to attend the WACUHO annual conference and make some new friends (who understand what a residence hall is)! Learn through great workshops. Get involved with WACUHO and make a difference!

I urge you "seasoned" folks to come share your experience and excitement for the field. Become a mentor or at least share a new idea or perspective. (continued on page 9)

Executive Committee Nominations Time

Do you enjoy meeting with other creative and resourceful Housing professionals?

Are you looking for an opportunity to take a leadership role with WACUHO?

Do you want to make a difference in WACUHO?

Would you like an opportunity “to give back” to the Housing field?

If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, the 2007-08 WACUHO Executive Committee is for you!

WACUHO has a tradition of incredible leadership. Become part of the tradition. Consider the Executive Committee as a unique opportunity to be a part of the decision making and goal setting for the Association.

The Nominations Committee is currently identifying candidates to run for 2007-08 Executive Committee positions. The nomination process is simple: nominate a colleague; nominate yourself; or a colleague may nominate you. If you are nominating another colleague, please remember to speak with that person first and ask if he/she is interested in running. The Nominations Committee will follow up with all nominees to confirm their interest.

The positions for the upcoming election are:

- President-Elect
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Member-at-Large, Central
- Member-at-Large, North
- Member-at-Large, South

For more information on each of the positions refer to the WACUHO website at www.wacuho.org.

Please take the time to encourage someone you know to run or consider running yourself. Keep your eyes open for more detailed information! If you have any questions, please contact Martin Castillo, liaison to the Nominations Committee at presidentelect@wacuho.org or via phone 408.795.5602.

Thanks for your consideration!

Sincerely,
The Nominations Committee

WACUHO Experience (continued)

If you are a new professional, slightly seasoned, or seasoned professional I know you will gain something special by attending the WACUHO conference. I look forward to meeting you at this year's WACUHO Annual Conference in Indian Wells (near Palm Springs) April 8-11. I will be your new long lost friend, greeting you with a smile, and if you like, a hug!

— Reyes Luna, Program Committee Member

R.W. Gang Award Announcement

Dear WACUHO Members,

On behalf of the Awards and Recognition Committee, Corporate Relations Committee and the Annual Conference Exhibits committee, I am honored to announce the nominations for the RW Gang Award are now being accepted. The purpose of this award is to provide special recognition to a corporate friend of WACUHO who has, through their dedication to our profession and WACUHO, made significant contributions to our Association.

This award is named the RW Gang Award in memory of Mr. RW Gang, 12th President of our Association. RW served CACUHO and WACUHO faithfully through the years as a university housing staff member involved in several aspects of the organization. Later in life, RW continued his relationship with our organization as a vendor and corporate friend. RW's enthusiasm, humor, love for his colleagues and dedication to this profession endeared him throughout the years to many of us. And for this reason, we honor him by naming this award after him. Attached you will find a nomination form. This form contains the criteria, deadline dates and process. Through your involvement and association with vendors who have been dedicated to WACUHO, I encourage you to nominate a corporate friend who is deserving of this recognition.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at pcu-mia@sfsu.edu or call 415-338-1866. Your input and assistance in honoring one of our own is greatly appreciated. This award will be presented at this year's Annual Conference.

Sincerely,



Philippe Cumia, Chair
2007 WACUHO Corporate Relations Committee

**Deadline for submitting nomination form and letter of recommendation by mail
or email is March 15, 2007**

Past RW Gang Award Recipients:

- 2000 – Neeraj Sharma (WEB Services Company)
- 2002 – Syd Bassow (Bassow Sales Company)
- 2004 – Andi Cross (Postcraft Company)
- 2005 – Lyle Morris (Norse Furniture)
- 2006 – Scott Singleton (On-campus Marketing)

R.W. GANG AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

PURPOSE

The purpose of this award is to provide special recognition to a corporate friend of WACUHO who has, through their dedication to our profession and WACUHO, made significant contributions to the Western Association of College and University Housing Officers.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

- Nominations may be submitted by any housing professional from any currently active WACUHO member
- Three letters of recommendation must support each nomination
- The nominee must be a current corporate member of WACUHO. (Status of Corporate membership may be determined by contacting Philippe Cumia at pcumia@sfsu.edu).
- Dedication to our profession
- Dedication to WACUHO
- Has demonstrated willingness to volunteer to assist the members of the Association whenever needed.
- A positive role model to university WACUHO members and WACUHO corporate friends

NOTE: This award will go to an individual, not a company or corporation

Name of Nominee _____

Company or Corporation _____

Name of Nominator _____

Title/Position _____

Phone () _____ email _____

Deadline for submitting nomination form and letter of recommendation by mail or email:

March 15, 2007

Please list names and addresses of the persons who will be writing letters of recommendations. Letters of recommendation should include specific contributions made by the nominee to WACUHO.

Please send nomination form and letter of recommendations to:

Philippe Cumia
Housing Office
Mary Ward Hall
800 Font Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94132

Diversity and Affirmative Action Conference News

Back by popular demand! The Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee are proud to *present to some and introduce to others* the Sunday night diversity network dessert sessions.

Exciting discussions representing the following groups are on deck:



Men



Women



Native American



African American



Differing Abilities



LGBT



Asian American



Latina/Latino



This safe space will cultivate and enhance WACUHO's culturally aware environment.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mia Love, DAA chair

Do you have suggestions for discussion topics or books that you'd like to see in our diversity library raffle, want to facilitate a session or have general DAA questions?

Please don't hesitate to contact the DAA committee!

novegies@stanford.edu or

daacommitee@wacuho.org

Diversity and Affirmative Action Scholarship Information



Does your institution, department, or specific member go above and beyond the call of duty when addressing issues related to diversity or affirmative action? The WACUHO Diversity and Affirmative Action committee would like to invite you to nominate your colleagues and/or institution for a Diversity and Affirmative Action (D&AA) **Award of Recognition**. The presentation of the award will take place in April at the annual conference being held at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa in beautiful Palm Springs, CA

Your nomination will provide you with the opportunity to recognize your peers for their efforts in promoting diversity and awareness on their campus. The Diversity and Affirmative Action committee will select one individual and one institution that have made significant contributions during the 2006-2007 academic year. The winners will receive a cash prize in addition to a commemorative plaque. We realize that this recognition comes after the fact but it is our hope that these awards enable the recipients to continue promotion of Diversity and Affirmative Action through educational, social and professional opportunities.

Additional information and the nomination form will be sent to the WACUHO membership via the list serve soon.

Got Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact the DAA committee!

novegies@stanford.edu or daachair@wacuho.org

Charles L. Miller Award

Dear WACUHO Members,

Greetings! On behalf of the Awards and Recognition Committee, I am excited to announce that nominations for the **2007 Charles L. Miller Leadership and Service Award** are now being accepted for review. The deadline for submission and recommendations is March 15, 2007. This award is in special recognition of a current member of the Association who has made significant contributions through dedicated service and outstanding leadership to the Western Association of College and University of Housing Officers.

The Charles L. Miller Award is named in memory of Mr. Charles L. Miller, the 30th President of the Association. Throughout his career, Charles L. Miller, better known as "Charlie," exemplified the highest level of dedication to our profession, provided outstanding leadership and role modeling for seasoned veterans and new professionals alike, and was known for his tremendous sense of humor. His death at a young age only served to accentuate the wonderful contributions, accomplishments, and valuable service he gave to our Association. In fond memory and respect to him and his family, this award has been bestowed on those who, like Charlie, have made a difference in our Association as well as in the lives of colleagues and the student population we serve.

Following this letter, you will find a nomination form for this prestigious award. The form contains the criteria, postmark dates, and process information. I strongly encourage you and your staff to nominate a colleague who deserves our Association's highest honor. The form will also be available on the WACUHO website at www.wacuho.org

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me via email at presidentelect@wacuho.org or by telephone at 408.795.5602. We appreciate your input and assistance in honoring one of our own!

Thank you,

Martin Castillo
Awards and Recognition Committee
WACUHO President-Elect

Past Leadership and Service Award (Charles L. Miller Award) Recipients:

1992 – Joseph Risser	1997 – Harry Le Grande	2003 – Jack Gibbons
1993 – Harland Harris	1998 – Eddie Bankston	2004 – Andy Klingelhofer
1994 – Gary Little	1999 – Jim "JB" Brock	2005 – Liz Simpson
1995 – Rick Hagan	2001 – Not Awarded	2006 – Alan Ogi
1996 – Ali Mossaver-Rahmani	2002 – Sue Matthews	

2007 CHARLES L. MILLER LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD

Nomination Form

PURPOSE

The purpose of this award is to give special recognition to a current member of the association who has through their dedicated service and outstanding leadership made significant contributions in service to the Western Association of College and University Housing Officers.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

- Any Housing Professional from any current active WACUHO member institution may submit nominations.
- At least five letters of recommendation must support each nomination.
- Persons writing letters of recommendation must be staff from at least four different member institutions.
- A supervisor of the nominee must write at least one of the letters.
- The nominee must have been an active member of WACUHO for at least five years.
- The nominee must have served on a minimum of three different WACUHO committees or task forces.
- The nominee must have chaired at least two WACUHO committees/task forces or served on the Executive Committee. (Current members of the Executive Committee are not eligible to be recipients within the same year they serve.)
- The nominee's contributions to WACUHO must be above and beyond normal service expected (i.e. regular attendance at WACUHO sponsored programs and events, presenter at WACUHO Annual Conferences, historically involved in committees within the Association.)

Please include the following information, using additional sheets if necessary:

- Name of Nominee, Title/Position, Institution
- Years of WACUHO Affiliation
- Committees Chaired, Committee/ Task Force Service, and any Executive Committee position held
- Name of Nominator
- Email Address of Nominator
- Telephone Number of Nominator

Please list names and email addresses of the persons who will be writing letters of recommendation. (Letters of recommendation should include specific contributions made by the nominee to WACUHO.)

Postmark for submitting Nomination Form & Recommendations is March 15, 2007

Please send nomination form and letters of recommendation to Martin Castillo at presidentelect@wacuho.org or via US mail to:

Martin Castillo
UHS-One Washington Square
San Jose, CA 95192-0133

Networkshop 2006: Make Your Mark, Maximize Your Potential

The 5th Annual *Networkshop* was held on Friday, December 1 on the campus of UC Riverside. Approximately 66 people from 21 institutions in the Southern California area attended the one-day drive in conference. Sponsored by UCR Housing, the event included a continental breakfast, lunch, breakout sessions and a keynote address from Carol Roberts-Corb of Concordia University-Irvine. The round-table sessions covered a wide variety of topics for new and mid-level professionals including: moving up and moving out; technology in student affairs; working with faculty; how to be a mentor; managing judicial overload and maneuvering political acumen on campus.



Over the years, *Networkshop* has grown from 15 participants to the most recent having 66. The event has been hosted by UCR Housing each year, with the exception of 2005's event which was hosted by La Sierra University. The purpose of *Networkshop* is to bring professionals together and discuss issues and trends in housing and student affairs. It is also an opportunity for folks to network and get to know other professionals in the region and learn more about WACUHO and how to get involved.

Special thanks go to the following people for facilitating roundtable discussions: Laura Dorfman (Cal Poly Pomona); Reyes Luna (Cal Poly Pomona); Matthew Nelson (USC); Robert Stephens (UCR); Stephen Fleischer (Cal Poly Pomona); Felicity Osowski (UCR) and Selema Moliga (CSU Fullerton).

The overall response for this event was positive, and participants left learning more about each other and the work they do. If you would like more information on how to formulate a *Networkshop* in your area, or are interested in hosting next year, contact Rabia Khan at UCR via email: rabia.khan@ucr.edu.

— James C. Smith, Assistant Director for Residence Life, UC Riverside



Interested in Committee Work?

First, a *huge* thank you to all the committee volunteers in 2006 - 07! WACUHO is only as strong as our volunteers. Considering that all of us have real J.O.B.s, the time you carve out for WACUHO involvement is greatly appreciated!

Although a WACUHO member can request committee assignments any time throughout the year, most committees begin meeting in June and July and committee chairs attend a training session during the Annual Conference. Please take a moment to request committee membership for 2007-08. Committee appointment request forms are available at the WACUHO web site (www.wacuho.org). Forms will also be available at the Annual Conference.

To find more information on each committee, click on “Committees” at the WACUHO web site and then “Committee Information.” Each committee link provides a general view of the responsibilities and possible financial impacts for that particular committee. Make sure you get institutional support for your involvement. Whether you are a “seasoned veteran” looking to reconnect and/or continue giving to the organization, or you are a “newcomer” to WACUHO, please consider participating in one or more of our WACUHO committees. Committee membership is one of the most effective and rewarding ways to experience our Association. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet/mentor people, learn new skills, network, and help WACUHO achieve its goals and serve our members. Your commitment to chair or participate in any of the Association’s committees is truly appreciated. History has proven that our volunteers’ insight, perspective, enthusiasm, and creativity place our Association’s future in good hands. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I want to thank you for your support and involvement in WACUHO. The Association’s success would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of its members. Please send me your committee request form today!

Thank you in advance for your support of this important program.

— Stuart Huggins, Vice-President



Exhibit Hall Etiquette

Greetings from the Corporate Relations Committee!

During the Annual Conference as well as Regional Conferences, we have found that approaching Exhibitors can sometimes be intimidating. The Corporate Relations Committee asked Exhibitors to give our community some tips on Exhibit Hall etiquette that can be useful for fostering dialogue between housing professionals and our vendor partners.

From David Meale at StarRez Inc.: As a new or seasoned housing professional, your view of the Exhibitors may be that - “all they want to do is sell me something” or “exhibitors are insincere, and may try to strike fake or idle conversation for the sake of trying to sell something”. In some cases and in many industries this is unfortunately true. For the most part, this industry attracts companies and people (in sales, marketing, and otherwise) who genuinely care about the well being of Universities’ staff and the student population.

Where the vendors are coming from: Generally, exhibitors have a few questions they ask to qualify whether or not there is a fit for their solutions at your institution. It is standard practice for vendors to learn about the institutions by asking questions.

It’s okay to say “hi” to the folks in the Exhibitor booths. If you’re interested in checking out their information, but not interested in answering questions – which the exhibitors are trained to ask - it’s also okay to say that you’re only looking right now. If the vendor partner keeps persisting, then you’ll likely not want to do business with them. If they respect your position and provide an open opportunity for you to ask questions, then the hope is that if the time comes to buy solutions like theirs, you’ll remember the positive experience.

Please feel free to view your vendor partners as peers, reach out, and don’t be afraid to say no.

From Greg Moe at University Loft Company: Housing professionals should never feel intimidated by exhibitors. Exhibitors attend conferences to help all housing professionals and educate them for the future when they may be making purchasing decisions. Indeed, new professionals may, at some point in their careers, have to interact with facilities and custodial staff. The more they know about a wide variety of products and services, the more effective they will be in their future roles. Conference attendees should view the exhibit hall as fun learning experience. Exhibitors are there to be helpful and share their expertise.

From Neeraj Sharma at Web Laundry: It is helpful and more personable when experienced housing professionals introduce new professionals personally to exhibitors. Most vendors have been contributing to WACUHO for years and do not really have a hard sell approach in their booths. Exhibitors can help bridge the gap between residence life and how they relate to facilities or custodial services. Vendors are able to explain how their products impact residence life even though facilities or custodial services will be purchasing their products.

There has always been an excellent relationship between the exhibitors and WACUHO. Most companies have been sending the same company representatives to conferences for years, and they look forward to meeting new housing professionals who may make decisions regarding their solutions in the future.

If you have a good exhibitor/housing professional story that you would like to share for future editions of the WACUHO Waves, please let me know at pcumia@sfsu.edu.

Wishing all of you a fun and prosperous 2007!

— Philippe Cumia, Corporate Relations Committee Chair

New Professionals Scholarship Opportunities

The WACUHO New Professionals Committee would like to thank all of the individuals who applied for New Professionals Scholarships over the years. Without interest in such opportunities, an important & rewarding aspect of the Committee would be lost.

On that note, we would like to take this time to congratulate Leanne Valdes, a Residential Life Coordinator at San Jose State University, who was this year's recipient of the Joan F. Mortell Scholarship for the Western Training Institute (WTI).

The scholarship, which is rewarded for outstanding achievement, encourages new professionals to get involved in WACUHO. It covers \$500 in registration, travel, & lodging for the WTI Conference, which took place in Las Vegas, NV, January 28-31, 2007.

Congratulations Leanne!

In addition to the Joan F. Mortell WTI Scholarship, 2 other scholarships exist:

- 2 individuals will receive the New Professionals 2007 WACUHO Annual Conference Scholarship (Palm Springs, CA, April 8-11, 2007)
- 1 individual will receive the New Professionals 2007 ACUHO-I Annual Conference Scholarship (Seattle, WA, July 7-10, 2007)

To learn more about these scholarships, including eligibility requirements, application materials, & contact information, or to learn more about the New Professionals Committee, please visit the WACUHO Website at <http://www.wacuho.org/>.

If you plan on attending the WACUHO Annual Conference in April, feel free to learn more about the Committee by talking to members & enjoying some of the activities we will offer.

— Carolyn Meeker, New Professionals Committee Co-Chair

SRAP Recap

The Southern region can sum up SRAP: Super Leadership Powers Unite, in one word: "SUPER". This year's SRAP brought together over 550 student leaders from throughout the region for one heck of a super filled program packed day. A variety of different schools carried away Top 10 program awards, along with Chapman University winning the Institutional Programming Award, and The Art Institute winning the Spirit Award.

Special thanks goes to this year's host institution UC Riverside! We've started looking for an institution to hold next year's RAP. If you are interested please submit your proposal to Christine Jordan at cbender@csusb.edu or via mail to 6000 University Pkwy, San Bernardino, CA 92407 ASAP. If you have any questions you may also contact Christine at (909) 880-1335.

— Christine Jordan and Jacques Zalma, SRAP Committee CO-Chairs

Western Training Institute a Success

After months of planning and preparation, Western Training Institute 2007 took place in Las Vegas, NV, January 28th through 31st. The traditionally intimate institute saw an increase in enrollment numbers this year as 40 participants descended on the Orleans Hotel and Casino to take in the collective wisdom of Jonathan Poullard, Ray Quirolgico, and Suzanne Seplow — this year's Resident Scholars. The learning sessions centered around the theme of "Connections: to Yourself, to Colleagues, to Students, to the Field" and participants had the opportunity to: work on personal narratives, learn the histories and philosophies of our field's professional organizations, examine the connections between social consciousness and social justice, learn social change theory, and examine the manner in which organizational structure can effect social justice. Participants left the Institute with a personalized list of "WTI Resolutions," a binder full of valuable information and resources, and (hopefully) a deeper understanding of themselves. I can honestly say that my experience at WTI was personally transformative.

Special thanks to Alex Belisario for attending the Institute and supporting the committee behind the scenes, Martin Castillo for being our Executive Committee liaison, Bradley Kane for being the best co-chair I could have ever imagined working with, the committee members for their tremendous amount of creativity and effort, the Resident Scholars for providing us with such invaluable learning opportunities, and the participants for being ready, willing, and able to make WTI such a fun and inspiring Institute!

— Hallie Lewis, WTI 2007 Co-Chair

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In Memoriam



One of our WACUHO family members, Syd Bassow, died in his Chico home on January 19, 2007. Syd was the President and owner of Bassow Sales Company and a longtime corporate friend. For many years, Syd and his wife Mary were a given at our annual conferences, smiling and welcoming all with stories to share and items to show. Syd was known to most everyone, and in 2002 he was honored as the RW Gang Award recipient in recognition of his constant support for the association. An on-line obituary can be found at: (<http://www.legacy.com/chicoer/Obituaries.asp>). The article aptly notes that Syd was "really in the business of touching peoples' lives and putting smiles on their faces with his incredible gifts of hospitality and humor." Anyone who has interacted or worked with Syd would wholeheartedly agree. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to Mary, Larry and the rest of the family.

Please feel free to send the family an on-line condolence message at www.nbcfh.com.

— Alex Belisario, WACUHO President

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With the Annual Conference drawing near, here is some contact information that you may find useful!

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