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Western Association of College and University Housing Officers



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President's Letter

Martin Castillo

Greetings WACUHO!

Is it just me or does the winter break fly by faster every year?!? Each new calendar year seems to come more quickly with each passing year. With my memory beginning to fade, I have begun to remember each passing year by assigning it a theme that is predominant in my personal and professional life throughout the year. For example, last year was all about the newborns. It seems like so many people I know were welcoming newborns into their lives! Congratulations to colleagues (Happy, Rachel, Kris, Alli and Robert), and family (Lupe, Dahnne and Sharon) and the many other mothers and fathers who brought new life into the world last year!

The theme that seems to transcend my personal and professional lives this year is the need to tighten the belt.

Personally, each year after visiting my family for the holidays, undoubtedly, I am no longer able to reach the same belt hole that I did before the visit. If you can imagine, a Latina mother ALWAYS believes her children are too thin and the point of the visit after day two becomes finding new ways to avoid second, third and fourth helpings! My belt holes will tell you that I seldom succeed in doing that. And so, I have begun my annual ritual of finding a way to literally tighten my belt.

However, this year, that theme has crossed over into the professional life as well. With all of the budget cuts and the state of the economy, many universities find themselves with the task of figuratively tightening their belts. The challenge with this task is to find ways to survive the lean years while maintaining the core pieces of your program. However, just like years and challenges before this one, I have every faith that we will learn to maneuver around this latest obstacle as our profession has for many years.

This type of challenge affects an organization like WACUHO in many ways and we, too, must learn to work within the confines of tightening the belt and moving forward. Thankfully, our organization has been blessed with many talented individuals who have managed to find ways to succeed during this budget crunch.

In November, the committees for Central and Northern RAPs worked hard to ensure that those events stayed within their respective budgets (congrats Chinako and Sarah). More recently, the Southern RAP committee successfully moved from fall to spring semester rather than cancel the event for the year (congrats Jack and John-Paul). Each RAP chair and committee member not only volunteered their time and energy, but they managed to find ways to succeed while facing the challenges of a tight budget year.

In addition, the Western Training Institute committee managed to combine the energy of Las Vegas with the experience of the Resident Scholars to create an experience that was well worth the investment (congrats Andrea and Gina).

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WACUHO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

WACUHO recognizes the benefits 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 of perspective and experience shared by our members, inclusive of ethnicity, age, gender, religious preference, sexual orientation, or differing abilities, adds a dynamic that enriches the character of the Association. WACUHO encourages all to actively participate in its programs, events and activities.

And now, the Annual Conference committees are rising to the same challenge of creating a conference experience that is a great learning opportunity while maintaining fiscal responsibility in their planning (great work Ramona, Lisa, Danny, Emily, Teresa, Roy and Jesse).

And in a year when travel budgets might be tight, I encourage yall to look away from the East coast this conference season and more toward our own backyard here in the West. From March 16 – 19, WACUHO will be exploring, discovering and developing in Sacramento and I hope to see yall there!

Keep in mind that the Annual Conference offers discounted rates for New Professionals and three monetary reimbursement awards to offset most, if not all, of the cost for attending the conference. Please visit the website www.wacuho.org to find the applications via the New Professionals and the Diversity and Affirmative Action committees.

And finally, one shameless plug. In the last 12 years, I have enjoyed all of the involvement opportunities within the organization. I strongly encourage each of you to sign up for a WACUHO committee for next year and/or consider throwing your name in the hat to be an Executive Committee member next year. It is only with the wonderfully committed members of our association that WACUHO continues to be an amazing organization!

One repeat invitation—the Executive Committee meetings are open to the public, but if nothing else, I extend an invitation to join us for a meal whenever we are in your surrounding area. Our remaining meeting dates are as follows: February 10 – 12, 2008 at UC Santa Cruz; and March 15 in Sacramento.

Please feel free to contact me for anything and allow your Executive Committee to address any and all questions, suggestions and/or concerns you may have.

For those of you on your own journey of tightening your belt(s), I wish you only the best of luck!

Until the next WAVES issue, take care,

Martin Castillo

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WACUHO Needs You!

Submitted by the Nominations Committee

Are you looking for an opportunity to take a leadership role in our esteemed Association?

Do you want to make a difference in WACUHO?

Have you been searching for a way to give back to the Housing field?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, do we have an opportunity for you!!!

WACUHO has a tradition of incredible leadership and we want you to become a part of this tradition. The Nominations Committee is currently identifying candidates to run for 2008-09 Executive Committee positions. To accomplish this goal, we need your help! Simply let us know who you would nominate: nominate a colleague; nominate a fellow committee member; or nominate yourself. 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 deadline for submission is February 14, 2008, so show some WACUHO love and nominate today!

The open positions for the upcoming election are:

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

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. The candidate slate will be revealed in the next issue of the WAVES, so keep your eyes open for more detailed information!

If you have any questions, please contact me, or any member of the Nominations Committee:

Jim Brock (JB) Pepperdine University 310-506-4944 jim.brock@pepperdine.edu	Thomas Aguirre UC Santa Cruz 831-459-5602 taguirre@ucsc.edu	Janelle Rahyns UCLA 310-206-9285 jrahyns@ori.ucla.edu	Lara Conrad Santa Clara University 408-554.-771 lconrad@scu.edu
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Thank you for your interest in serving our Association!

Sincerely,

Alex Belisario, Nominations Chair

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nominations@wacuho.org
abelisa@ucsc.edu

WACUHO 2008 *Eureka! Explore – Discover – Engage*

Hyatt Regency Sacramento, March 16 – 19

Signed up for this year’s conference? If yes, we look forward to seeing you! Not yet? **February 11 is the “early bird” deadline to register without a \$30 late fee.** Not sure? Here are some reasons to consider attending yourself, or encouraging a colleague or direct report to attend.

In this time of financial uncertainty, spending your professional development dollars with us in Sacramento will be money well spent. **The entire conference costs the same as last year (\$375) and the hotel rate is only \$121 a night (single or double occupancy).** This is a bargain considering we are staying at the Hyatt Regency, which will provide an elegant and convenient location for this year’s conference. Located across from the California State Capital in downtown Sacramento, the Hyatt is easy to reach via plane, train or automobile.



This year’s Program Committee has lined up some pre advertised programs we’re calling “**Golden Nuggets**”. **We have programs for Facilities staff, New Professionals and Supervisors, to compliment those provided by our membership.** Dr. Susan Komives will start us off on Monday, and there will be a Chief Housing Officer panel discussion to end the conference on Wednesday. For a full description of the “Golden Nugget” programs and keynote speakers, go to the WACUHO 2008 web page and choose the appropriate link.

Besides the location and the agenda, the last and best reason to attend this year’s annual conference is the least tangible of all...the people who attend. **How many of you try to explain how you spend 40+ hours a week to family and friends, and they just don’t get it?** Come to the conference and meet 300 people who not only get what you do, but they are looking for you to connect with and learn from. Sit next someone in a workshop and learn that they may have found a solution for a problem you are struggling with, or can commiserate on an issue that doesn’t go away. Join someone at lunch and find out how much you have in common with the campus down the street, across the state, in our region. Go to dinner and have some fun, and meet someone new who could lead to a career opportunity later on...maybe even years from now. Our profession is collegial and supportive, and what better place than the annual conference to make new connections and renew old friendships.

I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento on March 16, sporting the colors and logo of your favorite college or university. Go to www.WACUHO.org and choose the WACUHO 2008 link to find all the information you need for this years conference.

Ramona Hernandez

UC Davis

2008 Annual Conference Chair

PROPOSAL TO AMMEND BY-LAWS

In preparation for our upcoming WACUHO Business meeting at the annual conference, I am taking this time to solicit any proposed changes to the WACUHO By-Laws (per Article IX section I and II). Amendments to the By-Laws may be proposed by any voting member. Proposals must be submitted in writing to the WACUHO Vice President by **Friday, February 15 at 5:00 PM** to be considered at the Business Meeting. Preference of submission is via email. Contact vicepresident@wacuho.org for questions and submission of proposals.



WACUHO Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee
Annual Conference Scholarship Application 2007-2008

The WACUHO Diversity and Affirmative Committee is pleased to be able to once again provide its annual award to the WACUHO Annual Conference. The award amount is \$650 and can be used towards registration, travel, and hotel for the 2008 Annual Conference. Please find the selection criteria and application requirements below.

Selection Criteria:

The award recipient will be selected based on their commitment to diversity above and beyond the requirements expected of them in their current position. Evaluation based on originality, creativity and quality. The recipient will be **required** to present a diversity program at the annual conference.

Some examples of outstanding diversity projects may include:

Coordinating a special project or event

Initiating a program that fosters a greater understanding of under-represented groups (i.e., your response or responses to a negative cultural event that happened at your institution)

Active participation in either local or national multicultural/diversity based organizations

Application Requirements:

Please submit these materials directly to Mia Love (email address and fax number listed below*) by

February 15, 2008.

I. A maximum of three typewritten, double-spaced pages which respond to the following:

Address the selection criteria by describing how you have gone above and beyond in your current or previous position to further the ideals of diversity at your institution and in your community.

Discuss how you plan to continue to integrate the theme of diversity in your future professional goals.

Describe what you hope to gain from the conference and how you will incorporate what you have learned at the conference to improve diversity in the field of student affairs and the WACUHO organization.

II. A copy of your current resume.

III. A copy of a program proposal form for the Annual Conference, including the program description, goals, and abstract.

IV. A letter of recommendation from a direct supervisor (preferably your current supervisor) addressing the selection criteria, including impact and results.

V. A coversheet that includes the Name, Position, Institution, Address, Telephone, Fax, and Email of both you and your current (or former) supervisor.

Submit Materials to:

Mia Love, Property Manager
672 Lomita Drive
Stanford, CA 94305
650-723-4779 direct
650-736-2260 fax
novegies@stanford.edu

In an effort to cut down on paper, the Committee strongly encourages the submission of materials via email

Noteworthy Name Brand Product?

By Dennis M. Hicks,

Program Coordinator for Student Development, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Think Starbucks. Think Nike. Think McDonald's. Now think coffee, shoes, fast food and large returns to investors. In the world of Student Affairs, your reputation is your biggest asset. Are you a worthy investment? How do you create a professional brand in student affairs and present ways you can sell yourself without selling out or selling yourself short?

Your professional brand is as important as the education you have received. Your brand, like that of Starbucks, Nike, McDonald's and countless other companies, is your reputation in producing quality products or in this case, work. Although you may be aware of what you offer your institution, you may not be aware of how to effectively market yourself as a valuable asset. Learning how to maximize your assets and sell yourself is vital to your growth as a professional. Far too often we as professionals complete tasks without creating an intentional, purposeful professional development plan that targets who we are as individuals.

What is important to you as a professional? What is it that you do well? What is it that you do so well that others take notice? It's important to show your tal-

ents and skills and make that part of your brand. In addition to effectively showcasing your skills and talents, providing co-workers, supervisors and other individuals you come into contact with quality work, an impeccable work ethic, and a vision is what will set you apart from the rest.

It is important to discover and develop your professional brand, build your reputation, understand what it looks like in student affairs, get over the fear of "selling yourself" and learn how to effectively market "you". Take note of those whose work you admire. Find out what they do, how they do it, and why they do it. Make that a template for your own work.

Because there are numerous others who want to achieve the same goals as yourself and countless others with similar educational backgrounds, it's important for you to stand out from the rest. What would make an employer choose you over someone else? What would help you get the promotion you seek? Professional branding enables you to uncover what is authentic to you and differentiate you from your peers.

Consider the following eight steps when building a professional brand; 1. Understand where you want to take your career; 2. Flaunt your quirks; 3. Take note of your accomplishments; 4. Develop a stellar on-line identity related to your career. 5. Update your résumé regularly. 6. Stay up on what's

happening in your functional area and/or field. 7. Stay connected. 8. Build career karma by joining and participating in professional associations and doing something for the love of the career.

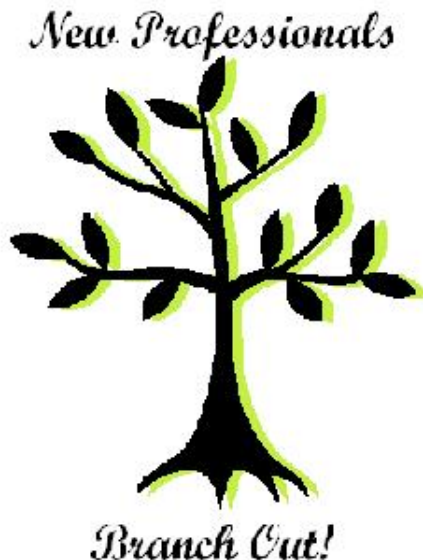
Strengthening your professionalism and your reputation in student affairs is vital to the success of any colleague. Student affairs professionals strive to have careers full of purpose.. To manage these successfully builds your reputation and contributes to the success and continuation of our professional purpose.

8 Simple Rules...

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Greetings WACUHO! As the Annual Conference nears, the New Professionals Committee has been busy preparing to "Branch Out" at the conference with our activities and programs. During the fall, the committee met twice, had one social, and selected the *Joan F. Mortell* Award winner for the Western Training Institute (WTI). And we won't be slowing down during the winter/spring!

The New Professionals Committee would like to take this time to thank all of the individuals who have applied for New Professionals Awards over the years. Without interest in such opportunities, an important & rewarding aspect of the Committee would be lost. We are proud to congratulate Susan Berry, a Resident Director from Loyola Marymount University, as this year's recipient of the [Joan F. Mortell](#) New Professionals Award for WTI. This award, which is rewarded for outstanding achievement, encourages new professionals to get involved in WACUHO. It covers up to \$500 for registra-



tion, travel, & lodging for the WTI Conference "Relate in '08: Smiles and Styles!" which will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada, January 27-30, 2008.

If you are wondering how you can take advantage of a New Professionals award, there are three more opportunities!

1. Two awards are available for the WACUHO Annual Conference, which will take place in Sacramento, California, March 16-19, 2008.

2. One award will be available for the ACUHO-I Annual Conference, which will take place in Orlando, Florida, June 21-24, 2008.

Applicants for the WACUHO Annual Conference Award must submit completed applications and supporting criteria via mail or email no later than **5pm on Wednesday, February 6, 2008**. The application and selection criteria can be found at www.wacuho.org.

Be on the look out for more information regarding our Annual Conference events such as the New Professionals Night out on the Town and the Passport Program. Until then, continue branching out and we will see you in March!

Emily Sandoval
Carolyn Meeker
Co-Chairs
New Professionals Committee

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2008-2009

James C. Smith, WACUHO Vice President

It's that time of year when we begin the selection process for WACUHO Committee membership for the 2008-2009 academic year! As you know, the effectiveness of our association depends on our members who volunteer their time to participate in our committees. We are hoping you will consider extending yourself and volunteer to be a committee member or even be a chairperson.

Go to wacuho.org and fill out the 2008-2009 Committee Request form and submit by February 6, 2008 (preferably by email). Although we continue to assign folks on a rolling basis, we are hoping to have many of our chairs confirmed before the upcoming annual conference in March.

For more information on each WACUHO Committee, please visit <http://www.wacuho.org/committees/>. You may also contact WACUHO Vice President, James C. Smith via email at vicepresident@wacuho.org

Thank you in advance for your continued service to WACUHO.

Corporate Relations Committee

Greetings from the Corporate Relations Committee! The Corporate Relations Committee is composed of WACUHO members and corporate partners who work together to enhance the benefits of WACUHO corporate membership. Our corporate partners provide financial support to WACUHO, serve on WACUHO Corporate Relations Committee and bring outstanding services to our campuses.

The Corporate Relations Committee is asking for your help in identifying new products or services you would like to see exhibited during the Annual Conference. The committee will seek out suppliers and encourage them to exhibit. We would also like the names of any suppliers or organizations that you think would like to join WACUHO as corporate partners. We will contact them and offer them all the benefits of WACUHO membership.

The 2007-2008 Corporate Relations Committee is composed of member institution representatives and corporate members' representatives. You may contact the following committee members with your suggestions and referrals:

Name	Institution	E-Mail
Jesse Mc Cauley	Pepperdine University	jesse.mccauley@pepperdine.edu
Philippe Cumia	San Francisco State	pcumia@housing.sfsu.edu
Perian Hanlon	USA Today	phanlon@usatoday.com
Chad Izmirian	Capstone Development	cizmirian@capstonewest.com
Kara Johan	AMF Support Surfaces	kjohan@amfsupport.com
Lee Thompson, Jr.	Southwest Contract	leejr@swcontract.com

The benefits of Corporate Partnership:

Financial Support - Our corporate members contributed over \$27,000 last year.

Conferences and Programs - This support was critical to the success of many of our conferences and programs, including Northern, Central, Southern and Island RAPS, and the Western Training Institute (WTI).

Exhibits - Our corporate members were a vital part of our Annual Conference by exhibiting their services and connecting with our member institutions.

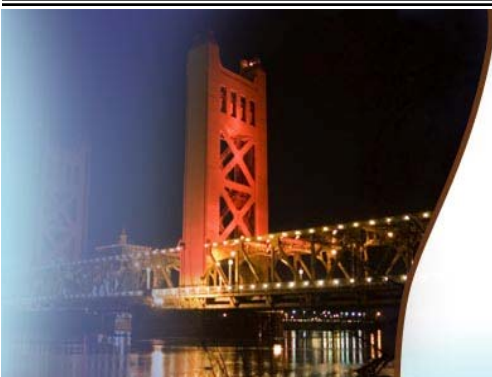
The timeline:

Corporate partners are on a calendar year cycle. Currently, the committee is actively seeking corporate partners to ask them to renew their membership or upgrade their level. The Corporate Relations Committee is always interested in contact-

ing new companies referred to the committee members and ask them to join the WACUHO corporate partners program. The program offers three corporate levels to companies with suggested contributions and benefits associated to each level. For more information on these levels and benefits, please contact a member of the Corporate Relations Committee.

Wishing you the best in the month ahead and an enjoyable Spring semester or quarter.

Jesse McCauley
Chair
Corporate Relations Committee



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Social Networking for Student Affairs

By Stuart Brown,
StudentAffairs.com

In the past five years, according to a January 3, 2008 report by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, "social networking sites have rocketed from a niche activity into a phenomenon that engages tens of millions of internet users." These sites are "an online place where a user can create a profile and build a personal network that connects him or her to other users." The most well-known and most utilized sites include Facebook.com and MySpace.com.

The social network phenomenon had its genesis on college and university campuses. Remember when you needed an edu email account to join an institution's Facebook.com network? Nowadays, most of the major networks do not have such restrictions. While this has allowed membership to skyrocket, the open door policy has diluted their impact for specific audiences.

For student affairs administrators this problem has now been solved with the introduction of **iStudentAffairs.com**, launched in February 2008 as a social networking site for student affairs professionals that connects friends and colleagues with each other. Within a week of its introduction over 400 people joined, demonstrating the need and desire for this type of network. Individuals must register and be approved to access the site. Why are people asked to register? This is to ensure the integrity of the site. By keeping out spammers and advertisers, the focus remains on people interested in joining a community involved with

higher education.

The response to the site has been overwhelmingly positive. Alex Herzog, Director of Campus Card Services at the University of Nevada - Las Vegas stated, "I can't believe this site didn't come about sooner. It's a great resource for student affairs professionals and I personally like the ability to reconnect with colleagues in the field. I think this application is more personal and applicable for student affairs administrators than Facebook."

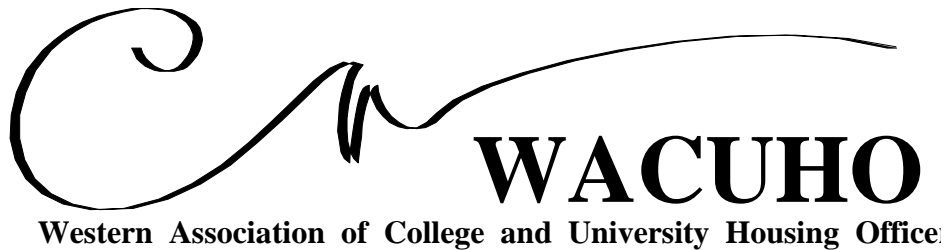
Once people are registered, they can share program ideas, views on policy matters, photos, discussion forums and more. Within the first few days, dozens of interest-based groups that reflect personal interest or professional responsibilities were formed. These include such functional areas as residence life, career services and academic advising as well as a number of groups to connect alumni of graduate preparation programs. Personal blogs have been created, which are featured on the main page, as well as a wide variety of videos.

"By combining member pages, photos and videos, and blogs this social network merges the best of Facebook, Myspace, Blogger, Livejournal, and Wordpress," states Will Barratt, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at Indiana State University. "This is the good stuff."

iStudentAffairs.com also provides, what the Pew report classifies as "public and private communication tools." There is a built-in email system to correspond within the network, catch up with friends and surprise long lost colleagues. Individuals can also post messages to

entire groups or write a post directly on someone's My Page bulletin board, known as a Comment Wall.

The goal of **iStudentAffairs.com**? Continued growth with the desire to become the social networking site for student affairs professionals, where connecting, sharing, and collaborating will be commonplace.



February 2008

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 that 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 CA-CUHO 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 has 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 jesse.mccauley@pepperdine.edu or call (310) 506-7586.

Your input and assistance in honoring one of our own is greatly appreciated. This award will be presented at this year's Annual Conference in Sacramento, CA.

Sincerely,

Jesse McCauley
WACUHO Corporate Relations Committee

The deadline for submitting the nomination form and letters of recommendation by mail or email is March 1, 2008.

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 institution.
- 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 Jesse McCauley at: jesse.mccauley@pepperdine.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 _____

The deadline for submitting the nomination form and letters of recommendation by mail or email is March 1, 2008.

- 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:

Jesse McCauley
WACUHO Corporate Relations
24255 Pacific Coast Highway
Malibu, CA 90263-7586
jesse.mccauley@pepperdine.edu

Dear WACUHO Members,

Greetings! On behalf of the Awards and Recognition Committee, I am excited to announce that nominations for the **2008 Charles L. Miller Leadership and Service Award** are now being accepted for review. The deadline for submission and recommendations is **February 29, 2008**.

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 310-825-3401. We appreciate your input and assistance in honoring one of our own!

Thank you,

Suzanne "Seppy" Seplow

Awards and Recognition Committee

WACUHO President-Elect

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

1992 - John 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 - Rich Hagen	2001 - Not Awarded	2006 - Alan Ogi
1996 - Ali Mossaver-Rahmani	2002 - Sue Matthews	2007 - Carol Roberts-Corb

2008 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 February 29, 2008.

Please send nomination form and letters of recommendation to Suzanne "Seppy" Seplow at presidentelect@wacuho.org or via US mail to:

Suzanne Seplow
370 De Neve Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90095

We are looking for a few good institutions for 2010!!

Institutions in Northern California or outside of California have the opportunity to host the WACUHO Annual Conference in 2010. The Time and Place Committee is looking for a few good institution(s) interested in bidding to host this great event. You don't have to go it alone either. If it so moves you, call up a colleague and make it a partnership venture.

Hosting the WACUHO Annual Conference provides the institution(s) involved, the experience to get to know and work with others from various institutions across the western region. Additionally, the hosting institution(s) will have the opportunity to show off their school and their city.

We have included the bid specifications, which are also available on our website at <http://wacuho.org/timeandplace/index.html>. Please make sure you include all elements to your bid. I am also happy to review any draft bids in advance. The deadline to submit your bid is 5 pm, Thursday, February 8, 2008. All completed bids should be either e-mailed to the Time & Place Chair (Andy Plumley, andy.plumley@ucr.edu) as attachments, or mailed to:

Andy Plumley
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If you have any questions regarding the bidding process itself, or need recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Don't miss this incredible chance to be the institution that helps to give the greatest showcase of the year, for all colleges and universities professionals affiliated with "WACUHO". It is never too early to start thinking about what a great time you and your colleagues will have hosting WACUHO 2010.

Andy Plumley
Chair, Time and Place Committee