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REGIONseven ACUI newsletter



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Letter from RD

Kim Jacobs, Region 7 Director

Happy New Year! I hope that your 2009 is off to a good start! With the New Year, I wanted to inform you of a new initiative the Regional Leadership Team (RLT) has planned called Desktop Discussions. In an effort to find another way for members to network and share ideas, and to do so in a cost effective manner, we decided to offer monthly educational opportunities using the telephone/computer technology available through the Central Office. On the second Friday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., regional education council chairs will convene and/or facilitate the monthly Desktop Discussion session. The monthly schedule of topics is as follows:

March	CLPM
April	Administration & Finance
May	Facilities & Ops
June	Auxiliaries
July	CLPM
August	Admin & Finance

The format of the Desktop Discussion may vary each month. In January, we had a roundtable discussion on facilities and operations. Upcoming discussions may include a presentation, as happened in December with a repeat performance of one of the most popular education sessions at the regional conference. Another idea might be to read an article from *The Bulletin* and discuss. We want this program to have value for you so, should you have an idea for any one of the Desktop Discussions, please email me or the ed council chair with your idea.

We will notify you about the topic via email in advance, so watch for more information. To date, over the course of three Desktop Discussions, 95 people have participated. One institution even had 12 people in a conference room with a speaker phone and several computers! Many of those participants were student managers. We hope you'll take part in those topics of interest to you and your staff.

We most often hear that the most valued aspect of the ACUI membership is the networking and the sharing of best practices, which are even that much more important in these difficult budgetary times. We hope that the Desktop Discussions initiative is just one more way to get additional value from your membership!

All the best to you and your staff in 2009!

Region 7 Activities in Anaheim

Plan to join your colleagues at the following regional activities at the **international conference in Anaheim, April 5-9**.

Sunday, April 5

5:45 p.m.

Region 7 Meeting

Get updates on events, programs, and other happenings in the region. More importantly, meet old friends and make new ones as you begin your Anaheim conference experience!

6:45 p.m.

Region 7 Dinner

First night and we're out on the town. Join in the fun of dinner with others from Ohio, Michigan, and western Ontario schools! You must pre-register for this dinner when you register for the conference. You cannot register for this event when you arrive in California, so please do it in advance. The more the merrier!

Monday, April 6

8:00 a.m. – Midnight

Battle of the Regions at the Nixon Library

This is where we uphold our reputation (or maybe not!) by competing against the other 14 regions in such events as the spelling bee, college bowl, and slam poetry. Sign up at the regional business meeting to take part in any and/or all of the competitions, or just come out and cheer on your colleagues. In the meantime, get in shape by warming up your buzzer fingers, writing some slam poetry, and reading Webster's before bedtime!

Wednesday, April 8

6:15 p.m.

Regional Reception

Join your Region 7 colleagues for one last toast before the conference ends!



Watch out Dayton: *The ACUI Region 7 Recreation Tournament is On Its Way*

The Kennedy Union at the University of Dayton is pumped to host this year's Region 7 Recreation Tournament. Slated to begin February 21, registration is now available online for all those interested in participating in this great event.

This year's events include:

- Men and Women's 9-Ball (qualifier for the International ACUI Tournament)
- Men and Women's Table Tennis (qualifier for the International ACUI Tournament)
- Men's and Women's Recreational Table Tennis
- Chess
- Dance Dance Revolution
- Euchre
- Foosball
- Guitar Hero
- Halo
- Madden
- Poker
- Recreational Bowling

The top three finishers in each event will receive a commemorative medal and the top two finishers will receive a gift certificate to a popular bookstore chain. Additionally, the top two finishers in Men's and Women's 9-Ball and Men's and Women's Competitive Table Tennis will receive regional support on their registration for the international tournaments.

This year's tournament will kick off at Noon on Saturday, February 21, in the Kennedy Union with an all tournament lunch. Events will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will continue through the day. It is expected that 9-Ball will be the only event to continue on Sunday, February 22.

Registration is available online at <http://www.acui.org/registration>.

Questions? Please contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator, Kate Leishman at kate.leishman@kzoo.edu or 269-337-7207.

Keep Your Membership Current

Welcome to a new year! As is often the case, the new year means renewal and resolutions. In the case of ACUI, it often means renewing your membership in your professional associations. If you haven't already paid your dues for 2009, there isn't a better time to do it than today. Visit www.acui.org/renew to pay those dues and continuing receiving all the great benefits that come with your ACUI membership.

This is also a good time to take the time to update your membership roster. If you are an institutional representative and need to add or delete people from your current membership roster, please contact Jason Cline, Director of Membership Development at (812) 245-8072 or jascline@acui.org.

If you have any questions about membership, please don't hesitate to contact your Region 7 Membership Coordinators, Joe Gutowski (joeg@case.edu, (216) 368-2679) or Diane Wisnewski (wisnewskid@macomb.edu, (586) 286-2086).

I-LEAD® Region 7 Scholarship Available

The Institute for Leadership Education and Development (I-LEAD®) is ACUI's premier student program, designed to emphasize the key concept area of leadership, community development, and change.

I-LEAD® offers an opportunity for the leaders of tomorrow to focus on personal growth and pertinent issues facing our world. The institute maximizes the potential of the student-staff partnership model by creating educational student-student and student-professional interactions.

I-LEAD® 2009 is an intensive, live-in, learning experience. I-LEAD® is an institute, not a conference. As an institute, the program offers a unified curriculum to all participants. The curriculum is grounded by "The Role of the College Union" statement and the I-LEAD® values: inclusion, shared vision, risk taking, collaboration, celebration, human dignity, community building, and integrity.

STUDENTS – ask your supervisor about the I-LEAD® scholarship. The application will be available in May.

Region 7 Annual Conference at Easter Michigan University

Region 7 had a very successful conference this past November with nearly 200 staff, students, and exhibitors in attendance from 21 of our 35 regional colleges and universities. Additionally, Northern Kentucky University joined us for the weekend. The students outnumbered the staff (many would say is the way it should be!) and a good time was had by all. The public and private colleges were represented, both two-year and four-year institutions, as well as commuter and residential schools.

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The Case Studies proved challenging for the student participants and were facilitated by the graduate students. Educational sessions for every area of concentration in the Union field were offered, 24 sessions total. Two of the top rated educational sessions were Rebecca Carter's of the University of Michigan, "Crafting Crucial Conversations with a Clue" and "Diversity Made Easy" by James Jackson of the University of Toledo.

Jay Zarr, of High Impact Training, served as our all-conference speaker, and taught the Region about the colors of our personality and how this plays into the ways we behave in both our personal and professional lives. Participants learned whether they were an orange, blue, green, or yellow and brainstormed programming ideas for all types.

Of course, all work and no play would have made for a dull conference, so students and staff had the opportunity to be entertained at night by watching the movie "21," competing in Rock Band tournaments, playing in the EMU Casino or going on a Legends & Lore tour of campus; whatever their choice, a good time was had by all.

On Saturday, the entire conference shined while the student attendees modeled the donated gear from our 21 schools at the Scholarship Auction None other than the illustrious Deb Mexicotte, auctioneer extraordinaire, held reign and encouraged the attendees to waive their paddles to bid higher! \$2,118 was raised toward scholarship monies for our future fine students.

Jay Zarr stayed with the conference throughout the weekend to present educational sessions and ultimately on Sunday to conduct the wrap up session. Sunday concluded with a wonderful brunch and the Bluffton College 2009 welcome.



Region 7 Award Winners Acknowledged at Eastern Michigan Conference

Undergraduate Student Leader – Tiffany Willingham, Student Activities Assistant, Macomb College

The Undergraduate Student Leader Award recognizes and rewards students for their outstanding and significant contributions in campus activities and/or the union. According to her peers, "Tiffany has a dynamic personality which allows her to reach students effectively as she is always looking for an opportunity to talk about the happenings within Student Activities. Her innovation and dedication are unparalleled and she is able to take on challenges and find unique ways to overcome those challenges."

Tiffany works two jobs and is dual enrolled at Macomb College and Rochester College and is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership and Communication. Congratulations to Tiffany Willingham!

Bob Rodda New Professional Award – Jenn McCabe, Student Activities Manager/Facilities Coordinator, Macomb College

The Bob Rodda New Professional Award recognizes an individual who has been in the field for less than five years and demonstrates the potential and commitment for excellence in student activities or the union. A colleague states, "It is clear that the students see Jenn McCabe as a positive role model and look to her often for advice that goes beyond campus activities and programming." Jenn's supervisor said, "Jenn has impressed me with her exceptional organizational abilities, personal initiative, evaluation abilities, and can-do performance. Of all the many talents, her level of responsibility and ownership for her work is the trait that is valued most."

Jenn has been at Macomb College since 2005 and was involved in Student Activities at Central Michigan University as an undergraduate and Grand Valley State University as a graduate student. Congratulations to Jenn McCabe!

Gretchen Laastch Outstanding Service Award – Michael Bowen, Director, Student Center Administration, Wayne State University

Initiated in 1989, the Gretchen Laastch Outstanding Service Award recognizes significant leadership, volunteer service, and commitment to Region 7. It acknowledges an individual and contributions that advance the programs, services, and retention efforts of Region 7, while reflecting the mission and goals of ACUI.

In the nomination letter, a colleague wrote, "Michael's concept of service to ACUI goes beyond the regional level. Region 7 can be proud to know that we have someone like Michael on our team, someone who promotes our region and who represents it well. His good nature and positive attitude are traits that make him a wonderful person and thus a superb member of the ACUI family. If you hear someone talking about Michael, you can step right up and say 'he's in my region.' If you've attended one of his educational sessions, then you felt like you came away with something special."

Michael most recently finished a two-year stint on the ACUI Board of Trustees. He has attended every ACUI National Conference since 1988, been on national and regional conference planning teams, and chaired the regional conference at WSU in 2002. Congratulations, Michael Bowen!



Region 7 Leadership Team

<i>Mark Albers</i>	<i>University of Dayton</i>	Facilities and Operations Education Council
<i>Chad Barnhardt</i>	<i>Ohio University</i>	Campus Life and Program Management
<i>Mark Bourassa</i>	<i>Bluffton University</i>	2009 Regional Conference Co-Chair
<i>Amy Browns Taylor</i>	<i>University of Cincinnati</i>	Newsletter Editor
<i>Steve Domachowski</i>	<i>Bowling Green State University</i>	2009 Regional Conference Chair
<i>Joe Gutowski</i>	<i>Case Western Reserve University</i>	Membership Coordinator
<i>Kim Jacobs</i>	<i>Bowling Green State University</i>	Regional Director
<i>Kate Leishman</i>	<i>Kalamazoo College</i>	Recreation & Leisure Time Activities Tournament Coordinator
<i>Jeff Pelletier</i>	<i>The Ohio State University</i>	Administration, Finance, and Management Education Council
<i>Gale Swanka</i>	<i>Bowling Green State University</i>	Regional Business Manager
<i>Aronda Thomas</i>	<i>Bowling Green State University</i>	Web Coordinator
<i>Tom Trimble</i>	<i>University of Toledo</i>	Auxiliary Services Education Council
<i>Diane Wisnewski</i>	<i>Macomb Community College</i>	Membership Coordinator

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