



NEACAC WINTER CONFERENCE



SUBMIT A CONFERENCE SESSION PROPOSAL

Fairfield University provides a wonderful setting for the presentation of a wide variety of professional development sessions and seminars for the NEACAC 2002 Annual Meeting and Conference. Our theme this year is Fair Play in Our Field. In the face of pressure from institutions, parents, and students, how do we maintain our integrity, preserve our values, and continue our growth as professionals?

We hope that members will use these questions as a launch for new proposals. We need sessions that address all areas and professional levels to ensure that our membership is fully represented. There should be programs for directors of guidance, deans of admission, as well as brand new professionals. The knowledge and diversity of our members will be the key to a successful conference. Since many of our members are unable to attend the NEACAC annual conference, our forum provides a professional development opportunity where our members can make a difference. Some of the most requested sessions by our members include:

- Alumni Admission
- Athletics
- Affirmative Action
- Community Colleges
- Counseling Issues in High Schools
- Early Decision/ Early Action
- GPAs, Rank in Class, and Profiles
- International Admissions
- Learning Differences
- Legal and Ethical Issues
- Lifestyle and Time Management Issues
- Multicultural Issues (student populations, staff professional development, resources, etc.)
- Parents and the College Admission Process
- Staff Management
- Student Admission Guides
- Transfer Students
- Underserved Populations

Please consider joining us by contributing your wisdom and talent to this year's conference. A session proposal form is available on the NEACAC website or by contacting the Annual Meeting and Conference Program Committee Chair listed below. We look forward to seeing you in May 2002!

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HATS OFF!

To Julie Cairns at Roger Williams University for her work in helping to create an electronic version of our association By-Laws. Julie spent hours of her own time typing these documents so we, as members, could all have easier access to this information. Thanks Julie!

*If you know someone who should be recognized
for going beyond the call of duty,
let us know! Just send an email to
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so it can appear in the next newsletter.*

CALENDAR

NEACAC
Annual Meeting
Fairfield, CT
May 29 – 31

NACAC
Annual Meeting
Salt Lake City, UT
Sept. 26 – 28

RETIRING?

We'd like to know about any members who are retiring this year, so we may honor them and their work at the annual meeting in May. If you or one of your colleagues plans to retire, please contact Kim O'Byrne, Co-Chair of School & College Relations. Kim can be reached at Wellesley High School (MA) at 781-446-6305 or kim_o'byrne@wellesley.mec.edu

CORRECTION

The Late Fall 2001 Newsletter listed the New England professionals who stepped forward to serve as alternate delegates to the NACAC Assembly in San Antonio, TX. Regretfully, the name of one alternate was omitted from the list. Our thanks to Ronn Beck, Special Asst. to the Director of Admission at Emerson College (MA) for his important contributions to the New England delegation in September.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One afternoon in late November in the office while checking my email, I read a message posted to the NACAC E-list by a high school

counselor. The subject of the post dealt with the issue of the admissions office practice of sending out missing items letters to the homes of applicants, which can understandably cause undue

stress on the part of families whose psyche is already fragile during this complex process. What struck me about the email was not the position of the counselor in regards to this practice, but of his tone and his blatant indictment of college admissions offices in general as being lazy and deliberately contributing to the stress of students and their families during the admission process. After reading the message and consulting with several of my colleagues in the office I came to the realization of just how fragile at times the relationship between guidance and admission professionals is. I often wonder, maybe naively, of where the root of hard feelings lies.

There is counterproductive behavior on both sides of the desk. At times a level of cynicism, mistrust and the questioning of professional judgement mar the relationship. Let us take the time to be enlightened by one another, particularly given the vulnerability of the students that we serve. This process has become complex enough without rifts developing between the two parties who can truly lead a family in these uncertain times. I wish you all the best as we work with our students this winter.

Pete Caruso
NEACAC President

WHAT'S NEWS

Bruce Barton to Director of College Counseling at Holderness School (NH) from English Chair.

Stacey Calhoun to Multicultural Enrollment Coordinator/Admissions Counselor at Stonehill College (MA).

Jeff Candura to Admissions Counselor at Stonehill College (MA).

Cara Dominick to Admissions Counselor at Stonehill College (MA).

Michael Donahue to Director of www.collegelocators.com in Newport, RI.

Peter Durnan to Asst. Director of College Counseling at Holderness School (NH).

Sheila McKay to Senior Asst. Director of Admissions at Northeastern University (MA) from Asst. Director.

Kevin Phillips to Asst. Director of Undergraduate Admission at University of Bridgeport (CT) from Univ. of New Haven (CT).

Alexander Popovics to VP for Enrollment Management and Dean of Admission & Financial Aid at Saint Joseph's College of Maine from Mount Mercy College (IA).

Elizabeth C. Smith to Asst. Director of Admission at Boston Architectural Center (MA) from Admission Counselor.

Marshall Tourtellotte to Licensed Professional Counselor in Woodstock, CT from Senior Counselor at Woodstock Academy (CT).

Joe Wagner to Director of Admission at Elms College (MA) from Account Representative at WE Andrews Printing.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Keats Jarmon, Professional School Counselor, Hall High School (CT) will serve a three-year term on the Guidance and Admissions Assembly Council for the College Board.

Tell us WHAT'S NEWS,

please clip and mail this form to the NEACAC Office



A new job or new staff member to your office

Name _____
 To (new position) _____
 From (former position) _____

An Award

Name of Award _____
 Your name and institution _____

COUNSELOR COLLEGE TOURS

NORTH CAROLINA

You are invited to participate in the 2002 School Counselors' Tour of North Carolina's Independent Colleges and Universities which will be held June 23 -28, 2002. You may select one of two tours. The Central Tour will visit Barber-Scotia College, Bennett College, Catawba College, Elon Univ., Greensboro College, Guilford College, High Point Univ., Livingstone College, Pfeiffer Univ., Salem College, Wake Forest Univ. and Wingate University. The Western Tour will travel to Belmont Abbey College, Brevard College, Davidson College, Gardner-Webb Univ., Johnson C. Smith Univ., Lees-McRae College, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Mars Hill College, Montreat College, Queens College and Warren Wilson College.

The registration fee of \$50 covers all travel, lodging, meals and scheduled recreation during the tour. Please contact Frances Dempsey at 919/832-5817 or Dempsey@ncicu.org for more information.

CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Association of College Admissions Officers (CACAO) is pleased to announce its annual Guidance Counselors College Tour on April 29th-May 1st, 2002. The tour will introduce guidance counselors to the many opportunities available for post-secondary education throughout Connecticut.

Counselors will visit 9 institutions located in Connecticut: University of Connecticut, Eastern CT State University, Saint Joseph College, Quinnipiac University, Trinity College, Briarwood College, Yale University, and Teikyo Post University.

The fee for this program is \$100, to cover lodging for the three nights of the tour, meals, and ground transportation between school visits. Should you have any questions or would like more information about the tour, contact Sandra Fernandes at Teikyo Post University via phone at 203-596-4516 or via e-mail at sfernandes@TeikyoPost.edu. Each year the tour fills, so please RSVP by March 20th.

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