



Briefing Notes for Speakers

Description of GCPA:

Founded in 1969, the Georgia College Personnel Association began with 69 members and received its official charter as a state division of the American College Personnel Association in 1971. The membership has grown over the years to our current average of 200-300. GCPA strives to become a leader in creating a learning environment which enables student affairs professionals to excel in their positions, contribute to the profession, foster student development and respond to emerging issues.

The Mission Statement of GCPA:

The mission of GCPA is to provide services to its members in support of their development and work with students. These services provide information and other resources that facilitate networking and collaboration among student affairs professionals.

GCPA also exists to provide professional development opportunities for student affairs professionals of the state of Georgia. Professional development is a continuous process for the association throughout the year and includes the following: print media, extended length/topic based workshops, multi-topic conferences, distance learning and full utilization of the "information highway."

2010 Conference Theme:

The conference theme is "Achieving Excellence, Transforming Lives." Presenters were asked to consider four critical areas for analysis in their proposals:

- Achieving Excellence through Strategic Planning in Student Affairs
- Best Practices for Viability and Sustainability in Student Affairs
- Inclusive Excellence and the Quest for Diversity in Higher Education
- Cultivating Senior Student Affairs Officers and the Next Generation of Student Affairs Professionals at Colleges and Universities

The conference site is:

Emory University Conference Center Hotel
1615 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30329
Please call: 1-800-933-6679 or 404-712-6000.
Fax: 404-712-6235

An important component of this year's conference is the "Next Generation" meeting hosted for the first time at GCPA on Friday, February 26th. This will be a wonderful opportunity for undergraduate students from colleges and universities around the state of Georgia to network with each other and to meet graduate students, faculty and staff in Student Affairs programs around the state.

Conference Updates:

- Currently, we expect 100-125 professionals from around the state to be in attendance.
- GCPA supports community engagement as a central theme of our work. This year's service project will be focused on providing college paraphernalia to elementary school children in an effort to inspire them to seek post-secondary education. Please bring any college related materials that you can to donate to this effort to support Kipp Strive Academy. For more information on this wonderful school and their work to inspire children, please go to <http://www.kippstrive.org/>. For more information, please contact LaShanda Hardin at lhardin@claytonstate.edu.

The following materials would be great donations:

- Pens
 - Lapel pins
 - Pencils
 - Notebooks
 - Binders
 - Folders
 - Stickers
 - Cups
 - T-shirts
- Our featured speakers for this conference include:
 - The Opening Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Kiss, President of Agnes Scott College.

Dr. Kiss will provide a "President's Perspective on the Critical Role of Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education."
 - The Awards Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Darryl Holloman, Assistant Vice-President of Student Affairs at Columbus State University.

Dr. Holloman will share perspectives on the meaning and practice of Student Affairs for our special awards luncheon where we honor

colleagues who have served diligently throughout the state of Georgia.

- Keynote and Closing Speaker: Dr. Patty Perillo, Past ACPA President and Associate Dean of Students at Davidson College.

Dr. Perillo will engage the conference theme of “Achieving Excellence, Transforming Lives.”

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