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A Note from the President



As TACUSPA rings in 2007, we are poised to have a very exciting year. Over the last several years, membership has been at an all time high. We hope you will join us to continue this trend. Additionally, the executive committee has been planning two exciting conferences for you in 2007. On June 24th, we will meet at the San Antonio Omni for two days of professional development, fun, and family. We are inviting a select group of speakers to cover a variety of topics for new professionals, mid-managers, and chief student affairs officers. Additionally, there will be a variety of family friendly events including a night of Texas barbeque and bowling. The summer meeting in San Antonio should prove to be both educational and entertaining. However, the best is yet to come. On November 3rd, TACUSPA will be joining forces with SACSA and NASPA Region III to bring you an outstanding conference in Addison, TX. The conference will begin on a Saturday this year and last an extra day, but the program options and keynote speakers are guaranteed to be worth the trip. As the President of TACUSPA, I would like to invite you all to become involved in our organization. The future of TACUSPA is dependent on your volunteer leadership. Visit our website for membership information and more! www.tacuspa.net Thank you and have a great day!

Thomas Moorman, Ed.D.

We're looking for Volunteers!

Volunteers needed! If you would still like the opportunity to volunteer to help with the Summer or Fall 2007 TACUSPA conferences, please contact Misty Holt at mholt@hsc.unt.edu. Your willingness to volunteer is appreciated! Thanks is extended to the following people for volunteering thus far:

Summer 2007 Conference in San Antonio:

Rynn Sloan
Kayla Kelly
Ankita Rakhe
Jamel Catoe
Sheila Bustillos
Shelly Heinrich
Jessica Martinez
Sam Gonzales

Fall 2007 Conference in Addison:

Rynn Sloan	Thomas Moorman	Elizabeth With
Kayla Kelly	Kristy Vienne	Rusty Guill
Marcus Silver	Donna Lee Davis	Amy Gamble
Idella Glenn	Jeni Reese	Andrew Wilson
Dean Smedley	Susan Rhody	Jamie Williams
Taryn Ozuna	Elizabeth Flash	Lisa Nagy
Becky Howard	NaMicha Boyd	

Thank you so much!

TACUSPA FALL CONFERENCE



Over 150 individuals attended the Fall 2006 conference held in Farmers Branch, TX. Keynote speakers included Dr. Victor Boschini Jr., Dr. Adam Weinberg, and Dr. Mike Moses. Breakout sessions included such topics as Accreditation, Assessment, Honors Alliances, Workplace Ethics, Risk Management, StrengthsQuest, Student Financial Literacy, and First Year Programming. Additionally, the New Professionals Institute was hosted prior to the start of the conference. This institute included thirty-five participants and provided new professionals and new members to TACUSPA information on their chosen career path and membership in TACUSPA. Graduate students had the opportunity to participate in a Graduate Student Case Study Competition and individuals were recognized for their service and contributions to the field of Higher Education and TACUSPA at the Awards Presentation hosted during the Business Luncheon. The traditional President's Reception was held at the famous Gilley's.





TACUSPA Membership Renewal

Membership Options

January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007

Institutional Memberships:

Notes:

- **Membership Option 1** **\$100.00**
Includes Institutional Membership Status plus 3 free Professional Memberships
 - One for the CSAO
 - Plus Two Others

- **Membership Option 2** **\$200.00**
Includes Institutional Membership Status plus 6 free Professional Memberships
 - One for the CSAO
 - Plus Five Others

- **Membership Option 3** **\$300.00**
Includes Institutional Membership Status plus 9 free Professional Memberships
 - One for the CSAO
 - Plus Eight Others

- **Membership Option 4** **\$400.00**
Includes Institutional Membership Status plus 12 free Professional Memberships
 - One for the CSAO
 - Plus Eleven Others

- **Membership Option 5** **\$500.00**
Includes Institutional Membership Status plus 15 free Professional Memberships
 - One for the CSAO
 - Plus Fourteen Others

Institutions may select an institutional membership level greater than \$500.00 in increments of \$100.00. For each \$100.00, the institution receives 3 free professional memberships.

Institutions may substitute 2 student memberships for each professional membership that accompanies their institutional membership status.

Additional Membership Options:

Professional Memberships
(Non-Member Institution) **\$40.00**

Professional Memberships
(Member Institution) **\$35.00**

Student Memberships **\$20.00**

Membership forms are available for download from
www.tacuspa.net

SAVE THE DATE

June 24-26

TACUSPA

Summer Conference in San Antonio

For more information contact
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• Articles for the next edition of TACUSPA
• TIMES are due by **March 2nd**.
• Please submit information to Ginger Taylor
• at gataylor@tlu.edu for questions, call
• (830) 372-8071.
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Private School Profile

The Private University Caucus within TACUSPA decided at the recent annual conference that we wanted to reach out to private schools within Texas to become more involved within the association. As part of that initiative, we are planning a new feature in the TACUSPA newsletter that features a private institution as a means to spotlight the private schools currently involved in TACUSPA. We would like to start this feature by spotlighting TCU. I want to thank Don Mills, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, for his contribution to this profile.

Name: Texas Christian University

The logo for Texas Christian University (TCU) is displayed in a large, purple, serif font. The letters 'TCU' are bold and centered on the page.

Better Known As: TCU

Location: Fort Worth, Texas

Enrollment: 8,865: 7,267 undergraduates 1,598 graduate and professional students

Degrees: 100 undergraduate majors, 20 graduate degrees in 54 areas, 12 doctoral fields of study

Fun Fact: TCU is the largest of 18 colleges and universities associated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a community embracing both faith and reason.

About the Division of Student Affairs: The TCU Division of Student Affairs at TCU has long been committed to providing the necessary support for students to reach academic goals and to develop the skills and abilities to be successful after graduation. Programs and services focus on ethical decision making, responsible citizenship and a global view. We take a broad-based ecological view of our challenges and philosophically approach our work with students from a strength, asset-based orientation.

One favorite tradition: A treasured tradition is our annual holiday tree lighting event. Prior to the event students select the name of a child, provided by a social service organization, in need at Christmas time. The day of the event (always held the Wednesday after Thanksgiving) students bring their gifts to place them under the giant tree. Carols are sung, a poem, "The Night Before Finals," is read and the Chancellor throws the switch to turn on the lights. About 20% of the student body participates which translates into hundreds of students annually.

A best practice: Although many schools offer freshman summer camp programs, the TCU Frog Camp is quite unique. All camps are student run – from the selection of camp staff, training of students, designing curricula and activities, and recruiting faculty and staff to attend. Four distinct types of camps are offered –the traditional orientation camp focusing on meeting challenges, a camp that focuses on community service, a camp that provides an introduction to the city of Ft. Worth (attended mostly by out of state students) and a camp that focuses on adventure, i.e. white water rafting, hiking, etc. that is conducted in the mountains of Colorado. About 100 upperclass students participate as staff leaders and about 60% of the freshman class participates as campers. A total of 8 separate camps are offered in the summer and an additional camp is offered in January for those who begin matriculation in the spring semester.

To learn more: www.tcu.edu

Article by: Becky Spurlock, Director
Campus and Community Involvement
Trinity University



Announcements, New Hires, Promotions and Retirements

Collin County Community College

Jodi Collins, was promoted to Destination College Coordinator. Jodi has been with CCCC for five years.

University of North Texas

Amy Ayres, Assistant Dean of Greek Life, successfully defended her dissertation.

University of St. Thomas (Houston)

Patricia McKinley serves as the Dean of Students. She continues to serve as the Director of Career Services and Testing.

Lindsey Guthman now serves as the Associate Director of Career Services and Testing.

Christopher Stuck is now a Senior Admissions Counselor.

Jill Reynolds was selected as head coach for the Women's Volleyball team.

Sr. Maura Behrenfeld, F.S.E. was selected as the Director of Campus Ministry.

The University of Texas at San Antonio

The Campus Recreation office welcomed two new employees: **Matt Petty**, Assistant Director of Fitness & Wellness from University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Mario Rios, Assistant Director of Intramurals & Club Sports from the University of Florida.

The University of Texas Health Science Center
The Student Life Office welcomed **Ben Rivers** as the new Assistant Director of Student Life for Wellness and Recreational Sports.

TACUSPA Article Competition

WHO: Any TACUSPA member is eligible for the competition.

WHAT: A chance to submit articles written for publication to be reviewed and judged for prizes!

WHEN: Submissions deadline is June 1, 2007.

WHERE: Winners will be announced at the Fall 2007 conference.

WHY: There are many benefits to participating in the contest:

- Articles will be reviewed by judges with experience publishing in the field of student affairs.

- Great practice for writing for publication!

- Good way to gain recognition for scholarly work.

- Winners have the option of being published in the TACUSPA newsletter.

- Prizes, including free TACUSPA membership and free conference registrations.

HOW: Watch the TACUSPA listserv for more information or contact Deidra Graves Stephens at deidra.stephens@mcombs.utexas.edu.



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Deadline for information for next TACUSPA Times Newsletter

June 24-26

TACUSPA Summer Conference, San Antonio, TX

April 2-3

Texas Higher Education Law Conference at University of North Texas, Denton, TX

November 3-6

TACUSPA Fall Conference, NASPA Region III, SACSA & TACUSPA Dallas/Addison, TX