



# FOCUS

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

E-NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010

“Teaming Up for the  
Future”- GPACAC

Spring Conference-  
Overland Park, Kansas

April 10-12, 2011

Early Bird registration  
open NOW

@ [www.gpacac.net](http://www.gpacac.net)

• SPRING 2011

COLLEGE FAIRS-

NEBRASKA-

Lincoln- April 5, 2011

Omaha- April 7, 2011

KANSAS-

Kansas City- April 10, 2011

Wichita- April 13, 2011

OKLAHOMA-

Tulsa- May 1, 2011

Oklahoma City-

May 2, 2011

### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ANN HERBENER

College Counselor Papillion-La Vista High School- Papillion, Nebraska

*Keep in touch with GPACAC for Spring Events!!*

As we wind down first semester and look forward to a much needed break, I wanted to remind GPACAC members of all the events coming up in the spring. Watch your mail, newsletters, and emails about college fairs and the annual conference. Registration information is coming soon! GPACAC offers a wide variety of services to its members beyond fairs and the conference, including a quarterly newsletter, a mentoring program, drive-in workshops, and student scholarships.

*Thank you for your dedication to the profession!*

As President, I have been impressed with the dedication and enthusiastic spirit of our members. Professionals in college admission counseling really care about their students and families. It is very satisfying helping these professionals with the resources to make their jobs more effective. Please consider volunteering in some capacity with GPACAC. You will find the knowledge and relationships you develop to be invaluable.

*Ann Herbener, GPACAC President*  
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### GPACAC MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

- Are you new to the world of college counseling (high school or college) and seeking the guidance of another colleague with a little more experience?
- Do you have aspirations of becoming an Associate Director or dream of becoming a Dean?
- Have you been the beneficiary of great mentoring in your career and would like the opportunity to pass that knowledge on to someone else?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we invite you to sign up as a Mentor/Mentee for the GPACAC Mentorship Programs. Go to [www.gpacac.net](http://www.gpacac.net) and click on Mentorship under Forms to fill out an application.

## NACAC Assembly & Membership Meeting Update

*Submitted by Deb Hudson, Chief Delegate, St. Teresa's Academy,*

*Kudos to our counterparts across the state line!!! Missouri ACAC did a fantastic job of hosting the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual NACAC Conference. I heard many compliments on the location, sessions, social, convention center, hospitality, college tours, and more.*

*Thank you to all who participated and to those GPACAC members who volunteered their time to assist with the conference.*

### *A few highlights from the 2010 NACAC Assembly...*

- The Assembly elected Evelyn Boyd White, Thomas Dale High School (VA) as president-elect. The new members of the Board of Directors are Mike Pelley from Chapman University (CA), Jeff Fuller, University of Houston, Philip Kimrey, Samford University (AL), and Debi Hudson, St. Teresa's Academy (MO).
- The Assembly asked the Board of Directors to investigate the varying fee waiver requirements by different agencies (NACAC, TRIO, College Board, ACT, etc.). The Admission Practices Committee was asked to look at the possibility of a national reply date for transfer students and report back to the Assembly in 2011. There was great deal of discussion in the Assembly about the use of agents in international recruitment and the "per head" payment that is used. Though no formal action was passed, this topic will probably reappear in 2011.
- The Annual Membership Meeting approved an amendment to reduce the size of the NACAC Assembly beginning in 2011. The size of the Assembly will go from approximately 265 members to 200. The size reduction will hopefully allow for greater discussion and diversity of members, as well as a cost savings for NACAC and the affiliates. The GPACAC Assembly delegation will decrease by one under the new amendment. There were also a number of housekeeping items presented and approved that were a result of NACAC incorporation move from Iowa to Delaware in 2009.

*Thank you to the delegates who represented GPACAC in the 2010 Assembly:*

*Ann Herbener, Michelle Lockhart, Debi Hudson, Rick Cowart, Ronda Cooper, and Matt Huber.*

## GPACAC advocates for Pathways to College Act

*Submitted by Evan Ray, Drury University*

September 26<sup>th</sup> marked the second **National Action Alert Week** sponsored by NACAC this year. Intending to focus the membership's energy on a few key pieces of legislation, **GPACAC** members along with other affiliates sent more than 15,000 letters and messages to congressmen encouraging them to support the **Pathways to College Act**. If enacted, Pathways to College would secure additional funds to hire, train, and equip secondary school counselors under the auspices of generating a college-going culture. To date, more than 40 congressmen and 6 senators have agreed to support the legislation.

*Happy end of the fall semester! As we wind down our calendar year, please consider a donation to the NACAC Imagine Fund. This fund directly impacts our members with grants for professional development and programming--*

*Remember every donation is tax deductible!*



## Reasons to Give:

- To give back to your affiliate through support for the Imagine Grants – opening doors for underserved counselors by giving them access to professional development opportunities, and resources with which to implement special projects – ultimately allowing them to perform their jobs most effectively.
- To demonstrate belief in your profession and support for NACAC's mission – to advance the work of college admission counseling professionals as they help students realize their full educational potential, with particular emphasis on the transition from secondary schools to higher education and with attention to access and equity for all students.
- To join your colleagues who give to Imagine in order to increase NACAC member participation to best demonstrate to outside organizations that we believe in our mission as illustrated by giving ourselves.
- Because every dollar makes a difference and no contribution is too small as we work to expand our outreach efforts.
- To honor or memorialize a friend and/or colleague.
- To be recognized on the 2010 Donor Honor Roll on NACAC's Web site, and in NACAC's bi-monthly Bulletin.

To contribute online, please visit:

<https://webportal.nacacnet.org/Fundraising/FundsDirectory.aspx>

Or to download a contribution form, visit:

[http://www.nacacnet.org/AboutNACAC/Partnerships/Documents/ImagineContribFrm\\_web.pdf](http://www.nacacnet.org/AboutNACAC/Partnerships/Documents/ImagineContribFrm_web.pdf)

## Great Plains Association of College Admission Leadership

Ann Herbener, **President & Delegate**

Papillion La Vista High School

Michelle Lockhart, **President– Elect & Delegate**

Oklahoma City University

Debi Hudson, **Past President & Chief Delegate**

St. Teresa’s Academy

Casey Wallace, **Secretary**

Johnson County Community College

Tom Hult, **Treasurer**

Blue Valley Southwest High School

Jay Coleman, **Treasurer-Elect**

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Mary Catherine Newman, **Executive Assistant**

GPACAC

Rick Cowart, **Delegate**

Baker University

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Lina Traslavina, **Alternate Delegate**

University of Nebraska– Omaha

Fola Okediji, **Admission Practices**

Rockhurst High School

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Regis University

Elisa Krapcha, **College Fair Coordinator**

University of Kansas

Genea Bruner, **Communications**

Olathe Northwest High School

Karen Chen, **Conference Planner**

University of Tulsa

Eileen Kenney, **Fund Development**

Tulsa Community College

Evan Ray, **Government Relations**

Drury University

Amanda Rutherford, **Human Relations**

University of Oklahoma

Jen Pospisil, **Membership**

Nebraska Wesleyan University

Matt Huber, **Professional Development**

Doane College

Shane Stover, **Technology**

University of Nebraska at Kearney

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West Point High School

Morgan Boyack, **Kansas State Coordinator**

Washburn University

Mysti Byrd, **Kansas State Coordinator**

Johnson County Community College

Mandy Mathes, **Oklahoma State Coordinator**

University of Oklahoma

Marshall Gray, **Oklahoma State Coordinator**

Heritage Hall

Ruth Lohmeyer, **Lincoln College Fair Coordinator**

Lincoln Northeast High School

Patti Gatzke, **Omaha College Fair Coordinator**

Omaha Public School

Kevin Halfmann, **Kansas City College Fair Coordinator**

Blue Valley Southwest High School

Marlene Rethman, **Wichita College Fair Coordinator**

Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School

Michelle Howard, **Oklahoma City College Fair Coordinator**

Oklahoma City University

Carissa Cummins, **Tulsa College Fair Coordinator**

University of Oklahoma



### **RENEWING MEMBERSHIP—Are you an active member of GPACAC???**

**If you’ve yet to renew or join GPACAC, please complete the following steps:**

Go to [www.gpacac.net](http://www.gpacac.net)– Click on **FORMS** and then **MEMBERSHIP** for directions  
IF you don’t know your **USER NAME** and **PASSWORD**, click on “**FORGOT MY PASSWORD**”

You will then be e-mailed that information– From there, log in and follow payment information

If you have problems registering, contact Mary Catherine Newman, Executive Assistant–  
[GreatPlainsACAC@gmail.com](mailto:GreatPlainsACAC@gmail.com) or Shane Stover, Technology Chair– [stiversp@unk.edu](mailto:stiversp@unk.edu)