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President's Welcome and Board Update

Welcome once again to the OADE Voice. I hope that your Fall term is running smoothly!

Your Board has been busy working on various projects throughout the summer and fall terms. Here are some highlights:

- Electronic Ballots have been emailed to all current OADE members. If you have not received a copy, please contact Brenna Michelis at bmichelis@cscs.edu or David Haiduc at david.haiduc@tri-c.edu.
- This year, OADE will be offering a scholarship to one or more students that have completed developmental coursework. The scholarship will be partially funded by conference registration fees, vendor donations and other fund-raising activities that are to be planned by the Board. If you know of a vendor that may be interested in contributing, please contact Tracy Koski at tkoski@cscs.edu.
- Star Registry Raffle: Since the Theme of this year's conference is Getting to Know the Stars of OADE, the Board is planning to raffle off a gift package that will allow once lucky member to name a star after themselves or their loved ones. The gift package is provided by the International Star Registry. Proceeds of this raffle will benefit the OADE scholarship fund.

Finally, I would like to say that it has been both an honor and a pleasure to serve as your President over the last year. I must thank the entire board for their hard work and dedication.

OADE Annual Conference: Kathy Buttermore, Conference

OADE Members!

Our annual fall conference is going to be fantastic. The dates are Wed., Oct. 15 through Friday, Oct. 17, 2008.

Shawnee State Park Lodge is located in the beautiful hills of southern Ohio. The fall colors should be perfect. Dress for comfort for this conference, no fancy clothes, just jeans and t-shirts/sweatshirts.

We are going to focus on us this year. The Fireside Chat for the Leadership Workshop is scheduled for Wed., Oct. 15, from 7 – 9 p.m. We will eat S'MORES and talk about OADE and what it is like to be involved in this organization.

We have wonderful proposals, and I will share those with you later in September. However, I want to highlight a special guest. Melissa Cardenas from the Ohio Board of Regents, and she is going to talk to us about the OBR's initiation of placement and college readiness. They are launching the communication for the placement to all the high schools, students, and parents this December. I was on the initial committee that planned this four years ago and am excited to see this is starting. For example, if freshman high school students want to go to college and be a physics major, they will learn what math and science courses they should be taking in high school to prepare them for college.

There will also be great information updates on the progress and arrangements for the NADE 2010 Convention in Columbus.

Thanks to Dr. Gene Beckett's idea and arrangements, we are having a square dance from 7 – 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Lodge in the ballroom. Get ready for some toe-tapping fun!

On Friday, we will focus on our Special Interest Groups, with the goal of establishing best practices for our fields of study and posting them on the OADE website, so we can be a leader in information and resources for the State of Ohio.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Kathy Buttermore

Star Registry Raffle to Benefit OADE's Scholarship Fund

Keeping with this year's conference theme, OADE is raffling off an International Star Registry Gift package. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. All proceed will benefit OADE's scholarship fund!

The lucky winner will receive:

- A beautiful 12" X 16" full color parchment certificate personalized with the star name, date and coordinates.
- A Personalized 12" X 16" sky chart containing the star name, star date, the constellation and the location circled in red where the star is in the sky.
- A booklet on astronomy written by a professional astronomer with additional sky charts.
- A letter of congratulations/memorial for the recipient.

So honor that Star in your life with this unique gift idea!

Reading Research Project Continues

At the fall 2007 OADE conference Dr. Susan Modarai and Professor Linda Gubbe of the University of Toledo gave a presentation “Using the BEST Model to Tweak our College Reading Courses.” The presentation primarily focused upon the assignments developed to target each part of the model (Build/Establish/Reduce/Synthesize/Transfer) for the presenters’ developmental reading courses, using the first-year read book *A Long Way Gone* and textbook readings. The presenters also noted that they would be administering a survey to the students who agreed to participate in the study the following semester to determine which strategies were being independently used and in what courses.

During the spring semester Dr. Modarai and Professor Gubbe have been coding the common pretest, mid-term and final exams administered to their four classes fall semester to determine how the students improved in the areas of building (background knowledge generation), establishing (questioning), reducing (annotating, outlining and mapping) and synthesizing (summarizing). The final reading portfolio the students wrote is also being coded to determine how effectively the students explained each strategy and with what future courses the students said they would use the strategies. The study participants were sent a short survey electronically during week five of the semester and Dr. Modarai and Professor Gubbe are in the process of doing follow-ups to secure a viable number of surveys from which to further analyze students’ use of strategies taught in the college reading course and how much reading they are doing independently. Susan and Linda presented the findings of their research at the College Literacy and Learning Special Interest Group at the International Reading Association Convention in Atlanta in May 2008.

University of Akron’s Department of Developmental Programs marks its 40th anniversary.

The University of Akron’s Department of Developmental Programs, founded in 1968, recently marked its 40th anniversary. At the department’s August 19th Professional Development Day, a group of about 100 celebrated and socialized as several retired directors, coordinators, faculty, and staff joined new and returning faculty and staff. A pictorial timeline and several photo albums sparked conversation. Guest speakers included UA Provost Beth Stroble, Dean Karla Mugler of University College, Dean Stan Silverman of Summit College, founding department member Mary King, and 1968 part-time faculty tutor, Carolyn Cox. Former director and OADE/NADE past president Dr. Diane Vukovich was the featured speaker. Her lively talk focused on the professional growth of UA’s Department of Developmental Programs as it paralleled that of OADE/NADE.

In 1968, UA’s Department of Developmental Programs enrolled 75 students taught by three faculty members. Forty years later, the department has 2,300+ students, 12 full-time and 60 part-time faculty members.

Originally a part of UA’s Community and Technical College, the department was moved administratively to the Evening College in 1973, then to University College in 1980. Developmental Programs came full circle in 2005, when it became part of Summit College—the newly restructured former Community and Technical College—and relocated on campus.

Many other changes have taken place over the years. The department has grown dramatically. Technology --in the form of computers and clickers--has enhanced teaching, learning, and administrative work, but it also presents a new classroom distraction—in the form of cell phones and text-messaging. The UA campus itself has been transformed from an urban campus interrupted by several thoroughfares of two-way traffic into a unified Landscape for Learning. Much has changed since 1968, but what remains the same is the faculty and staff’s sense of teamwork and commitment to students.

NADE and Your Chapter Want YOU!

Chapters are as strong as their members, and NADE is as strong as its chapters, so NADE needs YOU to be a chapter member and a NADE member!

If you are a NADE member and a chapter member, you benefit, your chapter benefits, and NADE benefits.

You benefit by an affiliation with like-minded professionals who share your enthusiasm for helping students learn and grow. You have the opportunity to discuss Developmental Education both globally and in field-specific issues through your selection of a free Special Interest Network (SPIN) membership. You have access to research and practical teaching and learning strategies through publications, conferences, newsletters, and networking with professionals from a variety of disciplines and institutions. NADE sends you the *NADE Digest* and *Journal of Developmental Education* as part of your membership. You have many opportunities to serve and develop as an educational leader, to publish, and to present conference sessions at chapter and national levels. In addition, as a chapter member and a NADE member, you are eligible for a variety of NADE awards and scholarships.

Your chapter benefits by having a core of state or regional educators who discuss significant local issues through newsletters, conferences, and unique educational partnerships. Your chapter also benefits from the camaraderie that develops and the leadership that emerges among educators from schools and programs across your state and region.

NADE is enriched by the diversity of its members – diversity in professional interests and backgrounds, educational programs, institution types, professional research and publications, and leadership and service opportunities within NADE.

Remember that NADE offers both individual and institutional memberships. Share membership information with colleagues and administrators at your institution. Membership applications are available on NADE's web site at www.NADE.net.

If you have any NADE membership questions or would like to get involved, please contact us at rkarr@cccd.edu or kpattyg@siue.edu.

**One More Reminder . . .
Be Sure to Cast Your Vote for OADE Officers!**

