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SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- CSPA Journal of Student Affairs, November 2011 edition, now available
- Annual Conference in Corning, NY, a success
- Matching gifts fund New Professional and Graduate Student Grants
- Membership has its Benefits
- CSPA Story Project
- Welcome Alicia Audino, our newest CSPA-NYS, Inc., Member-at-Large!

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A Message From The President

This E-Lert comes to you upon your return from the Thanksgiving holiday. Many of us return to busy offices and to-do lists that are full of items we are trying to cross off before the end of the calendar year. Much of our time is also spent focused on the upcoming semester or quarter, with high expectations and good intentions about making the most of our time with our students and colleagues. On the heels of the annual CSPA-NYS Conference in Corning, NY, I have a renewed sense of focus about our work and many plans for our organization over the course of the next few months. I must say how impressed I was with the extraordinary work of our conference team in delivering to us a comprehensive and well-received conference, including a series of diverse educational sessions and nationally recognized keynote

speakers. Our opening keynote address delivered by Dr. George Kuh reminded us of the impor-



Annual Conference Team hard at work, Corning, 2011.

tance of **engaging** our students in meaningful ways. As I am sure it did for many of you who participated in this year's conference, Dr. Kuh's remarks resonated with me; and, as I returned to campus, I engaged my peers and staff in a discussion about the many opportunities we have as educators to **engage** our stu-

dents. In this spirit, our department has begun to review our current practices of training staff, developing student leaders, and connecting students to the resources on our campus to help them be successful. I hope that many of you who were able to participate in this year's conference were able to make use of the many resources that were shared in Corning.

It is a time of reflection (and planning) for CSPA-NYS, Inc., too. As I begin my term as President of this association, I am inspired by our long history, and eager to lead us into the next phase of our development as a comprehensive student affairs professional organization. With our Executive Board, I am working towards the accomplishment of several initiatives to **engage** our members, and non-member (See PRESIDENT, p. 2)

My Favorite Student & Maura Cullen: Friends of CSPA-NYS

By Brenda Porter, CSPA-NYS Communications Coordinator

The Professional Development and Graduate Student grant initiatives enjoyed a healthy increase and much-needed boost thanks to one Corporate Partner and one very special keynote.

Members of CSPA-NYS donated throughout the conference in Corning, NY, steadily assisting the Conference Team in meeting

their goal of raising \$750 for the aforementioned grants.

Enter Corporate Sponsor **My Favorite Student**, who generously offered to make a donation to meet that lofty goal. My Favorite Student agreed to match donations received up to the Association's goal of \$750, which was met. The 2011 Annual Conference Closing Keynote, **Maura Cullen**, was also quite generous with her donation of \$500.00.

Gifts such as these allow for graduate students and new professionals to be able to participate in CSPA-NYS activities that they otherwise could not afford. The generosity exhibited by Maura Cullen and My Favorite Student will assist CSPA-NYS to fund deserving members in the future.

A special thanks to all conference attendees who made a donation!



CSPA-NYS Members-at-Large Sherill Anderson and Dan Greer share a conference moment.

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-President Brian Haggerty



Members of the Pre-Conference Planning Team gather for a photo opportunity after a successful day of programming at the annual conference.

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leaders throughout our state and region. Here are a few of the items you can expect to hear more about in the coming months.

— We are in the final year of a three-year Strategic Plan that has allowed CSPA-NYS to achieve a number of important goals. With three main areas of focus, *professional development, membership, and knowledge creation*, the association has been able to realize tangible and significant results. As the association moves forward in completing this final year of the strategic plan, President-Elect Tom Priester will begin to work with our constituents around the creation of the next strategic plan for CSPA-NYS. You can expect to hear more about how you can help us wrap up our current plan, and help to shape the new one.

— The association will engage members and non-members in a series of activities around the future of our association. Upon the recommendation of a Task Force appointed to consider the future of CSPA-NYS in the context of last spring’s ACPA and NASPA

consolidation vote, CSPA-NYS must consider its role as a provider of professional development resources to scholars and practitioners in our state. The major recommendation of that group was that there is a role for a strong student affairs professional association in New York State. In the next few months, I will work with our Executive Board to identify resources that can help us to **engage** stakeholders throughout our state in a conversation about what CSPA-NYS is and what CSPA-NYS can be.

- We continue to work collaboratively with the American College Personnel Association – College Student Educators International. CSPA-NYS has a long and positive relationship with ACPA, and this spring, CSPA-NYS is happy to be working with ACPA to bring additional professional development opportunities to New York. On Friday, May 18, 2012 CSPA-NYS is cooperating with ACPA to bring a Presidential Symposium to New York. This day-long conference will be hosted at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, NY. We look forward to sharing more

details about this collaborative opportunity in the coming months.

— A host of professional development and networking opportunities throughout the year and throughout the state, including successful *CSPA on the Road* and *CSPA on the Phone* events and co-sponsored drive-in conferences like the NY Leadership Educators Consortium which will be held on Monday, June 4, 2012.. Please keep your eyes out for messages from our Vice President for Professional Development and our Membership Coordinator.

I look forward to a very productive year for CSPA-NYS and its members. I invite you to share your thoughts and suggestions with me as we begin an exciting journey for the association. Please consider joining us on a committee, at an event, on the phone, or at our annual conference. There are opportunities for all who have an interest.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Haggerty, Ph.D.
President, CSPA-NYS, Inc.

Burns & Black Impact Pre-Conference Workshops

Jude Butch, Pre-Conference Co-chair

During the day-long NextGen conference, undergraduate students were taught to discover and articulate their own skills through StrengthsQuest.

The keynote speaker, Matthew Burns, Dean of Students at the University of Rochester, engaged students in sharing his own personal journey through various functional areas in his career.

The Graduate Pre-Conference brought together graduate students from across the State of New York and engaged them in a day-long experience that taught them more about themselves and the profession in which they are about to enter.

The keynote speaker, Dennis Black, Vice President for University Life & Services at the University at Buffalo gave an inspirational speech about

Student Affairs.

The two days spent working with these amazing undergraduate and graduate students prior to the general conference was an exciting and enriching experience. It is evident that the future of our profession is strong in the State of New York judging by the caliber of the undergraduate and graduate students who participated in the CSPA-NYS Pre-Conferences.

Graduate Student Spotlight: Professional Development



Dr. George Kuh informs and enlightens during his opening keynote Address

By Quinnea McDonald, Canisius College Graduate Student

CSPA-NYS is a great opportunity for higher education professionals in New York, and individuals who are interested in student affairs to get connected to a professional organization!

The CSPA-NYS Annual Conference was a great way to share knowledge, get connected, and be inspired. This year, the conference was held in Corning, New York. Distinguished

speakers such as Dr. John Wesley Lowery, Dr. Maura Cullen and Dr. George Kuh were present. Social events such as the Taste of Corning, karaoke, and the Multicultural dessert reception made networking even easier. However, the most rewarding experience one can gain from joining CSPA-NYS is the connections you make.

For a first time conference attendee, I appreciate the time that seasoned professionals took to review my resume, offer advice, and make my conference experience unforgettable. As recipient of the 2011 Graduate Student Scholarship, I want to encourage members of CSPA-NYS to recruit both new and seasoned colleagues to join.

Most importantly, professional

development is one way in which we can further our own growth no matter where we are in the field. Don't think; just do! Invite a friend, peer, co-worker, classmate or undergraduate student to experience the benefits of CSPA-NYS. I know I am thankful for the opportunities that CSPA-NYS has offered me and will continue to offer on my student affairs journey.

The November 2011 Version of the CSPA-NYS Journal of Student Affairs is Available: www.cspanys.org

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-Quinnea McDonald, Canisius College

2012 CSPA-NYS Annual Conference Date Set!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us in Syracuse, NY, October 21—23, 2012!! Don't forget our pre-conferences; the award-winning Next-Gen conference for undergraduates on October 20, and our graduate student pre-conference on October 21.

FOR YOUR NEXT DIVERSITY TRAINING

(WHETHER STUDENT STAFF OR GENERAL STUDY BODY) CONSIDER:

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- Chevanne DeVaney, Director of Multicultural Affairs, Keuka College



On the PHONE With CSPA-NYS

“Balancing Work & Life”
Presented by:
Doreen Hettich-Atkins,
Ithaca College

To register, please contact:
Vicki Brown
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(Conference call directions will be sent to you).
Additional **On the PHONE** Events, TBA



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Mission

The College Student Personnel Association of New York State, Inc., the first chartered state division of the American College Personnel Association, is a comprehensive professional student affairs organization. We are dedicated to fostering the development of our members; a diverse community of educators, students and scholars within higher education.



Membership Corner

By Christopher Hockey, Membership Coordinator

BY THE NUMBERS:

- There are currently 272 Active Members
- 189 Professional Members
- 65 Graduate Student Members
- 18 Crystal Circle Members

U+2 MAKES AN IMPACT:



During the month preceding the CSPA Conference, the Membership Committee re-introduced the U+2 Referral Program in an effort to increase our membership prior to the conference. We're happy to report

that as a result of this referral effort, we saw an increase of 40 new members from referrals of 22 current members. Anyone that referred at least two new members was also eligible for some great prizes. Raffle winners were:

\$25 Barnes & Noble Gift Card—Dr. Amy Wilson, University at Buffalo

\$25 Olive Garden Gift Card—Megan Wyett, Colgate University

\$25 Dunkin' Donuts Gift Card—Stephanie Haynes, SUNY Geneseo

\$25 iTunes Gift Card—Dr. Richard Herdlein, Buffalo State College

\$50 Kohl's Gift Card—Amanda Haxer Downey, Stony Brook University

\$75 Best Buy Gift Card—Brenda Porter, Alfred University

\$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card—Kim Bilinski, The College at Brockport

\$175 Amazon.com Gift Card—Amanda Grazioso, SUNY Potsdam

Thank you to all who participated and remember that anytime is a good time to refer a colleague to CSPA-NYS, Inc.

CSPA STORY PROJECT:

While at the CSPA Conference, Eileen Merberg from Buffalo State College was very active getting interviews from past and present, new and seasoned members of CSPA-NYS, Inc., for use with our CSPA Story Project. We'll be compiling all the wonderful shared stories and experiences for viewing on our website and our new YouTube Channel so please be on the lookout for that. Thank you to all who spent some time getting interviewed and sharing their story.

If you have questions about your membership, or wish to join, please contact Christopher Hockey, chockey@oswego.edu.