

On The GHO

JUNE 2005

Greetings from the GHO President

Hello GHO,

Hopefully you have taken the opportunity to take a break at the conclusion of your year. Summer is a time for assessment and creation for many departments.

Be sure to take the opportunity to examine current programs and systems as that is also an important part of the Summer. During the Summer, don't forget to pat yourself on the back for those successes that you experienced during the year, and make improvements on those things that need attention. The summer is also the time to get your creative juices flowing. Create that new program, take a chance on that new system or go to that training that you have not had the time to attend!

I hope you enjoy this edition of On the GHO. Start thinking of ways you'd like to contribute to the Fall edition in September!

Thanks,
Todd Myrick
GHO President

P.S. Don't forget that Mid-Managers is June 24th in Valdosta. I hope to see all of you there!

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Reaching New Heights



- Theme: **“Reaching New Heights”**
- Host Institution: **Kennesaw State University**
- Dates: **Thursday, October 6 – Friday, October 7, 2005**
- Location: Carmichael Student Center (building 5)
University Rooms A-E, 1st floor, <http://www.kennesaw.edu>
- Registration: **Early - \$25 (through 9/22)**, Late - \$35, On-Site - \$45
- Hotel Information: **Marriott Residence Inn Atlanta Kennesaw/Town Center**
3443 George Busbee Drive, NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144
770-218-1018

Book your hotel room for the conference now!

<https://marriott.com/reservation/availability.mi?propertyCode=ATLTC&cc=K72>

Block rate guaranteed through September 22, 2005

Rate: **\$84.00 per night** (ask for GHO rate – available 10/5-10/7)

Hotel offers all suites with kitchens, free hot breakfast buffet, free high speed internet in every room, free nightly happy hour, local shuttle, workout facilities, swimming pool, and laundry facilities. Hotel is located just off Chastain Rd. east of I-75.

Visit www.kennesaw.edu/residencelife for more details!

Proposed Program Tracks:

(we would like to offer CEU credits for those interested)

- Reaching New Heights through Collaborative Partnerships
- Reaching New Heights through Programming
- Reaching New Heights through Professional Development & Networking
- Reaching New Heights through Facility Planning & Management
- Reaching New Heights through Excellence in Housing (wild card)

News from around Georgia...

News from Kennesaw

It is with extremely mixed emotions that I announce that Amy Wrye, Assistant Director of Residence Life at Kennesaw State University, has accepted a position as Extension Specialist with the Tennessee 4H through the University of Tennessee System. While I am sad for our loss, I am happy for Amy as she moves on to a new and exciting challenge developing statewide programs for 4H. Amy has been a lifelong participant in 4H, and this is truly a homecoming for her as she returns to her home state and many family and friends. I am also excited for Amy's husband, Jason, who successfully negotiated a promotion and permanent transfer to Tennessee. Please join me in wishing them both well as they begin a new chapter in their professional and personal lives. Amy has truly made lasting contributions to KSU, and for that we are forever grateful. In many ways Amy "is" housing at KSU, and with her departure an historic era is coming to a close.

Please join us in welcoming our new Residence Life staff members Amy Myers, Cari West, Mitch Greene, Natalia Meneses, and Lindsay Renneker.

Amy Myers joins us as our new Coordinator of Residence Life for University Place. Amy most recently worked as a leasing consultant with Simpson Housing, and prior served as a member of the Mercer University Residence Life staff.

Carine "Cari" West joins us as our new Business Manager.

Serving as Assistant Coordinators (AC) for the 2005-2006 year will be Mitch Greene for University Village, Lindsay Renneker for University Place, and Natalia Meneses for KSU Place.

News from Oxford College of Emory University

Staff Updates:

Oxford College of Emory University welcomes Neelam Ghiya to our residence life team. Neelam comes from Youngstown State University in Ohio where she was a graduate resident director while completing a Master's in Public Health.

SAACURH 2004 Awards:

Oxford College of Emory University was excited to receive the Small School Best Banner and Small School Most Spirited awards at SAACURH 2004. All but one of our delegates were first-timers and they had a wonderful experience. We want to say, "Great Job!" to the conference hosts and officers of SAACURH.

News from Emory University

Emory University would like to welcome Ben Perlman to Georgia and the GHO family. Ben will be joining us as a recent graduate from Florida State University. He will be a Complex Director for Woodruff Community and will work to coordinate the newly initiated Sophomore Year Experience Program on Campus.

Are you going to ACUHO-I? Did you know that Georgia will be hostin ACUHO-I in 2006? Would you like to assist the Host Committee during your time in Milwaukee? If your answer is yes...then we NEED YOU! Please contact Kayla Hamilton, kayla.hamilton@emory.edu for more information.

We look forward to seeing you this July.

News from around Georgia continued...

Valdosta State University Staff News

Things are shaking up at Valdosta State University. It has been a couple of months of mixed feelings; celebratory for those who are moving on to new opportunities, sadness to see them go, and excitement of the possibilities that lie ahead with new staff.

Fond Farewells: Joe Mattachione, Director of Housing and Residence Life, has accepted a new position at VSU coordinating the division of Business and Finance's special projects. Willa Marie Curry, Residence Hall Director, moved on to Muskingum College in Concorde, Ohio. Amber Rhoades, Area Director of Operations, is getting married and moving to Brunswick, GA where she will be teaching at a special needs school.

Promotions: Teddi Walker has transitioned from Area Director to Assistant Director of Residence Life. Brett Logan moved up from Residence Hall Director to Area Director.

New Hires: Jeff Dixon will be joining us from Middle Georgia. He is finishing up his Masters at VSU and is excited to tackle the challenge of being a Residence Hall Director. Ashley Haynie a fresh graduate of University of West Florida is also gearing up for the Residence Hall Director experience.

Mid Managers and Administrative Support Staff

Brown Bag Workshop

June 24, 2005 10am-3pm

Head down to the land of palm trees and endless sunshine in beautiful Valdosta, GA. Take a break from the summer rush and treat yourself to a day of refreshing ideas and the exhilaration of reconnecting with colleagues from across the state. The workshop has separate tracks for administrative support staff and mid-managers (those who supervise full time people, or supervise those who supervise others). The atmosphere will be relaxed, no need for stuffy business suits or ties. The cost is free, just bring a lunch or dine in one of the local restaurants. Don't miss out on the opportunity for professional development and bonding!

To register simply email Jason Sininger at Sininger@valdosta.edu with your name, university, and the track you will be attending. Deadline to register is June 22, 2005 @ 5pm.

Advising National Communication Coordinators

Submitted by Christopher S. Kinsey

As each new academic year begins there are many preparations that must be made to get ready for the new inflow of students; RA training, move-in, training and integration of new staff members, RHA training and planning, welcome week activities, maintenance requests, meetings, and the list goes on. One of the last things that come to mind, if at all, is the National Communications Coordinator. Sure, we might include the conference dates on a planning calendar, but many over-look the NCC as just another member of the executive board. In the NCC position there are many variables that warrant special attention from the advisor. Many schools with strong regional and national involvement create an advising position solely for the NCC. If resources do not allow for this, special attention during training should be focused on the NCC. In the course of this discussion, the opinion of an out-going NCC will be taken in the form of an interview that was conducted.

The NCC is faced with a host of challenges throughout the year, the first of which is being thrown into a job where there always seems to be something new coming up. The first question of my interview was what was the most challenging part of your job as a new NCC? The answer that I received reiterates my belief that training and individual advising is needed for the NCC position; “the most challenging part of being a new NCC is understanding the structure and abbreviations of everything. There are so many different positions on different levels that a NCC must deal with. Even as an experienced NCC there are still things that I’m learning.” While working with the NCC there are many things that an advisor must remember when training and meeting with them for the first time, but everything comes down to one thing; “tell them what they need to be doing at first. It can be frustrating, and confusing when going into a new position blind,” as spoken by an NCC herself. With the limited time that many small departments have I can suggest four things to help with this education of the NCC. First, utilize a year long NCC-in training program. If interest from the students is not high enough for this, develop some type of program even if it is only a month long. Second, take time during RHA training and/or planning to go over dates, abbreviations, structure, the listserv, and requirements. Third, create a handbook with NCC resources. This handbook should include all relevant constitutions and policy books, sample bids, conference agreements for delegates, a calendar, conference expectations, a registration check-list, award and recognition possibilities, an NIC report guideline, and so on. In the interview, the NCC revealed that the most valuable resource she had “was the handbook given to me by our advisor.” She also said that the one thing that she wished someone had told her before she became an NCC was “DEADLINES for everything.” In all things that an NCC does, being able to meet deadline is the most important skill. Finally, take time to have one-on-one meetings with the NCC and NCC-it every week or two. There are many questions that will come up that a one-on-one meeting will help resolve.

For the NCC, conference time is when all of the training and meetings they have had come together. Many advisors may want to take over this time because the last thing that any of us want is to drive across the state, presuming the vans were reserved or rented, and find that hotel accommodations weren’t included in registration costs. Remember though, as spoken by an NCC, that “it is important to allow the NCC to ‘be in control’ before, during and after a conference. Of course it is good to have an advisor to tell you things you’re not anticipating. To the residents the NCC position may not seem like much work but behind the scenes there are many ‘hidden’ aspects that must be handled.” In the “hidden aspects”, we must remind the NCC of transportation, registration, lodging, money requests, waivers, school paperwork, spirit, pre-conference and post-conference meetings, who will be in charge when the NCC is in business meetings, award and position bids, pre-conference packs, affiliation, and packing lists. In reviewing this list the advisor should always remember to be an advisor and just give advice, and without a doubt, communicate with the NCC and NCC-it as you do with the Resident Assistants and RHA presidents.

Professional Development Opportunities

At SEAHO 2005, GHO decided to begin it's Brown Bag Series around the state. One event already occurred at GSU on April 22 centered around selection of staff.

The second has been combined with the Mid-Managers conference and will be held at Valdosta State on June 24th.

Please support GHO by attending these great programs!!

Dates to Remember!!

GHO Mid Managers and Brown Bag or Support Staff

June 24th

Valdosta State University

ACUHO I 2005 Milwaukee, WI

July 17-19

New Professionals Conference

GC&SU

September 9 or 16

GHO 2005

October 6-7

Kennesaw State University

Change in Mid Managers Conference!!!!

The Mid Managers Conference is an annual GHO event for Housing professionals who have been working for 3-5 years. After some deliberation, it has been decided that the Mid Managers Conference will be held at beautiful Valdosta State University on June 24th, to be combined with the Brown Bag program for Support Staff. So mid managers, grab your support staff members and head down to Valdosta for a great day of professional development for both of you!! Full details on page 4 of this newsletter.

Are you going to ACUHO-I? Did you know that Georgia will be hosting ACUHO-I in 2006? Would you like to assist the Host Committee during your time in Milwaukee? If your answer is yes...then we NEED YOU! Please contact Kayla Hamilton, kayla.hamilton@emory.edu for more information.

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SEAHO 2008 will be held in right here in Georgia!!! Greg Schlerf and Irvin Clark from Savannah State will be co-chairing the planning team for that conference. More news to come– 2008 will be here before we know it!!!!

State Editor Report

I hope you all enjoyed this edition of the GHO newsletter. It's a little brief compared to the SEAHO recap last time, but everyone is busy with their Summer duties— we never slow down in housing!

As you take this time to plan and focus on the Fall, please don't forget about the upcoming professional development opportunities that GHO is providing. June 24th at Valdosta State holds great things for both Mid-Managers and Administrative Support Staff members. Also, while October seems far away, we all know it will be here before we know it! Start thinking now about GHO 2005, hosted by Kennesaw State University.

The next newsletter will be coming to your email box in September— the deadline is September 9th. Please start thinking of things you'd like to include!

Thanks so much, and have a wonderful, relaxing, and productive Summer!

Ann

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