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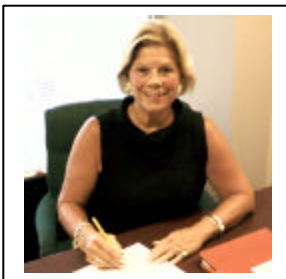
President's Column

Having just returned from the NAAC Executive Committee meeting, I have news to share on several fronts.

We have been hard at work planning the 20th annual conference in Summerlin, Nevada. The conference will boast several new features. First, we are adding a professional development day at the beginning of the conference, offering intensive workshops on a variety of topics. Conference participants will be given the opportunity to register for the "classic" three-day conference, or the expanded four-day meeting, depending on their needs. Second, we are adding a strand specifically for interns. We hope every alternate route program will strongly consider sponsoring at least one intern to attend the meeting. They will engage in meaningful sessions on topics such as classroom management, behavior, and reading instruction and will develop a new national network of colleagues to support their ongoing professional development as new teachers.

We are also engaged in a dynamic strategic planning process. The full board will meet in June for a two-and-a-half day strategic planning retreat that will help us set the stage for NAAC's growth and expansion over the coming five years. We look forward to sharing our strategic plan with the membership at the 20th annual conference.

Finally, we are launching a new website that will be more user friendly and valuable as a tool to our



Dr. Cyndy Stephens, President

membership. The URL is the same but the look and format will be very different. The website will be a work in progress, with additional changes throughout the year. Please let us know your thoughts.

NAAC Announces 20th Annual Conference

Dynamics in 21st Century School Staffing: Transforming Challenging Opportunities into Extraordinary Success

On January 26-29, 2010 the National Association for Alternative Certification will host its 20th annual conference at the Red Rock Resort in beautiful Summerlin, Nevada.

As we celebrate 20 years of NAAC's work to promote "alternative" routes to certification, we look ahead and focus on the ever-changing dynamics of 21st century school staffing. Teacher recruitment, preparation, and support have changed dramatically in the past two decades, yet we still have a long way to go to meet the complex needs of 21st century learners. This conference will help transform the way you think about teacher preparation and inspire you to strive for nothing less than extraordinary success.

The 2010 conference will take on a new format, blending intense professional development, inspiring keynote addresses, small-group interactive break-out sessions, and valuable networking opportunities. This new format will offer two options: a three-day meeting, or a four-day meeting that

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Transition to Teaching Grants Awarded

The U.S. Department of Education recently announced the 2009 Transition to Teaching (TTT) grantees. A total of \$6,857,548 was awarded to 14 teacher training programs through the Office of Innovation and Improvement TTT program. The grants support efforts to recruit mid-career professionals and recent college graduates with degrees in areas other than education and then to help these recruits become teachers through alternative routes to certification. The program emphasizes placing teachers in high-need schools.

"Some of the best teachers enter the field after years in other professions," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said. "This program will help more people who want to make that transition, and it helps connect schools with the greatest need with those new teachers."

Below is the list of new grantees. For more information, go to <http://www.ed.gov/programs/transitionteach/index.html>.

California:

California State University Dominguez Hills -- \$642,686
Fresno Unified School District -- \$450,000
Oakland Unified School District -- \$415,200

Florida:

Hillsborough County Public Schools -- \$450,000

Georgia:

Georgia Professional Standards Commission -- \$755,499
DeKalb County School System -- \$368,944

Illinois:

East St. Louis School District 189 -- \$469,323

Kentucky:

Green River Regional Educational Cooperative -- \$306,646

Maryland:

University of Maryland, College Park -- \$447,649

Mississippi:

Mississippi State University -- \$608,123

New Jersey:

William Patterson University -- \$669,782

New York:

New Visions for Public Schools -- \$444,204

North Carolina:

Guilford County Schools -- \$388,979

Wisconsin:

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction -- \$440,513

20th Annual Conference

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includes a special professional development day on Tuesday, January 26. The professional development day will feature workshops in three- or six-hour formats. For those choosing the three-day agenda, the conference will formally open after the workshops on January 26 with an early evening President's Reception.

Speakers already confirmed for the conference including John Antonetti, Pedro Noguera, Robby Wells, Linda Miller, and David McCarthy.

The Red Rock Conference Center will host this professional gathering in its full-service meeting, lodging, dining and recreational facility. Situated beside the majestic Red Rock Canyon, the conference hotel is 14 miles from the Las Vegas, NV airport located near the city's downtown. The discounted room rate of \$126 per night is in line with the federal and most state per diem rates.

The Call for Proposals for the national conference is now available on NAAC's website at www.alternativecertification.org. NAAC encourages the submission of proposals from programs that pass this "Transformation TEST" and demonstrate extraordinary success:

- **Transitioning from 20 years of "alternative" to the 21st century**
 - Breaking the mold
 - Challenging the process
- **Equipping teachers for the 21st century**
 - Utilizing and planning for use of effective technology
 - Realizing the needs of real world schools and students
- **Strategically moving school staffing to the 21st century**
 - Planning a viable process
 - Setting goals
 - Identifying benchmarks
 - Establishing a time line
- **Taking it to the new level... 21st Century**
 - Evaluating results
 - Recognizing success

This year, we will have two deadlines for proposal submissions. We will first review proposals submitted by the earlybird deadline of August 29, 2009. Depending on slots available at that point, we will review additional proposals submitted until September 30, 2009. We encourage presenters to submit by the earlier deadline.

For more information on the 20th annual conference, contact NAAC at 202-277-3600.

2009 Annual Conference Photos



NAAC President Cyndy Stephens welcomes the crowd.



Poolside at San Antonio's Omni La Mansion.



Gail Sherer, Jan Godwin and Sally Bennett from Georgia.



Stephen Peters inspires the audience with his keynote



A full house at the general session.



Ron Kettler awards a door prize to a lucky member.



Conference Program Chair Sherri Sallinger introduces a general session.



A member poses a question during the membership meeting.



From left: Ann Cramer, IBM; Kelly Henson, Georgia Professional Standards Commission, Karen Elzey, US Chamber of Commerce, Stan Litow, IBM, and George Ann Rice participated in a the corporate panel discussion.



Treopia Washington, NBPTS, and Gail Sherer enjoy the balmy weather in San Antonio.



Chuck Maher demonstrates LiveText's capabilities.

NAAC Announces New Committees

To strengthen the leadership structure of NAAC, President Cyndy Stephens has appointed several members to head standing committees. The new committee chairs will join with the Board of Directors for a two-day strategic planning meeting in late June. NAAC extends its appreciation to the following volunteers for committing their time and expertise to the work of the association.

David Keltner: Special Advisor for legal, business and policy issues

George Ann Rice: Corporate Strand committee chair

Eileen Wetmiller: Policy committee chair

Ron Kettler: Publications and Research committee chair

Martha Young: Local Planning committee chair (2010 conference)

Jennifer Husbands: New Schools Committee Chair

Sherri Sallinger: Training and Professional Development committee chair

Judie Hayes: Strategic Planning committee chair

Nell Ingram: Standard Operating Procedures committee chair

Research Grants Available

The National Association for Alternative Certification invites proposals for research grants to be awarded at the 2010 annual conference in Summerlin, Nevada. NAAC will award up to two grants in the amount of \$2,000 each, along with an additional \$500 in travel support to enable recipients to attend the annual conference on January 26-29, 2010. The winners will present the results of their research at the conference and will be invited to submit a manuscript for the *Journal of the National Association for Alternative Certification (JNAAC)*.

The NAAC Research Awards aim to stimulate new research related to nontraditional teacher preparation and promote the dissemination of research findings. More information is available on the NAAC website at www.alternativecertification.org. The deadline for proposals is June 30, 2010.

Scholarship Competition for Interns to Attend Conference

Application Deadline: June 15, 2009

Three outstanding interns will receive scholarships to participate in the 2010 NAAC annual conference. The deadline for nominations and applications is June 15, 2009.

Each year, NAAC awards scholarships to three individuals who have been nominated by their program administrator as outstanding new teacher interns. Nominees must submit a personal statement, a short DVD of their classroom teaching, and three letters of support. The winners each receive a \$1,000 scholarship, along with up to \$500 in additional travel support, to enable them to attend the NAAC 20th annual conference, January 26-29, 2010 in Summerlin, Nevada. Scholarship recipients will receive their awards and give a brief presentation during the conference.

More information, along with the scholarship application form, is available on the NAAC website, www.alternativecertification.org.

Career-Changer Honored as National Teacher of the Year

From NYPD to Connecticut Classroom

A former New York City police officer who is now teaching special education students in Connecticut was honored by President Barack Obama as the National Teacher of the Year on April 28.

Anthony Mullen, 49, retired in 2001 after more than two decades of public service as a police officer to serve again as a passionate teacher and mentor to troubled youth. He teaches 9th – 12th grade students at the ARCH School, an alternative education branch of Greenwich High School in Connecticut.

Mullen was born in the Bronx on May 7, 1960. Due to family circumstances when he was young, college attendance and his desire to become a teacher were deferred for full-time work, first in a factory then in law enforcement. As a police officer, Mullen had many opportunities to work with troubled teenagers-- young people he describes as “destined for prison unless they received the benefits of a quality education and positive adult role models.” He wanted to be that role model so upon retirement he opted to begin a new career in the classroom. He has been so successful with his students, that in just eight years he has achieved the designation of National Teacher of the Year. Mullen will begin his year as a full-time national education spokesperson on June 1, 2009.

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Membership Category:

- Individual Membership -- \$50
- Intern/Student -- \$15

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Mid-west Regional Meeting Scheduled for June 15-16

Members of the National Association for Alternative Certification mid-west region (Region 2) are invited to a regional meeting hosted at Benedictine University outside Chicago, IL on June 15-16. The meeting's purpose is threefold:

- to share alternative certification program ideas;
- to find strategies to improve our respective programs; and
- to share with other members of the National Association for Alternative Certification the strengths and unique qualities of our individual programs.

The meeting is being organized by NAAC members James Pelech and John Zigmond from the Benedictine University Alternative Certification Program. BU is located in Lisle, Illinois, just 25 miles west of Chicago's loop. Arrangements have been made for discounted hotel rooms at the Hilton/Lisle-Naperville.

NAAC members must pre-register for this two-day meeting. There is no cost, and lunch will be provided both days. For more information, contact Jim Pelech at 630-829-6283 or jpelech@ben.edu. Don't miss this unique opportunity to network with members from your region.



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