

ACHE MidAtlantic NEWSLETTER

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ACHE MidAtlantic Region Board announces ELECTIONS

Nominations for the ACHE MidAtlantic Board and Officers have been made and the election process has begun. Officers to be elected this year are the Chair/Elect, Assistant Program Chair, and representatives for the states of Maryland and North Carolina. **Please vote or write in the candidate** of your choice to become involved so as to encourage collegial involvement among the MidAtlantic region.

Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Officers

State Representatives assist with membership recruitment and serve as program liaison for events held within their state, such as drive-in workshops and mini-conferences.

The **Chair-elect** shall preside over meetings and events in the Chair's absence, and shall work with the Chair on matters of the organization as determined by the Chair. The Chair-elect shall chair the Program Committee.

Assistant Program Chair shall assist the Chair-elect with programs. Assistant Program Chair shall coordinate with and serve as a resource to State Representatives for planning events held within their state, such as drive-in workshops and mini-conferences.

All details of the ACHE MidAtlantic [Constitution](#) can be found online at www.acheinc.org

The MidAtlantic region of ACHE is proud of its member, colleague and the new president of ACHE, Dr. Tish Szymurski.

Tish has been involved with ACHE since 1992 and has served in various leadership positions, from her earlier days on the Program Planning Committees to her more recent tenure on the ACHE Board, Member at Large.

Through reading the "Message from the President" published in ACHE's newsletter - [5 Minutes with ACHE](#), you are sure to get a sense of her leadership and vision for the association. Her messages inspire and invite the members of ACHE and other associations, such as the Council on Accelerated Programs (CAP), University and Professional Continuing Education Association (UPCEA), and the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE), to collaborate, share ideas and work together on a shared vision for the future of continuing higher education. *Congratulations, Tish! And thank you for your years of service to ACHE. We look forward to being part of your vision to support and continuously benefit continuing higher education.*



WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please tell us about your best practices to assess adult and non-traditional student readiness for undergraduate degree completion programs. Does your institution recommend:

- remedial courses
- computer/internet basics
- pre-admission writing examples
- other ...

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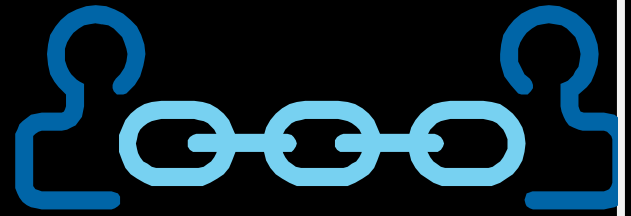
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MEMBER CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES



ACHE MidAtlantic Region's 2011 Annual Meeting.



Thursday, March 24 – Saturday March 26.
Bavarian Inn - Shepherdstown, West Virginia
Theme – “Innovative Curricular Practices”
[Right click here for the registration form.](#)

- If you haven't made your reservation at The Bavarian Inn, please do so soon. Call 304-876-2551, and mention that you'll be attending the ACHE meeting. They are doing a great conference rate of \$125 per night which covers 1 or 2 persons/room.
- On-site check-in for the conference begins on the 24th at 3:30 at the Inn with the opening reception starting at 6:00. Don't miss this reception (sponsored by Holy Family University) which features ACHE President Tish Szymurski and ACHE past president and talented musician, Jerry Hickerson.
- Friday, the 25th, will feature a full day of professional presentations, and the conference will conclude by noon on Saturday, the 26th, after more sessions.
- The registration fee this year is just \$145 which is \$50 lower than last year. MidAtlantic is doing its part to hold down your travel costs!

You are warmly invited! Don't miss out on the opportunity!



*Sustainable Leadership:
Bold Thinking about
Who We Are*

ACHE 2011 Annual Conference and Meeting

October 13-15, 2011
Hilton Orlando
Bonnet Creek
Orlando, Florida

Group Photo MidAtlantic region members from the ACHE Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 2010



The Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC) invites you to attend the
**5th Annual
Serving Adult Learners
Conference**
June 2, 2011
Muhlenberg College
8:30 AM -- 3:00 PM
For more information contact: Priscilla Howard,
phoward@muhlenberg.edu

If you would like to announce a professional development opportunity in the ACHE MidAtlantic newsletter, please email Jackie Martin at martinj@neumann.edu.

MIDATLANTIC MEMBERS RECEIVE ACHE SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT



Ms. Tracy Collum (right), member of the ACHE MidAtlantic Region, was awarded the 2010 National ACHE Wayne Whelan Scholarship, which she'll use to continue working toward an Ed.D. in adult and higher education at North Carolina State University. The Wayne Whelan Scholarship is given annually to an ACHE member engaged in graduate studies, and was presented to her at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

Tracy is a 1998 graduate of High Point University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, and received the Master of Science in Sport Psychology from Springfield College in December 2003. She currently is President of the North Carolina Adult Education Association (NCAEA), after serving as VP & board member – and is a member of the Associate of Continuing Higher Education (ACHE).

Tracy began working for High Point University in 2002 as Coordinator of Registration for the Evening Degree Program. In 2007, Tracy was promoted to Associate Dean of the Evening Degree Program and later that year took full responsibility for the program. In 2010, Tracy also began oversight of the 14 graduate programs at High Point University. She shared *"I am fortunate to be awarded an ACHE scholarship this year. As every graduate student knows, every bit of social or monetary support helps in completing a degree."* Congratulations, Tracy!

ACHE provides scholarships and grants and the specific details can be found online at www.acheinc.org or by [right clicking here](#).

Grant and scholarship titles include:

Alex Charters Research Grant
Wayne L. Whelan Scholarship
Graduate Student Conference Grant
Institutional Mini-Grant
Regional Development Grant

Mrs. Erin Walsh-Kane (left), Director of Student Retention at Neumann University, is presented the Alex Charters Research Grant at the ACHE 2010 annual conference and meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Erin has been a proud member of the MidAtlantic Region of ACHE for over one year.



Erin used the grant monies to pay for NVIVO data analysis software to code the qualitative data she collected for her doctoral research on "The Role of Social Capital in Promoting Adult College Re-Entry," as well as to support her travel to the 2010 annual conference to present her research findings. Erin is in progress to complete a Ph.D. in Higher Education from the School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania in May 2011.

With gratitude, Erin shared, *"the retention of our students is not just in the completion of a degree, but promote education throughout the lifespan. I appreciate the work of ACHE to support and encourage lifelong learning because a college education at best is one that occurs in and throughout all stages of life"*.

Prior to her current position as the Director of Student Retention at Neumann University, Erin worked part-time for the University of Pennsylvania as a Research Assistant while enrolled as a full-time doctoral student. She completed a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish at the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Public Management at Carnegie Mellon University. Congratulations, Erin!

SAVE THE DATE

The North Carolina Adult Education Association (NCAEA) is setting up its **spring drive-in** conference which will deal with **student research**. Details are being finalized, but it will be held at Guildford College in Greensboro on **April 15, 2011**.