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Celebrating Years of Service

Best Wishes on Your Retirement

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She has spent her entire career in the field of education, first as a secondary school teacher and for the past thirty-five years in continuing and professional education at Nazareth College of Rochester, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, and Lebanon Valley College. In her current position at Lebanon Valley she oversees three graduate programs, the summer session, several non-credit programs, and all students who attend the college part-time. Ms. Feather has been active professionally in the Association for Continuing Higher Education having served in leadership positions at the regional and national levels. A member of ACHE since 1976, she served as program chair for two Northeast Regions Conferences, chair of Region II, a member of the local arrangements and program committees for the annual meeting at State College, PA, and a member of several nominating committees in Region II and the Mid-Atlantic Region. She was elected by the membership to a three-year term on the national board (1989-92). She holds an undergraduate degree from the State University of New York College at Cortland and a master's in the administration of higher education from the State University of New York at Brockport.

Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock ... *There's still time!*

Don't put it off much longer, but there is still time to reserve a room in Natural Bridge for the upcoming MidAtlantic Conference on March 28-30. Call Jennifer Corwin at the hotel at 540-458-3763. The deadline was March 9 but even after that date you may be able to reserve a room. Also, remember to register for the conference with our Treasurer, Louise Chagnon, by completing the registration form which is available under our region on the ACHE website, <http://www.acheinc.org/region/MidAtlantic/index.html>

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Dr. Fred Loomis joins Drexel University Faculty

This spring, Dr. Fred Loomis will join the faculty of Drexel University's School of Education, serving as Assistant Clinical Professor and Director of the Master of Science in Higher Education program.

Fred has been active with ACHE since joining Neumann University in 2007, where he has served as Assistant Professor and Program Director of the graduate degree in Strategic Leadership.

Fred earned a Ph.D. in higher education from Penn State University and has held the position of Dean of Continuing and Professional Studies at Arcadia University, and multiple administrative roles in outreach over 15 years at Penn State University. We expect that Fred will continue to be active with ACHE in his new role at Drexel University.

2010 MIDATLANTIC REGION CONFERENCE



Join us in Natural Bridge, VA

March 28-30, 2010

*“Crossing into Uncharted Territory,
Mapping New Directions”*

It is not too late to register for the conference and to reserve a room at the Natural Bridge Hotel. The program planning committee has put together a wonderful program featuring a number of MidAtlantic members. ACHE President Roxanne Gonzales will bring greetings from ACHE and will beguile you with plans for the ACHE Annual Conference next October in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dean Billy Cannady from the University of Virginia School of Continuing and Professional Studies will be our keynote speaker, and there are a number of other general sessions and concurrent sessions to make your attendance worthwhile. In addition, we will be able to see the Drama of Creation performed nightly at the Natural Bridge, and we will have MidAtlantic’s favorite guitar player, Jerry Hickerson, at our traditional coffee house. Expand your horizons by stepping back in history and join your colleagues in Natural Bridge!

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Sunday, March 28

3-5:00 Conference Registration and Hotel check-in

4-5:30 Opening session, Welcome, Timothy R. Sanford, MidAtlantic Chair
General Session – Terry Whitaker, “Reinventing Your Brand by Telling the Truth”

6-9:30pm Informal Reception, Dinner, and Coffee House featuring Jerry Hickerson & Jim Harrington

Monday, March 29

7:30 Breakfast

8:30-9:30 Greetings and News from ACHE, Roxanne Gonzales, ACHE President

9:45-10:30 General session – David Bruce Porter, Jennifer Serowick, & Michael Southwell, “Preparing Faculty to Teach at a Distance”

10:45-12:00 Keynote Address, “Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing: The Journey We Are Taking,” Dean Billy Cannady, UVA

12-1:00 Lunch

1:15-2:00 General session- Steve Young, “Adventures in Adult Learning: A Sidesplitting Trip through the Non-Traditional Student Galaxy,” Jefferson I

2:15-3:00 Concurrent sessions
- Jerry Hickerson & James Harrington, “Why Should Adults Complete Their Degrees at Siwash U? or What are Key Ingredients to a Successful Adult-focused Degree Recipe?”
- Timothy R. Sanford, “HUPS – Helping Under-Participating Students”

3-5:30 *Free time*

5:30-7:30 Informal Reception & Dinner

8:00 Drama of Creation, the Natural Bridge

Tuesday, March 30

7:30 Breakfast

8:30-9:00 Annual Business Meeting

9:15-10:00 Concurrent sessions –
- Robert Bromber, Cheryl Walniuk, & Kimberly Bonner, “Pedagogy, Course Design, and the Law”
- Emily Lewis, “Developing the 21st Century Autonomous Adult Learner for the Online Environment”

10:15-11:00 General session – Daniel Dowdy & Dennis “Skip” Parks, “Surviving the Economic Downturn: Innovative Business Strategies for Continuing Education Units in Tough Economic Times”

11:00-11:15 Concluding comments, Evaluation & Adjournment

Member Connections

Innovative Technology

The Information Garden at Appalachian State University



Librarians at Appalachian State University extend library services to off-campus students through face-to-face, online, and even virtual librarianship. Librarians and staff built a virtual "Information Gardens" library in the AETZone 3D world where a number of Reich College of Education programs are offered. The Information Gardens provides access to journals, searchable databases with full-text, online articles, curriculum guides, the library's catalog, encyclopedias, and links to resources such as the Instructional Materials Center and

the University Writing Center. Librarian avatars provide real-time reference and research assistance to students and collaborate with teaching faculty in the Zone. For a description of this innovative multi-user virtual environment, check out the [AETZone](#) site.

Member Community

The MidAtlantic Region Board, and its newsletter editors, are working to update membership e-lists – to improve and speed communication. Please review your own demographic information, institution and professional title records at www.acheinc.org Member Community.



**Annual Conference and Meeting
Albuquerque, New Mexico
October 21-23, 2010**

**"Continuing education - reflecting upon and responding
to the national agenda"**



**The Fourth Annual
Lehigh Valley Association of
Independent Colleges Conference
on Serving Adult Learners**

**Thursday, June 3, 2010
8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Muhlenberg College,
Allentown, PA**

The Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges will be sponsoring its 4th Annual "Serving Adult Learners Conference" on Thursday, June 3 at Muhlenberg College. Registration fee for this one day conference is just \$20. Please contact Steve Young, Academic Advisor, of DeSales University with any questions: steven.young@desales.edu