

NYSACAC

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WINTER 2006

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

So much has happened since leaving behind our bell-bottomed pants and platform shoes at our Annual Conference this year at Nazareth College. Several colleagues have completed their terms of service and rotated off the Executive Board. I thank each of them again for their service to our organization. We welcomed new board members at our first meeting in August. We hope to involve more and more members in NYSACAC activities. I am looking forward to sharing our vision and ideas while working together to serve our students.

In August, we held our annual NYSACAC Leadership Retreat. The retreat provided an excellent opportunity for us to begin working as a team and to set a number of goals for the year. A new strategic plan was started to focus our organization on several initiatives:

- Grow our membership, reaching more people who serve students in their quest for higher education.
- Effectively add new programming, to provide professional develop to our members.
- Take on leadership roles in our field.
- Launch a new and improved website in 2007.

The Executive Board is proud to announce the new vision statement of NYSACAC: *NYSACAC is at the forefront of creating leadership and professional opportunities in college admission counseling.*

The Executive Board continues to engage in fundraising activities. Our non-profit status continues to allow us to provide tax deductions for donations to the Fund for the 21st Century, and programs such as the Silent Auction and the Walk for Scholarship provide new ways for members and friends to support the fund.

Sean Kaylor and the Conference Steering Committee have selected “**NYSACAC: Charting the Course**” as the theme for the 29th Annual Conference at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY. This theme will be ours for the full year as it relates to the vision and mission of NYSACAC.

This years NACAC Conference in Pittsburgh provided a great opportunity to showcase NYSACAC. During the President’s Council meeting, I had the privilege of accepting a “Certificate of Congratulations” from NACAC in recognition of our Growth in Membership. As a result of this, NYSACAC received one scholarship in the form of full travel expenses to the NACAC conference in Austin, TX 2007.

Please visit the NACAC website at www.nacacnet.org for more information. As a side note, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lisa Sohmer for her new position among the Board of Directors for NACAC. We know that Lisa has a passion for our profession and is dedicated to serving all of us in her new role on the board.

NYSACAC membership continues to grow, with our summer membership count at approximately 1400. As we appreciate the benefits of membership in NYSACAC, it is important for us to encourage new membership among our colleagues. We must continue to support our colleagues at high schools, community-based organizations, and community colleges. Please remember to complete your NYSACAC Membership renewal form if you have not yet done so. If you know of a colleague who is not a member, share a copy of the membership form.

I encourage you to visit our website (www.nysacac.org) regularly for the most current information on NYSACAC.

I look forward to working with you as we continue to provide access to post-secondary education to the traditional high school students as well as the growing number of adults returning to education.



Joseph Tweed
Trinity Pawling School
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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

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As Chairs of Government Relations for NYSACAC, we will periodically send emails to the membership encouraging your participation at federal, state and local levels of government. With midterm elections over, it is time for the real work to begin. It is vital that we act as a voice for our students and our colleagues.

Action Alert: Stop the Raid on Student Aid! Use NACAC's Legislative Action Center to contact the 109th Congress and urge them to provide adequate funding for education programs in their FY2007 appropriations bill.

The Senate education committee will welcome three new members in the 110th Congress: Senator Barack Obama (D-IL), and Senators-elect Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH).

NACAC submitted written testimony on the rulemaking process that is underway for the Higher Education Act. NACAC's testimony covers the ACG/SMART grants, student loan repayment, and incentive compensation.

Three states rejected ballot initiatives on November 7 that would have restricted state education spending, and Michigan voted to ban affirmative action. Visit the Education Commission on the States to see the results of all education-related ballot initiatives.

NACAC's 2007 Legislative Conference: NACAC's 2007 Legislative Conference will be held Sunday, March 4 through Wednesday, March 7. Register online until February 1, 2007. Please remember to send your Congressional Visit Form to the national office if you register online. Visit NACAC Legislative Conference page for updated information on the conference and for the link to online registration. The deadline to make your hotel, travel, and registration arrangements is February 1, 2007. Please contact NACAC staff at legislative@nacac.com with any questions.

For more information, please visit NACAC on the Web at www.nacacnet.org, or contact NACAC public policy staff at legislative@nacac.com.



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SUMMER CAMP 101

CAMP COLLEGE

Hobart Williams Smith Colleges & Union College

It was another great summer that included two NYSACAC Camp College programs. Camp College was held at Union College and Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Both camps were a huge success serving a total of 126 students, accompanied by 38 volunteer mentors. Since Camp College first began in 2000, the program has grown in number and strength. We owe this expansion to the dedication and commitment of our mentors. These volunteers spend their free summer weekends devoted to serving the student's needs. Our students come from high schools and organizations all across New York State that are looking for additional support through the college process. Each year our mentor spots fill up so fast that we are forced to create a waitlist and this summer was no exception.

Mentors came from institutions all across New York State, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut and Vermont. Students were excited to attend and eager to participate; we played hard too! At Union College we participated in a celebratory African Drum demonstration. Students and mentors drummed to the beat created by our instructors. We took part in a campus wide Scavenger Hunt at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. At the conclusion our Camp College weekends, new friends were made, new information was shared and learned and an unforgettable experience left a huge impression on our campers and mentors alike. We have several professionals serving on a committee to make the most out of our next summer together. For further information, please contact:

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUMS

CHARTING THE COURSE

Leading, Developing, Mentoring

This year's workshops will focus on professional growth, raising awareness for key issues in the profession at the local, state and national level and early college awareness initiatives for students in grades 6-10. NYSACAC is proud to present 10 sites spanning all parts of New York State for our 2007 Professional Development Forum series. The forums are free of charge for members as well as non-members, so be sure to attend the one closest to you.

Be on the lookout for the postcard announcing the Forums and how to register on-line at: www.nysacac.org.

The 2007 Forum sites, dates and site coordinators are:

January 24

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