

IACAC Mentorship Committee Minutes

September 9, 2008
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Northwestern University

Committee Chairs:

Anne Kremer- Northwestern University
Kathy McSherry- Eastern Illinois University

Attendees:

Kye Hawkins- DePauw University
Mary Reid- DePaul University
Ellen Steichen- DePaul University
Chevonne Totten-Garner- Bradley University
Lindsey Cheney- Northwestern University
Nate Barger- Illinois State University
Allegra Giulietti-Schmitt- Bradley University
Erin Ufheil- North Central College
Jenn Motzer- Lake Forest College
Sarah Daugherty- Monmouth College
Jodie Andrys- Dominican University
Demetrius Triplett- Elmhurst College
Dave Kokandy- St. Xavier University
Shawn Ness- Cary Grove High School
DeVone Eurales- Knox College
Jen Volkman- Elmhurst College
Paige Heitzman- Bradley University

Welcome

Attendees introduced themselves and shared a positive experience they had with a mentor. Kathy McSherry welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the Mentorship Committee. Committee responsibilities include mentor/mentee matching, recruitment efforts (passing out bookmarks and m&m's at college fairs) and the IACAC First-Timer's Luncheon.

First Timer's Luncheon

Over 175 people attended last year's luncheon, making it one of the largest to date. **Anne Kremer, Demetrius Triplett and Kate Gavin** (Downer's Grove South HS) will chair this year's event. The theme of the conference is: *Reaching Out, Reaching Up*. **Demetrius** will take the lead on the entertainment portion of the luncheon. Dave Kokandy and others will help with script writing.

IACAC High School Visit Guide

Jenn Volkman will head the updates of the IACAC High School Visit Guide to be completed by April 2009. The Guide will have more continuity with the IACAC Membership Directory. A letter may be sent to each school when asking them to submit their own updates to explain in better detail the intention behind this Guide. **Chevonne, Sarah, Dave, DeVone and Kelly Allen** (Iowa State) have all volunteered to help update.

Mentorship Website

An email will go out to everyone who attended the First-Timer's Luncheon encouraging them to visit the website and complete the mentor/mentee application. The hope is that the website will become a hub of resources to encourage mentorship in our offices as well as IACAC.

There was discussion regarding ways to highlight mentor/mentee relationships. Last year was the first year of the Mentorship of the Year Award which went to Kye Hawkins and Sarah Daugherty. Other ideas include a mentorship blog, rotating bios and pictures of mentors/mentees and additional awards for unique matches, long distance matches, etc. Liaisons will continue to contact mentors to see how the relationship is going and gather information the pair.

A subcommittee was put together to work on the development of these ideas. Volunteers include: **Lindsey, Allegra, DeVone, Annie and Kye.**

College Fairs

Kathy McSherry will head this effort and make sure someone has bookmarks and labels for each of the following fairs. Volunteers listed below will be responsible for bringing M&Ms. IACAC will reimburse volunteers if the candy is not covered by their own institution.

COD- **Kathy** (has Bookmarks and Labels)

Nate, Jenn V., Kye, Marie, Dave, and Courtney Wallace (MO University of Science and Technology)

Rock Valley- Nate has bookmarks.

Allegra and possibly Nate

Elgin- Jen has bookmarks(?)

Sarah, Marie, Mary and Jen Motzer

Homewood Flossmoor- Chevonne has bookmarks(?)

Jen Motzer and Chevonne

Edwardsville-

Demetrius (has book marks)

Summer Institute

Summer Institute continues to be a great event to recruit new counselors to the mentorship program. Nate Barger asked that we continue to promote the event, which will be held at Illinois State in 2009. Anne Kremer pointed out that high school counselors are a helpful addition to summer institute, something to consider in our promotional efforts.

T-Shirt Exchange

A downstate t-shirt exchange will be done this fall headed by **Todd Burrell** and his staff at SIU-E. We will also do the one in the spring after the Dist 214 Fair.

Next Meeting (Tentative): Thursday, November 20 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Illinois State University