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Dear Alumni/ae and Friends,

As I reflect upon the past two years, one of my most rewarding experiences in HESA has been my involvement with *The Vermont Connection*. I love this journal and all the growth and development that come along with it, including building connections with you, our alumni/ae and friends. This year has been a whirlwind of activity and it is nice to be able to share with you through this newsletter.

I enjoyed my time talking with some of you in September during our annual Phone-a-Thon. Your willingness to talk and share is just as valuable as your financial contributions! And, your generous support is greatly appreciated and truly enables the continued production of our quality journal. Alin Wakefield's efforts as Managing Editor were superb, pulling off this weekend without a hitch!

TVC continued the tradition of sponsoring professional development opportunities for the Full Board. A major highlight of the fall semester was a visit to campus by Dr. George Kuh, coordinated by faculty member Kathleen Manning and a committee of HESA students as part of UVM's Presidential Lecture Series. TVC hosted a luncheon with Dr. Kuh, who spent time with the two cohorts sharing insights and engaging in questions about his research on student engagement. Additionally, one evening, we had a panel of professionals from around campus share information and their experiences with a variety of opportunities and ways to get involved in the field—from professional organizations to internships.

We're about to publish the 26th Volume of the journal, with 15 thought-provoking, relevant, and scholarly articles (including pieces by our three invited authors). The Full Board truly stepped up to the plate, forming editing teams to help perfect each article in preparation for publication. Our Content Editors, Katie Gallogly and Robyn Jeep demonstrated strong leadership and spent countless hours assisting our authors and editing teams with the entire writing and editing process.

And it is almost hard to believe, but the annual conferences are right around the corner! Our Alumni/ae Relations Chair DeMethra Bradley is preparing for the receptions with the assistance of our First-Year Liaison, Amanda Cook.

Our Faculty Liaison, Bridget Turner Kelly and Advisors, Kim Howard, '01 and Annie Stevens, '86 have been instrumental in providing us with perspective, advice, and heartfelt encouragement. Their knowledge about publishing, editing, and networking has been invaluable in our TVC experience this year.

I must confess that I'm feeling a bit grateful that the short, dark Vermont winter days are coming to an end. I look forward unveiling the 26th volume at the TVC Premiere event and I hope to see many of you at the annual ACPA conference reception (unfortunately I cannot also attend NASPA). I'm incredibly proud to have been part of this long tradition and the work we've done so far this year.

With warmest regards,

Jennifer A. Ostermiller

...from the Editor

CLASS OF 2005 COMPREHESIVE EXAM PAPER TITLES

- *Group Dynamics and Race by Czarina Ramsay
- *Making of a Servant Leader by Khristian Kemp-DeLisser
- *"Me-Search" in Student Affairs by DeMethra LaSha Bradley
- *A Journey Through Disordered Eating: Feeding the Daughters Body with Food and the Hunger of a Student's Soul with Leadership by Nicole Chabot
- *Applying Faith Development and Homosexual Identity Formation to One Believer's Journey: Questioning Her Faith and Living Her Sexuality by Rebecca Wierich
- *A Spirituality of Service by Lara Scott
- *Igniting the Fires of Commitment and Responsibility: Lessons for HESA Professionals by Michelle Luff
- *My Journey with Agnosticism: Reclaiming My Spirituality, Influencing My Leadership by Jennifer Ostermiller
- *Moving on While Looking Back: A Personal Narrative on Experiencing College and Life After the Death of a Loved One by Valerie Bagley
- *Mentorship: How Women Have Shaped the Developmental Journey of an African-American Male by Darrell Goodwin
- *The Identity Within: One Muslim Students Experience Post 9/11; Recommendations for Student Affairs Professionals by Sadika Sulaiman
- *A Secular Journey Through a Faith-Based Mind by Justin Bayer
- *Understanding Success in the Academy: One Students Journey by Lael Croteau
- *Refusing Race: A Personal Journey of Identity Redefinition with Implications for Student Affairs Professionals by Andrew Flewelling
- *Latino/a College Student Racial/Ethnic Identity Development by Malika Carter
- *Being the Change: My Discovery of the Ethical Responsibility of Privilege by Anne Smith
- *Constructing a Reasonable Perspective on Self-Doubt: Lessons Derived from the Narratives of Ten Mid-Upper Level Administrators of Color by Simon Hara
- *On HESA: One Graduate Student's Experience of Self-Discovery in the Green Mountains by Alin Wakefield
- *Becoming a Student Affairs Educator-Teacher: Learning from and Loving Students by Katie Gallogly
- *Learning Through Leaving: A Journey of Identity Through Family Life by Robyn Jeep

CLASS OF 2006 PHOTO



Pictured Above (L to R, F to B): Amanda Cook, Katie Bisang, Kimberly Herrera, Sue Bette, Tricia Rascon, Adriana Alicea, Jason Cha, Steven Sweet, Sabrina Kwist, Tamia Jordan, Gina Ippolito, Nicholas Negrete, Michael DeBowes, Daphne Wells, Todd Lawrence, Heather Maginnis, Michael Payne, Aaron Ferguson. *refer to your September newsletter for class bio's*

HESA Alumni/ae Corner

Take a look at what these Alums are doing:

Christopher McGrath '99 is working as the Director of Residence at the University of Toronto, Mississauga.

Kenechukwu (K.C.) Mmeje '04 is working as the Assistant Director for Student Judicial Affairs & Community Standards at the University of Southern California.

Mollie Monahan '00 began the College Student Personnel doctoral program at the University of Maryland, College Park in Fall 2002 where she holds an assistantship as Sexual Assault Coordinator for the University Health Center.

Keeping the connection alive...



- A record number of HESA applications were received in January, 139 total!
- The Division of Student & Campus Life at UVM is sponsoring the 2005 NASPA MUFP Leadership Institute being held July 6-10.
- Dr. Bridget Turner Kelly has been selected as a 2005 ACPA Emerging Scholar.

The Vermont Connection at NASPA & ACPA

Check out these presentations by current HESA students, faculty, and alumni/ae:

NASPA

"Student Engagement and Success: A Discussion of Best Practices"

Presenters: Dr. Kathleen Manning, Dr. Jillian Kinzie, Dr. George Kuh, Dr. Charles Schroeder, and Dr. John Schuh

"On the Bookshelf: The Latest Literature in Student Affairs"

Presenters: Dr. Kathleen Manning and Dr. Judy Rogers

"Are We There? Preparing the Next Generation of Culturally Competent Practitioners: An Open Dialogue"

Presenters: Dr. Bridget T. Kelly and Dr. Joy Gaston-Gayles

"Latino/a Identity: Situating Racial and Ethnic Development in College"

Presenters: Malika Carter '05 & Dr. Jacob Diaz '01

"The Graduate School Experience for Students of Color: Making Meaning" (NASPA & ACPA)

Presenters: Sadika Sulaiman '05, Czarina Ramsay '05, DeMethra Bradley '05, Simon Hara '05, and Dr. Jacob Diaz '01

ACPA

"Controversies of the Academy: Teaching Grace Under Pressure"

Presenters: Dr. Deb Hunter, Dr. Judy Raper '87 and Dr. Annie Stevens '86

"Walking the Talk: Preparing Culturally Competent Student Affairs Practitioners"

Presenters: Dr. Bridget T. Kelly and Dr. Joy Gaston-Gayles

"Talented and Gifted Graduate Students of Color: Creating Inviting Campuses"

Presenters: Dr. Bridget T. Kelly, Dr. Jacob Diaz '01, Alvin Sturdivant, Robert Kelly '96, and Kenechukwu Mmeje '04

"Outside the Comfort Zone: Exploring Students' Interracial Friendships"

Presenters: Dr. Bridget T. Kelly, Anat Levtoy '99, and Rosie Perez '01

"Safety on our Campuses: The Silence Among Involved Women Students"

Presenters: Dr. Bridget T. Kelly and Alina Torres '04

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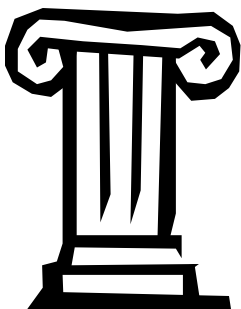
HESA 35th Anniversary Reunion

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for HESA's 35th anniversary reunion from **June 17-19, 2005**. All alumni, family, and friends will be delighted with an array of activities planned beginning with a reception on Friday evening. A block of rooms have been reserved as the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center at a special UVM HESA rate. Campus housing is also available. Reconnect with HESA faculty and friends. **More information to come.** Reunion contacts are Rick Gatteau (rgatteau@notes.cc.sunysb.edu), Deb Hunter (dhunter@uvm.edu), and Robert Kelly (rkelly@uvm.edu)

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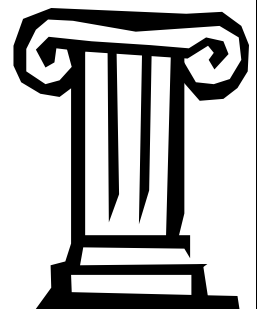
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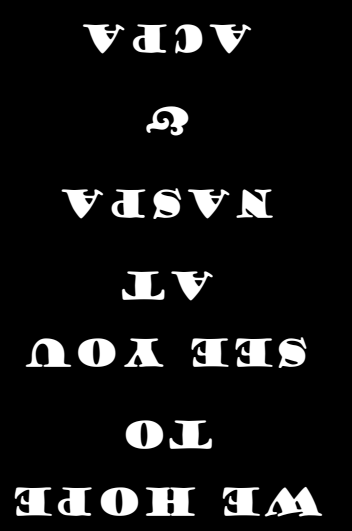
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The Vermont Connection 26th Volume

has arrived! Look for your copy soon





"Education is not preparation for life,
education is life itself."
John Dewey, UVM Class of 1879

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UVM Conference Receptions

The Vermont Connection will again host receptions at the 2005 ACPA and NASPA conferences. Reconnect with fellow HESA Alumni/ae and Friends for this time honored tradition
NASPA: March 22, 2005 7-9:00pm
Tampa Marriot, Room 10
ACPA: April 4, 2005 9:30-11:00pm
Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Bayou E

