



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lance Alexis

It is an exciting time to be a member of NC AHEAD, and it is an absolute honor to have the opportunity to lead such a wonderfully dedicated group of professionals.

We had a great conference at High Point University, the national conference is next month, and we have two conferences to look forward to at wonderful locations in the coming academic year: Appalachian State University and Wake Forest University. Those affiliate conferences are of the utmost importance and in recognition of that fact and in light of current budget constraints, I and the rest of the executive board will take measures to make attending those conferences affordable.

Please know that you can always contact me or any of the board members with ideas to help our organization continue to thrive. Please enjoy this issue of the newsletter, and I look forward to seeing many outstanding NC AHEAD members in Seattle and at Appalachian State.

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FALL CONFERENCE

Maranda Maxey; ASU

We are beginning to make plans for the fall conference (October 13-14, 2011) at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC!

The Fairfield Inn & Suites is willing to reserve 50 rooms if we can guarantee that 80% of the rooms will be booked. The deadline to reserve a room is September 10, 2011, and the cost is \$65.90/night, which includes a Continental breakfast. Please let me know if you think you will be able to attend so we can reserve the appropriate amount of rooms and plan accordingly. For more information please see the website at: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/hkyf-i-fairfield-inn-and-suites-boone/>

Additionally, please let me know if there are any topics and/or themes you are interested in for this year's fall conference. (maxeymr@appstate.edu).

AHEAD SEATTLE

The national conference is always a very busy time, but it would be great to set aside a dinner opportunity to get together. If anyone is interested, please contact Lance Alexis (lalexis@wcu.edu).

MEMBER NEWS

Katie Montie; UNC Charlotte

The Office of Disability Services at UNC Charlotte (ODS) has supported a successful Student Advisory Board for over three years. Members of the Student Advisory Board (SAB) consist of students registered with Disability Services who are nominated by faculty and staff.

The SAB serves in multiple roles on campus and in the surrounding community.

The primary role of SAB is to serve as consultant to the ODS on issues ranging from specific accommodations to assistive technology. The SAB has also participated on campus committees, including the Campus Accessibility Advisory Committee, in which SAB members provided administration with feedback from the perspective of a student with a disability. SAB members are also involved with faculty training regarding accommodations. Another important role that members of the SAB provide involves promoting disability awareness throughout campus and the surrounding community.

The SAB also assists in developing various campus events involving disability issues through promotion, education and emphasis of the importance of disability as a part of diversity.

Last semester the SAB began a new

program in which they participated in classroom presentations about disability culture.

Feedback from these presentations indicated students learn more about the concept of disability and disability culture when the information is provided by a peer who has a disability.

The Office of Disability Services is extremely proud of its Student Advisory Board and looks forward to its continual growth and involvement in new opportunities.

Many thanks to High Point University for hosting the NC AHEAD 2011 Spring Conference. Feedback was positive and presenters shared a wealth of information and knowledge. If you were unable to attend, PowerPoint presentations of most sessions can be accessed at:

ahead.org/affiliates/north-carolina/events



2011 Spring Conference; High Point University

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to Debbie Roberts from Greensboro College and Alice Carnes from Central Piedmont Community College for receiving the partial scholarships to national AHEAD in Seattle. Debbie and Alice will share information gained at future regional conferences.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER

Special thanks to Irene Ingersoll for her dedicated service as NC AHEAD Member-at-Large 4 year Private. We will miss her contributions but wish her well in all future endeavors. **GOOD LUCK IRENE!**

For a bit of NCAHEAD history, please view a list of past presidents at: ahead.org/affiliates/north-carolina/bod

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