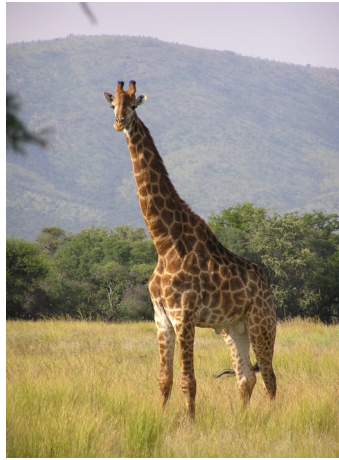


Higher Education Council

Think Like a Giraffe...
Stick Your Neck Out!



SPRING SEMESTER 2011 CHERI SHARES...

Happy Spring Semester, everyone! My name is Cheri Goldrick and I have been appointed by President Kathy Lech to serve as your Higher Education Council Chairman. My theme this year is “**Stick Your Neck Out!**” Little did I know that after I returned from Kansas City in July, I would have to “practice what I preach!”

When President Lech asked me to serve in this position, I was very flattered and excited. I had an aggressive agenda for the 2010-2011 academic year and was ready to jump in with both feet. Being my second year, I was committed to representing Higher Education in a very strong and active capacity.

But life does have its curves and bumps. In August, I was asked to transfer to the Admissions Office at Lyndon State College and stepped into a new and compelling job as the Office Manager. The position was a promotion but I was not aware of the additional hours and weekends that this position would entail. I am in the office usually by 6:00 a.m. and leave around 6:00 in the evening. I have Admissions events that take place on Saturdays so there is very little time for much else but work and sleeping!

It is an exciting challenge and my dedication to Lyndon is strong. I am enjoying working with outstanding student leaders in this position. I work with 32 Student Ambassadors and have six exemplary

student office professionals I work with each and every day (work study cannot describe what these students accomplish every day; their professionalism is key to the successful goals and strategies of our Admissions Office).

We hear the negative comments made about the Millennial Generation and it saddens me. Yes, they certainly think differently than I do in many ways but I have found their expectations and goals are set very high and they are eager to be a part of the community. The positive energy emanating from these wonderful students is what gets me through the long hours and many Saturdays. They are amazing and creative individuals and I **LOVE** working in the Higher Education field. I relish the students’ enthusiasm and commitment. They focus on the positive and these students are going to be our leaders in the coming years. We have to connect with them and understand how they think and be willing to change in order to be a part of the 21st century. Step up and **STICK YOUR NECK OUT!!!!** Interact with them and ask their opinions and thoughts; they will not disappoint you, I guarantee!

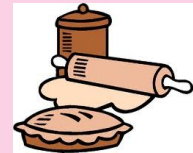
Please know that I appreciate each and every one of you in service to our college students. It is an exciting and rewarding time for us due to the changes that are coming our way. Enjoy the ride!

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** Advice Tidbit **

Don't make
“Piecrust”
Promises...



Easily made...
Easily broken!

A Tidbit of Wisdom from
Mary Poppins

****NAEOP Higher Education Council Meeting ~ Charleston, SC****

Friday, July 22, 2010 ~ Starting promptly @ 8:00 a.m.

Registration starts @ 7:30!!!! Please don't be late!!!



You Make Me Want to SHOUT!!!!

**“You know you make me wanna Shout!
Kick my heels up and Shout!
Throw my hands up and Shout!
Throw my head back and Shout!
Come on now SHOUT!”**

Do you recognize these famous lyrics? They are played at almost every wedding or celebration that I have attended. I find it very difficult to sit still when you hear the music and feed off the energy that fills the room when the house is rocking with this positive message.

What makes you want to **SHOUT**, kick up your heels, and throw up your hands? **WE WANT TO KNOW!!!!** Send me some great news and positive experiences that are moving your Association ahead. Recruitment and retention are words that we hear in Higher Education all the time and they also pertain to our state, local, and national associations as well! What excites your members? What topics REALLY work at your conferences and professional development days?

Three key topics consistently seem to come up each time in our Vermont AEOP conference evaluations: 1) computer training; 2) communication; and 3) wellness and physical health. We try to touch each one of these as we build workshops and speakers into our conferences.

Please share your success! **SHOUT** out what topics interest your members and what professional development they are seeking to enhance their skills in the workplace.

Interests are changing as the workforce develops and we, as Association members, need to be willing to step up and listen to the interests of our members. How do we keep the energy and creative juices flowing within our own groups and move ahead? We will do this by hearing and recognizing the accomplishments of what is working and address what is NOT working.

Please send along your successes and triumphs and we will create a spot right here on this page with every issue for you to share your great ideas. As a NAEOP member, you have already chosen to enhance and contribute your ideas to a national association. Share your positivity and **MAKE US SHOUT!!!**

THE MILLENNIAL STUDENT’S EXPECTATIONS



Confident: Millennial students have high confidence levels. They have been nurtured and told that they are the best while growing up. They have an expectation of doing well and succeeding in their endeavors and all aspects of their lives.

Connected: These students are connected in every definition of the word. They have been working collaboratively with others since pre-school and their expectation is that everyone else should as well. They have established connections with others around them. They are also connected with multimedia in the form of cell phones, texting, Facebook, Twitter, computers, iPods, and all types of

electronic devices. This is the most “plugged in” generation in history and we in higher education need to be prepared to teach and support them to be successful.

Open to Change: They are eager to take on responsibility and challenges. They expect their managers and leaders to be their mentors and to lead by example. They will not be quick to accomplish tasks just “because the boss says so.” They will embrace change as their lives are changing and new opportunities are materializing each and every day.



Health Corner



Self Help Advice

There is a wonderful and inspirational author whose books are full of simple phrases and philosophies which are **VERY** powerful. The author's name is Mary Anne Radmacher and she has given me pause to think and reflect on my own life.

Here are some of her messages:

- * Live with intention.
- * Walk to the edge.
- * Listen hard.
- * Practice wellness.
- * Play with abandon.
- * Laugh.
- * Choose with no regret.
- * Continue to learn.
- * Appreciate your friends.
- * Do what you love.
- * Live as if this is all there is.

Today, just take **ONE** of these insightful phrases and accomplish it. Just today, **do something you love** whether at home or at work. Or perhaps, **practice wellness** (eat well for one meal, take a walk, or give yourself a 5 minute timeout). Or take a moment to **appreciate your friends** (send an e-mail or give them a call). Or the easiest one for me is **laugh or smile**...(look at the face on this little mouse...he's smiling!)



Please take a moment and check out Ms. Radmacher's website at <http://www.maryanneradmacher.com/life>

Which life phrase will you choose???

All A-B-O-A-R-D with NAEOP!

President Kathy Lech's message and theme this year, "All Aboard with NAEOP" is to take advantage of **ALL** NAEOP has to offer. As members of the Association, we have access to the many benefits that NAEOP provides:

- ⇒ The NES Connector magazine
- ⇒ The NAEOP website
- ⇒ Direct contact with Board members via e-mail or telephone
- ⇒ Listserv capabilities
- ⇒ Networking with NAEOP members by region or council

- ⇒ Professional development opportunities with regional and national workshops and professional days
- ⇒ Professional Standards Program

The assistance is available; all you need to do is ask. If you know of an association that is struggling, please let President Kathy know. Spread the word that NAEOP is here to help, if needed.

It is a pleasure to serve with President Kathy and her energy and positivity are contagious! She and the NAEOP Board are moving NAEOP into the 21st century with their innovative and positive ideas. Let's all get **ABOARD!**



Planting Seeds for NAEOP's Growth



Vice-President Lola Young is Membership Chairman for the NAEOP Executive Board. As Higher Education Council Chairman, I am a member of this committee.

Lola's theme is to remind us of the bountiful benefits that we share as NAEOP members

and to support one another. We need to help one another and plant the seeds of knowledge that each

and every one of us shares for the education of the students of the country. Each one of us has the ability to shape and change the way students are educated and assisted through the educational process, no matter where in the United States we live and work. Plant a seed of hope in a student or staff member that you meet today and then watch that grow into a beautiful and stunning individual.

Plant one NAEOP seed....all it takes is **ONE** to make a difference....

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Thank you for your support!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all...
 Remember....
 Everyone is Irish on March 17th!



Higher Education Council Meeting*
Charleston, SC
Friday, July 22, 2011
8:00—10:00 a.m.

*** DRAFT Schedule ***

- 7:30 a.m. Registration**
- 8:00 Welcome/Inspiration**
- 8:15 Icebreaker**
- 8:30 Workshop**
Cheri Goldrick, HEC Chairman
- 9:45 Gift raffle/Closing**
- 10:00 Meeting ends**



Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

Please come and share your ideas and insights for this networking session for Higher Education Council members. Participate and be part of the HEC team!

*Please note breakfast will be available before the meeting begins. See you there!