

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY TO HOST FALL CONFERENCE



Rosie Lance-Richardson, YES Advisor at Pontiac Public Schools and Conference Chaperson presents an overview of conference activities.

The YES Executive Board will sponsor the Fall Advisor's Conference on Thursday, October 18, 2001 at the Pioneer Recreational Center on the campus of Oakland University. Advisors from across the State will participate in this annual event. The theme of the conference is "Stepping into the Future".

The conference will feature workshops in grant writing, club competitions and projects, teacher cadet training, scholarship search and new advisor orientation.

The conference is organized to promote articulation and awareness among YES Advisors.

FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2001 YES Advisors Conference. As your newly elected chair, I am excited to take on the responsibility of the Board.

A special thanks goes to Marc Mitchell for his dedication and commitment. During his tenure, he has taken our organization to the next level. The Board will continue to build upon the YES Clubs mission statement and goals.

There continues to be a teacher shortage nationwide and a decline in the number of students pursuing careers in the teaching profession. The Board and I encourage all advisors to continue to actively recruit students into YES in order for its members to become "tomorrow's teachers".

As chair, one of my goals for the upcoming year is to increase YES as a viable organization throughout the State of Michigan by creating and developing closer partnerships with MEA, AFT and other educational organizations.

In closing, I want to thank the Board and the advisors for their continued support of YES. I also look forward to meeting and greeting all of you. I am very excited to take up the challenging role of chair and serve you. Together, the board, advisors and clubs will continue to grow, develop, and mentor "tomorrow's teachers".

Barbara J. Jones, Ph.D.
*Chairperson
YES Executive Board*



BOARD EXPAND COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YES CLUBS

During a recent meeting, a proposal to increase YES Club competition was approved by the Executive Board. In addition to the scrapbook competition, clubs will now have the opportunity to compete for awards in other categories that will include poster and displays, and video presentations. All activities must reflect the theme outlined at the Annual Conference. More specific details will be forthcoming.

WAY TO GO WSU!



By Chris Timberlake

Didn't you just love the way Wayne State University hosted the Annual Spring Conference? If you are like me, you could not help but notice the tremendous warmth, friendliness and hospitality displayed throughout the entire day. The quality of presenters, workshops and student participation were superb. Not only are the members of the YES Executive Board thrilled by the organizational planning by the conference organizers, the active involvement of many advisors did not go unnoticed.

Dr. Janice Green, WSU staff and the Detroit Public Schools can be proud for their role that enhanced the progress of many future educators in our schools and communities. They have contributed momentarily to the teaching profession and the growth of YES.

A true educator is a visionary leader. They make those things and ideas visible to us in order that we might not otherwise learn about our world and ourselves. Our sensitivity and our revelations grow deeper during the planning of each conference.

As collaborative unit, we have contributed to that knowledge. You as academic advisors, teachers, counselors, deans, administrators and parents, have contributed to our growth. For this rea-

son, the YES Executive Board is very thankful. In addition, we are thrilled by the fact that so many enthusiastic and committed students attended the conference.

It is by working together that we have received recognition as a collaboration with the foresight and a commitment to the local community. A collaboration is nothing more than the "people" that make-up a team. Our honor is your individuality. WSU, we thank you for your talent and graciousness. We encourage your continued support in promoting the ideals of YES.



Marc Mitchell, YES Executive, present awards to Scrapbook Competition winners at the 2001 Annual Conference.



Dr. Barbara Jones provides information for prospective college students during 2001 Annual Conferences.



BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED

The YES Executive Board elected new officers for the next two years through June 2003. They are:

- CHAIRPERSON:** Dr. Barbara Jones
Education Professor at Saginaw Valley State University
- SECRETARY:** Connie Mitchel
Administrator, Detroit Public Schools
- TREASURER:** Linda Stokes
Advisor, Lansing Public Schools

One members of the board was recently appointed:

H.A. Hasan was appointed to represent Eastern Michigan University



Dr. Barbara Jones



Connie Mitchell



H.A. Hasan



Linda Stokes

COMMUNITY COLLEGES JOIN PUSH TO REPLENISH SHRINKING POOL OF TEACHERS

By Arlene Levinson
The Associated Press

Faced with teacher shortages and the need to fill 2.7 million new positions by the end of the decade, state officials nationwide are turning to community colleges as a new, untapped training ground.

That often means changing rules that limit teacher preparation to four-year colleges and universities. It also challenges the view that the USA's 1,132 two-year schools are just open-admission, low-cost feeders to more prestigious campuses.

"This is a significant recognition of the important role that community colleges are making in meeting the education needs of our nation," says Katherine Boswell, an expert of community colleges at the Education Commission of the State of Denver.

Recent examples:

- Most students attend Nevada's Great Basin College in rural Elko to earn a two-year associates degree. But in May, the community college granted its first Bachelor of Arts degrees in elementary education, a feat that required access from two state agencies and an accrediting body.
- At the two-year Rio Salado College in Tempe, Arizona, nearly 100 people signed up for an online teacher-prep course that launches this month. Until a rule changes a few years ago, Arizona's community colleges were barred from providing such training.
- In Maryland, which expects to be down 10,000 teachers this coming school year, state education officials have approved a new associate of arts in teaching degree that will allow aspiring teachers to attend a community college, then transfer all credits to any public or private university in the state.

"We realized we needed to remove barriers," Karen Johnson, Maryland's secretary of higher education, says of creating a seamless route from community college to university to classroom. "The shortage is so severe."

WEB WATCH

This year the YES website is bigger and better. By connecting with the YES website, URLs of participating organizations can now be accessed. To learn more about each participating organization, just click on www.wmich.edu/yes.

The YES Scholarship Program has been in place for nearly ten (10) years. High school and college students and advisors can now download the application and submit it to the scholarship committee by March 1.

Hardest hit by the teacher shortage are urban school districts, remote rural areas and fast-growing suburbs. There are various causes: a retiring baby-boomer teacher corps, rising high school enrollment and competition from better-paying careers.

Not everyone is comfortable seeing community colleges take on teacher training. "The tension for my



membership is the fact that the public is setting higher expectations for teachers." Says David Imig, president of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. He points, in particular, to states where community college graduates are guaranteed admission to a university or state college.

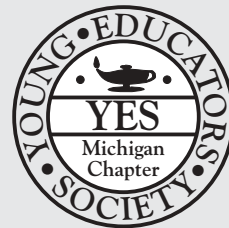
But community colleges say they are meeting the highest standards. At Great Basin College, the tiny new Education Department faculty consists of two people with doctorates and a third person working towards hers.

In Texas, community colleges now offer teacher certification courses. Alliances with universities also are being built. "We do not see community colleges as competition," says Jan Hughes, an associate dean in the College of Education at Texas A&M University. "We see them as an opportunity, as a partnership."

Her school has a program that guides future teachers through two years at a community college before they arrive at Texas A&M. "If there was a complete divide between community colleges and four-year institutions, you could have a two-tiered standard of education that probably would not serve our children well," Hughes says. "We're trying to avoid that."

Remember the application must accompany two letters of recommendation and a current transcript. To learn more about the YES Scholarship Program and application process, visit www.wmich.edu/yes.

Starting a YES chapter can be made easy. It's all about identifying and applying the right resources and simply making it happen. Check out the YES website and review the guideline for developing a chapter. To learn more about starting a chapter and obtaining a manual, visit www.wmich.edu/yes.



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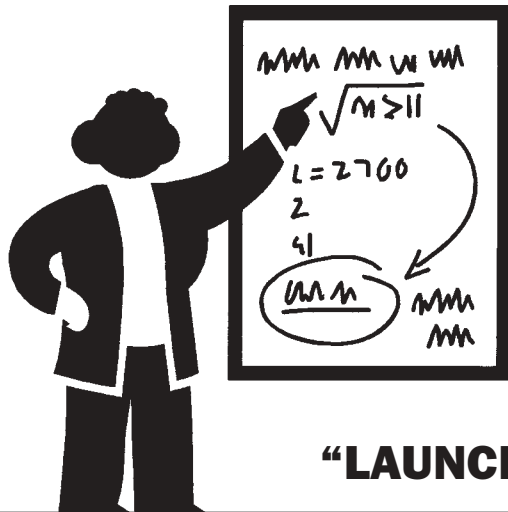
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November 15, 2001
Wayne State University
January 17, 2002
Michigan State University
February 21, 2002
Lansing Sexton High School
March 21, 2002
Detroit Public Schools
April 18, 2002
Ann Arbor Public Schools & U of M
April 26, 2002
*Eastern Michigan University
Yes Annual Conference*
May 16, 2002
Wayne County Community College
May 2002
Eastern Michigan University

YES SPRING CONFERENCE

APRIL 26, 2002

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