



REGION III NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays!



Region III Vice President
Rin Seibert

What an incredible semester for our region. Heartfelt thanks to all of the wonderful Region III members whose hospitality and hard work served so many students and professionals through their workshops and meetings. Ashlea Wilson (Region III Student Representative) and I had a whirlwind experience traveling from state to state visiting the outstanding facilities around our region. As we prepare to celebrate the holidays and reflect on another completed year I am thankful for each student and professional NIRSA member. Enjoy your families and the holiday break and get ready to Rock On! Lead On! in Detroit to shake the winter blues (January 29-30th 2010). Looking forward to working with you in 2010.

Happy New Year Region III,
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MEET ASHLEA WILSON, YOUR REGION III STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

My name is Ashlea Wilson and I am currently a second year Graduate Assistant for Open Recreation and Student Employment with Recreation Services at Northern Illinois University. It is truly an honor to serve as this year's Region III Student Representative! My mission is to continue Region III's dedication and commitment to student professional development. My goal is to encourage students to take advantage of all that NIRSA has to offer in this superb region of dedicated professionals.



MESSAGE TO STUDENTS FROM ASHLEA: THE 23RD ANNUAL REGION III STUDENT LEAD ON 2010 CONFERENCE

Region III Student Lead On presentation proposals are due Monday, November 30th! The link for the presentation proposal form is [here](#). Click on "Presentation Proposal Form" and it should download for you. Email proposals.region3.leadon.2010@gmail.com with any questions.

Register for Region III Student Lead On 2010 Today! You can also find the link for registration and more info on the [website](#). The registration fee for Region III Student Lead On this year is \$52. It is important to register before January 20th to avoid the late registration fee; after January 20th registration will increase to \$72.

While you're at home for the holidays ask your loved ones for the gift of student professional development, your Region III Student Lead On Registration Fee. Check out the article "Socking Away for Detroit Rock City" by Matt Graifer in the [Region III Student Members Fall 2009 Newsletter](#). This article will help you with budgeting for the 23rd Annual Region III Student Lead On 2010 Conference.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to [contact me](#).

Rock On! Lead On!

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Don't forget to apply for scholarships and awards in your state associations and NIRSA. Visit the [Awards & Scholarships web page](#) on the NIRSA website for more information.

2010 REGION III AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE BEGINS SELECTION PROCESS

Greg Jordan of Oakland University will serve as chair this year for the 2010 Region III Award and Merit Committee. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2010.

Committee members include:

IIRSA – [Tony Clements](#), University of Illinois, Past Recipient
IRSA – [Stacy Hall](#), Indiana University, Immediate Past Recipient
MIRSA – [Greg Jordan](#), Chair, Oakland University
Ontario – [Gareth Cunningham](#), University of Western Ontario
ORSA – [Sean Reis](#), Cleveland State University
WIRSA – [John Kratzer](#), Marquette University

If you are interested in nominating someone for this award you can check the criteria on the [NIRSA website](#).

Former Region III Award of Merit Recipients:

1990: John Colgate, Western Illinois
1991: Sally Myers, Miami (Ohio) University
1992: J. Michael Dunn, Southern Illinois-Carbondale
1993: Pat Besner, University of Toledo
1994: Dixie Bennett, Loyola University
1995: Bill Sells, Ohio University
1996: Jim Nasiopulous, Marquette University
1997: Maureen McGonagle, University of Illinois-Chicago
1998: Carol Stickel, Purdue University
1999: Jeff Vessley, IUPUI
2000: Bob England, Eastern Michigan University
2001: Kathy Bayless, Indiana University
2002: Liz Davis, The Ohio State University
2003: Jan Wells, University of Michigan
2004: Troy Vaughn, Ball State University
2005: Pat Kennedy, Case Western Reserve University
2006: Stan Shingles, Central Michigan University
2007: Greg Jordan, Oakland University
2008: Tony Clements, University of Illinois
2009: Stacey Hall, Indiana University

CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENT REGION III AWARD WINNERS!

From Wayne State University, Jovita Scrogin won the Dr. Michael J. Stevenson Award. The Dr. Michael J. Stevenson Award is presented annually to a MIRSA member who demonstrates outstanding service and has made a significant contribution to the association and to recreational sports in the state of Michigan during the past year. Jovita is the Assistant Director of Facilities and Finance at the Mort Harris Recreation and Fitness Center.

From Oakland University, Greg Jordan won the Dr. Tom R. Jones Award. The Dr. Tom R. Jones Award is presented annually to the MIRSA member who demonstrates outstanding leadership and service to MIRSA and to recreational sports in the state of Michigan. Greg is the Director of Campus Recreation at Oakland University.

From DePaul University, Maureen McGonagle won the 2nd annual IIRSA Service Award. As the highest honor awarded by the state the IIRSA Service Award recognizes a members(s) for outstanding service and achievements in the profession and to the State Association. Maureen is the Director of Campus Recreation and is in charge of the Department Leadership and Management at DePaul University.

From Cleveland State University, Sean Ries won the ORSA Honor Award. The ORSA Honor Awards was created as a way of recognizing the outstanding contributions of individual members of the Ohio Recreational Sports Association. The award is presented to a campus recreation professional from Ohio in recognition of their unselfish dedication, exceptional leadership, and outstanding contributions to the promotion, growth, and development of the recreational sports profession. Sean is the Associate Director of the Recreational Center at Cleveland State University.
