



MIRSA NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 22-23
MIRSA State Workshop
Grand Valley State
Allendale, MI

October 30-November 1
MIRSA State Flag
Football Tournament
Western Michigan
University
Kalamazoo, MI

January 29-30, 2010
Region III Student
Lead-On
Wayne State University
Detroit, MI

STATE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Greetings MIRSA members! By this time, everyone is in full swing with classes beginning, training new employees and welcoming new students. The fall is always an exciting time to see new and old faces. Our recreation centers have been so quiet for several months, the increased activity always rejuvenates student and professional staff.

I know that many of us are facing tight budgets this year. As recreation professionals, we know the value of quality recreation facilities and programs. Our state workshop committee has selected an appropriate theme of "Inform. Educate.

Recreate." It is up to us to ensure that our administrators understand that fact as well.

During July, I was fortunate to meet with other regional state directors, Region III Vice President Rin Siebert and Region III Student Representative Ashlea Wilson at Butler University. We spent numerous hours discussing current trends and issues that our states and institutions are facing. It is always beneficial to brainstorm with others to hear their issues, how they have resolved them or help provide some insight as to how we have dealt with some of those same issues.

During the retreat, we also spent a great deal of time discussing the transition process for the new NIRSA Governance. The transition to the new governance has been moved up to 2010. For detailed information on how the transition process will occur in 2010, please visit the NIRSA website.

Good luck as the fall semester goes into full swing. I hope to see all of you at the state workshop in October at Grand Valley State University.

2009 MIRSA STATE WORKSHOP "INFORM. EDUCATE. RECREATE."

Once again, it is time for the state workshop. This year's workshop will be held at Grand Valley State University, October 22 and 23.

This year's theme is "Inform. Educate. Recreate." During these touch economic times, it is important for students, staff and administrators to under-

stand the value of recreational sports.

The committee is hard at work planning informative sessions for all who attend. We are looking for professionals and students to submit presentation proposals by September 30.

Registration, presentation proposal forms, directions and

hotel information are all available at the Grand Valley State University webpage, www.gvsu.edu/rec/



MIRSA AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE

It is that time of year again to recognize the outstanding service that the all of the professionals . The state presents awards annually to two professionals to recognize longtime contributions and service during the previous year. These awards are named after Dr. Tom R. Jones and Dr. Michael J. Stevenson.

Nomination letters are due to Amy Seth, Awards Committee Chair, by October 12, via amy.seth@wmich.edu

Dr. Tom R. Jones Award

The Dr. Tom R. Jones Award is presented annually to the MIRSA member who demonstrates outstanding leadership and service in the MIRSA and to recreational sports in the state of Michigan. Named in honor of Dr. Tom R. Jones, long-time director of Campus Recreation at Central Michigan University, for his contributions and service to the field of recreational sports during his career.

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. Named in honor of Dr. Michael J. Stevenson, long-time director of recreational sports at the University of Michigan, who exemplified outstanding service to the field of recreational sports during his career.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

The MIRSA scholarship committee is now accepting applications for 2009-10 scholarships. The executive board has set aside \$2000 to be distributed for scholarships that can be used for travel or registration fees. All applications are available on the MIRSA website.

For more information on scholarships, please contact Demond Pryor at pryor1dl@cmich.edu.

Upcoming Deadlines:

October 9:
All professional applications
MIRSA State Workshop (students)

December 4 (students only):
2010 Student Lead On
ERSL Conference
Midwest Fit Fest
February 5, 2010 (students)
NIRSA National Conference

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A MIRSA EVENT?

The MIRSA Executive Board membership will vote at the business meeting at this year's state workshop on the 2010 sites. The MIRSA Executive Board is looking for institutions that are interested in hosting the 2010 State Workshop and State Flag Football Tournament. If you are interested in hosting either one of these great events, let Chris know as soon as possible. The

CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNIFER BECK-NOTTINGHAM ON THE BIRTH OF HER SECOND DAUGHTER—JORDAN.

Welcome to Michigan!

CMU

Sean Finley, *Fitness/Facilities GA*

Angie Dalton-*Fitness Coordinator*

Amanda Drawve, *Assistant Director-Facilities*

Ira Wrestler-*Assistant Director-Aquatics*

EMU

Erick Middleton-*Courtside Café GA*

WMU

Chrisanna Colletta-*Employee Wellness GA*

How do we say goodbye? We will miss you!

CMU

Jen Walters-*Eagle Village Adventure Learning Center*

Amy Jo Jenkins-*US Navy Aquatics Director, Yokosuka, Japan*

Eric Fletcher

Sharonda Hurd

WMU

Amanda Kurtz-SWAT
Fitness

STATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE CORNER

Greetings, MIRSA Members!

My name is Jackie Carline, and I am your student state representative for the 2009 – 2010 school year. I am currently an undergraduate student at Oakland University, working towards my B.A. in English and philosophy. Alongside being a full time student, I am also the program assistant for facility operations at our Department of Campus Recreation. Over the past two years, I have worked hard to advance myself in campus recreation—whether it's challenging myself to a new position in our department, or by becoming involved with MIRSA and NIRSA.

Last year, I was introduced to MIRSA and NIRSA, and was immediately hooked. I attended our annual state conference at Wayne State University, and presented at the 2009 Student Lead-On Conference at the University of Illinois-Champaign. After these remarkable experiences, I knew I wanted to delve further into MIRSA and NIRSA, and I applied for the student state representative position with anticipation. My phone interview with Chris Voss revolved around why I wanted to be Michigan's student state representative, and my perspective on it has not

changed. My goal for this year is to increase undergraduate involvement and awareness with MIRSA and NIRSA. I have worked alongside our regional student representative, Ashlea Wilson, in reestablishing our campus contacts and informing students across the state about our amazing association. With the annual state conference just around the corner, I hope to be in contact with directors, coordinators, and students from across the state to spread the word about MIRSA.

In addition, I am on the social committee for the 2010 Student Lead-On Conference, and I can assure you that this year's conference will be unforgettable! Our conference committee has worked hard for months planning this year's event at Wayne State University, and with the theme 'Rock On! Lead On!', I know students and professional staff alike will enjoy everything we have to offer. With the conference in our own state this year, I will be working hard to increase our student participation and attendance, but I need your help! If you have students at your department that hold strong leadership skills or are

looking at becoming more involved with campus recreation (or students you feel would excel in MIRSA and NIRSA), send them my way! I'm currently working on a MIRSA/NIRSA information packet for students, and I'd love to be in direct contact with potential MIRSA/NIRSA members. If we can recognize the opportunities surrounding us, I know MIRSA can continue to grow.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me. Any students that may have questions about MIRSA and NIRSA, or even about getting involved with campus recreation at their school are more than welcome to contact me with their inquiries. I will be working on getting in touch with our campus contacts over the next few weeks in regards to our annual state conference.

I look forward to meeting everyone in person at our state conference at Grand Valley State University!



"Don't be afraid to expand yourself, step out of your comfort zone. That's where the joy and adventure lie.

-Herbie Hancock



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MIRSA**

MIRSA STATE FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The 2009 MIRSA State Flag Football Tournament will be held October 30-November 1 at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Team registrations are now being accepted and are due by October 26. Officials that are interested in working the tourna-

ment should complete an official's interest form and submit it by October 23. All information or questions should be directed to Andy Arnold, Tournament Director, at (269) 387-3765 or Raymond.arnold@wmich.edu. You can also visit the WMU SRC website for more information: <http://www.wmich.edu/rec>.

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