



# Reumors

## October 2009

### National Conference on Student Activities

Plans for the NCOSA/NAWD Conference in Ft. Lauderdale are coming together and I wanted to be sure you were aware of all the latest news. Mike Roland, our conference host from Florida, has released the tentative agenda, which is now pretty firm. It's posted on the NAWD Website at [www.nawd.com](http://www.nawd.com). On Friday evening, Dr. Earl Reum will be the keynote speaker. We haven't heard a real speech from Earl in awhile, and I know he has some wonderful things planned. Also on Friday, the Broward Convention Bureau and Broward Department of Student Activities of the Broward County School District will host a reception, and there will be lots of fun things planned to kick off a great weekend.



On Saturday we have an outstanding lineup of speakers and five "strands" of workshop sessions designed to satisfy the needs of student government advisors, leadership teachers, club and class advisors, middle level advisors, and workshop or state directors. The only problem is that there won't be many repeats, so be sure to bring enough people in your delegation that you can each attend something different then come back together to share the information you learned. You'll find a list of workshops at the end of this newsletter. Lyn Fiscus and the Alliance for Student Activities have prepared a postcard detailing each of these strands. If you're having trouble convincing the higher powers in your school or district that this is beneficial, print it out and take it to them. The Earl Reum Award will be presented Saturday morning and our speaker will be Patrick George. In the afternoon we'll hear Bob Tryanski. Herff Jones will be sponsoring the Saturday luncheon which is included in your registration.

Sunday morning we'll have our final general session and continue to share ideas before David Brame wows us with the closing slide show and sends us back to our schools and families with renewed energy, enthusiasm and new ideas. We will continue to post information on our website as it becomes available.

I haven't said anything about the pre-conference trip yet, but all the information about this optional activity is posted on the website. The cruise will be held Thursday afternoon/evening, December 3 and go through some of Ft. Lauderdale's nicest homes, decorated for Christmas on your way to dinner and a show. This is an excellent opportunity for new people to get to know other conference attendees, and you'll have additional opportunities for networking and sharing. We are not having a group event on Saturday night, but we'll have information on lots of options for you and your friends to enjoy during your visit to Florida.



There was a little confusion with the block of rooms we reserved at the Sheraton Suites Cypress Creek, so if you called and they told you they didn't have rooms available for our group, call them again (954-772-5400). If you have problems with them, email me and I'll see what I can do to straighten out the situation. Be sure to make your hotel reservations before November 13. I got a better deal by flying in to Miami. Of

course, I was flying out of Bakersfield, California, so there weren't a lot of choices. It's about 35 miles to Ft. Lauderdale, and Super Shuttle quoted me \$45 each way, but that may still save you money. Other shuttles, limos and taxis may be able to give you a better price if there is more than one person traveling so try to coordinate your arrival with friends who are also coming, and get some quotes from the internet.

We have had a lot of luck with online registration. Just remember to register AND mail your check before October 31 to take advantage of the lower registration rate. For those who register later, we also have an option to pay through PayPal with your credit card, but there is an additional processing fee for that. Register as soon as you possibly can, and remember that the last time I'll get the mail is Monday, November 30. Please be sure that your check makes it to California before I leave or we will have registration problems. You can register on-site, but you'll have a ratty name tag if I don't know you're coming.

Florida weather in December is usually warm. I was surprised when Mike Roland was talking about needing air conditioned transportation in the middle of winter. Dress for the conference is casual. Many will be wearing holiday pins, sweaters, hats. Come ready to have a good time.

If you have any questions, please contact me and I'll do my best to get the information you need. You can usually expect an answer to email within a few hours. I check it often, especially right before the conference. If you decide to call, just remember the time difference between where you are and California.

Before I close and push the "send" button, I want to thank some people who have been so helpful in preparing for this conference. Mike Roland and his group from the Florida Association of Student Councils and Broward County activity associations have worked so hard to make this conference a success. Mike Smith and Lyn Fiscus from the Alliance for Student Activities have assisted with promotion and the conference program. Mike Matt and Anthony Wise from Herff Jones have contributed resources to make this event even better for each of you. David Brame from Dynamx Digital is already working to make the opening and closing slide show memorable. David also designed our logo, and will continue to help us all see and hear everything that happens at the conference. Lou Miller maintains and updates our website, sends out our emails, and monitors our online registration. And finally, our speakers and presenters are busy planning their presentations to make this a memorable conference. Won't you join us in Ft. Lauderdale? We can't wait to see you. Remember, we make a bigger difference together.

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## Tentative List of Workshop Sessions and Presenters

Stress Management	Stephanie Weaver & Suzanne Edgar, Florida
Teaching Leadership with Props	Al LaFontaine & Wade Perry, Canada
WuFoo Can Produce Yippees!	Lou Miller, New Jersey
Put the Wow Factor in Convention & Workshop Themes	Phil Gugliuzza & Beth David, Louisiana
The Re-Vamp Camp	Nancy Moen, Oregon
Diversity and Student Activities	Roland Alexander Foulkes, Florida
Raising Student Voice and Participation	Sandy Hillman & Ron Zeider, Indiana
Social Networking--Benefits and Dangers	Justin Mellinger, Florida
Civic Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship	Bob Tryanski & Kathy Coll, Kansas/Pennsylvania
Community Service--Why and How?	Dale Hirsh, Florida
Put Meat in your Meetings	Sandy Ginger, Nevada
Scoping the Year	Lisa Gould, Florida
The View from the Principal's Office	Carol Roland, Florida
Freshman Orientation with Mentors	Delores Fischer, Illinois
Marketing Your Program	Mike Smith, California/New Mexico
Structuring Your Leadership Class for Assessment	Kaila Rivera & Melissa Goldstein, Florida
Leadership Class Curriculum & Resources	Dr. Melissa Sohn, Florida
Movies, Music and Leadership	Ann Knell, Massachusetts
Team Building on the Middle Level	Andy Costanzo, Pennsylvania
The Cutting Edge of Student Engagement	Teri Williams, Florida
The Right Room, Right Space, Right Time	Linda Aubrey, Florida
Elections and Beyond	Patti Ireland, Georgia