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# Graduate Association of Student Personnel Administrators

## The SPA Alumni Chapter is Back!

By: Kerry L. Spicer

Greetings SPA Students and Faculty! The SPA Alumni Chapter is back after a brief hiatus! We regrouped earlier this year and have been planning and strategizing ever since! Some of the goals the group has for itself are to:

- increase communication among SPA Alums, SPA students and the SPA program
- serve as a networking and career resource to SPA alumni and current students in the program,
- create a fundraising drive that allows the chapter to host networking events and professional development classes for active alumni and current SPA students.

As you can see, we have high hopes! I am confident that this group of driven individuals can meet these goals and more! On the board we have two former GASPA Presidents, two former chairs of the SPA Conference and three more GASPA Executive Board members.

With all that energy, we really hit the ground running with our March 31<sup>st</sup> ACPA SPA Alumni Social and our April 4<sup>th</sup> SPA Alumni and Student Happy Hour. We will also be fundraising at **Cold Stone Creamery on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00pm**. Stop by with your friends and family and a percentage of all sales will support your SPA Alumni Chapter!

I present to you the 2008-2010 SPA Alumni Chapter Executive Body:

**Kerry L. Spicer - President**

Director of Student Involvement at Medaille College

**Jude A. Jayatilleke - Vice President**

Educational Opportunity Program Advisor/Counselor, Buffalo State College

**Jennifer TsuTsu - Secretary**

Assistant Director of Admissions for the University at Buffalo's School of Management.

**Kevin Garrity - Webmaster**

Academic Coordinator in Buffalo State College's Student Support Services Program.

**Lakeisha Flood - Mentoring Coordinator**

Coordinator of Student Activities in Medaille College's Student Involvement Center.

**Sarah Frank - Networking Coordinator**

Residence Director of South Hall at Medaille College.

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Congratulations everyone on a terrific 2007-2008 academic year!

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## New GASPA Executive Board!

The 2008-2009 Graduate Association of Student Personnel Administrators was elected into office on Tuesday, April 15th at the RAD Dessert Social. The executive board attended their first GASPA meeting as executive board members on Wednesday, April 23rd and began running the meetings. If you are interested in being on the executive board please see Kristin about the Newsletter chairperson position!



**The new executive board is:**

**President: Kristin Beck**

**Vice President : Rand Hurrle**

**Treasurer: David Phillips**

**Secretary: Antonettisha Baker**

**Fundraising Chairperson: Malcolm Hicks**

**GASPA/RAD Liaison: Latia Sinclair**

## RAD Dessert Social A Success!

On Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30pm the Internship II Class held their annual RAD Dessert Social in the Campbell Student Union Assembly Hall. This event had music, a photo slide show, dessert, and dancing. The

Internship II class promised Professor Davis that they knew how to throw a party and did they ever! The event was a huge success and through cost of attendance and the raffle baskets the class was able to raise \$1,000

to go towards the Annual RAD Scholarship fund! Congratulations on a job well done!

Thank you to  
all  
contributors!

## Faculty Focus Corner

As printed in the last newsletter, Dr. Kimberly Kline joined the Buffalo State SPA Faculty in the fall of 2007. Throughout her career she has published multiple writings and one in particular, *Professional development in student affairs: From learning about diversity to building just communities*, discusses the impact and challenge that professionals face when practicing and encouraging



diversity. Here is an excerpt from her writing:

"In this study we examined ways in which student affairs graduate students learned action theories, reflected on their own practices, and dealt with social justice issues in their professional practice. We examined whether there is evidence of change in perceptions, understanding, and/or action as a consequence of course with this focus. An additional question asked whether the action experiment would

result in evidence of change in students' attitudes about social justice issues in student affairs. The study was based on a one-semester course in a student affairs master's program at 'Midwest University.' "

If you would like to read more from this article you can find it published in the book entitled, *Readings on Equal Education*. You can also find Dr. Kline in Bacon Hall.

**congratulations  
to the 2008  
Student Personnel  
Administration  
Graduates!**

What? SPA Conference is approaching?

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Buffalo State College

13th Annual Student Affairs Professional Conference

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Buffalo-Niagara Marriott

1340 Millersport Highway

Amherst, N.Y. 14221

Please join us for this professional development opportunity.

More Information to follow.

Questions can be directed to: Danielle Weaver, Conference Chair: [spaconference@gmail.com](mailto:spaconference@gmail.com)