MIMSAC 2013 Resources

MIMSAC 2013 was another terrific professional development experience. Our theme, “Preparing to Respond: Student Affairs Role in Meeting the Demands of Higher Education”, forced participants to think about how their work, conducted in diverse functional areas across different institutions, could be done differently to better align with higher education priorities. Resources from the day-long conference, including great content from Susan Komives, our keynote speaker, as well as session resources can be found at our website. You’ll also find pictures! You can also see our Storify of the day!

Stories of Workplace Engagement and Professional Development

Each month we showcase a member of Student Affairs who demonstrates a high level of engagement in their job and a commitment to professional development. This month we showcase one of our newest staff members, Amanda Rodino, who is the Testing Coordinator in Student Disability Services. Click here to hear Dan Bureau’s five minute interview with Amanda to learn about how she defines success in her work and why and how she prioritizes professional development.

Summer Division Professional Development Opportunities

In July, we’ll have professional development opportunities that are free and open to all Student Affairs staff, including webinars and discussion groups. The Assessment Group will also reconvene! July 18, 25, and August 1, 8 from 9-10:30 a.m. Information to come in a separate email. Early details as follows:

- **Session One:** Revisiting Assessment – Why, What, Who
- **Session Two:** When and How of Assessment
- **Session Three:** Frameworks for Assessment
Raffle Opportunity!
What are your professional development goals for this summer? Read more? Host discussion groups? Attend a meeting/conference/institute? Share your goals here and anyone completing the form by June 28th will be in a raffle to receive a $10 gift card to a store/restaurant of their choice. Anyone in student affairs can win!

Your Nerdy Best Friend: Great Resources for Organization, Marketing, and Social Media
Beth Ziesenis has created “Your Nerdy Best Friend” – a great resource for all kinds of tech tips! Check out some of these blogs/templates and look through her site for great ideas.

Need New Fonts for Creative Marketing?
Want to convey information in an engaging and dynamic way? Try infographics!

Using Issuu to turn documents into magazines

Hang with Student Affairs Colleagues at the Red Birds August 1st 7 p.m.
We’re having the third annual Student Affairs night at the Red Birds. Information can be found here. Please sign up by July 15th. Contact Dan Bureau for more information.

Student Affairs & Social Media/Technology Corner
Mashable, self-described as the “leading source for news, information & resources for the connected generation” is a terrific company to follow or like. Recently they authored an article on the digital skills college students need. It got me to thinking “are we confident student affairs professionals have these skills and can we help college students in their development?”

Annual ACPA Convention Resources Available
Terrific workshops take place every year at the ACPA Convention. This year’s Las Vegas conference was no exception. You can see the resources, if submitted by the presenters, by looking through the list of sessions for the five day conference. Not all sessions have resources, but a lot do and the range of topics is great! Resources are indicated by a PDF, PPT or word icon. Once you get past the pre-conference days, there are more sessions with resources.

Research in Brief
The University of Memphis’ own Dr. Karen Weddle-West was recently published in the Journal of College Student Development. She and two other authors explore the impact of the college environment on the spiritual development of African American Students. Check out her article here.

Increasing Competence and Confidence:
A Blog Dedicated to Student Affairs Professional Development
Recent postings include rethinking the term “experts” and incorporating writing into professional development plans

Innovation in Student Affairs
We often get hung up on innovation as drastic change, revolutionary thought, or creativity. A recent webinar helped me to rethink the term and learn how even small changes can become innovative! The webinar was done for the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors, but it’s so applicable to all of student affairs and uses ideas outside of higher education to encourage us to think innovatively! Check it out!