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CAAHP ROCKS IN CLEVELAND -2011!

Good Vibrations: Working Together for Student Success

April 14-17, 2011



The Renaissance Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/clebr-renaissance-cleveland-hotel/>

Registration fees: \$ 245

Room Rate: \$132

Information on Travel Grants and
Registration will be available soon!





**Father Joseph L. Walter
Award Winners:
Alice Sima
Mariella Mercozzi**

Look for more information including requirements and the nomination process for the Father Joseph L. Walter award in the February 2011 CAAHP

Father Joseph L. Walter Award

CAAHP named Alice Sima of Benedictine University and Mariella Mercozzi from the University of Michigan as the 2010 recipients of the Father Joseph L. Walter Award for Outstanding Advising. Alice and Mariella have both been long-time pre-health professions advisors and members of CAAHP.



As Director of the PreProfessional Health Program and advisor in the Department of Nursing and Health, Alice Sima wears many hats at Benedictine: advisor, instructor, liaison and mentor just to name a few. Of the ~800 full time undergraduates enrolled in various majors in the College of Science, upwards of 50% express an interest in a health care profession at some point in their undergraduate years. One colleague wrote that ‘her dedication to her students is fully evident in everything she does.’

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-Colleague of Alice Sima

Alice has a long association with the Central and National Association of Health Professions Advisors. She was on the Board of Directors of both simultaneously from 2001-2003, but her first role as an officer for CAAHP was in 1991, when she served as secretary for three years. In addition, she has served as special committee member for the NAAHP 2000 project and has served as the NAAHP liaison for chiropractic institutions. She is a regular contributor at CAAHP and NAAHP meetings, has presented three different ‘new advisor’ workshops over the years, assisted

Father Joseph L. Walter Award (cont)

on various planning committees, and responded to multiple requests for help along the way from CAAHP officers and other advisors. One of her fellow advisors writes of her: “Alice has contributed volumes in time, talent, and energy both to her advising duties and professional organizations. She is involved in the mentorship of new advisors, the creation of external partnerships, presentations at professional conferences and the sharing of best practices with the advising community. She is an outstanding supporter of the health professions community.”

As the Senior Assistant Director of Pre-Professional Services at the University of Michigan, Mariella understands what it takes to be an incomparable mentor and advisor. She is an exceptionally committed individual, committed to her individual professional development, to the success of the Career Center at the University of Michigan, and most importantly the students with whom she works.

“Working with Mariella has made us better advisors. Her students are better for having seen her. Her membership in CAAHP has made our organization stronger. The University of Michigan is a better university because of her work. Her concern for students and colleagues, her commitment to excellence and her strong work ethic make her a worthy recipient of this award.”

-Colleague of Mariella Meccozi

Mariella has a deep devotion to her students. Her goal is to ‘engage students in a process where they understand the mechanics, but more important, where they understand themselves and why they are making these decision for their professional futures.’ One colleague wrote of her: “Believing in the students and supporting them through the process is one of the most consistent pieces of feedback we receive about Mariella from her students. Without her, many of them would have floundered, given up, or simply lost their faith in themselves.” One former student wrote of her ‘extraordinary skills as an advisor and resource for her students, providing guidance and constructive feedback while genuinely caring about her students. They feel very comfortable approaching her and sharing and questions or concerns they may have.’

Mariella has been an active member of CAAHP and NAAHP and has served as a resource and font of information for questions and concerns from fellow advisors. Her welcoming manner helps others feel at ease, She reaches out to new members to help them feel comfortable within the professional organization. She is a regular participant at regional and national meetings and her contributions are always insightful and meaningful. Her “Ten Tips to Counsel Unsuccessful Medical School Applicants” is a resource that we regularly turn to for guidance.

Her fellow advisors wrote of her: “Working with Mariella has made us better advisors. Her students are better for having seen her. Her membership in CAAHP has made our organization stronger. The University of Michigan is a better university because of her work. Her concern for students and colleagues, her commitment to excellence and her strong work ethic make her a worthy recipient of this award.”

*Special Thanks to Father Jim Foster and Peggy Abels for their assistance with the text of this article.

Welcome! New CAAHP Board Members



**Consuelo López
Springfield**
Member-At-Large
(2010-2013)



**Marikay
Dobbins**
Member-At-Large
(2010-2013)

Consuelo is an L&S Assistant Dean in Student Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she serves as a Pre-Health Advisor for the Center for Academic Excellence. She is a senior Lecturer in Latino/a Studies and Gender and Women's Studies and the campus' pre-law advisor. She has been advising pre-health students and alumni since 2001 and a CAAHP member since then.

Early on I saw myself taking an active role with the CAAHP. I think that this is the most beneficial professional organization to which I have ever belonged. The education, collaboration and excitement about my profession that I receive from my colleagues are things that I hope to promote and would like to help expand."-Marikay Dobbins

Marikay is the pre-health adviser for all majors at Albion College. Albion College is a small liberal arts college in south-central Michigan with a strong reputation in the natural sciences. Marikay also acts as coordinator to Albion College's Premedical and Healthcare Studies Institute.

CAAHP sends fond farewells

CAAHP would like to extend our best wishes to

Karen Paulsen and Ivan Johnson

Karen retired earlier this year from the University of Illinois. She had previously served on the CAAHP board of Directors and was honored as a recipient of the Father Joseph L. Walter Award for Outstanding Advising. Ivan retired after many years of service from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. A touching tribute to Ivan was delivered in Atlanta by a colleague.

Special Thanks to Peggy Abels



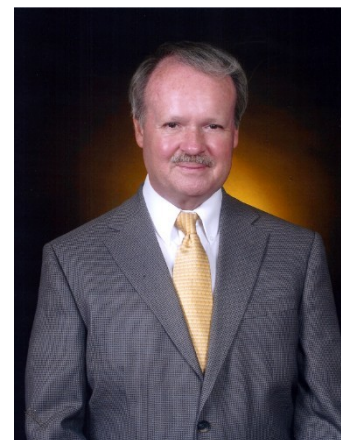
Peggy Abels
Former CAAHP
Board Member

We will miss Peggy Abels, former Board Member At-Large who served CAAHP for three years in that capacity. Peggy served as the Chair for the Historian Committee, and played an important role on the planning committee for the NAAHP conference Atlanta last June, *Keeping Our Students on Track*. Peggy helped organize the plenary session *Dealing with Students of Concern*, and the concurrent sessions *At Risk Student Programming*, *Financing a Professional School Education*, and *Promotion and Tenure Issues for Faculty Advisors*. Peggy will serve on the planning committee for the upcoming CAAHP regional conference in Cleveland in the spring. Thanks Peggy, for all your contributions!

-Gail Robinson, Secretary

NAAHP DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

Last year NAAHP established a Diversity Project Task Force that was charged with identifying ways that NAAHP can better assist prehealth advisors in their efforts to increase the number of underrepresented individuals who enter health care fields. This project has a high priority since despite national efforts to increase the diversity of the health care work force, the number of minorities in health care careers remains relatively low. To help the task force in carrying out its work, it is recommending that CAAHP and the other regional associations identify and implement strategies to diversify their membership and leadership and to highlight diversity sessions at the 2011 regional meetings. The task force is composed of NAAHP's past presidents, its Executive Director and the chair of its Minority Affairs Committee. For further information or to share ideas that would help the task force in its work, please contact the task force's chair, Dr. Larry Garrison Sullivan at Larry.Sullivan@avila.edu.



CAAHP Membership

“CAAHP members often serve in many different capacities on our various campuses – **ALL members can serve as recruiters.**”

Greetings from your Membership Committee! As reported at our Atlanta meeting, CAAHP continues to be a strong organization with solid membership. New this year, NAAHP switched over to an **on-line membership/renewal process – when your NAAHP renewal date draws near, please watch for an email from NAAHP in your email inbox!** Knowing that we all receive many emails each day (hour!), please watch for it as we don't want your membership to lapse. This email will direct you to log into the NAAHP membership site to renew. You will no longer receive the paper invoice in the mail. We recognize that some universities do not allow faculty/staff to pay for dues with a credit card nor use a university card on-line. In those instances, you can print the Final Review page from the membership form as an invoice to present to your accounts payable department and have it mailed in with your payment.

As a **new membership initiative**, the CAAHP Board is currently looking at the various colleges/universities that are represented in our midst and those that are not. In many cases, we believe that schools without a CAAHP member most likely have a Health Professions Advisor on the campus and may simply not know about us. Thus, Board members have divided up our 12 states and plan to reach out to those non-member schools, identify the advisor, and invite him/her to join our organization. We've all talked to advisors who only wish they had known about NAAHP/CAAHP earlier in their advising career. Through this initiative, we hope to find advisors operating solo and introduce them to our wealth of resources.



This initiative is not limited to the Board of Directors. CAAHP members often serve in many different capacities on our various campuses – **ALL members can serve as recruiters.** As you meet colleagues across your state or our region, please share with them about NAAHP and invite them to membership. While we can all direct prospective members to the NAAHP website, we often need the personal connection. I welcome inquiries from all perspective members – send them my way!

-Heidi Lang, Chair of Membership

Adviser Reflections on the National Meeting



I was quite surprised when Gail Robinson told me of the interest to have me present on a panel regarding success in post-baccalaureate programs at the 2010 NAAHP Conference. As a fairly new advisor, I believe I might have told more than one person I felt like an impostor or that the planning committee may have had me confused with someone who had the foggiest idea of what they were doing. But, I put together a Power Point presentation the other members of my panel thought was good enough to use as a springboard for the entire group. We polished it up the evening before the presentation and worked to develop a cohesive message even though we came from different locations in a student's path to medical school; two group members currently advise undergraduates, while I advise students interested in post-baccalaureate programs. We gave our presentation...and had really great questions and feedback from those who attended the panel sessions.

The support I received from the other individuals on my panel, in addition to the support I received from those who attended the presentations, was completely overwhelming. It provided me with the confidence to chip away at my innate introversion and introduce myself to advisors whose words of wisdom I had read countless times on the HLTHPROF listserv. The information I learned from attending other panels gave me a better understanding of how things are done outside my small world of MEDPREP. I came back to work rejuvenated, with ideas fluttering around faster than I could write them down. I learned more about teamwork, flexibility and cooperation from those who were on my panel than I did from my years as a student in college.

It is not often that one is able to mark an experience as transformative while still engaging in that experience, but I found myself able to do so while in Atlanta. For that opportunity, I would like to thank those on the Travel Grant Committee, the Planning Committee, Harold Bardo, and the other members of my panel: James Johnson, Cassandra Flambouras, and Beth Bailey.

Layla Murphy, M.P.A., SIU School of Medicine

CAAHP: Opportunities to Serve

At the CAAHP Regional Meeting in Cleveland (April 14-17), we will be electing a Vice-President, a Secretary and two Members-At-Large for the Board of Directors.

- The Vice-President serves a two-year term and rotates in to the CAAHP Presidency.
- The Secretary is a one-year term and may be re-elected to subsequent one-year terms for a maximum of three years.
- Members-At-Large serve a three-year term on the Board.

If you would like to nominate a CAAHP member, please forward your nomination to Chuck Hauck, Chair, Nominating Committee (charles-hauck@uiowa.edu). The CAAHP Nominating Committee will meet and put forward the slate of candidates for election at our Business Meeting in Cleveland.

NAAHP Updates

The NAAHP Board of Directors met this November via conference call and our CAAHP treasurer, Michael Deibel of Earlham College, was present as our newly-appointed assistant treasurer of NAAHP. Congratulations, Mike!

The Autumn conference agenda typically consists of the day-to-day workings of NAAHP, from office matters, to a review of past meetings and discussion of upcoming, regional meetings. The NAAHP national office in Champaign, IL, recently moved to a new building and the larger space reflects the growth of our association. In addition to our executive director, Susan Maxwell, we are fortunate to have a dedicated staff led by Jerolyn Atwood, whom many of you saw at the NAAHP Conference this past June in Atlanta.

The Atlanta conference was a great success, not only in attendance but even more so thanks to a comprehensive program that addressed advisors' issues and concerns, as well as offering an opportunity to meet with representatives from the spectrum of careers in health and medicine as well as colleagues from throughout the US. Kudos to the program planners, including our own Gail Robinson of Southern Illinois University, and Peggy Abels of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, for a job well done. The travel grant program again provided the opportunity for more advisors than ever before to attend the conference; this program originated with the CAAHP and thanks to its success was adopted by NAAHP. Planning is underway for the CAAHP Regional Conference April 14 - 17 in Cleveland, Ohio. The planning committee is putting together a program that is replete with sessions that will help you in your role as a health professions advisor, and we hope to see you all in Cleveland.

Please feel free to contact me at flambouras@uchicago.edu with any questions, concerns, or suggestions that you would like presented to the NAAHP national board.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

-Cassandra Flambouras, NAAHP Representative

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Treasurer's Report

A financial compilation report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 was completed by Ramsey, Rodefeld, Kassens, & North, LLP. We continue to have solid finances and as a result will be able to again offer travel grants for the upcoming 2011 CAAHP meeting.



Michael Deibel,
Treasurer

NAAHP took Atlanta by STORM!

NAAHP concluded a very successful National Meeting in Atlanta this past June. The meeting, entitled “The Health Professions Journey: Keeping Our Students on Track” was held from June 16-20, 2010 at the Atlanta Marriot Marquis.



The meeting was the largest in the organization’s history in attendees, exhibitors and “Meet the Deans” participants. It was also the most comprehensive program NAAHP has offered. Among the highlights of the NAAHP meeting were interprofessional health care case studies, presented by our Advisory Council members. The case studies may be found at the NAAHP website, www.naahp.org, under “2010 Meeting Highlights”. Evaluations for this past summer’s National Meeting were very positive. Ninety-one percent of respondents evaluated the meeting as “excellent” or “good”.

The program committee is set and planning is underway for the next NAAHP National Meeting, to be held in Baltimore from June 16-20, 2012. Julie Chanatry of Colgate University is the Program Chair.

Submitted by Charles Hauck, CAAHP Past President and NAAHP President

NAAHP predicts a GRANDSLAM in Baltimore!

June 20-24, 2012

Hilton Baltimore and Marriott Inner Harbor Hotels
(Single/Double Room Rate \$179. plus tax)
Baltimore, Maryland



The National Meeting is an excellent opportunity for professional development, reconnecting with colleagues from across the country, and building new working relationships. It is truly a highlight of the year.



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Save the Date-2011 CAAHP Meeting

April 14-17, 2011

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