

WPUNJ ACE-NET

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"ADVANCING WOMEN IN
HIGHER EDUCATION"

DON'T MISS:

- **March 30th—
Tenure Track
Women at WPU:
BrownBag lunch
at Hobart Manor
from 12:30-
1:30pm**
- **Statewide Work-
shop
Date: Friday
April 16, 2010
Time: 9:30am -
2:00pm
Where: Middle-
sex County Col-
lege**
- **Breakfast with
Myrna Speert, 8-
10am, on April
21st in the Pio-
neer Dining
Room.**
- **New Jersey Gov-
ernor's Confer-
ence for Women
2010— May 4,
2010 at Atlantic
City Convention
Center**

Message from WPUNJ ACE-NET Institutional Representative, Jane Austin

Greetings!

When I was first asked to become involved with ACE-Net, I really wasn't sure what the organization was all about other than it sounded a bit like tennis. Being a woman on the tenure track, however, I knew the challenges involved in navigating my career while also doing my best to raise a family. It seemed at times (ok, most of the time) that I was just scrambling to keep my head above water --- committee meetings, research deadlines, teaching, more committee meetings then racing home to pick up my daughter, throw together dinner, and back to the computer to finish up some work once my child was tucked into bed. I was fortunate enough, however, to befriend other women both on the faculty and in administration who commiserated with me and shared their stories of juggling responsibilities. It helped to know that I wasn't alone.

Since then, I've heard first-hand stories not just about how difficult it can be for women to maintain balance while attempting to meet the needs of both a young family

and work, but also how other situations such as caring for a spouse or parent, not knowing what skills are needed to move to the next level, or struggling with gender issues can become obstacles to advancing in one's career.

Women have some unique challenges when it comes to work and American Council on Education – Office of Women in Higher Education is an organization that is dedicated to supporting, encouraging and advancing women in higher education. Bottom line, ACE-Net strives to empower women to reach their potential.

While I have some wonderful colleagues who have been great support, I found that attending the NJ ACE-Net Fall Conference just a few months ago helped me to jump-start my thinking of other ways I can view my career and how I can be more proactive rather than reactive in my approach. I'm honored to be a part of the ACE-Net chapter at WPU and hope to work with the local committee members as well as members throughout the state to bring as much information and opportunities as

possible to the women here on campus.

So how can we do this at WPU? As your new Institutional Representative, I am working with a terrific team of women to spread the word about the organization and set up some events that will hopefully inform and inspire you. We're planning some brown-bag lunches so you can network with others on campus whom you otherwise might never have met. The next Brown Bag will be for Tenure Track Women on Tuesday, March 30th in the first Floor Conference room of Hobart Manor from 12:30-1:30pm. Susan Dinan is in charge of this endeavor so feel free to contact her with your ideas. We're also bringing in accomplished women who can speak to their experiences in the work world later this Spring thanks to the efforts of Nancy Friend. Dorothy Feola is setting up the annual Breakfast with Myrna Speert on April 21st which is always a wonderful event. To get information to you directly, Sandie Miller is coordinating this newsletter and Djanna Hill is heading up the effort to reach out to

women across the campus as coordinator of membership.

Finally, ACE-Net is committed to supporting women in the development of their leadership skills. We are planning to offer information and scholarships to workshops in these areas. You'll be hearing more from Kate Makarec. Virginia "Ginny" Overdorf is a great resource for us as well with her leadership experience. We all want to be supportive in helping women identify career paths and provide opportunities for professional growth.

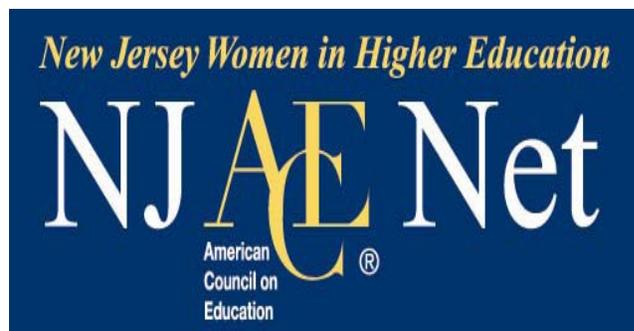
I'd like to encourage each and every one of you to attend the ACE-Net State Conference at Middlesex County College on Friday, April 16th from 9:00 to 2:00pm. I know that it seems difficult to fit in yet another meeting but you should find this a worthwhile event. Details on registration will be available soon and will be sent out via an announcement or feel free call any of us for additional information.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or ideas. ACE-Net is about you so let's work together in building strong networks, support and opportunities.

Best Regards,
Jane

Upcoming Events for

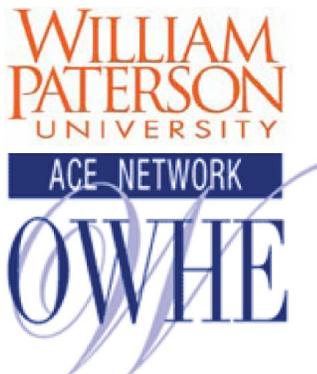
Statewide Workshop
Date: Friday April 16, 2010
Time: 9:30am - 2:00pm
Where: Middlesex County College



WPUNJ ACE-NET Steering Committee

- Jane Austin Chair
- Kate Makarec Scholarship
- Djanna Hill Membership
- Dorothy Feola Breakfast with Myrna
- Sandie Miller Newsletter

- Virginia Overdorf
- Susan Dinan
- Nancy Friend
- Nina Jemmott



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SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday May 4, 2010 / Atlantic City Convention Center

We are pleased to announce the 2010 New Jersey Governor's Conference for Women is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City. We also hope you can join us for a Networking Reception on May 3 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel's Crown Ballroom. More than 2,000 people will attend this Conference!

The theme of this year's conference is "A PASSPORT TO YOUR FUTURE". Topics that will be presented will guide and inspire conference-goers from a diverse array of occupations, races, ethnicities, religious preferences, and income levels. The expectation of our planning committee is to provide our attendees through a journey that will empower them by offering educational workshops, networking opportunities, and motivational stories.

Networking Reception

Monday, May 3 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel
Crown Ballroom
Special hotel rates will be available!

"A Passport To Your Future" Health Fair

Back again by popular demand, visit our enhanced health fair for FREE health screenings and giveaways. Please forward this email to any interested friends and colleagues.