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for professionals engaged in college student affairs work."*

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Happy New Year SACSA family:

What a difference a year makes! During the planning of the 2009 conference in Franklin, Tennessee, the SACSA Executive Council remained committed to planning a high quality conference while at the same time understanding the current financial situation of our country and our institutions of higher education. In true SACSA fashion, you all demonstrated an unwavering allegiance to the Association and your ongoing professional development. We exceeded expected conference attendance by over 100 attendees and celebrated 60 wonderful years of SACSA. Again in 2010 at the beautiful resort in Panama City Beach, Florida, over 250 new and returning members arrived to continue the legacy of outstanding SACSA conferences. We truly have much to be thankful for and incredibly proud of as we march into 2011!

As a proud member of SACSA since 1999, I am honored to serve you as SACSA President. Not only have I grown professionally through participation in our various professional development opportunities, I've made life-long friends who have become more like extended family. It's for these reasons and many others that I believe in SACSA and our many contributions to the field of Student Affairs and higher education. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this important role for our Association.

During the closing brunch of the 2010 conference, I introduced two ideas for our focus in 2011: the notion of "trusting the process" and our theme for 2011, "Delivering a Dream: Challenging Ourselves to Connect, Empower and Sustain." Because of the outstanding work of the 61 Past Presidents and the most recent leadership of Past President Dr. Sherryl Byrd, we have been given a strong foundation for propelling SACSA to "next level thinking and planning for our future" through the 2010-2015 SACSA Strategic Plan. The institution of this plan challenges the Association to revisit and solidify key components for a successful, sustainable Association: 1) to increase Association membership; 2) to stabilize the financial viability of the Association; 3) to strengthen the infrastructure of the Association; 4) to enhance and strengthen partnerships with key constituencies, and 5) to provide professional development opportunities throughout the year. As we strategize this year to enact various aspects of the strategic plan, it will require each of us to stretch and "trust the process". As is the case on many of our campuses, doing things the way we've always done them is no longer an acceptable argument. We will revisit much of our work this year to ensure we are maximizing the talents of our Association membership, seek to provide more non-conference programming and services, expand our reach and retention of members through a concerted membership campaign, and identify opportunities with historically black colleges and universities, technical colleges, and community colleges to strengthen our partnerships. Yes, this year will be exciting and challenging, but facing these challenges head-on will ultimately be for the betterment of our beloved SACSA.

In closing, the 2011 conference will be held in the "Gateway of the South," Atlanta, Georgia, November 5 – 8, 2011. We expect record attendance and participation at this year's conference; this means we are relying on you! Our theme for 2011, "Delivering a Dream: Challenging Ourselves to Connect, Empower and Sustain," reminds us of the importance of holding each other accountable, supporting one another, and equipping ourselves with the tools and skills necessary to continue our important work as Student Affairs practitioners and scholars. As we move toward November 2011, may I engage you with a challenge? I ask each of you to reach out during this year to a current member of the Association AND invite someone who is currently not a member of SACSA to learn more about us.

We have a wonderful story to tell – let's all do our best to tell our SACSA story far and wide!

Here's to an outstanding year,

Melissa Shivers
SACSA President 2010-2011

2010 Conference Award Recipients

At each annual conference, members of SACSA recognize the accomplishments of a select group of colleagues. The SACSA Awards and Recognition Committee invites the membership to make nominations for the four most prestigious awards given by the Association. These awards are based upon merit and may or may not be presented each year. A complete description of each award and listing of previous winners can be found on the [SACSA Awards page](#) of the website.

Annual Awards

Each year the Association recognizes outstanding members at the Awards Luncheon during the annual conference. These recipients have made significant contributions to SACSA, the student affairs profession and/or to their respective campus.



From Left to Right : **H. Howard Davis Sr. Award**: Clay Brown (University of Arkansas-Monticello) ; **Joe Buck Service Award**: Deb Kladviko (University of South Carolina-Aiken); **Bobby E. Leach Award**: Lakiesha Cantey Rawlinson (Clayton State University); **Melvane Draheim Hardee Award**: BJ Mann (University of Mississippi) ; **New Professional Award**: Khorey Baker (Florida State University)

New Honorary Lifetime Member

Dr. Robert Glenn, President of Athens State University (AL) since 2008 with Clay Brown, Past President (2008-09). Bob served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Middle Tennessee State University from 1999 – 2008. He is a past SACSA President (2006-07) and also held the positions of Vice President for Constituent Relations and Chair of Sponsors, Partners and Exhibitors. We are proud to recognize Bob as SACSA's newest Honorary Lifetime Member.



Left: Clay Brown Right: Dr. Robert Glen

SACSA Foundation recognizes The 2010 Research Grant and Dissertation of the Year Award Winners

Each year the SACSA Foundation provides funding for the awards that accompany selection of the Dissertation of the Year and Research Grants. The recipients were announced at the Awards Luncheon during the annual conference. The Foundation would like to acknowledge and congratulate each of these individuals on their scholarly endeavors and commitment to advancing student affairs research. In the next SACSA-Alert, we plan to feature brief interviews of our award winners and learn more about how support from the foundation assisted their research and aided them in making change in higher education.



From Left to Right : **Dissertation of the Year**: Dr. Matthew Clifford (Wake Forest University); **Research Chair**: April Heiselt (Mississippi State University); **Research Grants**: Stacie Williams (University of South Carolina Aiken); Beau Seagraves (University of Georgia); **not pictured** - Dr. Natasha Chapman, Melissa Gruver, Cristina Ramos (all Texas Christian University) and Dr. Minisa Huls (Thomas Nelson Community College)

Professional Development and Placement Information

New Professionals Institute 2011

SACSA and NASPA Region III proudly offer NPI 2011, June 6 – 10, 2011 at Emory University. Designed for the student affairs professional who has been working in the field between one and five years, this Institute covers such topics as strategic planning, budget management and balancing personal and professional life – issues relevant to the new professional that weren't necessarily covered in grad school or professional development seminars.

For more information and to register: click here [NPI 2011](#)

Applications are due April 1, 2011 and payment is due May 1, 2011.

Mid-Manager's Institute 2011

SACSA and NASPA Region III proudly offer MMI 2011, June 18 -22 at Auburn University. MMI is a unique professional development experience that offers an opportunity for promising mid-level professionals to enhance and develop the skills, relationships, and dispositions that distinguish them in the profession.

For more information and to register: click here [MMI 2011](#)

Applications are due March 31, 2011.

Southern Placement Exchange

It is not too late to register as a candidate or an employer. Registration is open until February 18. <http://www.southernplacement.com/>

Your Career Services Committee will be there offering free informational sessions to attendees on Thursday from 4 - 6pm so arrive early!!! Look for topics such as interview etiquette, placement preparation and on campus interview preparation.

Placement Exchange Preparation

Are you heading to SPE, OPE, TPE or ACPA to look for your next great job? If so check out "The Placement Exchange Experience and other job hunting strategies" publication brought to you by the Student Affairs Professional Development Committee. It might help you put your best foot forward. Good luck in your job hunt!

SACSA / NASPA Region III Annual Conference

November 5-7 2011

Atlanta, GA

Delivering a Dream:

Challenging Ourselves to Connect, Empower, and Sustain

2009-2010 Past President's Report

Click here to review Past President Byrd's [Annual Report](#) .

Past Presidents at Annual Conference

Past presidents attending the annual conference in Panama City Beach gathered for their traditional breakfast. Unfortunately Ralph Johnson (1995-96) and Andy Marsch (2001-02) had to leave early.



Front Left to Right: Melissa Shivers (2010-11); Ann Bailey (2005-06); Sherryl Byrd (2009-10) Back Left to Right: Harold Holmes (1997-98); Bob Glenn (2006-07); Clay Brown (2008-09); Joe Buck (1984-85); Jim Conneely (2000-01)



In Memory



Dr. John Downey Jones, Jr., 82, of Birmingham, AL., passed away on January 14, 2011, under the loving care of his daughter, son and Hospice of Citrus County, FL. He was born on October 28, 1928 in Lacy, Arkansas.

John Downey graduated from Drew Central High School and attended Arkansas A & M College, earning a Bachelor Degree in Education. He continued his studies at The University of Arkansas, receiving a Masters Degree in Education and a Doctorate in Education at the University of Mississippi. Later, he was awarded a Masters in Public Health degree from The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

John served as Dean of Student Affairs and Associate Professor of Education at The University of Arkansas at Monticello. He was Vice President of Student Affairs, Professor of Education and Associate Director of the Center for Study of Higher Education at Memphis State University. Dr. Jones was the first Vice President of Student Affairs at UAB, also serving as Professor of Education. In 1990, he stepped down from his duties as Vice President and became the Director of the Center for International Programs until his full retirement from UAB in 1995.

He was a national leader in Higher Education, serving in leading roles in many national, regional and state-wide professional associations. He was broadly involved as a consultant to other universities in the US and internationally, including institutions in Columbia, Spain, the Republic of China, Turkey, Jordan, and the West Bank.

In the Birmingham community, he served as a member of the board of Directors of the Birmingham Festival of the Arts and the Birmingham Music Club. He was a member of the Downtown Rotary and of Leadership Birmingham.

He is survived by his daughter, Janis Wardlaw (Ronald) of Hernando, FL.; son, David (Larry) of San Francisco, CA.; grandson, Evan Sams of Perth, Australia; brother Jimmy (Carolyn, and nieces Diana and Carol) of Houston, TX.; and stepsons, Henry Cornelius (Staci, and granddaughter, Hannah) and Michael Cornelius, of Birmingham, AL. He is preceded in death by his parents, John Downey Jones, Sr. and Addie Akin Jones, and his wife, Edith Cornelius Jones.

Funeral services were held at Canterbury United Methodist Church, 350 Overbrook Rd. in Birmingham on Tuesday, January 18. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The John D. Jones Endowed Scholarship or The International Student Scholarship Fund at : UAB Gift Records, 1530 3rd Ave. South, AB 1230, Birmingham, AL. 35294-0112. Condolences may be sent to: Janis Wardlaw, 1690 N. Di Maggio Path, Hernando, FL. 34442 and are welcomed at JanisWardlaw@gmail.com.

Dear SACSA family,

On Friday, January 14th the SACSA family lost an important member of our family. Dr. John Downey Jones, Jr., SACSA Past President passed away.

We will work on a resolution to acknowledge Dr. Jones' many contributions to SACSA and the field of higher education.

Sincerely,

Melissa S. Shivers
SACSA President

SACSA Foundation

Joelle Davis Carter, Foundation Chair

SACSA FOUNDATION-- “Cultivating a Life of Stewardship” with SACSA members!

The SACSA Foundation has already jumped into the New Year with fresh ideas and renewed energy to increase contributions from the membership to the Foundation. The Foundation is committed to identifying resources that will allow for more programs and activities to benefit the membership. The Board of Directors has done a phenomenal job of organizing the Foundation’s internal activities and establishing strategies to increase its capacity to support the overall goals of SACSA. Kudos to a dynamic group of people who served on the board last year and will continue this year:

Tony Cawthon (Clemson University)

Jane Adams-Dunford (Western Carolina University)

Andy Lewter (Maryville College)

*Tanisha Jenkins (University of Tennessee-Knoxville)

Kenneth Posner (Saint Leo University)

Dwaun Warmack (Bethune-Cookman University)

Deborah Kladviko (University of South Carolina Aiken)

*Ellen Neufeldt (Salisbury University)

**Denotes newly appointed Board of Directors*

In this vein, the Board of Directors wishes to provide a snapshot of its new development campaign and introduce new members to the Foundation. Please continue to look for updates on the SACSA Website regarding the Foundation’s Activities.

Join the SACSA Foundation during its campaign to “Cultivate a Life of Stewardship”

On behalf of The SACSA Foundation, I would like to thank every SACSA member and friend for contributions to the Foundation over the past few years. In particular, we want to thank those members and friends who were diligent in contributing, and in many cases, increasing their giving levels during the 2010 Annual Conference in Panama City, Florida. It is important that you recognize that your contribution has and continues to enable the Foundation to provide stronger support for critical organizational programs such as the Research and Dissertation Grants. These are examples of two programs that afford qualified SACSA members with the resources to pursue scholarly efforts and initiatives that improve the lives of colleges and universities and inform how we can become even stronger advocates for students as student affairs professionals.

As we quickly become immersed in a new year, your SACSA Foundation has one primary goal-**To DO more With and For our membership**. In order to accomplish what may seem to be a simple goal, we need you, the member. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to invite each SACSA member to join our campaign to “Cultivate a Life of Stewardship.” This campaign is designed to educate, engage, and empower the SACSA membership about the ways in which financial giving can strengthen and sustain important professional development organizations, such as SACSA. In an effort to help the SACSA Foundation begin this campaign, you can start by doing TWO things today:

- Reflect upon what you have personally gained from being a part of the SACSA family and consider increasing your contribution level. If you are currently at the Donor level (\$1-\$24), considering making an online contribution to advance to the Loyalty level (\$25-\$49). The online system makes it easy for members to make donations on a weekly, biweekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.
- Think about a time when you have contributed financially or through your personal time and service. We invite you to think about times when you have given to SACSA or other organizations to advance the well-being of another person or organization. We want your "giving story" as a means to share why they gave to a particular person(s) or organization and the personal impact of the giving. Write down this reflection and submit to Joelle Davis Carter, Chair of the SACSA Foundation (jdcarter@gwu.edu) along with a photo to be featured on the Foundation webpage or highlight in one of the issues of the SACSA-Iert.

SACSA Foundation, continued

The SACSA Foundation welcomes two new Board of Directors members

Every two years, the SACSA Board of Directors faces a difficult but rewarding challenge. The difficulty is that term of one or more member's term ends with the Board and the reward is additional SACSA members join the collective group. Thus, every so often we have deal with parting with talented members who make significant contributions to the Foundation's efforts while gaining more individuals that are talented from SACSA membership who are knowledgeable and eager to serve.

This year, the Foundation invited Ms. Tanisha Jenkins, Associate Director of Minority Affairs, University of Knoxville-Tennessee and Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President of Student Affairs, Salisbury University to serve as members of the Board of Directors. Combined, Tanisha and Ellen bring unique perspectives and experience to the Board of the Directors. They have both served in major committee roles and leadership positions within the Association, and possess skills that will strengthen our "Life of Stewardship" campaign among other initiatives. Please learn more about these two extraordinary individuals from their bios below.



Ms. Tanisha Jenkins

Associate Director, Office of Minority Affairs, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

"I am grateful and humbled by the opportunity to serve on the SACSA Foundation. I am excited to assume a leadership role that will enable me to assist in identifying ways to offer our beloved membership and association additional opportunities for professional development and advancement."

Tanisha Jenkins, Associate Director of Minority Student Affairs, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, joined the "Rocky Top" family in August 2009. She oversees the department's peer mentoring program, academic support unit, and 13,700 square foot Black Cultural Center. She has been a member of SACSA since 2003, has served the Association in numerous roles such as the Multicultural Issues Committee Chair, Resolutions Chair, and is currently the 2011 Awards & Recognition Committee Chair.



Dr. Ellen Neufeldt,

Vice President of Student Affairs, Salisbury University

"I am honored to be part of the SACSA foundation. It gives me an opportunity to give back to an organization that has meant so much to my professional career. The Foundation ensures sustaining the foundation of SACSA and enhancing important programs that advance the profession."

Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President of Student Affairs, joined Salisbury University in August 2005. She leads offices in the areas of enrollment management, student services, student life, and athletics. While at SU, Ellen has been a constant champion for student success and engagement initiatives. She also has worked diligently to promote the University's enrollment growth while enhancing student diversity and the academic profile of incoming classes. Ellen has been a member of SACSA since 1996. She has served as a faculty member for MMI 2006, local arrangements chair for the 2004 conference, and most recently served as member-at-large on the Executive Committee for 2010.

Committee Chairs and SACSA-Iert Contributors

Tanisha Jenkins , Awards & Recognition

Pam Curtis , Career Services

Ana Didonato , Conference Chair

Lakiesha Cantey Rawlinson , Conference Local Arrangements

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Dr. Andrew Johnston , Mid-Managers Institute

Marc Cordon , Multicultural Awareness

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Joy Smith , NASPA-III Vice President

Dr. Dawn Watkins , New Professionals Institute

Jim Conneely , Nominations

Lamar Bryant , Parliamentarian/By-Laws

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Dr. Monica Burke , Research

Adrian DeLoach , Resolutions

Khorey Baker , SACSA's 'Newest' Professionals

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