This is an exciting time of year for us here in the Student Personnel Assistantship program. Topping the list is the MA interview process. SPA Days are well underway, with our second group of applicants arriving this evening and interviews taking place over the next two days. From an applicant pool of nearly 150, we have invited 57 candidates to interview for approximately 25 graduate assistantships available across the university in areas as diverse as Student Life, Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience, Honors and Scholars, and the Fisher College of Business. We appreciate the enthusiastic participation of all supervising offices, who play such an integral role in making our philosophy, “theory to practice,” a reality for our students.

The HESA faculty has also been hard at work conducting admissions interviews for the PhD program. We received approximately 30 PhD applications this year and invited 10 interviews, two-to-three of whom will comprise the PhD cohort of 2009. Though it makes our job that much more challenging, we are happy to have such a qualified pool of applicants from which to build both the MA and PhD programs.

The next bit of excitement stems from the nomination and application processes for awards and scholarships. You may have seen the recent call for nominations for the Maude A. Stewart and Emerging Professional Awards. I hope you will consider nominating an HESA/SPA alumnus whom you feel deserving of these distinctions. Recipients will be announced at the upcoming NASPA and ACPA Conference Receptions along with the Porterfield-Dickens Award. The faculty is also in the process of deciding scholarship awards for the coming year, which prompts me to call your attention to an item you will find in this volume that outlines the various methods of giving to support HESA and SPA...

The program relies on your generosity to be able to support current students in the form of SPA Professional Development Funds, the Ruth Mount Fellowship, and the Porterfield-Dickens Award, among others. There is also a more general SPA Support fund that supports the recruitment and admissions activities of the program. During these tough economic times, your contributions become ever more central to the vitality of the program and our ability to provide opportunities for students and to maintain a high caliber program. Please consider giving back and paying forward.

We are looking forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming conference receptions, the details of which you will see announced in the following pages. Our new Vice President, Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, and her staff have been planning a fun-filled couple of hours for you to meet, greet, and reconnect with your OSU SPA friends and classmates. I’ll be there, and I hope to see you there, too.

With Warm Regards,

Dr. Tammy L. Maltzan (PhD ’06)
After 35 years of service to the university, Richard Hollingsworth has retired as the vice president of Student Affairs. From promoting student leadership to being a mentor and friend for thousands of students at Ohio State, his leadership will be missed by many. Although Hollingsworth is retiring from his current position, he plans on taking a teaching position next quarter. "After I take a few months off, I will return in the spring to teach for the next couple years," he said.

At his retirement party, friends, including President E. Gordon Gee, told of Hollingsworth's contributions. "The one thing that stands out about Rich is his deep and abiding commitment to students," Gee said. Peter Koltak, president of Undergraduate Student Government, said Hollingsworth's biggest legacy was the tone he set for the Office of Student Life. "He has been very supportive of the students and pushed the Office of Student Life to be supportive as well," he said. He also noted that Hollingsworth was just as much a friend as a mentor. "I never hesitated to call, whether to bounce and idea off of him or talk to him about my life," Koltak said. "Rich was always there to council his students."

A close friend and colleague, John Ellinger, director of Infrastructure for the Office of Information Technology, said Hollingsworth's achievements reflect his strong commitment to the university. "He is one of the best supporters this university has ever had," he said. "If you were to open him up, his heart is scarlet and gray."

One of Hollingsworth's past students also spoke, telling of his inspiration. Keith Key, Ohio State alumnus, said Hollingsworth's legacy of being an advocate for student leadership and community service should be carried on by the students. "Students can carry on his legacy by being involved in student organizations and connecting to the larger Ohio State community," he said. In his honor, Key has helped create the "Richard Hollingsworth Leadership Fund" for student leaders. "We all have the responsibility to make a difference in someone else's life, as he has in mine," Key said.

In his last graduation speech at the 2008 Autumn commencement, Hollingsworth told graduates to act with their heart in everything they did, and to be happy in their choices. Upon his retirement, he sent out a similar message. "Be smart, be safe and have a great passion for life."
Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston Joins Student Life
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The Ohio State University Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Javaune Adams-Gaston to a major university leadership position. Adams-Gaston will fill the post of vice president for student life following the January 2009 retirement of Richard Hollingsworth, a 35-year Ohio State veteran who has held that position since 2006. Adams-Gaston currently is executive director of the University Career Center and the President’s Promise program at the University of Maryland in College Park, as well as equity administrator in the university’s Division of Student Affairs.

With more than 25 years of administrative experience at the University of Maryland, Adams-Gaston has served in a number of capacities, holding key positions in student affairs, academic affairs, intercollegiate athletics and university-level administration. A licensed psychologist, she has held teaching positions at Maryland, Johns Hopkins University and Iowa State, and has presented her research at a number of national conferences. She has served as a peer reviewer for NCAA Athletic Certification since 1997. "Dr. Adams-Gaston is one of this country’s most forward-thinking, successful student life professionals," said university President E. Gordon Gee. "She has a full understanding of the broad range of students' needs, and I look forward to working with her to make Ohio State the nation's finest collegiate environment."

In her new role, Adams-Gaston will oversee an office with more than 5,000 employees, including 4,000 part-time student employees, and an annual budget of $176 million. The Office of Student Life is responsible for a wide range of student services, including housing, food service, recreation, the Ohio Union and student activities, mental health and career counseling, health care and wellness, disability services, the Multicultural Center, parent and family relations, student judicial affairs, off-campus student services, student advocacy, BuckID, and the student housing legal clinic (in partnership with the Moritz College of Law), as well as conference services and several event centers.

Adams-Gaston received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of Dubuque in Iowa in 1978, her master’s degree in applied clinical psychology from Dubuque’s Loras College in 1980, and a doctorate in psychology from Iowa State University in 1983.

Please send any news, updates and other information to the SPA Office at spa@osu.edu or call Lexie at 614-292-4322! We will include personal and professional updates and job announcements, in our monthly cyberbriefs. We look forward to hearing from you!
Call for Nominations:  
Maude Stewart Award

Dr. Maude Stewart served as the Director of the SPA program from 1954-1967. It was Dr. Stewart who was responsible for developing the character and national reputation of the SPA program. During her tenure, Dr. Stewart served as a professor in both higher education and psychology. By the time she left in 1967, she had expanded the program to 35 assistantships within the residence halls at Ohio State and provided the integration of theory and practice for which the SPA program continues to be known. Dr. Stewart is remembered as a kind, caring, gentle spirit who had an immeasurable amount of patience.

In the tradition begun by Dr. Stewart, recipients demonstrate exceptional leadership, service, or innovation in the profession of Higher Education and Student Affairs. Their contributions may be in teaching, practice, or professional organizations. The award was created to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Stewart, former director of the SPA program.

The SPA Program is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Maude A. Stewart Award. If you would like to nominate a SPA alumnus befitting the criteria of the award as described above, please forward by Friday 27 February the name of your nominee along with a brief statement of nomination, 500 or fewer words to spa@osu.edu. In your statement, please tell us why you believe the nominee to be deserving of this honor. The award will be presented at the annual NASPA and ACPA conferences, but is typically kept confidential (a surprise to the recipient) until such time as the award is made.

Call for Nominations:  
Emerging Professional Award

The HESA and SPA programs of The Ohio State University are pleased to request nominations for the Emerging Professional Award. The inauguration of this award coincided with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the SPA program and honors individuals who embody the values and philosophy of HESA and SPA. The initial award(s) were presented at the SPA 50th Anniversary celebration held in September 1998. Subsequent awards have been presented annually at the ACPA and NASPA conferences.

Criteria for Award Selection:

• Graduate of the Ohio State HESA M.A. program
• No more than five years of professional work and/or advanced studies since completion of the Master’s degree
• Potential for significant contribution to the field of higher education in one or more of the following areas: administration, teaching, research, publication, service, and/or leadership in professional organizations.

To Nominate:

A letter of nomination and supporting documentation, including a current resume of the nominee, should be sent by Friday 27 February to:

Dr. Tammy L. Maltzan  
Coordinator: SPA Program  
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29 W. Woodruff Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio 43210  
614-688-3095  
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Electronic submissions are encouraged, and self-nominations are welcome. For further information please contact Dr. Maltzan at 292-4322 or spa@osu.edu.
We’ll Be Seeing You!

NASPA Annual Conference

Vice President for Student Life and SPA Reception

March 9th, 2009
9:30—11:30 pm
Sheraton—Cedar Room

Are you attending the ACPA or NASPA annual Conferences this year? Are you looking for a way to connect with alumni, friends, and colleagues of HESA and SPA? This year, the Vice President for Student Life will sponsor our annual conference receptions, welcoming alumni and friends of OSU to celebrate this year’s accomplishments! We look forward to seeing you in Seattle and D.C.!

ACPA Annual Conference

Vice President for Student Life and SPA Reception

March 30th, 2009
7:30—9:00 pm
Gaylord—Annapolis 2

Calendar of Events/Reminders

2/2 Contract and Offer Negotiations
Professional Development
12:00pm, 33 W. 11th Ave

3/5-3/11 NASPA Annual Conference
Seattle, Washington

3/13 Last Day of Winter Classes

3/20-3/29 Spring Break

3/30 Spring Classes Begin

3/28-4/1 ACPA Annual Conference
Washington, D.C.

4/2 Personal Budgeting
Professional Development
4:00pm, Ramseyer 245

4/8 Transitions I
Professional Development
11:00am, 33 W. 11th Ave

4/15 SPA Decision Day

4/17 SPA Supervisor Meeting
11:00am, Ramseyer 136

3/13 Transitions II
Professional Development
11:00am, 33 W. 11th Ave

5/22 SPA Supervisor Meeting
11:00am, Ramseyer 136

5/25 Memorial Day
Office Closed

6/5 Last Day of Spring Classes

6/13 MA Hooding Ceremony

6/14 Commencement

6/15 Lancaster Internship Begins

6/22 Summer Quarter Begins
The College of Education and Human Ecology Development Office administers various funds related to HESA and SPA.

A tax-deductible contribution to one of these funds is a great way to give back and pay forward!

**Ruth Weimer Mount Fellowship Fund**
Supports a Graduate Student in HESA, who shall be known as The Ruth Weimer Mount Fellow and shall be Annually Selected from The Leading Students.
*Fund Number: 645066*

**SPA Program Support Fund**
To Assist the Student Personnel Assistant Program
*Fund Number: 303812*

**SPA Professional Development Fund**
To Support Professional Development Activities of SPA Students
*Fund Number: 301377*

**The Porterfield-Dickens SPA Assistantship Fund**
Annual Income Shall Provide Full Support for an Assistantship (Tuition and Stipend) to a Graduate Student in the HESA Program Through the SPA Program
*Fund Number: 605884*

No gift is too small—Consider giving in the amount of the year in which you graduated (for example, $19.65 or $20.08)!

If you wish to make a gift to benefit HESA and SPA, please visit [http://ehe.osu.edu/development/ways-to-give.cfm](http://ehe.osu.edu/development/ways-to-give.cfm).