

# NEACUHO NAVIGATOR



RYAN YOUNG & ANGELA KANG AT THE ANNUAL NEACUHO CONFERENCE HOSTED AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## We Survived Opening of the Halls!

If August is a blur, the first half of September is an adrenaline rush, and you haven't talked to your friends and family for over a month, you know you are in Residence Life. Welcome to the beginning of a new year. A wonderful year for professional growth,

connections, and even some fun! We very much hope that NEACUHO will be a important part of your professional development this year. We look forward to your participation at conferences and submission of articles for future NEACUHO Navigators!

Visit page 3 of the newsletter for a list of upcoming conferences and mark your calendar. We hope you enjoy this first edition of the 2012-2013 academic year!

*Jess Faulk  
Media & Publications Chair  
Simmons College, Boston MA*



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**Cindy Long Porter**  
NEACUHO President

# From the President's Desk



Greetings NEACUHO! It is a thrill to write my first column as president of NEACUHO! This has been an exciting summer for me, kicking off with our annual conference at Northeastern University. The Northeastern staff delivered an outstanding conference experience. I shared with the membership four goals as President for the year.

- 1. Move forward the strategic plan goals related to finance**
- 2. Move forward the strategic plan goals related to structure and governance**
- 3. Continue to make our organization inclusive for all of our members**
- 4. Increase our communication throughout the membership**

To get started in accomplishing these goals, Dr. Jon Conlogue from Westfield State has agreed to lead a task force looking at finance which will get underway within the next few weeks. Gary Bice Jr, from Fredonia has agreed to lead a second task force that will look at structure and governance. It is important to have representation from all levels within the organization to be involved with our task forces. If you would like to participate and have not already reached out, please email me directly at [clporter@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:clporter@quinnipiac.edu).

Just as it is important to have members of all levels included in these two task forces it is also important that we ensure our organization is indeed inclusive all members and that we are preparing ourselves as professionals to embrace the changing complexion of our nation. My third goal focuses on inclusion and I will challenge all of our committees to keep this in mind as we plan our offerings from the year. Additionally, I have added a position to the board to ensure our senior housing officers are engaged in our discussions. Dr. Derek Zuckerman from Holy Cross has agreed to take on this task.

My fourth goal focuses on communication. Under the skilled leadership of our Technology Coordinator, Mike Hamilton, and his team (the technology committee) expect to see a major overhaul of our web site. Media and Publications chair, Jess Faulk along with her committee are also working on the design and format of our newsletter. The changes are aimed at not only improving communication but On a personal note, I have also made a pledge to tweet once a week, but more importantly to continue regular communication directly with our past presidents and the membership at large. Follow me [http://twitter.com/clp\\_qu](http://twitter.com/clp_qu)

Summer is flying by! I had the opportunity to attend the ACUHO I annual conference and expo in Anaheim California. It was great to connect with our MACUHO friends at the regional reception! Thank you to Kathi Bradford for representing the Best of Northeast with a presentation on gender neutral housing.

The board met on July 20<sup>th</sup> followed by a very successful committee day. We can look forward to some great offerings from the committees in the coming months. We were also thrilled to learn that NEACUHO is finally incorporated. Thank you to all who have worked on this over the years. Our dear friend and colleague Chuck Lamb is completing his last year as foundation rep for our region. The foundation rep must be able to attend the training in January and commit to attending as many of the NEACUHO functions as possible to promote the Foundation. If anyone is interested in filling that role please email me as I can provide you more information.

I hope you join me in looking forward to the year ahead. It is what we make of it so let's make it a good one!

Take care, *Cindy*

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- ✓ Networking at District socials and roundtable events
- ✓ Opportunities to be involved on committees or run for elected and appointed positions
- ✓ Opportunities to present at a regional conference

Date	Event	Location
October 5, 2012	Fall Drive In	Western New England
November 10, 2012	RD2B	Old Westbury
December 7, 2012	Operations Trade Show	Ithaca College
January 10-11, 2013	Social Issues Retreat Series	University of Rhode Island
February 9, 2013	RD2B	Eastern Connecticut
March 22, 2013	Mid/Level	Bridgewater State
June 21-24, 2013	Annual Conference	University of New Hampshire

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# My first NEACUHO Conference

Samantha Willyard  
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## 2012 ANNUAL



RECONNECTING



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FOODING MADE FUN

So you could say that I was relatively unexcited about going to the NEACUHO conference. I signed up before I realized what it would entail. My past conference experiences have meant a few sessions and a car ride home at the end of the day. I'll be honest with you, I have anxiety, especially where it relates to large groups of people that I don't know. A few weeks before the conference, I began to hear stories about the socials at night and all of the chances to network throughout the week. Night time socials and dance parties!!? For every story I heard, I packed another book in my suitcase so I could hide in my room and read.

Wednesday, the first day there, I was really nervous. Everyone seemed to already know each other and had ribbons on and I was a new person at new professionals orientation and I felt like I screamed "I have no clue what I'm doing and I should be home cooking and watching bad television." I was on the verge of tears on the way to the opening banquet and I just wanted to go home. After the banquet, some of my co-workers decided to give trivia a whirl so I agreed to play a game before I went to bed. Trivia was a lot of fun, there was music to dance around to and a chance for me to share all of the useless knowledge that I keep stored for such occasions. I joked around with some other professionals in the room and went to bed thinking, this isn't so bad.

The next day, I went to sessions and talked to new people. I loved school so sessions made me feel like I was in my element. I attended a session on Social Media and the whole time I was thinking of ways to make it work for my hall. At lunch, a co-worker and I sat at an empty table and soon enough a bunch of people joined us, including one of the presenters of a session I had attended earlier in the day. We talked about the sessions we attended and how things are going at our home institutions. I also got to talk a little more about social media and the role it plays at different institutions. It was very low-key and I enjoyed it. That afternoon I attended a session on RA Training and the wheels started to turn again. I took pages upon pages of notes and couldn't wait to share them with my supervisor and co-workers.

Once it was time for Night Out on the Town, I started to get anxious again. I didn't know anyone else who signed up for the trip to the Red Sox game. As everyone started to meet in the lobby, I recognized a few people from the different sessions I attended so I chatted with them a little. By the time I got off of the bus, a group of individuals invited me to hang out with them before the game. I later found out that they were five different people from five different institutions. This is what people had meant by socials and networking... and I was enjoying it! Every bit of nervousness I had was quickly dissipated. That night at the game, I realized that I was having fun and I couldn't believe I was at a work conference.

When Friday rolled around, I was looking forward to the rest of the sessions. I attended a session on students with learning differences that really resonated with me. I worked with a few students with LDs over the semester and I knew they were returning to my hall, so I really valued hearing new ways to work with them. Friday, I also decided to join the program committee. I know, the girl who didn't even want to go to the conference wanted to help pick sessions and be involved in next years conference. I felt like I was a completely different person than the girl who walked in on Wednesday. I went from bringing books to read each night to putting on my dancing shoes and dancing the night away at Club NEACUHO. I pushed myself out of my comfort zone and it was the best thing I could've done.

Once I got back to my home institution, I felt like I grew a lot as a professional in just three days. I talked a lot about the sessions I attended, thought about ways to implement things that I learned and couldn't wait to hear back if I was on a committee. I've already started building my social media campaign for my hall and I've worked with my co-workers to re-vamp RA training. I often find myself referencing things not just things that I learned in sessions but things I learned in casual conversations outside of sessions.

Three days was all it took to open my eyes to a whole new part of the career I love and I already can't wait for the NEACUHO conference next year and the years to come.

# Better RA Learning through Universal Design

**Jeff Bickford**  
Assistant Director of Student Life  
Johnson State College, Johnson, VT

Our most important growth moments occur more often when we connect current needs to once-forgotten or almost-forgotten conceptual threads. Professional development has been a basic necessity for me since the start of my career. I do not hold a master's degree in a relevant field and I have learned everything on the job; I came into Residence Life by way of teaching elementary school and directing a summer day camp. But for me, "pro dev" is not limited to reading journals or attending conferences. In fact, the 2012 NEACUHO Fall Drive-in was my first professional conference ever, nine years after I began in the field.

One important area of my ongoing learning is called "planning RA training." Each year I review how we did the year before and reflect on how to improve the weak points. In nine years my idea of effective training has evolved considerably. In 2010, I took a course in Curriculum Development and for a final project radically re-imagined the core focus of how we train. We went towards a skills-based curriculum that is easier to assess for learning and can provide equal challenge for new and returning staff.

In the first iteration of my new curriculum, I included some bland references to a concept called Universal Design for Learning (UDL). I was mostly familiar with it from a prior course as a nice-sounding theory in which an instructor tries to anticipate the needs of different learners when planning a lesson, instead of waiting for accommodations requests and having to make changes.

That fall, we had a woman on the paraprofessional staff with a pretty significant learning disability. I found that my passing reference to UDL in session planning was inadequate. I had to spend considerable extra time reframing concepts and chasing down follow-up notes from sessions so she could access the information at her own speed.

She moved on from Res Life, and we had a year of no disclosed learning disabilities. UDL passed out of active memory. This spring, however, a new RA for next year disclosed significant dyslexia and I felt completely unprepared. Not only did I need to re-think my session prep, but I needed to teach my graduate student hall directors how to work with UDL.

## Annual Conference Connections:

This issue of training for RAs with different needs was on my mind as I paged through the NEACUHO Annual Conference Guide and saw a session titled, *Better Learning and Inclusion for All Students Through Universal Design* with Abigail Stender. "Oh yeah," I thought, "that!"

The session did not reveal to me the precise path of how to solve my problem, but it did serve as a specific, useful reminder of the small changes a presenter can make to keep the material accessible to as many learning needs as possible. Combined with my previous knowledge, this led me to some tweaks to our session design process that will benefit the presenters as well as all the learners. For one example, I am requiring outlines from everyone before training week begins. This will help all of us presenting to be more organized and purposeful with our session design.

This is just one example of how a conference session can spark connections with earlier experiences and learning. As we on the Professional Development Committee plan this year's Fall Drive-In and Mid-Level Institute, let us know what ideas you have and be sure to join us. You never know what session will help you move forward.

## 2012 ANNUAL



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# STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



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## SUBMIT YOUR OWN RECOGNITIONS

Do you have a staff member you would like introduce to NEACUHO? How about a colleague you would like recognize for efforts on your campus or in NEACUHO? The Media & Publications Committee wants to hear from you and how your staff makes a difference through their work and dedication to the field. Send us a brief message to include in the next Navigator. Pictures are always welcome! Email submissions to Jess Faulk at [jess.faulk@gmail.com](mailto:jess.faulk@gmail.com)



## DISTRICT: CONNECTICUT & RHODE ISLAND

Welcome to a new academic year Connecticut and Rhode Island! I am happy and honored to be starting my second year as your district coordinator. We had a successful year last year hosting roundtables, socials, and adding new institutions to the NEACUHO organization.

This year I am looking to increase the attendance at all of our events and look to increase the number of CT/RI institutions. In the coming weeks, you will get an email from me outlining the dates, times, and locations of our events. Our first event will be in Rhode Island in September. If you are interested in hosting a social or roundtable event, please feel free to contact me [jennifer.crane@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:jennifer.crane@quinnipiac.edu) and twitter @JennCraneCTRI.

Mark your calendars for the next NEACUHO event, The Annual Fall Drive In, October 5, 2012! I look forward to a successful year and meeting more of you this year!

Jennifer Crane  
Quinnipiac University

## DISTRICT: MASSACHUSETTS

Hello Massachusetts and NEACUHO!

I am looking forward to a great year filled with wonderful opportunities for our district! Earlier in the summer I sent out an e-mail with a Google form asking you all for some quick information and feedback. If you did not receive this e-mail please contact me and I will send it along. If you have not renewed your membership yet please head to [NEACUHO.org](http://NEACUHO.org) to fill out the membership renewal form!

Our first conference of the year is coming up on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Western New England University. If you are travelling to the area and are staying the night before the conference, there will be a social event held close to the hotel. More information to come soon!

Hope you all had a wonderful and smooth opening!  
To contact me please e-mail [j.hershkowitz@neu.edu](mailto:j.hershkowitz@neu.edu)

Julie Hershkowitz  
Northeastern University



## DISTRICT: MAINE & NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hello Maine and New Hampshire! I hope it has been a relaxing summer that has allowed you to re-energize and prepare for our upcoming RA trainings and opening to another school year. After having such a great turnout at the Annual Conference, it was very exciting to hear the news that the 2013 Annual Conference will be in our District. The University of New Hampshire was the birthplace of the first NEACUHO conference back in 1955 and will host the conference June 21-24, 2013. Mark your calendars now!

If you have yet to renew your membership, be sure to do so soon. Most of the conferences are in close proximity to our district this year and with a membership, you get a discounted rate to attend. My goals for this year are to provide more opportunities for the entire district to share ideas and network. Please let me know if you would be interested in either hosting or assist in planning a district event. I am hoping to have a district event late September or early October, once things slow down a little bit for all of us. Have a great start to the year and watch out for those Moose!

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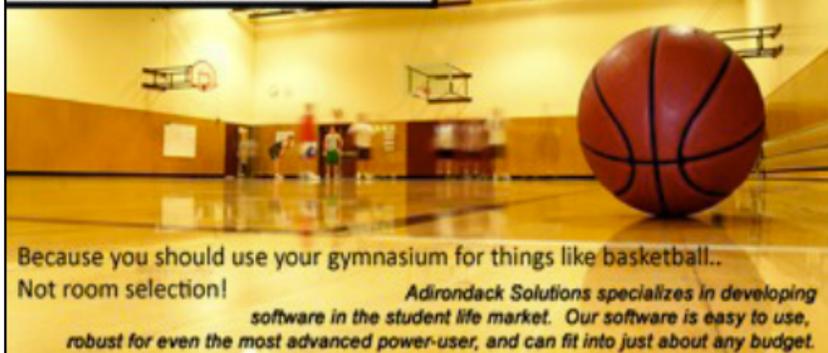
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## DISTRICT: EASTERN NY/ VT

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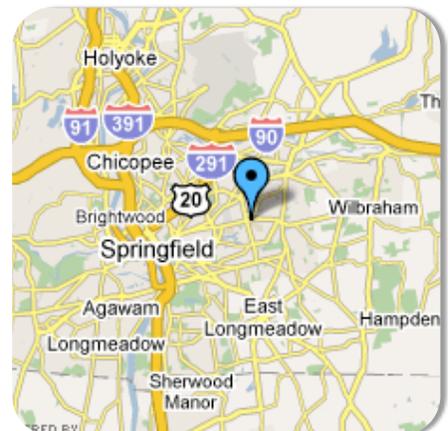
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6. When was the last time you went to a Land Grant/Sea Grant/Space Grant institution?
7. See cows. See cows chew. See cows digest food (really). See cows fertilize
8. Get lost driving in downtown Durham
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10. Fitness opportunities abound; an all access pass to campus pools, campus recreation, plus yoga in the A.M
11. Three words: UNH Dairy Bar
12. We'll have something "lobstah" on the menu
13. When was the last time you enjoyed 18 miles of coast line?
14. No Barry Manilow music at Club NEACUHO: not now, not ever
15. Be part of history. 2013 will be UNH's 4th time hosting NEACUHO Annual Conference



# Helping Hands

**Zachary Irish**  
Assistant Director of Student Life  
Daniel Webster College, Nashua, NH

When I stepped into the role of Assistant Director of Student Life for Housing and Residential Education, I was taking on a challenge to rebuild a department. Although I knew there would be hills, working as the only professional in the department made the hills steeper than originally expected. Resident Directors were not an option at this point in time although I had looked into it. I began to brainstorm how to hit on all of my goals of rebuilding the department while maintaining the simple operations involved in Housing and Residential Education. The conclusion was to use resources I already had at my fingertips, the resident assistant staff.

The Daniel Webster College resident assistant staff will have three RA leadership positions for the 2012-13 academic year called RA coordinators which were open for returning resident assistants. These leadership positions do not have any extra compensation or housing incentive but are great opportunities for students looking to gain project management and leadership experience. Interested candidates submitted a letter of interest to me following the RA selection process. The candidates were selected by a ballot vote at the spring staff meeting where the current and new staff met for the first time.

The RAs in these positions will be responsible for their own RA responsibilities, mentoring the RA staff, and project management. Additionally, they are expected to lead portions of the staff meeting connected with their project, present at all RA trainings, and participate in two office hours in the Student Development Office on a weekly basis. All three RA coordinators will serve as mentors to the RAs and be approachable for staff members looking for support and guidance.

## **RA Coordinator for Training & Staff Development (Development Coordinator):**

This RA coordinator will be responsible for resident assistant staff training and development. Working closely with the Assistant Director of Student Life, this RA coordinator will focus their attention on planning fall RA training, winter RA training, and mini-training sessions throughout the semester called in-services.

## **RA Coordinator for Housing Operations (Housing Coordinator):**

This RA coordinator will be responsible for working with the Assistant Director of Student Life and the Student Development on issues around on-campus housing. This includes assisting with the coordination and management of room changes, roommate conflicts, and



building management issues. This RA coordinator will assist the Assistant Director of Student Life in managing Housing Selection.

## **RA Coordinator for Residence Education (Programming Coordinator) :**

This RA coordinator will work with the resident assistant staff in the area of programming in the Residence Halls. Additionally, this RA coordinator will work with the Assistant Director of Student Life to manage the programming goals and other programming initiatives across campus. This RA coordinator will provide support and guidance to the RA staff and will be responsible for generating the semester programming plan and the program tracker.

For further information on these positions including expectations for each position, please contact Zack at [zirish@dwc.edu](mailto:zirish@dwc.edu).

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## DANIEL WEBSTER FACTS

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ACADEMIC BLDGS: 3  
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**Dan Newman**  
Residence Director  
Endicott College, Beverly, MA

# Voice Thread

It's Housing Selection week and nobody wants to sit in a meeting. There are thousands of students spreading rumors that all the first-year halls are being torn down, the Resident Assistants are getting burned out helping run Housing Selection, and the Vice President of Student Affairs is implementing a large change to the conduct process. Needless to say, wrangling your staff into a room to figure out a game plan for the week will be a challenge.

Enter VoiceThread: a free message board system that incorporates video and voice into a collaborative communication website. Instead of hosting an on-ground staff meeting, you can take 20 minutes in your office and deliver the staff meeting through video, audio, or just text using VoiceThread. Your staff can then find time in their schedule to listen and respond to the VoiceThread individually.

The free website is designed to be collaborative and interactive, yet its nature transforms what could be an hour-long meeting into a 20 minute

listen-and-respond format. By supporting video and audio, VoiceThread allows for a more holistic medium than an email. Additionally, a participant can add their comment or question right after a particular response by inserting their thought right into the timeline, a kind of clarification that is harder to achieve in an email.

I have used VoiceThread for RA staff meetings and online summer training and have found great success. The students, our digital natives, take to the format seamlessly and find new applications to apply VoiceThread within their own extracurricular activities. It has also given them an insight to the online learning models pioneered by organizations like Kaplan and Capella University and



the kind of work it takes to be an online learner. By requiring my staff to respond to each other constructively, the students are pushed to interact on a level that is difficult to achieve in an on-ground staff meeting.

VoiceThread offers free and paid models, however the free version works quite well for most small-scale projects/meetings. A webcam or microphone is not necessary, but it enhances the experience. Check out [www.voicethread.com](http://www.voicethread.com) to try it out!

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## Past NEACUHO President & Vice President for Student Affairs

# Brian McAree Announces Retirement

*Contributed by David Maley*

After serving for nearly three decades in the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life at Ithaca College, vice president Brian McAree has announced that for health reasons he will be retiring on August 23. In a message to the staff of the division, McAree noted that in consultation with his doctors, he determined that it is in his best long-term interests to step away from his role at the college at this time.

I can't begin to tell you how much I have loved working with all of you and serving as your vice president over the past 12 years and being your colleague for 29 years, he wrote. We have accomplished so much together for the benefit of our wonderful students, and I will sincerely miss the camaraderie, collegiality and friendship that we have shared to help build this special community that is our home away from home.

McAree joined the college in 1983 as director of residential life and was named assistant vice president for student affairs and campus life in 1989. He has served as vice president since 2000, overseeing a comprehensive student services division that includes over a dozen departments and programs, ranging from career services and athletics to public safety and the health center.

Brian McAree exemplifies the student-centered ethos that is at the heart of the Ithaca College mission, said President Tom Rochon. Though he must step back at this time from the demanding job he has performed with distinction for the past dozen years, I know Brian's heart will always be with IC and its students.

Among his numerous contributions to the college, McAree has chaired the Commencement Committee, Diversity Strategic Planning Committee and Presidential Task Force on Diversity; served on the Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee, President's Advisory Committee and Strategic Planning Committee; and



I recall our days in Cortland and then crossing paths at Bowling Green under the supervision of our mentor and friend, Chuck. You were always professional, giving, passionate, humorous and positive. Your creativity and intelligence were a great combination that served the students well. You transformed Ithaca College and played a significant role in developing a Student Affairs program others want to emulate.

I wish happiness and hope that your health improves so you can enjoy retirement with family and friends.

**Jerrold L. Stein, Ed.D., M.B.A.**  
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students  
Stony Brook University

Brian set the standard for professionalism in our field. He represents what each of us wants to be and has achieved what so many of us want to achieve. Most of all, he leaves many of us with some pretty unforgettable memories.

**Carol T. Boucher**  
Associate Vice President for Student Services  
Quinnipiac University

Brian is a cherished colleague that I have had contact with throughout my career. I have always appreciated my contact with him professionally and personally. I thank him for all he has done for our profession over the years and am glad his contributions to his current institution are being honored. I wish him a successful transition to his new path and hope that wherever it leads it will bring him the rewards he justly deserves.

**Tony Esposito**  
Past Pres, NEACUHO, AVP for Student Affairs  
Bridgewater State University

initiated the Core Emergency Response Team (CERT) and IC-Community Workgroup. Locally, he has held leadership roles with Cayuga Medical Center, the Franziska Racker Centers and the United Way of Tompkins County. His honors include the Lifetime Service Award from the Northeast Association of College and University Housing Officers.

The focus of Brian's commitment over the years has always been to assure that the quality of the student experience outside of the classroom matches the excellence of the experience inside the classroom, said President Emeritus Peggy R. Williams, who appointed him to the vice president's position. During his tenure with the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life, a number of graduates have gone on to enter the student affairs profession at colleges and universities across the country; a testament to the high caliber of leadership and mentorship provided by Brian and his team. He leaves big shoes to fill in terms of his work ethic, his fine character and his engaging spirit and sense of humor.

One recent graduate who cites McAree as his mentor and a major reason why he switched his career choice to the field of student affairs is Scott Nachlis '12, who served as president of the Student Government Association. He never makes you feel that he is a vice president and you are just a student, said Nachlis. It's always a matter of working together to accomplish something on behalf of the student body, the campus and the community as a whole. Brian doesn't reject any idea out of hand by saying it is something that has been tried before; he is willing to let us learn from our experiences. If in 20 years I can be even half the person in this kind of job that he has been, I know I'll be a success.

Before coming to Ithaca, McAree held student services positions at Rider College, the University of Delaware and West Liberty State College. He earned a master of arts degree in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University, master of pastoral studies degree from Loyola University and bachelor of science degree in psychology from the State University of New York College at Cortland.

A gentleman and a fine colleague - congrats and best wishes to Brian!

**Dr. Jon A. Conlogue**  
Executive Director, Residential Services and Campus Life Westfield State University Westfield, MA, 01086

A kind, compassionate, reasoned man. He represents the best of what each of us has to offer to our students and our community; both loved and admired by many.

**Rich Bova**  
Senior Associate Dean for Residential and Dining Services  
Brown University

Brian McAree has had a wonderful professional career at Ithaca College! He has made such a difference in the lives of countless students, I am sure. Where I am more aware of his contributions is in the mentoring, training and development offered to so many wonderful professional colleagues and former graduate students who had the pleasure of working with him! I knew OF him before I ever met him, and it was all because so many people I liked and respected told me about this wonderful supervisor, this wonderful director, this wonderful VP who taught them so much. EVERYONE felt privileged to have the opportunity to work with him, and to learn from him. What an amazing legacy he has have left to the student affairs profession through outstanding staff and former staff members! He has been an inspiration to me and so many others!

**Phyllis McCluskey-Titus**  
Associate Professor, Educational Administration and Foundations  
Illinois State University

A class act and one of the finest guys on the planet.....he deserves all that is good in his life! NEACUHO stands for lifetime relationships.

**Dan Slattery**





## **Announcing: The Past President Professional Development Award**

All NEACUHO members are invited to submit applications for this unique professional development opportunity.

The recipient of the Past President Professional Development Award is able to attend three one-day events sponsored by NEACUHO. The funding for this award comes from the Past President's fund established in 2004 as a way for past presidents to give back to the organization. This award reimbursement opportunity is made in honor of all our past presidents in hopes that professionals at northeast colleges and universities may benefit by the offerings of the NEACUHO organization.

Criteria for Recipients:

1. Must have attended at least one NEACUHO event previous to applying for the award.
2. Be an active member of NEACUHO (event attendance, committee participation, etc.).
3. Demonstrate a commitment to professional development on their home campus.
4. Demonstrate how this award will further their own development.

### **Award Amount:**

The recipient may choose up to three one-day events to attend from the variety of events offered by NEACUHO.

### **To Apply:**

[Follow this link to the on-line application](#)

### **Application Deadline:**

Friday, September 28, 2012

### **For questions or additional information:**

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# ACUHO-I Foundation

## Working for NEACUHO

**Chuck Lamb**  
Director of Residence Life  
Rochester Institute of Technology, NY

The ACUHO-I Foundation has concluded another active and fiscally rewarding year. \$220,000 was raised this past year to assist the members of the association with \$24,000 being raised in all the regions combined!! As the members have invested in the ACUHO-I Foundation, the ACUHO-I Foundation has invested back to the members. The Foundation is the vehicle in ACUHO-I to raise funds for the following services:

- Talking Stick publication support
- Journal of College and University Housing publication support
- ACUHO-I On Line Library
- Support for regional best programs
- Support for National Housing Training Institute (NHTI) attendance by members
- Support for the Chief Housing Officer's Institute
- Support for undergraduate student attendance at the annual STARS conference
- Sponsorship of commissioned research to aid our profession
- Support of the numerous ACUHO-I Interns in our region



The Foundation had a strong presence at this 2012 annual NEACUHO Conference held at Northeastern University. The booth was ably staffed by Gary Bice, Director of Residence Life at SUC Fredonia, the ACUHO-I president, Alma Sealine (Case Western Reserve University) and Chuck Lamb, Director of Residence Life at Rochester Institute of Technology. Raffle chances were available as well as the opportunity to enter into a regular contribution program. Over \$1100 was raised during the raffle and the following lucky prize winners were selected:

Dave Stender	(UMASS-Dartmouth)	\$50 Best Buy Gift Card
Jen Hapgood	(Binghamton)	\$25 Starbuck's Gift Card
Dan Taylor	(URI)	\$25 Barnes and Nobel Gift Card
Mike Hamilton	(WPI)	ACUHO-I Foundation T shirt
Brittany Bookman	(SUC Delhi)	ACUHO-I Foundation T shirt

All proceeds were donated to the Foundation and NEACUHO members have already benefitted from funding support. The following attended the NHTI June 16-19, 2012 at the University of Georgia:

Emily Schiavoni	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Ryan Young	Pace University
Mike Guthrie	Quinnipiac
Mac Garret Becker	Syracuse

ACUHO-I Foundation funds also support the NEACUHO conference program of the year to attend the annual ACUHO-I Conference with financial assistance. Rich Bova (Brown) was the recipient in 2012 and Beth Moriarty was the recipient in 2011. Congrats to both of them!

This year's recipient is Cait Bjellquist from Long Island University-Post and she will receive ACUHO-I Foundation funding to attend the ACUHO-I Conference in Minneapolis in June, 2013. Her award winning program was entitled "Challenging Binaries: Sex, Gender and Sexual Orientation." Congrats to Cait!

The Annual STARS Conference receives fiscal support from the foundation to enable undergrad students demonstrating an interest and commitment to entering our profession to attend this unique annual conference. Participants from NEACUHO for the 2012 STARS included Kimberly Aalberg, a rising senior at Keene State College.

During the forthcoming year make a commitment to learn about *your* foundation and make a commitment to a fiscal contribution to insure the ACUHO-I Foundation continues to support its members in a myriad of ways. Your giving matters! If you invest in ACUHO-I, ACUHO-I will invest in you!

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# In Remembrance of a NEACUHO member

Dear Mitchell College Community:

It is with great sadness that we share with you that Christine Gallagher, Associate Dean of Residential Life and Judicial Affairs, passed away last evening after a long fight with cancer. Christine was a leader in Student Affairs, and has built meaningful and caring relationships with students, staff, and faculty. We will greatly miss her positive contribution to the campus community, her leadership, and her impact on students.

Christine will be remembered as a wonderful friend and mentor to so many people at Mitchell, and this is a genuine loss for our community. Please keep her family and loved ones in your thoughts.

Jason Ebbeling

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students



## Do you have something to share with NEACUHO?

All entries for The Navigator come from members just like you. Please feel free to submit articles concerning student affairs and residential life issues, departmental staff updates, recognition of members, committee updates, district updates, and much more.

Email all submissions to [jess.faulk@gmail.com](mailto:jess.faulk@gmail.com)

## Stay tuned for our next issue of The Navigator

To download past issues of The Navigator, visit us at [www.neacuho.org](http://www.neacuho.org). Feel free to email Jess Faulk at [jess.faulk@gmail.com](mailto:jess.faulk@gmail.com) with any questions you may have about submissions for The Navigator.

## Feedback & Suggestions?

We'd love to hear from you. Share your comments, feedback, suggestions, questions, etc. with us so we can better serve you! Email your feedback to [jess.faulk@gmail.com](mailto:jess.faulk@gmail.com)

Thank you to all who submitted articles to the September issue of The Navigator!

## NEACUHO Mission Statement

NEACUHO is an organization of housing, residential life, and student services professionals and paraprofessionals within the Northeast region dedicated to providing opportunities for colleague support, professional development, sharing of information, collaboration, communication, research, and recognition of outstanding contributions to the field. The association serves member institutions within Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

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