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Welcome!! New Student Orientation Sets the Tone

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Students entering the Workforce Development and Education graduate program had the opportunity to meet fellow students and learn more about the requirements of the program during the WDE New Student Orientation held Friday, September 16 at the Center on Education & Training for Employment (CETE). The CETE facility which is found at 1900 Kenny Road was the site for the half-day event which featured presentations designed to encourage students as they embarked on their new educational endeavor.



Dr. Josh Hawley offers guidance to Ph.D. students about the WDE Program.

Presentations included a panel of current students and graduates of the program who offered insights drawn from their experiences that led to their success. A highlight of the orientation was a cracker-barrel round-table hosted by the faculty members in which they showcased the research groups they lead and invited student participation. The program ended with break-out sessions for both Master's and Ph.D. students which addressed specifically the demands of their respective programs.

Students who were able to attend enjoyed the program. "I was able to consider a variety of options and get acquainted with faculty, learning about their areas of expertise," offered Ruth Harris, a new Ph.D. student. "I was able to enjoy this in the company of those beginning the present graduate journey, in a pleasant social atmosphere. What a beginning!"

Copies of the New Student Orientation Handbook, 2005-06, are still available. Contact Susan Johnston, (johnston.368@osu.edu), Graduate Administrative Assistant, for a copy.

WDE is committed to:

- The preparation of advanced practitioners and scholars who address educational issues related to work and learning;
- Fostering learning for individuals entering the workforce, adapting to changes in organizational and workforce requirements and undertaking lifelong learning to achieve personal and societal goals;
- Encouraging an integrated perspective that includes theory, research and practice that serves the emerging academic and professional challenges of the global economy.

USN&WR : WDE #1 in Vocational Education

While you may be aware that the WDE Career Technical Education Program holds a coveted #1 ranking from U.S. News & World Report, you may not know that Assistant Professor, Dr. Chris Zinkle, the program director, was recently featured on the cover of *Columbus Business First* (Sep. 30, 2005) in conjunction with that honor.

Dr. Zinkle's front-page, above-the-fold picture and

accompanying interview highlighted this remarkable achievement and gave him a chance to share what 'the view from the top' looks like. While acknowledging the value of a No. 1 ranking on a campus that prizes such recognition, Zinkle admits he doesn't possess out-sized expectations as a result.

Asked how he felt about the attention that the ranking gar-

ners, Zinkle placed the focus on the WDE team.

"I was pleased and honored that our program was recognized for excellence. It is a reflection of the hard work of our students, faculty and staff.

The article is featured on MSNBC.com at <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/9575671>.

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Profile

Dr. David Stein



Dr. David Stein, associate professor in adult education, has been section head of WDE since 2001. With research interests in adult learning, distance education and civic engagement, Dr. Stein has given over 150 presentations and published a variety of articles on adult learning. He is the co-author of *Adult Learning in Community* (Jossey-Bass, 2002), and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan with prior graduate work at the University of

Cincinnati and the University of Rochester. His current academic focus is on developing critical thinking skills through adult education programs.

**Ask us how much grant money
Workforce Development &
Education has generated to
enhance the education of the citizens
of the State of Ohio . . .
See the next issue of WDE 360° for details.**

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

<http://education.osu.edu/paes/wde/wdehmpg/htm>

WDE Calendar of Events

- **WDE Halloween Pizza Party**
Friday, October 28, 2005
7:30 pm to ???
Susan Johnston's Home
Directions available on WDE
Listserv.
(or contact Susan at
johnston.368@osu.edu)

Eat pizza, get acquainted with your colleagues, make some new friends.
Costume (at least a mask) mandatory! Come alone or bring your sweetie!

- **WDE Scholars' Brown Bag**
Friday, November 18, 2005
11:30 am to 1:15 pm
269 Arps
**Subject: WDE Organizational
Development Research
Group**
Presenter: Dr. Ron Jacobs

Sidebar:

How to make the most of your time in your program

**Presenter: Dr. Maria Hruby
Moore**

Donato's Pizza will be served!

• Awards • Achievements •

Hyosun Kim, Ph.D. Student

Presented the following papers:

"The most frequent lenses to see recent program planning for adults: 1999-2003" at the 23rd Mid-West Research-to-Practice Conference, October 6, 2004, at Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis

"Developing Management Strategies of Articulation Education Between High Schools and Colleges in Korea," Newcomer Poster Session, 2005 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, April 13, 2005, Montreal, Canada.

Michele Suhie, M.A. Graduate, Spring 2005

Awarded the Jerome Kaplan Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award for her paper, "The Retirement Transition: An argument for the application of the Transtheoretical Model as a method to help individuals prepare for more than just finances," Ohio Association for Gerontology and Education Annual Conference, April 8, 2005, Aurora, Ohio.

Presented a program exchange session, "The Retirement Transition: Towards a Framework for Exploring the Phenomena of Individual Preparation for More than Just Finances," the 2005 Joint Conference of the American Society of Aging and the National Council on Aging, March 11, 2005, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sybia Altenburger, M.A. Graduate, Winter 2004

Promoted to OSU Extension- 4-H/FCS Educator, Paulding County.

Sharon Hammond, M.A. Student

Accepted an invitation to join Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society.

Connie Wanstreet, Ph.D. Student, Tina Overtoom Wagner, Ph.D. Student, Jennifer Calvin, Ph. D. Student

Published the article, "Bridging the transactional distance gap in online learning environments," in *The American Journal of Distance Education*, July 2005.