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PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION

President

Christopher Laudo
September 9, 2005

- Final editing and composition work is taking place with the "What Works in School Counseling" project. The target for distribution for PSCA and PCA members is early December.
 - PSCA is taking care of printing arrangements.
 - Mailing costs are to be split by PSCA and PCA on a representative basis. PSCA will cover cost of mailing to PSCA members. PCA is responsible for cost of mailing to PCA members. PCA will be billed after the bulk mail process takes place.
- Work continues on development of Pennsylvania Model of School Counseling.
- Since the last PCA board meeting, PSCA held its first ever School Counselor Academy on August 8,9,10 at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center. With over 80 registrants and national level speakers, who were well received, the professional development event is seen as a great start to what will likely prove to be an annual offering. At the academy, participants learned:
 - How to use the ASCA National Model as a tool to maximize the impact of the school counseling program on students' academic achievement and career and personal/social development.
 - How to modify the school counseling program to effect greater change and enhance the leadership and advocate roles of the school counselor.
 - How to collect and use data to describe problems, plan interventions, and demonstrate that what school counselors do does make a significant difference in student achievement.
 - How to identify and change systemic barriers to student achievement.
 - The role of the school counselor in Pennsylvania's educational reform initiatives, such as Page 1 and Project 720.

The handouts and powerpoints from the academy are now available in the members-only section of the PSCA website www.pscaweb.org.

- The Department of Counseling and Development at Slippery Rock University is proud to host the fifth Pennsylvania School Counselors Association Western Regional Conference on Friday, November 18. Father Scott Seethaler will provide the keynote on the topic of resiliency. There will be approximately 30 presentations on a wide variety of current issues relevant to school counselors of all levels. Break-out sessions will include ethical and legal issues specific to school counseling, self-injury, play therapy, bullying prevention, child abuse, poverty, cognitive, narrative and reality therapy, feminine gender roles, addiction, threat assessment,

Asperger's syndrome, etc. For more information, including registration materials, please visit the conference's web-site at <http://www.sru.edu/pages/4971.asp>

- **Conference 2006** March 1-4, 2006 will mark the occasion of **PSCA's 50th Annual Conference**. Come join us in Lancaster for a great time filled with learning, connecting, and celebrating PSCA's "Golden Past, Brilliant Future." **Wednesday March 1 Pre-Conference** Dr. Robert Ackerman, founder and director of the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Training Institute and one of the leading pioneers of the "children of alcoholics" field. An engaging speaker with powerful content, Dr. Ackerman has authored numerous books and has appeared on Oprah as well as the Today Show, and CNN. **Thursday** will feature Stephen Wessler, Director of the Center for Hate Violence Prevention at the University of Southern Maine, and Rita Chung, from George Mason University, doing a joint keynote on social justice. **Friday** keynoter will be acclaimed PBS host and funnyman Michael Pritchard. **Saturday** morning keynote will feature Elizabeth Foster-Harrison, author of the Icebreakers and Energizers books. Online registration is now open at www.runmyclub.com/psca/reg.asp.