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President's Column

The recent 2007 conference in Washington, DC was a great success. With more than 470 registrants, this was the largest national meeting to date focusing exclusively on the preparation of teachers through alternate routes. I am so pleased we were able to collaborate with the National Center for Alternative Certification (NCAC) to sponsor a unified meeting for the ever-expanding field of professionals engaged in alternative certification.

The conference offered something for everyone, with more than one hundred general and break-out sessions. Participants heard stories from the trenches from award winning teacher and keynoter Eric Combs, an Air Force sergeant turned high school history teacher. We heard an overview of current research in the field from noted economist Michael Podgursky. Andrew Rotherham, a Washington-based policy expert, discussed the future of alternate routes and the national education agenda. We celebrated the old and the new with a luncheon tribute to the founders of NAAC, a scholarship breakfast honoring three outstanding new alternative certification interns, and a luncheon to announce the release of the new book, *Alternate Routes to Teaching*, by Emily Feistritz and Charlene Haar.

The break-outs offered participants the opportunity to choose sessions focusing on their particular areas of interest. Sessions covered topics such as effective practices in recruitment, training, and mentoring, research on program outcomes, innovative uses of technology, new ideas and strategies, and much more.

We look forward now to turning our attention to next year's conference in Atlanta. Mark your calendar for April 3-5, 2008 and look for the Call for Proposals to be available this September. We hope you'll be joining us!

Dr. Nell Ingram, President



Scholarships Awarded to Outstanding Interns

Deadline for 2008 Scholarships: June 15, 2007



From left: Juan Vasquez, Daisy Merino, Dr. Nell Ingram, and Ebony Thomas.

Three teaching interns were awarded scholarships at the recent alternative certification conference in Washington, DC. The scholarship recipients each received a \$1,000 award and a complimentary registration to the annual conference, "Alternate Routes: Building a Highly Qualified Teaching Force," held on April 4-6, 2007. The winners were **Daisy Merino**, an elementary school bilingual teacher, **Juan Vasquez**, a high school English teacher, and **Ebony Cooksey Thomas**, a high school ESOL/Reading teacher.

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NAAC Names Task Force on Quality Indicators

The National Association for Alternative Certification has announced the formation of a national Task Force on Quality Indicators for Non-Traditional Teacher Preparation Programs. Over the next several years, the task force will be engaged in developing research-based quality indicators that guide how alternative certification programs evaluate their effectiveness in preparing highly qualified teachers. The quality indicators will promote the key characteristics of effective programs, provide benchmarks that assist programs as they mature, and provide a measure for evaluating program success.

The task force represents a cross section of NAAC members involved in a diverse range of alternative certification programs.

Task force members are:

- Belinda Gimbert, Co-chair, The Ohio State University
- Becky Washington, Co-chair, Region XIII Education Service Center
- Nicholas Bekas, Valencia Community College
- Steffi Cappel, University of Cincinnati
- Wayne Carroll, Lewis-Clark State College
- Michelle Dunkle, Maryland Department of Education
- Elizabeth Fleming, Simmons College
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- Karen Peterson, Governors State University
- Stephen Plaskon, University of Virginia
- Kalyani Rai, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- Rosemary Robbins, Quality ACT
- Jody Tyson, Blinn College TEACH Program

NAAC Board members Nell Ingram, of the Dallas Independent School District, and Cyndy Stephens, of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, will serve as advisory task force members.

For more information on the task force, contact co-chair Belinda Gimbert at gimbert.1@osu.edu or Becky Washington at becky.washington@esc13.txed.net.

Scholarships

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During the scholarship presentation breakfast, the recipients each spoke, sharing with the audience stories about their lives, their route to teaching, their beginning teaching experiences, and the experiences of the students they serve.

Each year, NAAC sponsors a scholarship competition for outstanding interns, who are honored at following annual conference. This year's scholarship deadline is **June 15, 2007**. Alternative certification program administrators are encouraged to identify exemplary interns and encourage them to apply. The guidelines and application form are available at www.alternativecertification.org. To be eligible, applicants must be current alternative certification interns or have completed an alternative certification/licensure program within the past year (no earlier than June 15, 2006).

Scholarship winners will be selected by the NAAC Board in August 2007, and will receive their awards at the next annual conference, April 3-5, 2008 in Atlanta.

NAAC Research Grant Competition

Deadline: June 30, 2007

The National Association for Alternative Certification encourages members to apply for the 2007 Research Grants.

NAAC will award up to 2 grants of \$2,000 each to support research related to non-traditional or alternative routes to teacher certification. Grant recipients will present their research at the 2008 annual conference in Atlanta, and will be invited to submit an article for publication in the *Journal of the National Association for Alternative Certification (JNAAC)*.

The deadline for applications is June 30, 2007. Proposals will be reviewed at the NAAC Board meeting in August. More details, along with the application form, are available on NAAC's website at www.alternativecertification.org, or by calling NAAC Executive Secretary Judy Corcillo at 202-277-3600.

Images from the 2007 Conference



Eric Combs, the 2006 Ohio Teacher of the Year, during the opening keynote address.



Delia Stafford, a founding member of NAAC and President of the Haberman Educational Foundation, with Bill Neal, NAAC Board Member and Associate Dean, College of Education, Southeastern Louisiana University.



Jerome White discusses his experiences as an intern at Lusher Charter High School in New Orleans.



Bea Zane of the Hawaii Department of Education Personnel Development Branch.



NAAC Board members Leo Kirchhoff, California State University, Chico and Belinda Gimbert, The Ohio State University.



Thelma Leenhouts and Margie Yeager of the US Department of Education discuss the Transition to Teaching program during the closing plenary session.

Call for Manuscripts

Journal of the National Association for Alternative Certification

The Journal of the National Association for Alternative Certification invites members and non-members of NAAC to submit manuscripts on issues related to alternative certification. The research manuscripts should focus on quantitative and/or qualitative research that has implications and applicability for practitioners and/or policy makers involved with alternative certification. Featured article manuscripts should focus on issues related to policy, positions, and methodology. Manuscripts will be double blind peer reviewed.

There is no set date for manuscripts submitted to be considered for publication in the *Journal of the National Association for Alternative Certification*. Every attempt will be made to notify authors of the decision of the double blind review within three months. If a decision to publish is offered, the manuscript will be scheduled for publication as soon as suggested editing is completed by the author and accepted by the editor assigned to the manuscript.

Include in the Submission:

- 1) **Cover page: List** Title of Manuscript, topic, date of submission, main author's name, mailing address, home and work phone numbers, e-mail addresses, institutional affiliation, and biographical information about author and any co-authors (30 words or less per author).
- 2) **Abstract:** Describe the essence of the manuscript (100 words or less). Do not include your name on the abstract or the manuscript.
- 3) **Manuscripts must use the American Psychological Association (APA) style** throughout. References, charts, tables, figures, and graphs must be written on separate pages. Manuscripts must be no longer than 25 pages, including charts, tables, etc. Use single space between lines, 12 point font size, and 1.5" margins on each side of the pages.
- 4) **Manuscript Submission Address:** Send two copies of the manuscript in Microsoft Word as email attachments to **Dr. Bill Neal**, JNAAC Managing Editor, Southeastern Louisiana University, SLU 10671, Hammond, LA 70402; **bill.neal@selu.edu**. In one copy include your contact information and affiliation and in the other copy omit that information for the blind review.

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NAAC Membership Meeting

The National Association for Alternative Certification held its annual membership meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2007 in conjunction with the conference in Washington, DC. President Nell Ingram announced that the next annual conference will be held April 3-5, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia in Atlanta. She also noted that the organization is considering new services, such as regional workshops for alternative certification providers. Liz Fleming discussed the Board's focus on increasing membership and encouraging the growth of state affiliate organizations. Each of the Regional Representatives gave a report from their regional meetings, held the previous day. At each of the regional meetings, members discussed the need for special interest groups, the proposed regional workshops, and other issues of concern to the region.

NAAC Election Results

At the recent annual conference in Washington, DC, the NAAC membership elected several members to its Board of Directors. The general membership voted for the Vice President and Treasurer, while members from regions 1 and 3 also elected regional representatives to the Board. All Board members are elected for two-year terms.

Becky Washington of the Region XIII Education Service Center in Austin, Texas was elected Vice President. **David Keltner** of BCP International in Alexandria, Virginia was re-elected Treasurer. **Gary Kinsey** of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in Pomona, California was elected Region 1 Representative. **Bill Neal** of Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana was re-elected Region 3 Representative.

Save the date!

**2008 Joint Conference
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