



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASA DIRECTOR...

Happy 2007! I am looking forward to all the challenges that this year holds for us. If the first two weeks are any indication, this year should really be full of surprises. We know of a few exciting events that are forthcoming, that I would encourage you all to consider.

The first major event will occur on Friday, February 23rd, we will host a Preview Day on campus for prospective PASA students entering the fall of 2007. I would encourage you to get involved by volunteering to host people coming from outside of southern California. More information will be coming soon.

I am sure we are all aware of the annual NASPA Conference in Orlando, FL. The conference, which takes place March 31- April 4, 2007, has as its theme and title, "Our Power and Responsibility to Shape Education." What an appropriate description of the work we do. In addition to the many workshops and presentations, this year's conference is special as it is a joint meeting between NASPA and ACPA. The Rossier School of Education and the Division of Student Affairs will be celebrating all our accomplishments by hosting a USC reception. Keep an eye out for more information. The USC reception is always a hit at the conference, and you certainly do not want to miss out.

Another event I am really looking forward to is an inaugural PASA Showcase, which will take place sometime in April. This is an opportunity for our graduating PASA students to celebrate their work with the USC community. This event, the first of its kind, will be a joint venture with the PASA program, the Rossier School of Education, and the Division of Student Affairs, along with colleagues, friends, and family. Again, more information on this event is forthcoming.

And finally, this year some PASA students will have a unique opportunity to travel to Beijing this summer. As many of you have heard, I will be teaching a course in the first summer session on international higher education, and the course will culminate with a trip to Beijing, and an opportunity to visit several of colleges and universities in the People's Republic of China. In addition to the camps visits, we will have an opportunity to visit the Great Wall, the Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace and some other historic landmarks.

Oh, and did I forget to mention that we will have a wonderful cohort of PASA Peeps who will be graduating in May? A quote from your PASA Network President, Darby Frizzell would be most appropriate here: Get Excited!

I wish you all the best as you pursue your calling as educators. What a wonderful profession you are a part of, and what a delight it continues to be for me to work with you. Here's to an exciting spring '07.

Fight On!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### T-Shirt Orders

Missed out on the first t-shirt order? Want another t-shirt to sport your PASA pride? The PASA Network is re-ordering PASA t-shirts! For a mock-up and details about sizes and prices visit [http://www-scf.usc.edu/~pasanet/temp\\_tshirt.html](http://www-scf.usc.edu/~pasanet/temp_tshirt.html). Place your order by emailing Caroline at [chiang@usc.edu](mailto:chiang@usc.edu) by Friday, February 16 (payment collected upon delivery).

### Friends & Neighbors Service Day

Get connected to the community by volunteering on Saturday, January 27! The day's theme is "Friendly Visiting" and volunteers have the choice to visit seniors in residence homes, read to children in hospitals, or work with animals at a pet sanctuary. Register at <http://sait.usc.edu/volunteer/FNDEvent.asp?id=32&sdid=3>.

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

January 26	Last day to register and add classes Last day to drop a class without a mark of "W," except for Monday-only classes, and receive 100% refund Last day to change enrollment option to Pass/No Pass or Audit Last day to purchase or waive tuition refund insurance
January 30	Last day to drop a Monday-only class without a mark of "W" and receive 100% refund or change to Pass/No Pass or Audit
February 19	Presidents' Day, university holiday
March 12-17	Spring recess
April 2	Thesis/Dissertation submission
April 6	Last day to drop a class with a mark of "W"
April 27	Spring semester classes end
April 28-May 1	Study days
May 2-9	Final examinations
May 11	Commencement

### SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, January 31  
PASA NETWORK GENERAL MEETING



Friday, February 2  
Mini Golf



Wednesday, February 7  
Brown Bag Lunch



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**NASPA/ACPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**ORLANDO, FLORIDA: MARCH 31-APRIL 4, 2007**

Every ten years, colleagues from ACPA - College Student Educators International and NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education have joined together to renew a shared commitment to students and the higher education enterprise. In 2007, more than 7,000 of the nation's leading student affairs administrators and educators will assemble in Orlando, Florida, at a Joint Meeting to explore our power and responsibility to shape education today--and in the future.

An exciting slate of Pre-Meeting Workshops, 500+ General Interest Sessions, Sponsored Programs and Roundtables forms the core of the Joint Meeting program and reflects cutting-edge practice in all aspects of student affairs. Our renowned speakers, beginning with former Vice President Al Gore, will broaden horizons and stimulate dialogue. Traditional association programs and events as well as special collaborative programs will highlight the strengths of both associations. The largest ever Placement and Career Services Center offers candidates and employers an unparalleled opportunity to focus on career opportunities in student affairs.

Whatever your focus is within student affairs, the 2007 Joint Meeting brings to you an innovative and creative blend of programs at the forefront of the profession. Join us in Orlando for the student affairs event of the decade. You won't want to miss it! (NASPA President Barbara C. Jones and ACPA President Jeanne S. Steffes)

Early-bird registration deadline is January 31, 2007!

**Conference Sites:**

Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center  
6000 W. Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee, FL 34746  
Telephone: (407) 586-0000

Marriott Orlando World Center  
Resort & Convention Center  
8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821  
Telephone: 800-380-7931

**Possible Hotel Locations:**

Sheraton Safari Hotel and Suites Lake Buena Vista  
12205 S Apopka Vineland Road • Orlando, FL 32836  
Price per night: \$199-\$239 for 4 people (\$189 with  
conference registration)  
Distance from conference site: 4.7 miles  
<http://www.sheratonsafari.com/>

Seralago Hotel and Suites Maingate East  
5678 Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 34746  
Price per night: \$218-258 + taxes  
Distance from conference site: 1.4 miles  
<http://www.seralagohotel.com/>

Clarion Hotel Universal  
7299 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819  
Price per night: \$139-169 + taxes  
Distance from conference site: 9.9 miles  
<http://www.clarionuniversal.com/>

Days Inn Maingate East  
5840 W Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee, FL, 34746  
Price per night: \$50-75 + taxes  
Distance from conference site: 1.0 miles  
<http://www.daysinmaingate.com/>

Howard Johnson Inn Kissimmee Maingate East  
6051 W Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 34747  
Price per night: \$49-59 + taxes  
Distance from conference site: 1.2 miles  
<http://www.hojomge.com/>

Quality Inn Maingate East  
5876 W Irlo Bronson Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 34746  
Price per night: \$150-200 + taxes  
Distance from conference site: 0.9 miles  
<http://www.qualitysuitsmaingate.com/>

**Other suggested websites:**

[www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com)  
[www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com)  
[www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com)  
[www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com)  
[www.allhotels.com](http://www.allhotels.com)

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