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Advisors' and FLC Attendees Update

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Fall Leadership Conference Registration

It's going to be a great Fall Leadership Conference. From the 21 session options, advisors and students have chosen the workshops in which they have the greatest interest. As I compose this update, Sheri and Lisa are busy printing nametags and stuffing packets for Wednesday. Unless you have decided to keep registration problems a secret, the registration system we used this year has been much better than last. At last count, 1,627 are registered for the conference. I am pleased with the response. Please review the following last minute details to ensure that all goes well as you travel to Columbus and spend next Wednesday at the 2010 Fall Leadership Conference.

FLC Attendees

Thank you for registering for FLC. Fourteen candidates have been working hard to prepare an election campaign in order to stand out from the crowd of candidates and impress you with their creativity as well as their leadership abilities. Have you reviewed the candidates' statements on the website and prepared questions for each candidate?

From 9:30 – 10 a.m., you can visit the candidates' campaign booths and interact with candidates to assess their leadership abilities. The Officer Candidates Speeches session was open to all interested members. Those who registered for that session will have an opportunity to caucus with their voting delegates to provide additional input into the election process.

Each candidate deserves the respect of those who listen to the candidates' speeches. I expect each candidate to be treated with respect for the hard work they have put into seeking office. BPA members are always respectful, correct? In the unlikely event that anyone is disrespectful to a candidate, security will escort him or her from the area.

Voting Delegates

In order to be seated as a voting delegate, you must be present when President Sarah Crist calls the Officer Candidate Speeches session to order.

Advisors, please be sure that your voting delegates check in with one of the election officials when they arrive in the Ballroom. Once the delegate has been certified, he or she should be seated with other members from your school. As stated previously, the members can provide input as to how your schools' five votes will be cast.

Delegates, be sure to bring something for taking notes as you visit each candidate in the morning and as you listen to the speeches. The decisions you make on Wednesday will have a considerable impact on the Ohio Association for the next year.

Pin Design

The top 25 pin designs have been posted on www.ohiobpa.org, for nearly two weeks. Your members should have reviewed and discussed the designs and provided input to your voting delegates who must vote for only one pin during the voting delegate session. Do a last review of the designs on Tuesday, please. Pin designs will be reviewed during the Opening General Session and again just before the voting delegates are given their ballots. Pins will be identified only by number. Voting Delegates will vote by number only. Several designs are similar, so be sure you know the number of the design for which you want to vote.

When ballots have been counted, the current state officer team will select the design that will be converted to our trading pin for National Leadership Conference in Washington DC in May.

The creator of the five designs from which the winning design was chosen will be recognized on stage at the Closing General Session and the final selection will be announced as well. Thank you--all who submitted designs.

Candidates and Campaign Managers

The morning schedule is extremely tight. It is imperative that you are on time for the 9:10 a.m. Candidate briefing Session. The majority of you will arrive on Tuesday evening. So, hopefully that will not be a problem.

You can set up your campaign area between 7:30 and 9 a.m. The campaign area will be secure during the candidate briefing. Remember that no campaign materials can be taken into the Opening General Session or Candidate Speeches session.

Bus Drop Off/Parking

The drop-off area between the Hyatt Regency and the Convention Center where buses have traditionally dropped off students has been under construction. The area was paved on Friday, and the City of Columbus is expected to inspect and approve it today. The Convention Center is still waiting for clearance to open the area to traffic. I expect that it will be open on Wednesday.

I have hired a Columbus police officer to direct traffic on High Street. In the unlikely event that buses cannot turn in to the drop-off, the officer will allow buses to stop in the right lane of North High Street for students to disembark.

We did not have an option this year to include parking in the registration. For those who arrive by car or van, you can park in any of the Convention Center parking facilities. The Vine Street garage (across High Street from the convention center) and the East lot on Nationwide Boulevard will have flat rate \$7 event parking. The Hyatt parking garage and the Goodale Boulevard surface lot will have \$8 special event parking.

Buses must park in the East lot on Nationwide Boulevard. According to the parking manager, most buses take up two spaces and will be \$14. Extra large buses might require three spaces. The uniformed officer on duty on High Street can provide directions to parking facilities or alert bus drivers of any traffic problems or areas to avoid.

Have a safe trip to Columbus. I look forward to see you, advisors and students.

FLC Dress Code

Professional attire is required for the Fall Leadership Conference. Candidates and supporters may wear campaign attire (hats, t-shirts, etc. during *Meet the Candidates*, but everyone must be in professional attire for the general sessions and all workshops. Remember that you are business professionals, always!

Lunch

Having two lunch periods will mean shorter lines this year. However, the two periods are not as balanced as I would like, but it will be much better than one lunch period. Remember that there are food concessions in the convention center between the C- and D-Pods as well as in the Hyatt Food Court. As your CEAC representative probably told you, it is quite acceptable for you to have students pack a lunch.

It's a little late to be getting this to you, but you can also call Kimberly Heckbert, ARAMARK Sales Manager at 614-827-2717 to preorder lunch for your students. Kimberly takes care of lunch for the presenters and does an excellent job. She will design a box lunch according to your specifications and have it ready whenever you need it.

Session Attendance Vouchers

Students will be given an attendance voucher for each workshop session they attend. Advisors, remember to collect the vouchers when your students board the bus to go home. We recommend that students insert each voucher into their nametag holder so that they can verify that they attended their scheduled sessions.

OSU-BPA Event

The Ohio State University Athletic Department has graciously agreed to extend the deadline for purchasing tickets to the December 15 business and marketing seminar and the basketball game. Today was the original deadline. However, we were granted this extension in order to promote the event at FLC. If you haven't registered, be sure to do so before Tuesday, November 23, which is probably your last school day before the Thanksgiving break. The form for ordering tickets is on the Ohio BPA website.