



**NJCEIA**

## ***Promoting Enrichment through Professional Development***

### **Upcoming NJCEIA Professional Events**

#### **NJCEIA December Meeting**

Topic: The 7 C's of Leadership  
Speaker: Regina Clark  
Date: December 5, 2008

Time: 10:00 - 1:30 pm  
Location: Montclair State University

Please bring good, clean "used" professional clothing for Hire Attire, an organization at the New Brunswick Public Schools Adult Learning Center which provides Federal Workfare participants with clothing so they can interview and start working again

#### **NJCEIA March Meeting**

1st Annual NJCEIA Mini-Conference

Topic: Promoting Enrichment through Professional Development

Date: March 27, 2009

Time: TBA

Location: NJIT, Campus Center, Newark, NJ

#### **NJCEIA Awards Ceremony**

Date: June 11, 2009  
Time: 11:00- 2:30 pm

Location: Rutgers Club, New Brunswick, NJ

### **Introducing the Practitioner of the Year Award**

This year NJCEIA is initiating the Practitioner of the Year Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding work of the members of NJCEIA and to foster our mission of promoting professional growth, exchanging ideas, and sharing information and creative solutions concerning career development issues.

The committee is seeking submissions related to the work we do as career professionals. This can include new programs; successful marketing campaigns for programs or services; innovative materials or handouts; professional presentations made by members at conferences; new ways of delivering services; new techniques or methods of counseling; and research including thesis, dissertation

and graduate level research projects.

Members of NJCEIA can self-nominate or be nominated by a colleague for this award. Application information, additional details, and complete award criteria will be available to NJCEIA members within the coming weeks and will be listed on the NJCEIA website at [www.njceia.org](http://www.njceia.org).

### **NJCEIA Forms Social Committee for Networking**

The Social Committee of NJCEIA was formed this year by Laszlo Pokorny, Treasurer, and Christian Uhl, VP for Programming, with the interest of planning and promoting informal social activities. As the committee gains more members, regular meetings will be planned at various locations

throughout New Jersey.

There have been two Social Committee activities to date. Attendees consisted primarily of employers recruited by Laszlo in the interest of bringing employers together with NJCEIA members. Please look out for NJCEIA

Social Committee meeting announcements in the future. Let's make NJCEIA a great organization for networking, professional development, and fun!

### **Call for Information**

Share information about what is happening in your organization. Have you had any new hires? Has someone been promoted? Are you working on a new project that you would like highlighted to the organization? Did you or someone in your office present at the Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Education and Internship Conference or another upcoming conference? Do you have an article that you would like to share? Please e-mail Christine Cervelli, VP for Communications, at [cervelli@njit.edu](mailto:cervelli@njit.edu) to be included in the next newsletter or an upcoming Spotlight.

### **Member Updates**

Amy Bravo, NJCEIA President 07-08, is now the Director Experiential Education and Employer Outreach at New York Institute of Technology.

Denise Schmidt, Morris County Community College, has been promoted to Director, Career Services and Cooperative Education.



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### Second Annual Joint NJCEIA/NJACE Meeting Promotes Diversity in the Workplace

NJCEIA and NJACE held their second annual joint meeting on Oct. 17, 2008 at The College of New Jersey. This meeting focused on the importance of understanding diversity in the workplace and some of the issues faced by students as they enter the workforce for the first time as co-ops and interns.

diversity and the messages we each send out when interacting with others from different backgrounds. Through the exercise and video entitled, If the World Were a Village of 100 People, participants were able to discover the realities of the world around us. Participants challenged their assumptions and discovered statistics about poverty, education, and other socio-economic issues.

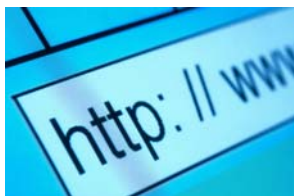
International Students, Middlesex County College; Erin Barron, Assistant Director, Stevens Institute of Technology; and Jennifer Santiago, Regional Recruiting Supervisor and Regional Diversity Co-Chair, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, sat on a panel moderated by NJCEIA's VP for Programming, Christian Uhl. The panel discussed issues including adjusting to the US from other countries, co-op issues for international students, and diversity initiatives lead by Enterprise Rent-a-Car.



October 17th NJCEIA/NJACE Joint Meeting at The College of New Jersey. Pictured Rita Burton (left), Erin Barron, Jennifer Santiago, and Christian Uhl

Christina-Vargas Law, Director, Diversity and Affirmative Action at Stony Brook University, highlighted the importance of being aware of

Rita Burton, Counselor for



### NJCEIA Website Begins Overhaul

The NJCEIA website is in the process of being updated to reflect new information and resources for members. Keep an eye out for our new look sometime in December!

### Membership

NJCEIA has made an effort to attract and recruit employer members to the organization. This year a special outreach to top employers at NJ schools has been initiated. If you have any employers who you think may be interested and benefit from becoming an employer member of NJCEIA, please e-mail the name of the employer and contact information to Sue Pye, VP for Membership, at [spye@echo.Rutgers.edu](mailto:spye@echo.Rutgers.edu). Information for employers is also available at the NJCEIA website: [www.njceia.org](http://www.njceia.org).

### Get Involved

NJCEIA is looking for volunteers to participate in the many committees that help our organization run. Currently we are looking for members to become involved with:

- 1) Archival
- 2) Awards
- 3) Programming
- 4) Public Relations
- 5) Social