



**NJCEIA**

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

### **Upcoming NJCEIA Professional Events**

#### **NJCEIA Awards Ceremony**

**Honor the student winners and the 1st winner of the NJCEIA Practitioner of the Year Award**

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

Location: Rutgers Club,  
New Brunswick, NJ

#### **CEIA Annual Conference**

Building a Sustainable Future  
**Come support NJCEIA members and other co-op professionals who will be presenting.**

April 19 - 21, 2009  
Hilton Portland Oregon  
Information available at:  
[www.ceiainc.org](http://www.ceiainc.org)

### **NJCEIA to Host 1st Annual Mini-Conference at NJIT**

On March 27, 2009 NJCEIA will host its first Mini-Conference at NJIT with a focus on *The Rapidly Changing Face of the American Workplace*. This conference will be a day long event where participants will be able to attend three sessions and explore topics such as co-op/internships within the current economic situation, using social networking sites for professional use, and how to handle stress

during difficult situations.

Speakers at this event include Gerry Crispin, an international speaker, author, and consultant who speaks on employment strategy, hiring processes, and staffing technology; Dr. Carl Van Horn from the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development; and Zohar Adner, a stress specialist from the Stop Stressin' Out Workshop.

Members of NJCEIA as well as others interested in the mission of the organization can attend. Register by March 3rd for only \$30. After March 3rd, the Registration Fee is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. For additional information regarding the conference, please visit our website at [www.njceia.org](http://www.njceia.org) or e-mail [cuhl@stevens.edu](mailto:cuhl@stevens.edu).

### **December Meeting Highlights 7 C's of Leadership**

Participants at the multifaceted December 2008 NJCEIA meeting at Montclair University learned about leadership, participated in a charity contribution, and experienced the work of a world renowned artist.

The day started with a presentation about the 7 C's of Leadership by Regina M. Clarke, CSP of Left Brain

Leverage. Each "C" helped participants to build their leadership skills and provided information and scenarios to answer the question, "Why would anyone want to be lead by you?"

In keeping with NJCEIA tradition, meeting participants donated items to a charity. This year, the organization donated clothing to

Hire Attire, which provides Federal Workfare participants with clothing so they can interview and rejoin the workforce.

After the presentation, participants were given a tour of the Segal Gallery to view the works of George Segal, Modern Humanist.

## **Don't Forget- NJCEIA Student of the Year Award Nominations**

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2009 Student of the Year Award. Awards will be given to one student from both a 2-year and 4-year college. Nomination packets must be completed by April 1, 2009.

Additional information regarding the nomination process and links to the nomination forms can be found on the NJCEIA website at [www.njceia.org](http://www.njceia.org).

## **Practitioner of the Year Award**

Nominations are currently being accepted for the first ever Practitioner of the Year Award. The award is open to all members. Members can self-nominate or be nominated by a colleague. If you are interested in nominating yourself or a colleague, please visit the awards section of the NJCEIA website at [www.njceia.org](http://www.njceia.org).



*Regina M. Clarke of Left Brain Leverage gives a presentation about the 7 C's of Leadership to NJCEIA at the Dec 2008 Meeting at Montclair University*



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### Phyllis Roberts of Ramapo Reflects on a Career in Co-op

#### Membership Update

Membership renewal will begin in April 2009. All schools and employers who wish to renew their membership are encouraged to download the membership forms located on the NJCEIA website at [www.njceia.org](http://www.njceia.org).

In an effort to continue to increase employer membership and participation within the organization, please forward the membership information along to your employers.

Phyllis Roberts is retiring after 20 years in the co-op field. As a past president of NJCEIA she has seen the field grow and change throughout this time. She says, "I've been in the field as long as I've been at Ramapo - 20 years. And 20 years is an entire generation."

During her tenure, the concept of co-op morphed from "co-ops are always paid positions" to co-ops are similar to internships and can be paid or not. But the academic component remained strong. Many programs were flushed with money from Title VIII funding and when Title VIII was no more, some programs in NJ were pared back or were not institutionalized and

cut completely. In NJ co-op persevered and NJCEIA launched an initiative so that Trenton and employers were aware of co-op and how it helped students, colleges and the economy. NJCEIA remains a vital organization in support of co-op.

Phyllis says, "I've made many friends in NJCEIA. We always felt we were very lucky to have such a strong state organization. When I would go to regional or national conferences and they would hear about how active we are in NJ they were in awe." She notes that "we all share a commitment to what we do and delight in being

collegial in sharing information about the field in general and about our individual programs. We all wanted one thing and that was to provide our students with the best possible Co-op program on our campuses."

Phyllis has been very active in this field and has made significant contributions to Ramapo and NJCEIA. "A big part of me will miss all this but I hope to stay in touch with my many co-op buddies."

### Get Involved with NJCEIA

NJCEIA is an organization that depends on an active membership to facilitate programs and coordinate events. All members are encouraged to volunteer and become active within committees or run for an executive officer position. If you are interested in volunteering, the following committees are looking for members to help with planning events and setting the goals for the future of NJCEIA.

Currently we are looking for members to become involved with:

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

Also, consider running for an officer position on the executive board. Descriptions of all officer positions can be found on the About Us section of the website at [www.njceia.org](http://www.njceia.org).



*2008-2009 Executive Board. If you are interested in running for the 2009-2010 board, contact Dominique Clarke at [Clarke@njit.edu](mailto:Clarke@njit.edu)*