

College Success Faculty Development

Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25, 2006

Wadsworth is pleased to invite you to participate in a two day interactive workshop that will provide information, practical strategies, and an opportunity to spend time with leaders in the first year field.

In addition, enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Renaissance Ft. Lauderdale Hotel.

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 24:

8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast & Registration
9:00-12:00 **Retention and a "Real"/"Quality" First-Year Seminar: Can We Have our Cake and Eat it Too?"**

John Gardner, Distinguished Professor Emeritus,
University of South Carolina
Senior Fellow, National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience

This session will place the first-year seminar in the national context of best practices, discuss common retention initiatives, and address concerns about the quality of teaching and learning.

12:00-12:45 Lunch: Wadsworth will host
1:00-4:00 **And They're, Like... "WOW!" and We're, Like... "WHOA!" What Today's Students Need and How First-Year Seminars Can Help Them Get It**

Constance Staley, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
Recent literature uses disturbing descriptors: *psychologically-fragile*, *overconfident*, *unmotivated*, and *under-prepared* for the academic investment higher education requires. This interactive workshop will equip participants with an array of practical strategies, hands-on activities, and handout materials to use on their home campuses.
Dinner: On Your Own

Saturday:

8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast
9:00-12:00 **Building a Solid Foundation for College Success**

Jane Halonen, University of West Florida

This workshop will be designed to help instructors develop an assessment-oriented strategy for First Year Experience courses. We will plan how to achieve valuable student-learning outcomes in the context of this important course. Active learning strategies will be emphasized.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:

John N. Gardner brings unparalleled experience to this workshop. John is the recipient of the University of South Carolina's highest award for teaching excellence, and he has 25 years of experience directing and teaching in the University's highly respected University 101 course. He is universally recognized as one of the country's leading higher educators for his role in initiating and orchestrating an international reform movement to improve the beginning college experience, a concept he coined as "the first-year experience." John is the founding executive director of two influential higher education centers that support campuses in their efforts to improve the learning and retention of beginning college students: the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition at the University of South Carolina (www.sc.edu/fye), and the Policy Center on the First Year of College in Brevard, N.C. (www.fyfoundations.org).

Jane Halonen is a professor at the University of West Florida. Her research interests include the scholarship of teaching, psychology pedagogy and assessment and evaluation. In 2000, Dr. Halonen was designated a Distinguished Teacher by the APA (American Psychological Association). She is currently serving on the advisory boards of numerous national and international teaching groups, including the Improving University Teaching Conference and the Eastern Teaching Conference in Psychology.

Constance Staley is one of the undisputed leaders in the College Success movement. She has a national reputation through her well-attended workshops and presentations, many of which are sponsored by Wadsworth. She has practical classroom experience, having taught at University of Colorado at Colorado Springs for 29 years. She has directed and taught in the school's highly visible Freshman Seminar Program since 1994s Professor of Communication at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Connie holds a B.S. in education, an M.A. in linguistics, and a Ph.D. in communication

WORKSHOP LOCATION: The Renaissance Fort Lauderdale

INSTITUTE REGISTRATION: Free, but advance registration is required.

To register, email sharon.berlin@thomson.com.

Special hotel rates are available.

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