



MO-AHEAD Newsletter

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*Introducing
Newly Elected
Vice President,
Candi Feller.*

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*Applications for
Tall Oaks
Scholarship, due
ASAP*

A Big Welcome to Our New VP!

Congratulations to Candi Feller from St. Louis Community College – Meramec. She has been elected our new Vice President for MO AHEAD. Candi is currently working towards her PhD at University of Missouri – St. Louis. Candi's background includes working in the Access Office at SLCC – Meramec, Homemakers Program – helping women get back into education and the workforce, and she has expertise in Psychometrics and Learning Disabilities. Candi has many personal interests including cats, red hats, grandchildren, and dancing. You are welcome to send an email of congratulations to Candi Feller at cfeller@stlcc.edu.

All Board members names, positions and contact information are listed on the web at: <http://ahead.org/affiliates/missouri/index.html> click 'Board' on the left menu

Great Plains Regional Conference at Tall Oaks

HURRY to Register! Registration deadline is March 12th!

The Great Plains Regional Conference will be April 14 – 16, 2004 at Tall Oaks Conference Center in Kansas (<http://www.talloaks.org/>). For more information about the conference see the website <http://ahead.org/affiliates/missouri/index.html> 'Announcements'. You also may have received information via the listserv. If you would like to request registration materials, contact Claudia Felsen at cfelsen@stlcc.edu.

The theme for this year is a celebration of states! Celebrating our survival through the state of shock, state of confusion, and state of delirious laughter! Actually, we are celebrating the wonderful diversity and experience we have with the many members from our regional states of Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska.

In addition, we have several great opportunities for professional development and discussion. If you have questions like the ones below, the conference will be a great place to find answers.

How do you handle a tough case? **How do you effectively supervise?** What are the typical considerations for accommodations for a student with



Next MOAHEAD General meeting will be held at the Conference site. Members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Membership Benefits

- Professional Development opportunities
- Tall Oaks visit
- Legislative collaborations
- Networking and professional community support
- And so much more.....

Asperger's or other psychological disorders? **What is this Transition Training and how can I get involved?** Why should I care about National AHEAD? **Where is all the Assistive Technology coming from?** There is SO much to learn; how can I learn it best?

If you have questions like these, you'll find answers among fellow colleagues and a wonderful support system!

So come to Tall Oaks for this conference to indulge yourself in a 'state' of relaxed professional development. Bring your comfy clothes, inquisitive mind, and lots of non-'state'ments (questions)! How well do you know your states?



Scholarships Available for Tall Oaks Conference!

To apply for a scholarship to cover the cost of the conference registration send a letter to Jan Eudaley, jeudaley@stlcc.edu, making the request. Four scholarships will be awarded. Letters of application should include information regarding why the funding is needed and a letter supporting your request, signed by your Dean. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come first serve basis.

National News

MO-AHEAD representatives, Julie Edwards, Sue Matthews, and Claudia Felsen have received great news from AHEAD National Office. The proposal for a half day symposium on Transition Training has been accepted!

The presentation will be a half day symposium at AHEAD Annual Conference in Miami, Florida and will showcase what MO-AHEAD has been doing to improve the transition for students with disabilities from High School to College. Many compliments have been made regarding the MO-AHEAD Guidebook and Transition Training.

Congratulations to Julie, Sue and Claudia!



Regional Highlights

Transition Training

Tuesday, February 24th, Julie Edwards presented “Transition to Higher Education: Support Services for Students with Disabilities” at the Dallas County Career Center. A total of 13 special educators from Buffalo, Bolivar, Fair Play, Halfway, Hermitage, Humansville, Skyline, Weaubleau and Wheatland participated. The workshop evaluations were very high, and the participants were especially thrilled with the Missouri College Guidebook resource they received. Educators from Halfway and Skyline asked for Julie to visit their schools and talk with students and parents about transition services.

Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your membership! Dues are \$10 per year and you can pay 3 years in advance! Being a member of MOAHEAD is one of the most reasonable professional development opportunities. If you don't know your current status with your dues, contact Ellen Smither at smither@mwsc.edu.

Call for Articles

Is anyone interested in assisting in the improvement of the MO-AHEAD Newsletter? Would members like to see support materials, articles, and websites of the month? Please email your suggestions to Tammy Pratt, tpratt@umr.edu.

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