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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jan Eudaley

By now you should have received an e-mail with information about this year's Great Plains Regional Conference (sponsored by MO/AHEAD) at Tall Oaks. If you have not please let me know, [jeudaley@stlcc.edu](mailto:jeudaley@stlcc.edu).

Your Executive Board has responded to your comments from last year by focusing on legal issues and ways to lighten your work load. We will have a St. Louis Board of Education attorney and an OCR representative informing us of the latest legal developments in our field and helping us to avoid pitfalls. Our National AHEAD president will be with us letting us know the latest in national trends for documentation and LD definitions.

We're getting serious about having fun by offering more options during the "networking" times. There will be opportunities for people to branch out

from Tall Oaks and take in some of the local color as well as options for those wanting to stay in the country. And finally, we have invited a "national authority on the enormous benefits of laughter" to help us all remember that humor can get us through a lot when nothing else will.

Your Executive Board is excited about this conference and we hope to see you all there!



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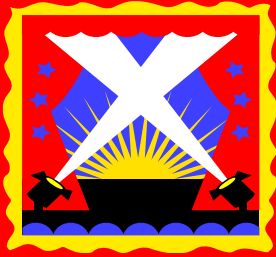
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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

# Mike Shuttic



**AHEAD PRESIDENT-ELECT**

**SPEAKER-2007 GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
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**OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES**

**COORDINATOR, STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES**

Special interests at work:

Wheelchair basketball “bash” (fundraiser for team); diversity initiative; facilitate cooperative efforts across campus (disability & other)

What would you be doing if not here...?

Peace Corps, teaching English in Japan, or working w/ children

What inspires you?

Removing obstacles for others...& a cappella music

Special interests outside of work?

Early Settlement Program (mediation); CASA volunteer (Court Appointed Special Advocate);

What is on your desk?

Couple origami cranes, stack of recycled “scratch” paper, glass paperweight, Katabori Netsuke, framed Japanese inspirational saying, small anniversary clock, pottery mug w/ pens/pencils, banker’s lamp

Career path leading to current work: (early to present)

Residence Life (RA undergrad; Hall Director, Area Coordinator)  
Work Adjustment Trainer/Job Coach (during grad school, at Sheltered Workshop)  
Independent Living Skills Specialist (at CIL)  
Disability Services, Asst. Dir. (University of KS)  
Disability Services, Assoc. Dir./Architectural Barriers Comm, chair (University of KS)  
...to present

Favorite quote

A leader is best when people barely know he exists,

Not so good when they obey and acclaim him,

Worst when they despise him.

Fail to honor people, and they fail to honor you.

But of a good leader, who talks little,

When his work is done, his aim fulfilled,

They will all say, “We did this ourselves.”

-Lao Tzu



## Tall Oaks Conference Center: Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. Where is Tall Oaks located?

A. Tall Oaks is located on 350 beautiful woodland acres, Tall Oaks is a camp, retreat center, & conference center in Kansas, only fifteen miles from both the western edge of Kansas City & the north-east corner of Lawrence, Kansas (two miles east of Linwood, Kansas).

### Q. What should I pack?

A. It is a very informal conference, where jeans and t-shirts (or sweat-

shirts, depending on the weather) are as formal as we get.

### Q. What type of housing is available?

A. Cabin Housing Option (\$225.00) includes three sets of bunk beds in each room of the older cabins. Conference Center Housing Op-



**Tall Oaks offers many beautiful walking trails**

tion (\$275.00) includes a semi-private room. Each room has a set of bunk beds, a single bed, and a bathroom.

### Q. How can I learn more?

You may visit [www.talloaks.org](http://www.talloaks.org) or please refer to your conference registration materials.

## OCR Senior Attorney to Speak at Great Plains Regional Conference!

Claire D. Fitzgerald is a 2007 Great Plains Regional Conference speaker who will address recent cases, what to expect from an OCR visit, and take time for a question/answer session.

Claire D. Fitzgerald is a senior attorney in the regional office of the Of-

fice for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Education, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The mission of OCR is to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights.

To learn more about the Office of Civil Rights you may visit their website.

[www.ed.gov/offices/OCR](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCR)

**Do you have a question for OCR??**

## You Just Have To Laugh

Nobody does what David Naster does! Nobody! David is the only comedian with high quality content that truly makes a difference in people's lives.

In college, David



**David Naster**  
**2007 Conference Speaker**  
*Photo by Issac Alongi Studios*

studied psychology. But, deciding he would rather make fun of people than help them, he began a comedy career. Little did he know that making people laugh would end helping them more than he possibly could have imagined.

David's live presentation proves that FEAR is the core of any tough time and FEAR can be managed, even erased, with humor.

David Naster is one-of-a-kind. After experiencing his presentation, your life will improve. He guarantees it.

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# Conference Activities!

So much to do! What will YOU do?

Horseback riding

Hiking trails

Movies

Bike riding

An evening in Lawrence –Dinner, Movie,  
hang out on Massachusetts's Street

## Great Plains Regional Conference Schedule (Tentative)

### WEDNESDAY April 11, 2007

- 2:00 - 3:00 Check in
- 3:00 - 3:45 Welcome Activities
- 4:00 - 5:00 Break out sessions
1. New Providers - Julie Edwards, OTC and Jan Eudaley, SLCC
  2. Technology - Tim Sears of Metropolitan Community College - KC
  3. Learning Disabilities Documentation Guidelines & Discussion-Adam Meyer and Candi Feller
- 5:00 - 6:00 Bike Riding, Horse back Riding
- 6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
- 7:00 - ????? Networking, board games, "The Office"

### THURSDAY April 12, 2007

- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:15 David Naster
- 10:30 - 11:30 Mike Shuttic
- 11:30 - 12:00 Brainstorm questions for OCR presenter
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:30 - 4:00 Terry Goldman - Attorney for MO School Boards
- 4:15 - 5:00 State Meetings
- 5:00 - 6:00 More Bike Riding!
- 6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
- 7:00 - ????? Networking, movie in house, games, Sign up to Lawrence for dinner

### FRIDAY April 13, 2007

- 8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:30 Claire Fitzgerald - OCR, KC, MO
- 10:30 - 11:00 Wrap up



**Great Plains  
Goes Platinum!**