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# Missouri AHEAD

## TALL OAKS REGIONAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 9—11, 2008



### COVERING THE DISTANCE

#### TOPICS INCLUDE:

**SERVICES FOR RETURNING VETERANS**

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR**

**DISTANCE EDUCATION**

**LEGAL ISSUES IN DISABILITY SERVICES &  
HIGHER EDUCATION**



Jeanne Kincaid

**FEATURED SPEAKER:**

**JEANNE KINCAID**

**It's not too late to register for the  
Tall Oaks Conference!**  
**The deadline has been extended to  
April 4th!**

*TALL OAKS Q & A:*

Q: What can I wear to Tall Oaks?

A: Jeans and a t-shirt are appropriate.

Q: Where can I find directions to the Tall Oaks?

A: You may refer to your conference materials, or visit [www.moahead.org](http://www.moahead.org).

Q: I am staying overnight, what should I bring?

A: You may find a flashlight to be handy when returning to your room or conference center in the evening. Bedding and towels are provided.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

# Kim Fernandes

Access Resource Educator  
Metropolitan Community College-Maple Woods  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Kim Fernandes, MOAHEAD board member, has been nominated for a Kansas City Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce Award in the area of Excellence in Higher Education. The Excellence in Higher Education award is for outstanding instructors, professors or administrative staff members that have made a significant commitment to education in their institution. Kim's friends, colleagues, and fellow board members already know that she demonstrates excellence in her work and that she is very deserving of this award! Here is an opportunity for you to get to know Kim Fernandes a little better.**

**Career path leading to current work:** I have a master's degree in counseling and worked for six years as a counselor at Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation before coming to MCC.

**Tell us about your family...**I met my husband, Rodney, when we were both students at Truman State University. We have been married for nine years. We have a wonderful daughter, Kiana, who is six years old. Our other child is our rescue dog, Sydney, who is a seven year old mutt.

**What might you be doing if not working in disability services in higher education?** Event planner, pharmacist, or celebrity blogger.

**What would people be surprised to learn about you?** I was a contestant on the TV game show "D.B.'s Delight" when I was in sixth grade. I earned second place. My losing question was, "What band sings the song 'Centerfold'?" In my heightened state of anxiety, I answered "Kool & the Gang!"

**Dream vacation?** Mediterranean cruise or a trip to Australia.

**Who is your hero?** My hero has always been my mother. I have never met someone more admirable or selfless. She is a great listener and has such a positive outlook on life, and she taught her kids that they could do and be anything.

**What are your special interests and hobbies outside of work?** Reading, cooking, and traveling.

**What is on your desk?** Multiple pictures of my daughter – it's like a shrine – and a couple of my husband and dog. There are also several St. Louis Blues bendable hockey figures.

**At work what resources do you turn to for guidance?** I have a few wonderful resources that provide a great deal of support to me in my job. The Access group at MCC is very supportive, and we get together as frequently as possible to discuss issues. I also learn a lot from both the MO-AHEAD and DSSHE listservs.



**Kim with Sydney, her rescue dog.**

## What others say about Kim:

Kim is a natural event planner – she quietly and unassumingly goes about her work and brings together a fantastic conference. Her contribution to the board has been phenomenal!

One of my goals as president was to bring in younger participants for the future of MO/AHEAD. I wanted their fresh perspective and energy to keep MO/AHEAD vital and pertinent to the work lives of our membership. Kim has fulfilled that goal with her commitment and professional involvement. She is a wonderful asset to our Executive Board because of her willingness to work hard and contribute her expertise and time.

Kim is a very confident and competent DSS professional. Her insight and sense of humor make her a delight to work with on the Board.

# MOAHEAD Transition Training Schedule

Type	Date	Location	Time	Presenter(s)
High School Personnel	Feb 7, 2008	Crowder College	Spring TBA	Julie Bunch Amy Frieling
High School Personnel	Feb 28, 2008	Springfield	9:00 AM— 3:00 PM	Suelaine Mat- thews Julie Bunch
High School Personnel	2008 TBA	University of Missouri Rolla	9:00 AM — 3:00 PM	Suelaine Mat- thews Julie Bunch
Administrators	2008 TBA	South-East Lead Administrators of Special Education	Spring TBA	TBA

To learn more about the  
MOAHEAD Transition  
trainings please visit  
[www.moahead.org](http://www.moahead.org)



# MOAHEAD Board Announcement: Two Executive Vacancies

Written by Adam Meyer, MOAHEAD President

MO-AHEAD currently has two executive board vacancies that need to be filled: Vice-President and Secretary. The description for these positions is as follows, as listed in the MO-AHEAD bylaws, which can be found at [www.moahead.org](http://www.moahead.org) :

The **Vice President**, in the absence of the President, shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President without prejudice to his/her subsequent term of office as President. The Vice President shall be Missouri's AHEAD standing committee coordinator, and in such capacity shall coordinate and direct as appropriate the functions of all standing committees as directed by the President.

The **Secretary** shall have both recording and correspondence responsibility and such additional duties as may be directed by the Executive Council.

The nomination period for these positions will begin during the MO-AHEAD state meeting at the Tall Oaks conference on April 10<sup>th</sup> and will conclude April 16<sup>th</sup>. Candidates will then provide a personal "blurb" to help voters get to know everyone during the voting process and then voting will take place shortly thereafter. More information will follow at the Tall Oaks state meeting and on this listserv in the days to come. Attending Tall Oaks is not a requirement for being nominated, which is why the nomination period will extend past it, but we do hope that interested candidates who are able to attend Tall Oaks will consider using the conference as an opportunity for all of us to get to know you.

Many great things have been accomplished over the years by many different people who have fulfilled positions on the MO-AHEAD board. We think that we have some great ideas in store as we look to the future.

## MO/AHEAD BOARD MEMBERS:

**Adam Meyer**  
President & Conference Chair

**Vacant**  
Vice President

**Amy Frieling**  
Membership Chair & Treasurer

**Vacant**  
Secretary

**Lindy Mullins**  
Historian

**Kim Fernandes**  
Conference Co-Chair

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**Julie Bunch**  
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