Call To Action: The Time is Now!
Rebecca Goosen, NADE President

The NADE annual conference is quickly approaching. The Executive Board recently met in Denver with the Conference Planning Committee and was exited by what they have planned for you all in Denver. This year the conference theme, “Pioneering the Education Frontier,” is especially appropriate as our field is under national scrutiny. We know that the first frontier for developmental education was in the 1800s when futuristic developmental educators understood the importance of providing programs that served the entire student in both support and instruction. We now find ourselves in the center of an urgent agenda to help under prepared students with increased national scrutiny.

This conference is an opportunity to share and learn about your collective expertise in order to assist students in being successful. We have invited many of those who have been at the center of the national discussion to this conference and we hope you have an opportunity to share your expertise and engage them in conversations.

There will be many great sessions to attend and chances to learn:
• Interact with conference attendees, international participants, and NADE leaders at the Opening Reception, on Wednesday evening;
• Attend pre-conference institutes, concurrent sessions and post-conference institutes to learn about the amazing things you are currently doing including academic coaching and program certification;
• Attend special strands on Thursday that will include the latest updates on the national agenda, innovation that is occurring around instruction, information about how we assess students, and national policy discussions;
• Celebrate award and scholarship recipients during the opening reception on Wednesday night and during Plenary sessions on Thursday and Friday;
• Learn from two dynamic keynote speakers;
• Meet and support your new NADE Board Officers at the Celebration Breakfast on Saturday morning;
• Learn how to actively engage in the national conversation;
• And be sure to enjoy this great city of Denver!

All members of the current and future NADE Board will be actively engaged throughout the conference. Please feel free to stop any Board member and dialogue about the new challenges facing developmental education.

You need to know that your Board and other developmental educators have actively engaged in the decisions and discussions that are occurring around the country about developmental education. Actually, many of you are involved in those discussions as well, and NADE has been well represented at national gatherings discussing developmental education. A short list would include NADE’s participation at the Accelerated Learning Programs Conference in Baltimore, the National Center for Public Research conference at Columbia University, American Association of Community Colleges Conference in Orlando, NISOD Conference in Austin, Developmental Education Initiative-Achieving the Dream State Policy meeting in Miami. Also, a few weeks ago, NADE was well-represented at a gathering of individuals from foundations, professionals in the field, and experts in developmental education to work on a national action plan for developmental education. Many of you have shared questions and concerns on the educational list serve or presented/informed at state and local meetings with information that informs the conversation. All of these efforts are examples of how you as professionals are having a voice in the conversation and rest assured it is being heard.

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NADE Newsletter Wants Your Articles

The NADE Newsletter reports all of the various happenings around NADE. If you would like to let the entire membership of NADE know about all the great things that your committee, chapter, or SPIN is doing, please send an article to one of us:

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Deadlines for submitting articles are June 15 (Summer edition), October 15 (fall edition), and January 15 (Winter edition).

We look forward to hearing from you. Remember: the Newsletter is produced by volunteers who include articles written by volunteers. The Newsletter has no full-time staff and no beat reporters. Many articles lead to a large and informative Newsletter, but if members submit few articles, the pickings will be slim.
The NADE Adjunct Faculty SPIN is now an orphan, a SPIN group that has no chair. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to chair this SPIN should contact Karen Tompson-Wolfe, the NADE SPIN Coordinator, at karen.tompson-wolfe@westminster-mo.edu.

Volunteer service is very gratifying. Service in NADE is also very rewarding professionally and provides many insights into developmental education nationally. Anyone who is interested should be sure to jump at this opportunity.

October and early November are usually the busiest times of the year for NADE chapter conferences. This year is no exception. Twelve of NADE’s state and regional chapters held their annual conferences between mid-October and the first weeks of November.


NADE chapter conferences provide outstanding opportunities for professional development and for networking with developmental education professionals in one’s own region. Also, speaking as an administrator, I can assure you that cash-strapped programs and institutions are far more likely to fund the relatively inexpensive attendance at a chapter conference than the relatively costly trip to NADE’s annual conference.

Links are provided above. I hope you attended the annual conference for your chapter.

Orphan SPIN

Treasurer’s Report
D. Patrick Saxon, NADE Treasurer
October 6, 2012

First Com. CD (.5%)............................$100,000.00  Matures 3/30/13
Chase NADE Checking......................11,375.26
Chase NADE Savings.........................331,762.53
Chase Certificate of Deposit (.5%).........21,825.12  Matures 9/28/13
2013 Conference Checking...................13,065.15
2014 Conference Checking...................9,411.35
Total Assets                           $487,439.41

Chapter News
Craig Barto, Newsletter Editor

TASSR Members are On the Move
Meredith Anne S. Higgs, State Chapter Reporter

The Tennessee Association for Student Success and Retention (TASSR) has several members that are serving NADE and the broader community in big ways. TASSR is very proud of these members and wishes to congratulate and thank them for their service.

In addition, TASSR is very proud of Dr. Lawanna S. Fisher, Associate Professor in the Department of University Studies at Middle Tennessee State University, who recently received an Outstanding Achievement in Instructional Technology Award from the university. Dr. Fisher believes strongly that most students who enter the university can be successful if provided with appropriate support, and she strives to provide that support in both her traditional and online mathematics classrooms. Dr. Fisher has developed more than 200 instructional videos for her online students, students enrolled other instructors’ classes, and tutors in the University Studies Mathematics Laboratory. TASSR congratulations, Dr. Fisher.

Truly, TASSR members are on the move toward greater service to NADE and learning support students.
Preparing for NADE 2013
Tina Getz

The Colorado team and NADE Board are busy preparing for NADE 2013 (February 27 – March 2) at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. We are delighted that Temple Grandin and Consuelo Castillo Kickbush have accepted our invitation to speak for the Thursday and Friday plenary sessions. You won’t want to miss our Cultural Heritage Event at the new History Colorado Center. Our location on Denver’s 16th Street Mall offers exciting restaurants and shopping.

The selection process for the many proposals we received is complete. Check out our web site at http://nade2013.com frequently as we will be adding information on registration and the program.

Please consider volunteering – we are currently looking for moderators. You will be happy to know we are following NADE 2012’s example of cutting down on paper usage – our volunteer forms can be found on our web site and submitted electronically.

This year’s theme, Pioneering the Education Frontier, reminds us of NADE’s leadership role in research and professional development for practitioners as we guide students, many of whom are the first in their families to pursue a post-secondary degree, through the frontier of college success.

We look forward to seeing you in Denver for NADE 2013! For additional information, please contact the Conference Co-Chairs: Art Terrazas (art.terrazas@gmail.com) and Tina Getz (tinagetz@gmail.com).