



FALL 2013

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Dr. Stanton Green presents on faculty involvement

NJCEIA and NJACE joint conference at Monmouth U. a success

This year's fall 2013 conference, titled "Transformations: Partnering with Faculty, Preparing Students, Empowering Staff," was held at Monmouth University on Friday, Oct. 25. in Long Branch, NJ with more than 50 career development and employer representatives in attendance.

NJCEIA partnered with NJACE this year to bring employers and universities from across northern NJ together for a day of collaboration and learning from some of the area's leaders in career advising and development.

This year's guest speakers included Dr. Stanton Green, Dean of Arts & Sciences at Monmouth University, who provided insight on building faculty relationships to help prepare students for careers in their desired industry.

Bob McElwaine, Career Coach at Beacon Career Coaching and business professor at Centenary College, presented on "How to Transition a Liberal Arts Degree into a Career".

Dr. Ansley W. La Mar, Founder of LaMar Educational Enterprises and Professor of Psychology at New Jersey City University, led an enthusiastic and interactive workshop that helped attendees identify the skills, processes and predispositions exceptional leaders use to address the challenge of working effectively together with dwindling resources.

After lunch, attendees left with full



Attendees interact prior to the start of the conference

stomachs and a mind full of ideas to start off the upcoming year.

NJCEIA thanks the members of NJACE, the presenters, and those in attendance for another insightful and inspirational conference experience!

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2012-2013 awards honorees announced



Sue Pye, Vice President for Awards and Recognition, presents Ryan Stalgaitis with the Practitioner of the Year award at this year's fall conference.

NJCEIA wrapped up another award selection season this past June. It was a challenging selection process due to the caliber of applications submitted from schools including Montclair State, Seton Hall and New Jersey Institute of Technology. Each winner received notification in June along with a cash award of \$250.

This year's winners represented a wide array of industries and majors, but all shared a passion for their work and commitment to their organization.

Daniel Tomassi of Stevens Institute of Technology won the student award in the Technical category for 4-year institutions.

The electrical engineering student made his mark at Verizon Wireless where he not only gained valuable knowledge regarding cellular technology and the new uses being discovered each day, but also further developed his teamwork and leadership skills.

His dedication and hard work earned him a full-time position with Verizon, which began in June 2013.

Rachel Schachter of Drew University spent fall 2012 working for Citizen Schools, an organization that extends the learning day for at-risk middle schools.

This music major and student award winner in the non-technical category for 4-year institutions truly enjoyed sharing her passion for music with the students she taught in a weekly

Apprenticeship called Ambition Musician. The Apprenticeship centered on signing and songwriting. While singing and songwriting remain her long-term goal, she hasn't ruled out teaching.

Sierra Spriggs of Essex County College obtained an internship that helped her focus her long-term career aspirations.

As the student award winner in the non-technical category for 2-year institutions, her work at The Valerie Fund, an organization that provides support for the comprehensive health care of children with cancer and blood disorders, has been rewarding.

This summer she continued her work with Valerie Fund as a volunteer assistant at Camp Happy Times, which provides an overnight camp experience focused on promoting friendship, independence and a spirit of cooperation for cancer patients and survivors. She is confirmed in her commitment to stay in the non-profit world and help children through their struggles.

Practitioner **Ryan Stalgaitis** was selected based on his contributions to the Career Development Center at Fairleigh Dickinson University and his work helping students in Becton College seek internship opportunities.

He contributed new ideas and fresh approaches to using technology including developing a Facebook page and LinkedIn group, transitioning all paper-based internship forms to online forms and revamped the department website.

A colleague and endorser noted that Ryan "is the type of person that makes it a pleasure to come into work every day because of his attitude and demeanor."

NJCEIA salutes all the award winners and nominees for their hard work and dedication.

The NJCEIA 2013-2014 award applications cycle is now open. Student award and practitioner award details and applications are available at njceia.wordpress.com/. Nominate a student or encourage students to self-nominate, and don't forget to complete a practitioner application, too!

Ryan Stalgaitis, Vice President for Membership



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