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Summer Activities Keep MSCA Leaders Busy



MSCA Well-Represented at 2006 ASCA LDI

By Shari Sevier, President-Elect

Neither collapsing tunnels nor tropical storms could stop President Charlie Holt, President-Elect Shari Sevier, and ASCA Midwest VP-Elect Carolyn Roof from representing MSCA at the recent ASCA Leadership Development Institute held in the Boston area. The issues with the “Big Dig” tunnels, the Ted Williams tunnel and the rain from Tropical Storm Beryl did slow things down a bit for some, but the LDI still pressed on.

ASCA President Barbara Blackburn facilitated three days of workshops on a variety of topics aimed at further developing the leadership skills of those individuals taking on the task of leading their state organizations. The institute began with an evening overview of the conference schedule, plus team-building exercises. All but two states were represented at the conference.

Policy governance was the major topic of the institute, and ASCA is pushing it hard. It became very clear that the MSCA governing board is light years ahead of many other states in conducting action-oriented meetings. It’s all about having the “right people on the bus” when it comes to leading an organization. MSCA is very fortunate to have individuals who are dedicated to the positions they volunteer for, and they do an excellent job at following through on their commitments.

Throughout the LDI, there were opportunities to meet as a

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Carolyn Roof Prepares to begin term as ASCA Midwestern Region VP

Carolyn Roof was elected to the position of ASCA Midwestern Region VP during last fall’s balloting. Beginning October 1, 2006, Carolyn will attend ASCA Board Meetings as a representative of the 13 Midwest states. She will serve a two year term of office.

Carolyn brings a wealth of leadership experience to this new role. She has served as president of MSCA and, until recently, served as co-chair of the Past Presidents’ Advisory Committee. Ms. Roof has also worked with Dr. Gysbers on the Publications & Research committee. For the past two years, Carolyn has helped co-chair the Curriculum Writing Team working to revise the state’s comprehensive guidance curriculum.

In preparation for her new duties as an ASCA officer, Carolyn attended ASCA’s Leadership Development Institute in Boston, Massachusetts. While there, she received training in Policy Governance along with other newly-elected ASCA officers, and participated in leadership training activities along with state school counseling association leaders from across the United States. She also had the opportunity to meet with current ASCA Midwestern Region VP, Marcia Dull, and worked closely with her during the regional meetings held during LDI.

When asked earlier this summer about her upcoming ASCA activities, Carolyn said, “I will be attending several training meetings, and the ASCA governing board meeting, as an incoming ASCA Governing Board Member. I’m excited about my new professional adventure with the national organization.”

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Counselors are the Essential Piece!

Greetings to everyone! I am enthusiastically looking forward to serving you as this year's MSCA President. The responsibility is great, but I face each task and duty with a great sense of pride. Support from the governing board, the "guys of DESE", and the members of this outstanding association also have a comforting effect. MSCA members focus on our counseling positions and skills for the same reason... to serve the children and young adults in our schools with the best opportunities to become successful in their educational and physical well being. I must also mention the support that I get from my family at home and my "family" in my school district. Without the understanding, caring, and backing given to me by these people, it would be a long and tiring mission to get anything successfully completed.

The past summer has been full of wonderful leadership and learning opportunities for me. Attending the ASCA conference in Chicago with fellow Missourians was a highlight of the summer. The breakout sessions, keynote addresses, networking opportunities and socials were super. The recognition of Dr. Rich Lapan as ASCA's Counselor Educator of the Year was a proud moment for Missouri and another highlight of the conference. And I had the chance to see Mary Wilson of *The Supremes* perform. With the help of Carolyn Roof, I was able to receive a backstage pass after the concert...what could be better?! Kristee Lorenz, Anne Cook, and I represented Missouri at the Delegates' Assembly. Anne Cook addresses more about the ASCA conference in a separate article in this newsletter. Shari Sevier and I attended the ASCA Leadership Development Institute in Boston along

with the presidents and president-elects from 47 other states. The opportunities afforded us in Boston were exceptional and beneficial in planning the business aspects of MSCA for the upcoming year. Included in this newsletter is an article with more information concerning LDI from President-Elect, Shari Sevier.

One factor of which we should be extremely proud as Missouri counselors is the alliance that we have with so many other organizations and educational groups. First and foremost is the close relationship that we have with the Guidance and Placement Division of DESE. Many projects concerning counseling have been, and will be, joint efforts between MSCA and DESE. This year that work continues with the work on the Counseling Curriculum, and the expansion of the Mentoring Program...just to name a few. Along with DESE, MSCA has governing board representatives from ASCA, ACAM, MOACAC, and MOACTE. The collaboration with these organizations is extremely important and beneficial to school counselors throughout the state.

The 2006 Fall Conference is ready! The 2005-2006 Program Committee has worked extremely hard and is proud to present "*School Counselors...the Essential Piece.*" Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 58th annual MSCA conference to be held **November 5, 6, and 7 at TanTarA Resort** on Lake of the Ozarks. The conference preview flyer and the MSCA website contain detailed information about conference offerings, as well as important changes in effect for this conference. Outstanding keynote speakers, over 90 super workshops, and the opportunity to network with new counseling friends and re-connect with counseling buddies await you at Osage Beach.

See you at the 2006 MSCA Annual Fall Conference!
Charlie Holt
President

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Midwest region, and also by class. Charlie Holt gave out copies of our first MSCA CD to each state's president. He and Shari came away with several good ideas from other states, as well as offering to help states with difficult situations. Of particular note is the relationship that MSCA has with Guidance and Placement at DESE. We are incredibly fortunate to work in close partnership with the "DESE Boys," and we continually recognize the mutual benefits of our collaboration. Shari, Charlie and Carolyn especially enjoyed being able to work as a state team on planning and generating ideas to further strengthen the work of MSCA on behalf of Missouri's school counselors.

Two other workshops of note included the ASCA staff discussing the various resources that the organization offers. It was so well done that we are considering asking the ASCA staff to come to a future MSCA conference to present the workshop for Missouri counselors. ASCA offers its members incredible benefits; it's important to make sure that MSCA members are aware of the many reasons why they should be ASCA members. The second workshop was presented by Dr. Jay Carey of the Center for School Counselor Outcome Research, University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Dr. Carey spoke about the need for outcome research for the school counseling profession. In short, this research answers the question: How are students different as a result of the school counseling program? There is a tremendous lack of research in this area, and not having it puts the entire profession in a tenuous position. If we cannot, by using data, answer the preceding question, it could leave some to question the importance/value of having school counselors

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Elementary

Elementary school counselors are in for treats, and training, from a plethora of diverse professional presentations that have been prepared for this year's conference.

As your incoming elementary representative, I greet you and look forward to serving your professional development needs and wants. Please give special thanks and kudos to Paula Coyote Schaaf, who passed the "baton" of the elementary office to me loaded with numerous "state of the art" programs and projects. Enticing, exciting, encouraging, and excellent are adjectives to describe MSCA's 2006 Fall Conference. I look forward to seeing you and hearing about your programs at Elementary Level Sharing on Monday morning at 8:30 AM, November 6, 2006. That date may seem to be in the distant future but hopefully your year will begin smoothly and efficiently and the fall conference will provide the necessary tools, strategies, and resources to make this your best year yet! See you there!

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Middle

The 2006 MSCA Fall Conference is full of excellent professional development opportunities for middle school counselors. The break out sessions were selected for the issues our middle school students encounter. Bullying, character education, safety, MAP testing and career development are a few of the topics that will be offered. On Monday morning, all middle school counselors are invited to the level sharing session at 8:30. There will be time for discussion of pertinent subjects related directly to the middle school counselor, networking, and a question and answer period.

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Secondary

By the time you read this article, summer will be over and all of you will have been working for what seems like a long time. But a break is in sight! The annual MSCA fall conference at TanTarA will be a time to rejuvenate and share with fellow counselors. We have 27 wonderful workshops slotted for secondary counselors. Linda Meadows needs to be thanked for her hard work in getting those organized. Some, of course, will be of interest to other levels also. Come ready to learn some new ideas, and be willing to share your ideas, too.

I hope to see you at Secondary Sharing on Monday at 8:30 during the conference. Networking with other counselors can reaffirm in what you are doing at school or give you ideas for implementing something new. Be sure to check out the exhibit hall, and the hospitalities on Monday evening at the conference. A conference is as good as we want it to be.

As the new Secondary Vice-President, please feel free to contact me with workshop ideas, programs, or concerns that secondary counselors may face.

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Multi-Level: *Sandy White*
Post-Secondary: *Dr. George Sesser*

ALL Levels

Everyone is invited to participate in "BRING 'N' SLING" during the conference. Participants must bring 200 copies of one of your best/favorite activities to the conference. When you turn in your copies during Monday morning's Level Sharing, you will receive a ticket, which will be your entry into the Bring 'n' Sling session on Monday afternoon where you will be able to collate your packet of ideas everyone has contributed.

Multi-Level

Multi-Level counselors will have a wide variety of breakout sessions to choose from during the 2007 Fall MSCA Conference. Many are level specific, and address ways to cope with the many changes of hats during a school day. Also during Multi-Level sharing there will be three experienced counselors sharing some of their successful ideas with those attending as well a time for questions and answers. Make every effort to come to this outstanding conference and attend Multi-Level Sharing at 8:30 on Monday morning.

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Post-Secondary

There will be quite a few breakout sessions of special interest to post-secondary counselors at the 2007 MSCA Fall Conference. All post-secondary counselors and counselor educators are strongly encouraged to attend the Post-Secondary sharing session at 8:30 Monday morning. We need to brainstorm ways to increase active MSCA membership of post-secondary counselors. Please bring your great ideas to share with others.

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in the school and in the budget.

The LDI ended on Saturday afternoon with the entire group taking a boat to Thompson Island. There, teams competed in a scavenger hunt that had people tromping through beach grass, woodlands, puddles and fields searching for natural objects...all the while being eaten alive by mosquitoes! This did not daunt the enthusiasm of LDI members, however, as a real New England clambake awaited them upon their return. The return trip to the mainland showcased a spectacular view of the harbor and skyline, thus ending a very busy and profitable conference.



Last year MSCA introduced a new activity at the fall conference—the **SILENT AUCTION**. The event was a huge success with MSCA Districts, schools, and individuals putting together many wonderful gift baskets to bid on for purchase. The proceeds went to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita victims to help them recover and move forward. Above, Dr. Lela Kosteck Bunch, MSCA Executive Director, proudly presents a check from MSCA for \$3200 to Lauren Cameron, Fiscal Manager for the American Red Cross.

This year MSCA will again be sponsoring a Silent Auction with proceeds to go to Shriners Hospitals for Children. MSCA's generosity demonstrates yet another way that MSCA cares. Come ready to bid and join in on the fun!

2006 Conference:

Changing To Meet the Needs Of Our Growing Association

Each year, the MSCA Program Committee meets in December to review the evaluations of the previous conference and begin planning the conference for the next year. An important part of that process involves looking at existing practices and determining what changes or improvements will better meet the needs of conference attendees. As a result, several changes will be implemented during the MSCA Fall Conference this year. Three big changes include:

- **Sunday Night Networking**—This was initiated years ago to give members a chance to meet counselors from their district and throughout the state, and a “light snack” was provided. With the growth of our conference it has become increasingly difficult for the districts to continue to provide the food for this event. Beginning this year, districts will provide cookies, chips, and soft drinks only. TanTarA will have sandwiches available for purchase in the exhibit hall.
- **Tuesday Morning Breakfast**—We will continue to provide the continental breakfast on Tuesday morning, but this year it will be in Salon C, with tables and chairs available for members to use while eating this meal.
- **Breakout Sessions**—To better meet the needs of attendees, the number of sessions has increased.

2006 MOACTE CONFERENCE: ANOTHER SUCCESS

By Sandy White, Multi-Level VP

The week of July 23-27 saw all educational divisions that are career educators in some fashion or other, including Counselors, converging on Springfield Missouri for the annual MoACTE conference. While the counseling division saw a reduction in numbers for this year, the breakout sessions, speakers and other activities were well attended and full of information, activities and fun.

Those who have attended for the past several years know that the three divisions of MSCA (Missouri School Counselor Association), MSNA (Missouri Special Needs Association) and MACS (Missouri Association for Career Services) have shared breakout sessions, meeting areas, and in some instances housing locations. Through the years as a combined group we have been under one roof at Quality Inn. Then the meetings moved to a local high school, then to a middle school far removed from the rest of the convention. For the past three years we have all been fortunate to stay, and hold meetings at, the Oasis Inn. In addition, each year we have been privileged to observe the improvements the Inn has made until the near finished project this year with a new Inn entrance, new lobby, new meeting rooms, and a new restaurant. Employees of all aspects that treated us like royalty, making the stay that much more enjoyable.

The conference began Monday afternoon with registration and a visit to the Trade Center to view all the exhibitors' wares and make contacts regarding those items of individual interest. Tuesday was the actual opening of the conference, kicked off with an all-division general session and keynote speaker at the Expo Center. Each division then traveled to their own meeting locations for their opening sessions. Our three divisions were entertained by, and received valuable information from, Dave Leedy -“Super Hero” and master storyteller who transformed himself before his audience in order to emphasize the miraculous power within each of us to overcome the hardships and handicaps that keep us from our goals. Each division then broke into their own sessions. Wednesday was the meat of the conference, with a full day of valuable breakout sessions that addressed a wide variety of issues and information to take back to our school districts. The conference ended for our divisions on Thursday morning by opening with keynote speaker Kim Ratz, who showed us how to turn “lemons into lemonade through song, examples and personal experiences.” The group attended a potpourri of 30 minute carousel sessions that were each offered twice prior to the end of the session. The final activity of the morning was a drawing for \$100 cash, which was provided by MSCA this year. The winner was Patty Halter.

A big THANK YOU to: Ozark Tech Prep Consortium, Sullivan University, Linn Technical College, Rankin Technical College, and Lincoln Technical College for their support in providing lunches, refreshments or socials. These were much appreciated and provided an opportunity for the different divisions to network and learn from each other.

It is the sincere hope of MSCA that more counselors will see this as a beneficial (as well as very economical) conference to attend and our numbers will increase in the coming years.

Professional Development Opportunities

Leadership Development Conference September 9-10, 2006

Best Western Capital Inn, Jefferson City

Building solid relationships is the foundation for building effective teams and strong leadership skills. The 2006 MSCA Leadership Development Conference will be held at the Best Western Capital Inn in Jefferson City September 9-10, 2006. The conference will provide the opportunity for attendees to increase their own team and leadership skills by learning ways to hone the ability to work positively and effectively with people. These skills will enhance our effectiveness in working with people in our role as school counselors and as a leader in our MSCA districts. The framework of this year's MSCA Leadership Development Conference is based on 25 Ways to Win With People by John C. Maxwell and Les Parrott.

One of the lessons to be learned from this material is how leaders find people with great potential, and how to create an environment for them to flourish and emerge as full-fledged leaders. John Maxwell calls this "Searching for Eagles." Join the MSCA leadership team for the 2006 Leadership Development Conference to learn the 10 marks of an eagle, and how this will help us grow and learn as leaders in our schools and in our profession.

This conference is open to any MSCA members wanting to learn more about leadership, and leadership opportunities in our professional association. State and district leaders are encouraged to attend. The conference is scheduled to begin Saturday, September 9, with registration and continental breakfast from 8:00-9:00, and ends Sunday, September 10 at noon. Those traveling longer distances may choose to arrive Friday evening. Call the Best Western Capital Inn for reservations: 573-635-4175. The MSCA rate is \$52 per night plus tax. For detailed information, check the MSCA website (www.schoolweb.missouri.edu/MSCA) to download the LDC flyer and registration form. The LDC registration fee is \$30, which includes meals. *We hope to see you there!*

MSCA Pre-Conference

A Framework for Understanding Poverty

Presented by: Dr. Sue Nelle Dehart

TanTarA, Saturday, November 4, 2006

This workshop discusses how individuals from poverty think and act differently than people in the middle and upper economic classes, and is based on the philosophy of Dr. Ruby Payne. Many educators are from a middle class background, and the social cues or "hidden rules" that govern how we think and interact in society will be discussed at length.

The workshop will cover the following topics:

- 12 key points in understanding poverty
- resources and case studies
- registers of language
- story structure
- cognitive development
- family structure
- hidden rules
- discipline interventions
- building relationships.

Participants will be offered proven tools that can immediately be used to improve the quality of interaction with students of all ages.

The Pre-Conference Workshop provides 6 hours of concentrated learning, and its content is targeted for individuals who work in the helping professions. The workshop fee includes the workshop, handouts, refreshments for break, and lunch. Many school districts allow the workshop to be counted for career ladder hours and/or may provide reimbursement for attendance. Graduate credit and NBCC credit will be available for the workshop, and the forms will be distributed during the workshop. The cost for this Saturday workshop is \$60 for MSCA members, and \$120 for non-members.

Information about registration will be found in the MSCA Fall Conference Preview flyer, or can be downloaded from the MSCA website (www.schoolweb.missouri.edu/MSCA).

Coming Soon, To A Site Near You.....

Regional Curriculum Workshops

DESE will be rolling out the newly revised comprehensive guidance curriculum during the DESE regional workshops this fall. This is the proposed schedule for the workshops:

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| • September 7-8 | Rolla | Rolla Technical Center Auditorium, 500 Forum Drive |
| • September 13-14 | Kansas City | Pleasant Valley Baptist church, 135 M291 North |
| • September 18-19 | Trenton | North Central Missouri College, Sugg Room, Ketcham Community Center |
| • September 26-27 | Springfield | Oasis Inn and Convention Center, 2550 N. Glenstone |
| • October 9-10 | St. Louis | St. Louis Community College, Florissant Valley Campus, Multi-Purpose Room, 3400 Pershall Road |
| • October 11-12 | Moberly | Moberly Area Community College, 101 College Avenue |
| • October 16-17 | Cape Girardeau | Southeast Missouri State University, Glenn Auditorium, Dempster Hall |

Watch for details in upcoming editions of the DESE Digest, or contact Bragg Stanley at DESE. Phone: 573-751-0857, or email: Bragg.Stanley@dese.mo.gov.

2006 ASCA Delegate Assembly Report

by Anne Cook, Immediate Past-President

The ASCA Delegate Assembly was called to order by ASCA President Barbara Blackburn at 1:00 p.m. on June 22, 2006 and was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on June 23. The 2006 ASCA Delegate Assembly was held prior to the ASCA Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Charlie Holt, Kristee Lorenz, and Anne Cook represented the Missouri School Counselor Association as delegates. All fifty states, as well as the District of Columbia, were represented at Delegate Assembly.

The 2006 Delegate Assembly witnessed a historical event in voting procedure. The Delegate Assembly approved the change of voting procedures to the use of electronic voting pads. Traditionally delegates are required to vote on items presented during delegate assembly by using voting cards. The traditional voting cards were replaced this year by electronic voting pads. Each delegate had their own electronic voting pad (which looked very similar to a remote control) and was able to cast their vote anonymously. Then, almost immediately a computer-generated tally of the vote, indicating the number of yes and no votes and the result of that vote, was flashed on the screen. Delegates were able to experience first hand the influence of the age of technology on this process.

During the Delegate Assembly, the delegates revised and approved role statements and position papers. The newly revised documents will be available on the ASCA website. Much of the Delegate Assembly time was spent in reviewing and discussing a petition brought forth to revoke the charter of the California School Counselor Association. The petition moved to recommend to the 2006 Delegate Assembly that the California School Counselor Association charter be revoked due to evidence that the association is not serving school counselors and students in California, and is not operating in accordance with its bylaws. According to ASCA bylaws and policies only the Delegate Assembly has the authority to revoke a charter, however, the ASCA Board must determine whether a petition has enough merit to continue. The ASCA Board members voted unanimously that the petition had merit and to allow the process to continue. California School Counselor Association (CSCA) leaders were notified of the petition and were asked to provide documentation to address the charges of the petition. CSCA leaders exercised their right to a hearing, and a hearing was held. After the hearing, ASCA Governing Board members

requested additional materials to address questions that were raised during the hearing. The delegates were sent all the documentation addressing these charges prior to Delegates Assembly. After lengthy discussion of the charges and documentation provided, the Delegate Assembly voted to revoke the state division charter granted to the California School Counselor Association. This was an arduous process and a painful decision, but one which will ultimately improve services and support to school counselors in the state of California.

During the third session of the Delegate Assembly, candidates for ASCA offices were given the opportunity to speak. Our very own Dr. Bragg Stanley, Director of Guidance and Placement at DESE, is one of the candidates for ASCA Counseling Director/Coordinator Vice President. Hilda Lopez,

Director of Guidance and Counseling in the Socorro Independent School District in El Paso, Texas is also a candidate for this position. It is very exciting for Missouri to once again have a MSCA member running for an ASCA office. And, of course, Dr. Stanley, if elected, would do an amazing job in this position. *ASCA members: don't forget to vote this fall for the candidates of your choice.*

Regional caucuses were held during this session also, to allow each region to

discuss issues pertinent to their states. The Midwest region caucus was led by current Midwest Region Vice President, Marsha Dull from Wisconsin. Missouri's Carolyn Roof, as the incoming ASCA Midwest Regional Vice President, assisted during this session.

Following Delegate Assembly, we attended the ASCA 2006 National Conference. This year's conference, "*School Counseling: The Winds of Change*," highlighted and celebrated the ways school counselors across the country and around the world are making a difference in their schools, districts, and the lives of students everywhere. Attendees had the opportunity to hear three excellent keynote speakers: Mawi Asgedom, Louanne Johnson, and Bill Strauss. A wide variety of breakout sessions were available as well as extensive resources displayed at the exhibit hall. A very special ASCA Recognition Gala was held at the end of the conference. We proudly recognized the national award winners including our own Dr. Richard Lapan, ASCA Counselor Educator of the Year.



DESE Update

by Bragg Stanley, DESE

On behalf of the DESE staff, welcome to the new school year. We hope that this will be your best year ever. MSCA, DESE, and our counselor educators will be working hard to provide you with services and programs including trainings, professional development opportunities and resources to help you do your jobs better and to help you enhance and strengthen your local comprehensive guidance program. Below is an update on where we are with the programs and resources that we are being developed.

- Curriculum Development: The new guidance grade level expectations have been finalized and are now posted on the web at www.mcce.org and the link is posted on the Division of School Improvement's website as well at <http://www.dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/index.html>. By the time this is published, your curriculum writing team will have met to finalize sample learning activities that will also be posted on the web. Thank you to Carolyn Magnuson, Carolyn Roof, Larae Watkins and all of the curriculum writing team for your hard work on this project.
- A needs survey, based on the work of the Columbia Public Schools has been finalized. It also will be on the web for use this fall.
- We have had another good year of mentoring. Kyle continues to work with the state and district chairs, and Susie Cox from MCCE to provide a quality mentoring program.
- Our evaluation system continues to grow and improve due to the efforts of our MSCA PROBE trainers and counselor educators working together within the MSCA districts to provide quality results-based evaluation training to school counselors across the state. Rich Lapan's leadership and Norm Gysbers support and vision in this endeavor have been invaluable in creating a model of training and implementation that is unique in the country. As we look toward a results based system, we also need to look at degree of implementation. If we are to expect results, then we need to see that schools are providing the necessary resources and time for a fully implemented program. John Robbins has been working on the Internal Improvement Review Document (IIR) that will help counselors work with administrators to determine the degree of implementation and an action plan for improvement. A MSCA/DESE recognition program is being developed for schools with fully implemented programs.
- A part of the evaluation system has been developing a practical system for conducting time/task analysis. Again, school counselors and counselor educators have been working hand in hand to refine and better define how duties fall under each of the major delivery components of the MCGP. More details on this will be forthcoming.
- With funding support from DESE, MSCA, and the University of Missouri, Rich Lapan has completed a state-wide study on the impact of fully implemented programs on significant student outcomes such as MAP scores. He is in the final stages of the project and should have a report ready by summer's end. Preliminary findings are very

encouraging. Stay tuned!

- Work continues on a web-based Educational and Career Management System that will be available for middle school through adults. We plan to pilot the site in a few districts this fall before full roll out in January. We have been working with Visions Unlimited in developing the project. This has been a collaborative effort with other state agencies. Kelli Small has been our school representative and we very much appreciate the time she has taken to serve on this project.
- DESE is in the final stages of completing a "vision paper" on the implementation of career clusters. I know several schools have already initiated some work in this area. We still have more work to do in this area and will be a major focus for next year.
- The Guidance Manual is nearing completion of being updated. The update will be posted on the web.

As you are aware from the news in the DIGEST, we have regional workshops planned for this year and it will have more information on those around the first of August. These workshops will focus on introducing counselors to the standards, the curriculum, the evaluation system (Program + Personnel = Results), and Career Clusters. It will be a full two days, so I hope you have marked your calendars.

Thanks to your involvement and your dedication to the MCGP we are making strides toward seeing that every school has a fully implemented guidance program. We still have much to do, but through your caring and your efforts every student in the state will have access to a fully implemented, quality program.

Dr. Rich Lapan Honored During ASCA Recognition Celebration



Dr. Rich Lapan (left) was presented the **2006 ASCA Counselor Educator of the Year Award** by colleague Dr. Norm Gysbers (right) during the ASCA Recognition Celebration held June 26 in Chicago. When asked how it felt to be the recipient of such an award, Dr. Lapan said, "It really is a blessing to work with such fine school counselors. The success of my work is really a reflection of the very positive impact that school counselors are having in the lives of students. Together we make a huge difference for all of Missouri's Children."



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September 2006

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November 2006

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4 MSCA Golf Tournament, TanTarA
4-5 MSCA Governing Board Meeting, TanTarA
5-7 MSCA Fall Conference, TanTarA

December 2006

8-9 MSCA Program Meeting, TanTarA

January 2007

26-27 MSCA Governing Board Meeting, Country Club, Osage Beach, MO

March 2007

2 MSCA Spring Conference, Jefferson City
2-3 MSCA Program Meeting, TanTarA

May 2007

4-5 MSCA Governing Board Meeting, TanTarA

June 2007

23-26 ASCA Conference, Denver, Colorado

August 2007

3-4 MSCA Governing Board Meeting, TanTarA

A large number of MSCA members attended the 2006 ASCA conference in Chicago June 24 - 27. Several members of the Missouri delegation took advantage of an afternoon break to walk to nearby Millennium Park to see the Cloud Gate sculpture. Pictured below (l. to r.) are: Kristee Lorenz, Shari Sevier, Charlie Holt, Ruth Ann Clark, and Dianne Logan-Parr.



Membership Dues Reminder

The MSCA membership year is July 1 through June 30. Current memberships are due for renewal if you have not renewed as of July 1. The membership form is posted on the MSCA website.

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