

HAMPTON ROADS COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION

A Message from Our President "Our Role as Counselors"

An Important Message to All Professional School Counselors

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 4
1:30 p.m. HRCA
General Membership
Meeting at ODU

NOVEMBER 15-17
Virginia Counselors
Association State
Convention –
Williamsburg Marriott
www.vcacounselors.org

DECEMBER 6
1:30 p.m. HRCA
General Membership
Meeting at Regent
University

FEBRUARY 5-9
National School
Counseling Week

MARCH 15-16
VSCA Conference –
Richmond (Holiday
Inn-Koger Center)
www.vsca.org

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Now, more than ever it is critical that we become an integral part of the reform movement in this age of accountability. We need to collectively join together and provide a united front of why our role is pivotal in the lives of children and their families. We can no longer passively provide the various programs and services that we administer and hope that other educators and stakeholders will recognize the job we do well everyday. We must advocate for our role, and be assertive in "what is" and "what is not" the responsibility of school counselors.

It should not be our responsibility to coordinate the logistics of administering the Standards of Learning Assessments. Many school counselors across the Commonwealth are coordinating the administration of SOL

assessments in October, December, January, March, April, May, June and July. In addition to SOL testing, school counselors also coordinate additional assessments such as the PSAT, IB and/or Advanced Placement Tests. Organizing and monitoring the administration of the SOL assessments has had a serious impact on the delivery of school counseling programs and services. This should be a separate responsibility within the school and an "administrative position."

Our mission as professional school counselors is to provide a comprehensive, standard-based counseling program designed to promote the formation of productive and responsible citizens by assisting *all* students to develop academic, career, and personal/social competencies. Effective school counseling programs are a collaborative effort among the professional school counselor, parents, teachers, administrators, and the greater community to create an environment that promotes student

achievement and student well-being. Professional school counselors also value and respond to the diversity and individual differences in our societies and communities.

Comprehensive school counseling programs ensure equitable access for all students to participate fully in the educational process and to be productive members in a global economy and diverse society. To ensure that **No Child is Left Behind**, additional administrative personnel are needed to administer the Standard of Learning Assessments. Now, more than ever it is critical that we unite in this movement across the Commonwealth of Virginia to reinstate the true role and responsibilities that were originally intended for our profession. Join your professional organizations and become a change agent, so that we can return to serving the needs of *all* children.

Dr. Rosemary Thompson,
Ed.D, LPC, NCC, NCSC



Hear Dr. Garrett McAuliffe
Wednesday, Oct. 4
1:30 p.m. at ODU

Dr. Garrett McAuliffe is Professor of Counseling at **Old Dominion University**. His expertise is cultural diversity, especially ethnicity, race, gender, and sexual orientation. He is the author of four books, and author/producer of a training video entitled "Counseling Gay and Lesbian Youth: A Multiethnic Demonstration Video."

Dr. Garrett McAuliffe at ODU Meeting

"Sexual Minority Youth"

Part 1 in a 2-part Presentation

Part 2 of this topic will be presented at the Dec. 6 General Membership meeting at Regent University. Dr. Mark Yarhouse, PsyD, is an Associate Professor in the School of Psychology and Counseling. Of his three books, the most recent is Sexual Identity Synthesis: Attributions, Meaning-Making and the Search for Congruence.



Dr. Mark Yarhouse
Wednesday, Dec. 6
1:30 p.m. at Regent
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2006 Annual Convention

November 15, 2006 through November 17, 2006

Williamsburg Marriott

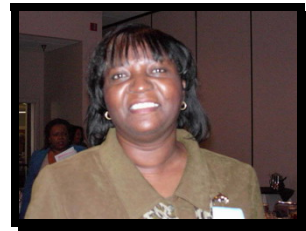
ON-LINE REGISTRATION Register by October 23 and save \$\$\$

*Celebrating 75 Years
as the Professional
Association for
Virginia's Counselors*



Welcome! Welcome back! If you are a **new member**, we are elated that you have **joined** HRCA. We also commend the members who have **renewed** their membership in HRCA. Members can help to make any organization unique by sharing their talents, experiences, and expertise. Become an active member and help us to keep our status among the chapters. Please take advantage of the opportunities that are being planned to enhance your professional development. If you know other counselors, therapists, or interns who are not members of HRCA, encourage them to become members of HRCA. They can go to the VCA website www.vcacounselors.org to join online.

Doristine Earl, Membership Chair



ARCHIVES

Please let us know what you have been doing both professionally and in your community. It's not bragging when you are making a difference!

Debi Finlay, Guidance Director, Western Branch Middle School, made four presentations this summer on the topic "Cyber-Bullying & Internet Safety." She presented two sessions to the York County Public School teachers and counselors; she made another presentation at the York County Leadership Conference for administrators; and she presented a three-hour workshop for Virginia Beach Public School counselors and social workers.

Professional Development Meetings

It's an exciting time for HRCA; save the dates and plan to join us!!

There is no cost to HRCA members; \$5.00 for nonmembers (it's still a bargain!!). To make meeting reservations, contact Joe New, Treasurer at jnew@cceva.org. For additional information you contact. *Interested in membership? Join HRCA/VCA at vcaoffice@cox.com.*

~ HAMPTON ROADS COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION ~

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

NEW LOCATION on
campus

WHERE: **Webb Center, Cape Charles Room** Old Dominion University

WHO: HRCA Members and Their Invited Guests

WHAT: **"Sexual Minority Youth"**

Dr. Garrett McAuliffe, Professor of Counseling at ODU

Please join us at Old Dominion University for our first professional development meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2006.

SCHEDULE

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Registration/Check-In
1:30 - 1:45 p.m. Greetings/Info from Hosts
1:45 p.m. Lunch Served
2:15 - 3:30 p.m. Speaker

Make your reservation either by e-mail or snail mail, sending the bottom portion of this form to Joe New no later than Monday, October 2, 2006. Joe New at jnew@cceva.org. You may CALL Joe at 467-7707.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Guest(s)Name(s) _____ (if applicable)

(There is a **\$5.00 charge** for guests that may be paid at the registration table if reservation is made in advance.)

Member Status: Regular _____ Retired _____ Student _____ Emeritus _____

Directions to Old Dominion University

From the north:

Take I-95 south toward Richmond. Take the left exit #84A onto 295 S, following signs for "Norfolk/Virginia Beach." Remain on 295 for approximately 12 miles, and then exit at #28A (I-64 E), again following signs to "Norfolk/Virginia Beach." Stay on I-64 E for approximately 75 miles until you reach exit 276, VA-406/NAVAL BASE/TERMINAL BLVD. This exit is about nine miles away once you emerge from the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel. Once on the exit ramp, stay right as it splits into a "Y". Once on 564, stay right again, following the first exit for "Terminal Blvd." Continue straight through two traffic lights, and at the third light, turn left onto Hampton Blvd. Follow Hampton Blvd. to 49th Street (approximately 3 miles)

From the south:

Take I-85 north to Route 58 east. Follow 58 east to 264 east toward Portsmouth/Norfolk. Go through Downtown Tunnel and follow signs to St. Paul's Boulevard. Make a right onto St. Paul's Boulevard. At the third light, make a left onto Brambleton Ave. Follow Brambleton until you see signs for Hampton Blvd./ODU. Bear right onto Hampton Blvd. Follow Hampton Blvd. to 43rd Street (approximately 3 miles) Turn left on 43rd Street.

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**Don't forget to
make your
Reservation
for October 4
at ODU!**



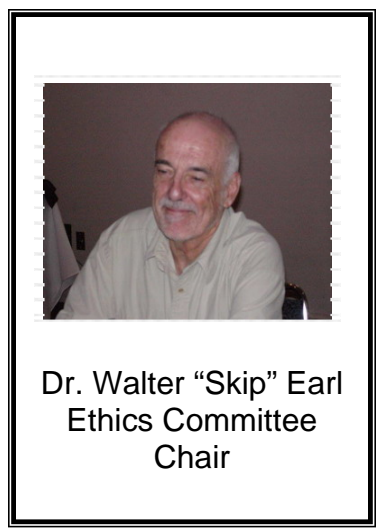
The HRCA Board of Directors would like to thank Dr. Walter "Skip" Earl for his long and faithful service to this chapter as Chairperson (extraordinaire) of the Ethics Committee. Skip says he is retired, but his level of participation in this professional counselor association has not waned.

Skip plans to step from being an active board member to being an active Emeritus member of HRCA.

He has served this chapter well and sets a high standard for those who follow him.

To our friend and co-worker, we say...Cheers!

Ethics Committee



**Dr. Walter "Skip" Earl
Ethics Committee
Chair**

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Thursday, October 4
ODU 1:30 p.m.
Webb Center/Cape Charles Room



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