ADP South Conference scheduled for November 6-8, 2008 at Middle Tennessee State University

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John Seigenthaler, Jr. will be the conference featured speaker. He is a former NBC weekend anchor person and MSNBC reporter and currently works for the Associated Press. Mr. Seigenthaler has roots in Nashville where he worked for several media outlets. He will offer commentary on the election and speak to national and global challenges in which university students are and will be engaged.

Tentative plans for the conference include Thursday evening music and snacks, an opening plenary session of Friday that will set the tone for the conference, morning workshop sessions, and Mr. Seigenthaler’s address. A brief lunch will be followed by a student “think tank” session that will take advantage of MTU’s extensive broadcast journalism resources with the objective of producing video public service announcements with civic and global messages. A faculty roundtable will provide an opportunity to share the “ADP thrill of victory and agony of defeat” insights.

The Friday evening meal will be enjoyed in downtown Murfreesboro at Main Street, the hub of local civic engagement endeavors. The ADP South annual awards will be announced following the dinner and the conferees will be free to enjoy the night life thereafter. The student “think tank” PSA spots will be described and/or shown on Saturday morning and the conference will provide time for university or regional planning sessions before the closing lunch and departure.

The conference planning group is considering a call for brief video descriptions of ADP South university projects that will be gathered prior to the conference and edited into a visual archive and presented during the conference.
6th Annual American Democracy Project (ADP) National Meeting
Snowbird, Utah June 12-14, 2008

Join us in Snowbird, Utah from June 12-14, 2008 for the 6th annual American Democracy Project National Meeting as we explore the theme “Citizenship in the New Millennium.” We have an outstanding program planned with terrific plenary speakers, workshops, campus showcases, opportunities for small group discussions, and much more. For registration information visit http://www.aascu.org/meetings08_ADPhomepage.aspx

Pre-Conference

The conference will kick off on Thursday, June 12 with the following Pre-Conference Workshops:

- 1:00 - 3:30 pm  Election Year Opportunities and Possibilities
- 1:00 - 3:30 pm  Workshop on Assessment of Civic Engagement
- 1:00 - 3:30 pm  Collaborating with Student Affairs
- 1:00 - 3:30 pm  Getting Started with ADP

The first plenary session will be at 4:00 pm featuring our keynote speaker, Erik R. Peterson. During the past two years, Erik and a group of nine ADP campuses have been developing resources and strategies to prepare undergraduates as globally competent citizens. Erik will discuss the work of that project in his opening address; other participants will share how the project is being implemented on ADP campuses at concurrent sessions throughout the conference.

In addition to the regular program features, Friday night we will host another Civic Engagement Film Festival. Saturday morning will begin with an optional Sunrise Hike up Hidden Peak. Saturday night there will be a grand celebration, with a Karaoke and Barbecue Bash (featuring, of course, songs about democracy). This is going to be a very rich program, both a celebration of accomplishments and a dialogue about future initiatives.

Hotel accommodations can be booked directly with the hotel by calling Snowbird’s Central Reservation Office at 1-800-453-3000 or by emailing lodging@snowbird.com. Individuals are encouraged to identify themselves as part of AASCU’s American Democracy Project (ADP) room block to receive the discounted group rate.

Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort is approximately 30 miles from the Salt Lake City International Airport.

Express round trip airport transfers from Salt Lake International Airport to Snowbird are currently $60.00. Hours from the airport are from 8 a.m. to midnight with departures every hour. Return trips leave Snowbird 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the hour, based on reservations. Return trips should be reconfirmed with Canyon the day prior to departure.

For general information on traveling to Snowbird, please visit the website.

Speakers include:

Erik Peterson
Senior Vice President, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and Director and Founder, Global Strategy Institute, has lectured about trends in global development all over the world.

Tamara Draut
Author of Strapped: Why America’s 20- and 30-Somethings Can’t Get Ahead and Director of the Economic Opportunity Program at Demos.

Maya Enista
Chief Executive Officer, Mobile, has been active in public service since she was an undergraduate. She began her career as the east coast coordinator for Rock The Vote at age 17.

Gerald L. Taylor
Southeast Regional Director, Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), has a long history of community development and organizing work throughout the United States.
“WHO HOLD THE POWER IN AMERICAN DEMOCRACY?”

On March 25, 2008 more than 50 University of North Florida students, staff, and faculty members participated in the first UNF Voices Forum. The forum addressed the question: “Who Holds the Power in American Democracy?”

Issues related to the role of the individual in our representative democracy were discussed.

Guest speakers included Supervisor of Elections, Jerry Holland, and Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, Kyle Scott.

The organizations that participated in the planning included Critical Minds, Project Affect, the Progressive Action Committee, Americans for Informed Democracy, and Students Without Borders.

The purpose of the UNF Voices Forum is to bring students, faculty, staff, and community members together to critically discuss public issues.

As a way to empower the students and provide them with an opportunity to participate directly in the realization of ADP objectives, ADP Steering Committee at UNF asked several student organizations to plan, organize, and take ownership of the UNF Voices Forum.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY WINS ONE CAMPAIGN CHALLENGE!

This ONE year, hundreds of school and more than 27,000 students raised their voices against poverty by entering the ONE Campus Challenge.

Throughout the challenges' three stages, ONE rewarded campuses for their efforts. In January, at the beginning of phase 2, ONE flew representatives from the top 100 schools to D.C. for an elite three-day conference, and in February, at the start of phase 3, ONE presented the top 10 schools with grants to fund their own poverty-fighting programs.

In the end, ONE rewarded the school that proved that its students were the most creative and effective poverty fighters in the country; Western Kentucky emerged as that winner. According the judges of the ONE Campus Challenge, “Western Kentucky showed hustle and energy and engaged the entire community which was impressive. Western Kentucky was savvy and the fact that they were able to get, for example, 160 people to send letters in support of the Education For All Act, showed a lot of tangible advocacy.” (http://www.one.org/campus/blog/2008/04/09/who-won-the-campus-challenge/#more-256)

ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Derek Sutton, an Instructor of Political Science at North Georgia College and State University, and the Student Initiatives Chair for American Democracy Project South, was recently accepted into the Higher Education Administration Doctoral Program at the University of South Carolina.

Upon completing the fall 2008-spring 2009 semester at North Georgia College and State University, Derek will be moving to Columbia, SC to begin classes. Congratulations and good luck, Derek!
Does your campus have an awesome service-learning or civic engagement project that you would like to share with the ADP Southern Consortium? Is there an event coming up you would like published in our newsletter? Let us know!!!!

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Photo: Students at ADP South 2007, Kennesaw State University

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