Friday, September 18, 2015
Georgia College Student Activities Center

(Hold the date: Friday, September 16, 2016)

8:30 a.m. - Check in and registration, Magnolia Ballroom

9:40 a.m. - Welcome
  Dr. Larry C. Christenson – Executive Director of University Housing, Georgia College
  Ms. Amber Lesicko - President, Georgia College Personnel Association (GCPA)
  Mr. Matt Brigner- President, Georgia Housing Officers (GHO)

9:50 a.m. - History of New Professionals Workshop, Value of Networking, ...and other insights.
  Dr. Paul K. Jahr, Associate Vice-President for Student Affairs (retired)
  Georgia College

10:05 a.m. - Getting to Know One Another, Magnolia Ballroom

GCPA Executive Board Meeting – assigned room
GCPA Conference Program Committee – assigned room
GHO Executive Officers Meeting – assigned room

Networking Break

Program Session 1 (10:30-11:20)

Hi, will you be my mentor? - Magnolia Ballroom

This program is about the added value of finding a mentor as a new professional. We will share tips on identifying a mentor that is a good fit and establishing expectations of the mentor/mentee relationship. Sherolyn Hopkins, Assistant Dean of Students & Ryan Teter, Assistant Director of Housing, Valdosta State University.
Georgia's (System of Higher Education) is on My Mind - Maple A

Understanding a state's higher education context and culture is key to thriving in a new professional position. Working in Georgia, this definitely holds true! Participants will explore the impacts of the governance of the University System of Georgia, the human geography of the state, and other important policies and structures affecting Georgia students including Hope and Zell Miller scholarships. Kevin Seavers, Resident Director, Georgia Southern University.

From the Helicopter to Boots on the Ground - Maple B

This will be a roundtable format focusing on concerns we often see from parents and how we can best address them in our various roles. Participants will receive tips on how to work with parents as well as have the opportunity to share their own experiences and reflect on how they have handled parent concerns and what they might have done differently. Lori Burns, Associate Director for Student Development, Georgia College.

Followership: Exploring roles as leaders and followers - Dogwood A

Let’s face it, most of us want to lead. But the reality is that we are typically in a leadership role 20% of the time and in a followership role the other 80% of the time. So what makes your followers tick when you are leading? What makes you tick when you are in the follower role? Participants will learn about the Seven Paths to Followership and Followership Typology all in an effort to increase our skills as exemplary staff members. Tierza Watts, Director of Residence Education, Georgia Southern.

Engaging the Over-Looked: “Geek is Chic”. Fostering Gaming on Campus - Dogwood B

How do you connect with residents that don’t seem to ever leave their room? Meet the students where they are, of course! At Georgia College we’re engaging those students and connecting them to the university community through gaming. “You Game?” has been successful reaching typically over-looked students and getting them involved and excited. Program attendance has been consistent at thirty to fifty per week. Best of all, capital requirements are relatively low. Kevin Blanch, Area Coordinator & Trapper McLean, Georgia College.

11:20 a.m. - Break

11:30 a.m. - JOB ALIKE / FUNCTIONAL AREA MEETINGS
   Student Support Mix - Maple A, room 216
   Student Activities Mix - Maple B, room 217
   Housing/Residential Life - Magnolia Ballroom

12:10 p.m. - Lunch (go through the line), University Banquet Room, The Max

12:50 p.m. - Tour of GC Housing - Leave from Banquet Room
Choose Your Own Adventure: Professional Development - Magnolia Ballroom

Every loves to go to conferences! However, conferencing is more than just socializing and getting free swag. Picking the right professional development opportunities for you is an essential part of developing as a Student Affairs professional. Learn about different regional & national conferences, how to effectively utilize your time at conferences, and find other ways to use your professional development funds. **Jordyn Clark, Assistant Director of Student Organizations, Kennesaw State University.**

Professional Development & Professional Identity - Maple A

This program is targeted to those in the initial stages of their housing/student affairs career. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn not only the importance of creating a professional identity but also how to create your identity as a new professional within student affairs. It is the hope of the presenter to offer ways to get involved as well as how to create your own professional identity. Come prepared to engage in response to the information presented. **Paul K. Jahr, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs (retired), Georgia College.**

Confessions of a New Professional - Maple B

Within the first 365 of being a new professional, you’ll learn a lot about yourself - personally and professionally. You’ll learn the do's, the don'ts, and the doubts. Most importantly, you’ll start the process of knowing what you won’t do, what you will do, and how you want to make your career path authentic in order to positively influence others through the work you do everyday. Whether it’s preparing to graduate from grad school or navigating through years 1-3 of post grad life, there are overarching experiences that are synonymous to anyone whom is starting a new journey. “Confessions of a New Professional” will highlight the experiences and real life issues of new professionals in order to help, motivate, educate, spread awareness, and entertain!! **Tierra Clemons, Residence Hall Director, Georgia Institute of Technology.**

Breaking the College Bubble - Dogwood A

This program is about bridging the gap between the residence halls and the local community. We will share tips about using CAs as leaders in the residence halls and providing opportunities for the residents to engage and contribute to the community as a whole. We will share how community involvement promotes an environment where residents learn to be productive global citizens. **Andraelya Moody, Community Director & Audrey Waits, Community Director, Georgia College.**

Foundations for Success: Making sense of your personal finances as a new professional - Dogwood B

In this roundtable, we’ll discuss some things you can do now to take advantage of the unique opportunities that may not last forever. **Kevin Blanch, Area Coordinator, Georgia College.**
Statewide Professional Development from your Home Institution  -  Maple A

As time and money become increasingly limited for Student Affairs Professionals, thus necessitates the need for creative opportunities! If you enjoy reading, come join the conversation about starting a statewide Student Affairs focused book club. Members will select the book and the time frame for this professional development. If you can’t join the conversation, email sswanger@wesleyancollege.edu post conference for details! Stefanie Swanger, Director of Residence Life, Wesleyan College.

Who’s On Duty? The Fallout; Rebuilding your staff after a major issue  -  Maple B

We discovered that 15 of the 16 CA’s working in our apartment housing were not conducting duty rounds! Our session will cover how we discovered the travesty of it using our detective skills. How we overcame the fallout that followed and the rebuilding of our staff after restructuring our processes. Lastly, we will share how we managed to get our staff back on track, engaged and doing their jobs! Anna Burton, Community Director & Trapper McLean, Community Director, Georgia College.

Making the Transition: From Resident Life to Your Next Department  -  Dogwood A

Are you a Res Lifer for life or have you dreamed of opportunities in another office? In this session you will be given tips on making your dream into a reality. Also, hear real life stories of how others have made that transition, how to build your resume, and create an action plan for success. Kimberly Goler-Stubbs, Assistant Director of Student Programming, Kennesaw State University.

Is GHO calling? Getting involved in your state organization  -  Dogwood B

Looking to get more involved professionally? Whether you are unsure about taking that first step towards involvement or a seasoned professional interested in helping out there are opportunities to serve the students and professionals in our state! If you attend this session you will learn more about the opportunities for professional involvement in Georgia and get a chance to ask questions and share experiences about your past or future involvement. We look forward to serving with you! Matt Brigner, Area Coordinator, Georgia College.

StarRez Sessions - Donahoo Lounge, Maxwell Student Union

Erin Dorey, Community Relations, StarRez

10:00-12:00  -  Session for current customers
Learn about what new modules are available from StarRez.

12:10 - Lunch (go through the line), University Banquet Room, The Max

1:00-2:00  –  Session for potential customers
Learn about what solutions StarRez has to offer for your housing management needs.

2:00-3:00  –  Individual follow up
Additional questions from customers/prospective customers.