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Student Leaders Gather in St. Louis

Students identified as leaders in their Ursuline sponsored high schools across the United States attended Angela's Piazza - 2011 Student Leadership Conference co-hosted by Ursuline Academy, St. Louis and Ursuline Educational Services.

The June 23-27 event featured Real Colors, which was presented to students and their moderators by expert Stephanie Zonar. Real Colors provided participants with information on their own personalities and temperments and helped them to better understand the temperments and communication styles of others. Follow-up activities allowed students to apply their new knowledge in small and large group work, including a scavenger hunt at the City Museum.

Students and moderators were housed at Webster University and participated in many activities at Ursuline Academy, where they met Annette Zobel, UA faculty member and artist who sculpted the statue of Angela Merici that is the centerpiece of the campus piazza.

Good food and fun were also featured, and conference participants enjoyed an Italian dinner and barbecue dinner at UA and box lunches on the grounds of

the park at the St. Louis Arch. A Visit to the Arch museum, travel to the top of the Arch, a city tour and treat from Ted Drewes Custard on Route 66 highlighted the day on the town.

Students and moderators donned their outdoor work clothes for the Serviam in Action activity at Father Dickson's Cemetery, the first African-American cemetery in St. Louis. Volunteers maintain the grounds of this historically significant site, which is in walking distance of Ursuline Academy.

Participants were formally commissioned during a closing ceremony in the UA chapel on the last night of the conference. Positive comments by students and moderators confirmed that the conference had been significant in the development of this wonderful group of student leaders.

UES is especially grateful to the St. Louis team, headed by Pat Harris, Diversity and Recruitment Coordinator at UA, for their careful attention to every detail that made the 2011 Student Leadership Conference a grand success. Our schools will look forward to the 2012 conference hosted by Ursuline Academy in Dedham, Massachusetts and will receive information from UES early in 2012.



UES Welcomes New Members of the Board of Trustees

Madonna O'Hara, OSU
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Ursuline Academy
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Craig Maliborski, Principal, St. Ursula Academy,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Richard Osborne, President, Villa Angela - St. Joseph
High School, Cleveland, Ohio

Please contact UES with the names of other new
administrators, and we will list them in the next issue
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NEW ADMINISTRATORS IN OUR SCHOOLS:

Ursuline Educational Services Welcomes New
Administrators:

Polly Duplace, Principal, St. Ursula Villa,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Alan Simmons, Academic Dean, Chatfield
College, St. Martin, Ohio

Patricia Homan, OSU, Associate Dean and Site
Director, Chatfield College

Judith Huntington, President, College of New
Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York

Lelia Keefe Kramer, President, St. Ursula
Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio



Student Leadership Conference in St. Louis

UES Board Plans for the Future

The UES Board meets twice each year to review and guide the activities of the organization. At its recent meeting, August 4-5 at Ursuline Academy in Cincinnati, the board continued to develop its ambitious plan to provide more and better services for Ursuline sponsored and affiliated schools.

Primarily the Board wants to foster and deepen the charism of St. Angela Merici among the administrations, faculty and staffs, students and boards of all Ursuline schools. To accomplish that goal, the Board will collaborate with the schools to improve, create and implement national and global processes and activities. The committee on Mission Integration/Networking will spearhead these efforts.

Having a current directory of each school on the UES website provides the groundwork for further collaboration. The Board is also sponsoring the creation of a poster of school logos. In addition to fostering collaboration and communication among the schools in the US and Canada, UES is in the initial planning stages for an Ursuline Global Education Conference in summer, 2014. By the end of this school year, the Board plans to have decided the date and place of the conference so that all the schools can plan to send representatives to this ground breaking event.

The Board also is pursuing improved use of technology in fostering communication and collaboration. Improvements will be made to the UES website to encourage the schools to use it as a resource.

Seeking expanded and new sources of financial support is key to the continuance of the mission of UES. The Resource Development Committee will take the lead in accomplishing this goal.

Two other committees round out the Board's new and continued initiatives. One is the Governance/Board Development Committee. Developing operating procedures and seeking persons with specific skills and knowledge for Board membership are the first steps the committee is undertaking.

A Finance and Business Practices rounds out the committee structure. The members of this committee will oversee all the financial activities of UES and establish and implement appropriate controls for the size of the organization.

Current officers and members of the Board of Trustees are:

Mary Kay Conkey, OSU, President; Counselor, Urban Community Schools, Cleveland OH

Rosann Whiting, Vice-President; President, Ursuline Academy, Dedham MA

Judith Rice, OSU, Secretary; Mission Effectiveness, Sacred Heart Schools, Louisville, KY

Mary Bender, Treasurer; Vice-Principal, Ursuline Academy, Cincinnati OH

Mimi Bishop, Director of Annual Gifts, Ursuline Academy, Dallas TX

Jill Cahill, Vice-President of Marketing, St. Ursula Academy, Cincinnati OH

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Dr. Tina Reichardt, President, Ursuline Academy, St. Louis MO

Judith A. Wimberg, Director, Ursuline Educational Services, Cincinnati OH

Check Out the Websites!

The websites of each of the sponsored and affiliated Ursuline schools are great resources for learning about what is happening in Ursuline education in the United States and Canada. Each website can be accessed from the Directory on the UES website <http://www.ursuline-education.com>

The Serviam Leaders at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula in the Bronx, New York, created a video celebrating the school's 155th Anniversary in 2011. You may view it from the home page of the website <http://www.amsu.org> Happy Anniversary!

Chatfield College, with campuses in St. Martin, Ohio and downtown Cincinnati, will re-dedicate St. Angela Hall and its re-opening as the college's administration building on October 15, 2011. Visit <http://www.chatfield.edu> When you check out the website, you will also enjoy learning about the unique Abrahamic Religion Course that Chatfield offered.

Preparations for Rally 2011 are underway at Ursuline Academy in New Orleans.

Mac, Skip, Sioux, Scottie and Lep - classes are choosing themes and brainstorming lots of new ideas. Which class will be the most spirited? Follow the story on the UA website <http://www.ursulineneworleans.org>

Mount Merici School in Waterville, Maine is celebrating 100 years of excellence in 2011. Happy Anniversary! Read about the Canadian Ursulines who first came to Maine in the late 1800's and Mount Merici's history and accomplishments that make this elementary school a special place to be in 2011. <http://www.mountmerici.org>



Artist Annette Zobel explains the inspiration behind the statue of St. Angela to the students at the Leadership Conference



Dear Colleagues in Ursuline education,

For only the third time in my adult life (the first was my canonical year, the second was my sabbatical year) I was not part of the opening of a school year. Many people have asked me if I missed being directly involved in educating teenagers. My answer is both yes and no.

I do miss the excitement that is palpable in the halls and classrooms of any school in those first few days. There is a rhythm to a school year that propels those involved through the months and years. And, yes, I do miss that. Then there are the students. Their energy, enthusiasm, inquisitiveness, their willingness to dare to challenge the status quo make even humdrum days memorable. And, yes, I do miss that.

I learned years ago when I left teaching for administration that there are costs involved in any change. While the challenges of school administration can sometimes be overwhelming, it is also very satisfying to not only meet the challenges, but to grow through them. At its heart, administration is a ministry of service. So one relinquishes the daily interaction with students in a classroom setting to become the servant who sets the stage for the work of educating and challenging those students to occur. For me, the trade was worth it because even though I wasn't in a classroom, I was continuing to serve the students.

So now many years later, I have made another transition to a position of service to all the Ursuline schools. It is an opportunity to look at Ursuline education from a wider perspective. The excitement and challenges that wider perspective offers are the reason I can say, I don't miss starting the school year as a participant in one school.

This year one of my main tasks is to visit all the Ursuline sponsored schools in the United States. I am eager to start that endeavor so I can share with all of you the fabulous ways that St. Angela's charism is being lived around our country. My primary goal in visiting the schools is to promote collaboration among them. By learning from each other, we have the opportunity to serve our students even more effectively.

I hope your school year is off to a grand start and that the hearts and minds of everyone in your school are enriched by their engagement in the work of Ursuline education.

Let us entrust ourselves to the guidance of St. Angela who counsel us: *May the strength and the true consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all so that you can maintain and carry out vigorously and faithfully the charge laid upon you and also live in hope of the great reward which God has prepared for you, if for your part, each one of you does her best to remain faithful and be full of concern for his loved ones. They have been entrusted to your care so that, like watchful shepherdesses and good servants, you may keep them safe and watch over them.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith A. Wimberg".

Judith A. Wimberg
Director, Ursuline Educational Services

Please join UES & Ursuline Academy of Dedham, MA
for the 2011 UES Administrator's Dialogue



A conference where *U*rsuline Schools unite to share ideas & learn how to better
CONNECT with each other, our communities & the ever advancing world.

Mark Your Calendar!

To Start: October 10, 2011 @ 8:45 AM

To Conclude: October 11, 2011 @ 11:45 AM

Ursuline Academy of Dedham, Massachusetts

Registration information is available on the UES website at www.ursuline-education.com