The 2011 CAPS Thomas Magoon Distinguished Alumni award was presented to Dr. Peter D. Eckel who serves as Director, Center for Effective Leadership at the American Council on Education (ACE). In addition to providing the leadership for the Center and its domestic and international agendas, he directly runs a series of efforts focused on advancing the leadership of American colleges and universities. He is the founding director of the yearlong ACE Institute for New Chief Academic Officers and a program on the presidential search and transition process, Advancing to the Presidency. He also is involved in a set of efforts that explore the leadership challenges of the strategies colleges and universities are pursuing to respond to a dynamic environment, including leading the ACE Presidential Roundtable Series. He led the 2009 national ACE study of chief academic officers (provosts) and will be a co-author of ACE’s forthcoming national study of college and university presidents.

His scholarship addresses questions of policy and practice that hinder and facilitate the effectiveness of colleges and universities with an emphasis on organization, governance and administration, change management, and competition and privatization. He has authored or co-authored seven (7) books, 25 chapters, and 17 refereed articles. He is the author or co-author of 21 ACE occasional papers in the following series On Change, The Changing Enterprise, The Changing Relationships Between States and Institutions, Venturing Abroad, and Discussing Higher Education’s Future. His latest two books include Changing Course: Making the Hard Decisions to Eliminate Academic Programs (2nd edition, Rowman and Littlefield) and Privatizing the Public University with Christopher Morphew (Johns Hopkins University Press).

He serves as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, teaching in its Executive Doctorate Program. He has been a Fellow at the Centre for Higher Education Transformation (CHET) in South Africa and at the Salzburg Seminar (Austria). He received his Ph.D. in Education Policy, Planning, and Administration and his masters from the College Student Personnel program from the University of Maryland, College Park. The Award was presented at the Maryland reception at the ACPA Convention on March 28th. Peter was accompanied by his CSP alumna wife, Erin Rooney Eckel, and daughter, Corinne.

The 2011 Bud Thomas Mentoring Award was presented as a surprise to Dr. William Sedlacek at the Maryland reception at ACPA on March 28. Alumni who nominated Sed praised him: “Quietly and without fanfare he has profoundly affected the lives, knowledge and professional character of numerous students and colleagues. He has lived a commitment of access and success for students of diverse backgrounds”; “He reminded us to study what we know, to turn presentations into articles, to look at an issue from other people’s perspectives, to eat fruit snacks, and to enjoy a good baseball game from time to time. He shared some of his own successes and struggles, letting us see him as a person rather than simply as our mentor or as a researcher”; Many nominators wrote: “He continues to be a significant ‘sounding board’ for me as I make key professional decisions… even 20 years later.” Sed is a Professor Emeritus in CAPS. For 40 years, he was the Assistant Director, of the Counseling Center and Director of Testing, Research and Data Processing until his Retirement in 2007.

He is senior author of Racism in American education: A model for change (with Brooks), and a measure of racial attitudes, The Situational Attitude Scale (SAS). He authored Beyond the big test: Noncognitive assessment in higher education and has published extensively in professional journals on a wide range of topics including racism, sexism, college admissions, advising, and employee selection. He has served as editor of Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development. In 1992, he received the Ralph F. Berdie Memorial Research Award “for research affecting directional changes in the field of counseling and college student personnel work” which was presented by the American Counseling Association (ACA). In 1997, he received the research award from ACA for his article entitled “In 1998, he was named a Senior Scholar by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) and became a Diplomate in 2003. In 2004 he received the Contribution to Knowledge Award from ACPA for “outstanding contributions to the profession’s body of knowledge through publications, films, speeches, instructions, tapes, and other forms of communication.” In 2005 he received the Campus Model of Excellence Award for “affecting the lives of African Americans”, from the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education at the University of Maryland. In 2010 he was a Fellow of the American Counseling Association for “significant and unique contributions to scientific achievement in the counseling profession.”

We honor him as a mentor; as one student wrote “He has given me lots of research knowledge, but he has also given me a lot of advice about living life.” Thanks Sed!

Congratulations!
NASPA Conference and ACPA Convention Photos
Special thanks to those who made these events possible through their professional leadership.

**NASPA**

Special thanks to CSP alums who are NASPA staff: Kevin Kruger, Joey Desanto, Tiki Ayiku

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Special thanks to our own Kristan Cilente who is now on staff at ACPA.

**Congratulations to alums who received awards at ACPA or NASPA**

Special congrats to the Maryland College Personnel Association (MCPA) for the ACPA Outstanding State and International Division ward!!

**Jan Arminio**, NASPA Robert H. Shaffer Award for Academic Excellence as a Graduate Faculty Member  
**Penny Rue**, NASPA Pillar of the Profession  
**John Foubert**, ACPA Senior Professional Annuit Coeptis Award  
**Julie Owen**, ACPA Emerging Professional Annuit Coeptis Award  
**Stephen Quaye**, ACPA Emerging Professional Annuit Coeptis Award  
**Cesar Figueroa**, ACPA Commission for Administrative Leadership Mid-Level Professional Award  
**Christine Yip Cruzvergara**, ACPA Commission for Career Development Leadership Award  
**Marybeth J. Drechsler**, ACPA Commission for Professional Preparation Nevitt Sanford (Dissertation) Award  
**Keith Edwards**, ACPA Standing Committee for Men Outstanding Men’s Program Award  
**Patty Armfield Witowsky**, College Personnel Association of Colorado Outstanding Professional Award  
**Susan R. Komives**, NASPA Faculty Fellow inductee

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**Note:** We did not have time to go through the ACPA and NASPA programs and note all the many presenters. We are proud of your work!
Congrats to Jamie Adasi and Ana Maia who were inducted into the Sigma Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society at the University of Maryland in a reception Sunday April 3rd.

Congrats to Katie Ryan who filed her seminar paper “Redefining Masculinity: How Male College Athletes Who Play Female-Dominated Sports Make Meaning of Their Manhood” (Chair: Lisa Kiely).

Congrats to Demetrius Colvin who filed his seminar paper on "What's in a Generation?: A Phenomenological Study of the Lived Experiences of African-American Millennial College Students" (Chair: James McShay).

Dr. Barbara Jacoby is back from Saudi Arabia where she presented several workshops on service-learning.

Congrats to Hayley Haywood who filed her seminar paper on “Exploring the Nexus between Race, Gender, and Leadership through the Unheard Stories of Black Male Collegians” (Chair: Sharon Kirkland-Gordon).

Congrats to Sarah Popovich who filed her seminar paper Sailing Toward Intercultural Competence: A Case Study of Semester at Sea.

Josh Hiscock has been elected as a University Senator. What a great experience ahead of you, Josh! Thanks for this service.

A logo Ana Maia submitted in a competition by the International Association of Student Affairs and Services (IASAS) is one of three being submitted to the membership for a vote!

CAPS #1 for 12th Consecutive Year

Dean Wiseman wrote the college:

“The U.S. News & World Report rankings for the best graduate schools in the nation were released [March 15]. Our College is now ranked as the 23rd best school of education in the country. This is wonderful news and a testament to the dedication, passion and commitment of our faculty, staff and students! The full department and program rankings will not be available until April, however we have four departments that received top 10 distinctions. This includes the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services which was ranked as the top program for a twelfth consecutive year. Departments and programs in the top 10 are:

Department of Counseling and Personnel Services (1st)
Educational Psychology Program in the Department of Human Development (7th)
Department of Special Education (9th - tied with University of Minnesota-Twin Cities)
Higher Education Administration Program in the Department of Education Leadership, Higher Education, and International Education (10th – tied with Harvard University)

Our rankings are a direct indication of the strength of our faculty and staff, the achievements of our students, and the high regard of our peers. I am proud of our programs and very proud to be a part of the College of Education. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!”
Dr. Penny Rue is the 2011 Maude A. Stewart Award recipient presented each year to an alumnus of The Ohio State University's Student Personnel Assistant Program for outstanding leadership and distinguished service in the field of higher education and student affairs.

Many congratulations to Dr. Susan Longerbeam on her promotion and tenure at Northern Arizona University!


Dr. Paige Haber defended her dissertation “Perceptions of Leadership: An Analysis of College Students’ Understandings of the Concept of Leadership” at the University of San Diego. Susan Komives served on Paige’s dissertation committee and enjoyed beautiful San Diego over Spring Break. Paige accepted the position of Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator for the Student Affairs in Higher Education Master's Program in the Department of Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education, & School Psychology at Texas State University-San Marcos. She will be moving to Austin in August.

Molly Morin and her supervisor did a pre-conference session workshop at the NACADA Region 9 Conference which was in San Diego this year titled: "Navigating the Academic Advising Job Search: Fast Track to Job Search Success"

Krystal Clark leaves Duke after 4 years to become the Associate Director of Greek Life at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. Congrats Krystal.

Rachel Rose is working for Pinnacle Entertainment in Los Vegas as Talent Performance Manager.

Sean Gehrke is headed to the Higher Education doctoral program at the University of Southern California. He received a full fellowship and his advisor will be Dr. Adrianna Kezar. Life is really good as partner Colleen also got admitted to her graduate program with full funding also.

John Lynch will be starting the PhD program in the Management Department at the University of Georgia with a focus in Organizational Behavior studying topics such as leadership, team behavior, and organizational dynamics.

John Seabreeze is now Vice President, Marketing for Billy Casper Golf. Check it out at [http://www.billycaspergolf.com/Billy-Casper-Golf-Executive-Team.html](http://www.billycaspergolf.com/Billy-Casper-Golf-Executive-Team.html)

Love and congratulations to Dr. Leah Cox and Dr. Tim O'Donnell on their New Year's Day wedding!

Quinn Maxwell Witkowsky was born on March 4th, 2011 at 8:39am to Scott and Patty (Armfield) Witkowsky in Canon City, Colorado. Godparents Keith and Graziella (Pagliarulo) McCarron are also excited for his arrival.

Dr. Amy Sandler and Niki Quasney welcome their daughter, Asher Jai Quasney-Sandler, born April 4th at 9.4 lbs. Welcome little Asher.
A Memorial Service for **Dr. Arnold "Arnie" Medvene** who passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 was held March 10th at the University of Maryland's Memorial Chapel. Dr. Medvene was a staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center for 38 years until his retirement in 2007. In addition, he was an Associate Professor in CAPS. During his tenure he was also appointed twice by then President Brit Kirwan to the post of Faculty Ombudsman. Arnie developed a specialty in group psychotherapy and in the psychology of grieving, bereavement and the impact of loss, publishing a book on this topic, *Storms and Rainbows: The many faces of death* in 1990.