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KAASP Presidential Message

Greetings from KAASP!

The 2008 Olympics in Beijing have certainly provided an exciting and inspiring end to our summer as we return to our school districts to dedicate ourselves once again to our students. As I watched Phelps, Sacromone, Torres, and others, feeling the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, I became a little troubled that our profession of school psychology is not considered an Olympic event or honored with global news coverage. Do we not push ourselves through a true test of endurance and stamina each school year? Do we not continually strive to higher levels of excellence?

I would like the Olympic Committee to consider:

- We break our own typing speed records each year as we whip out our reports.
- Like an Olympic swimmer, we are able to control our breathing during heated special education meetings.
- Like athletes during their Olympic events, school psychologists are able to maintain calm and focus amidst school crises.
- Like weightlifters, we clean and jerk our heavy materials every day as we haul them from building to building.
- We can sprint 100 meters down our school hallways to track down that elusive physical therapist or traveling teacher, in dress shoes, no less.

If you think of more of our Olympic qualities, feel free to contact the Olympic committee yourselves. School psychologists rarely get the recognition that our teachers do, with their gifts of apples and treats from parents and students. Perhaps the Olympics will redeem us and give us the notoriety we deserve. If not, have a good school year, and know that KAASP appreciates all that you do with your students, families, and schools.

L. Nicole Crist
KAASP President

KAASP at a Glance 2008-09

Friday 9/26/08

Reactive Attachment Disorder *

Presenters: Traci Tsai, LPCC and Marcie Girdlestone, PCC

Psychological and Educational

Solutions

Location: Main Branch of the Akron Summit County Public Library

Time: Lunch at noon; presentation 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Friday 11/21/08

The Archives of the History of American Psychology **

Lecture and Tour Guide: Dr. David Baker

Location: The University of Akron, Polsky Building

Time: 1:00 pm

Friday 2/6/09

From Phonics to Fluency: Considerations of Two Critical Elements of the Reading Program *

Presenter: Dr. Timothy Rasinski, Kent State University

Location: Main Branch of the Akron Summit County Public Library

Time: Lunch at noon; Presentation 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Friday 3/20/09

The Neuropsychology of Emotional Disorders *

Presenter: Dr. Steven Feifer

Location: St. George Fellowship Center, Akron

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

* *This event has a **REDUCED** cost for members*

** *This event is **FREE** for KAASP members*



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OSPA Update

Ohio School
Psychologist Association
Fall Conference 2008
November 6-7, 2008
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

Thursday, November 6th

Judy Elliott, Ph.D.

Making What Matters Happen: Building Integrated Educational Systems Using Response to Intervention

This workshop will explore what it takes to systematically implement RtI. The importance of leading for change will be highlighted and critical questions will be addressed such as: What does it take to plan, implement, and evaluate RtI systems for all students? How we get school personnel on board? What's the difference between buy-in versus ownership? Where do we start and how do we prioritize the work? How do we know we are really implementing RtI? Participants will explore where they are in the process of planning and implementing RtI and determine the next steps that need to be taken toward effective RtI implementation in their district.

Friday, November 7th

Jack Fletcher, Ph.D.

Identifying and Treating Learning Disabilities: The Importance of Response to Intervention

Research over the past 30 years suggests a need to reconceptualize classifications of learning disabilities (LD) in terms of response to intervention (RtI). The conceptual basis for RtI will be discussed in

relation to this research, leading to specific methods for assessing and identifying children with LD. Specific intervention principles for disorders involving reading, math, and written language will be presented, along with links to public policy initiatives in the U.S. epitomized by the 2004 reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities In Education Act (IDEA).

For more information and to register for the conference, visit the OSPA website at <http://www.ospaonline.org/activities/index.htm>.



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Effective partners in the commitment to help school children and youth achieve their best. *In school. At home. In life.*



**NASP 2009
Annual
Convention
February 24–
28, 2009
Boston, MA**

2007-2008 KAASP Executive Board Members

We are pleased to welcome some new faces to the board this year and are happy to see those returning. If you have any comments / concerns about your organization, please feel free to contact one of the members.

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**OSPA Award Nomination Form
RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE**

Each spring, OSPA recognizes excellence in the field of school psychology by conferring several awards: the Clyde V. Bartlett Distinguished Service Award, the R.A. Horn Honorary Life Membership Award, and the Pete Gross Best Practices Award. Now is the time to nominate persons you feel are deserving of recognition. Anyone may make a nomination but the person nominated must be a member of OSPA.

Send completed nominations, no later than February 28, 2009 to:

Ohio School Psychologists Association
Attn: Awards Committee – Nomination Enclosed
104 Mill Street, Suite F
Gahanna, OH 43230

Nominated for (check one – descriptions & criteria of awards below):

- Clyde V. Barlett Distinguished Service Award
- Pete Gross Best Practice Award
- R.A.Horn Honorary Life Membership Award

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

Telephone and/or e-mail: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Name of person making the nomination: _____

Address: _____

Phone and/or e-mail: _____

Names, addresses, and phone numbers of people who support this nomination:

1.

2.

3.

Please provide a brief description of the reason(s) for this nomination:

2008-2009 KAASP Membership Form

Name: _____ School District: _____

Mailing Address (for KAASP mailings): _____

Email address (for KAASP correspondence): _____

How would you like to receive KAASP correspondence? _____ Mail _____ Email _____ Both

Membership Dues: Full Membership \$20.00
 Associate Membership \$10.00 (for interns and those not working in the field)

Make checks payable to: Kent Akron Association of School Psychologists, or KAASP

Return Membership Form and Dues to:

April Miller, Secretary
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106 Gaylord Drive
Munroe Falls, OH 44262

Membership Rewards!

*All KAASP members will be entered into
a drawing for some great prizes!*

One - \$50.00 Borders gift cards

*Two - Free KAASP memberships
for the 09-10 school year*

The drawing will occur at the KAASP presentation on 11/21/08. Winner need not be present. To qualify for entry in the drawing, membership fees must be received by 1:00 p.m. on 11/5/09 – no exceptions. Current KAASP members will be included in the drawing. You still have time – **JOIN TODAY!**

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