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Thirteenth Annual Conference Almost Here!

Register now for the *Making a Difference: The Thirteenth Annual OACHE/WVACHE Conference*, slated for October 4-6, 2006 at Zane State College in Zanesville, Ohio.

The annual OACHE/WVACHE Conference enables participants to network with other K-12 and college educators, legislators, and public and private grant-makers from the 13-state Appalachian region on strategies to encourage Appalachian youth and adults to pursue higher education. The conference gives attendees tools and information they can use to make a difference in the lives of their students.

The conference will open with a Thursday luncheon plenary session, followed by an afternoon of breakout sessions and an evening social event featuring a silent auction in cooperation with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to benefit the Wayne F. White Scholarship. The event concludes Friday with a closing luncheon and an optional excursion to a nearby wildlife conservation facility, The Wilds.

Pre-Conference Poverty Workshop

Those interested in Dr. Ruby Payne's "Framework for Understanding Poverty" will want to attend the pre-conference program on Wednesday through Thursday morning. In this day-and-a-half workshop,



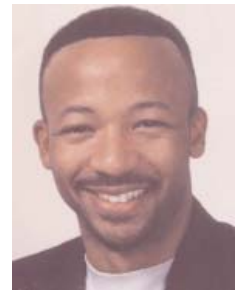
Dr. Cathy Hamilton

Safe, Invited and Master Taught: Challenging the Barriers to Academic Achievement in America, Dr. Cathy Hamilton offers an understanding of the culture of academically at-risk children, students often seen as challenges in the classroom.

A 19-year veteran of the classroom, a former high school principal, a national presenter around issues of special education, and herself a child of generational poverty, Dr. Hamilton presents concrete strategies for increasing academic achievement, research-based best practices that bring hope and help to children of poverty, children of color, children whose first language is not English, and children with identified disability.

Dr. Joe Martin to Speak

The opening luncheon on Thursday will feature award-winning speaker, author, professor, and educational consultant Dr. Joe Martin.



Dr. Joe Martin

In spite of growing up in one of the toughest crime-ridden ghettos in Miami, Dr. Martin became the youngest professor ever hired to teach in the state of Florida at the age of 24. He is now regarded as one of the country's leading experts on new-teacher retention and student motivational issues. Joe is the founder and president of Real World University, the

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Win an Amish Quilt!



Attend the Thirteenth Annual OACHE/WVACHE Conference for your chance to win one of two handmade Amish quilts that will be awarded, along with other exciting door prizes, throughout the conference. You must be present to win!

Another beautiful Amish quilt, and several other unique and valuable items, will also be featured in a silent auction to raise funds for the Wayne F. White Scholarship for Appalachian Ohio students.

Earn a State Tax Credit for Your Donation to the WVACHE

The WVACHE has received a tax-credit voucher through the West Virginia Development Office's Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP).

NIP allows an approved organization to give tax credits on a first-come, first-served basis to businesses and individuals for up to 50 percent of the amount they donate to the organization. The credits can be used to reduce some West Virginia taxes, including the Corporate Net Income, Business Franchise and Personal Income taxes.

Eligible contributions may be made in the form of cash, personal property, real estate, stock and some in-kind professional services. The minimum donation is \$500. (Some other limitations apply to eligible donations and use of the tax credits.)

The WVACHE's NIP tax-credit voucher will expire at the end of June 2007. To take advantage of this opportunity to make your tax-credit-eligible donation, contact the WVACHE office at 302-327-4096. ◀



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largest college student success website in the country, and author of several books including *Good Teachers Never Quit: 50 Ways to Keep the Fire Burning Without Burning Out* and *Tricks of the Grade: Street-Smart Strategies for Student Success*.

The conference agenda will include more than 20 breakout sessions on a wide variety of topics including best practices in college access programs, understanding poverty, college placement testing, financial-aid search strategies, retention, community fundraising, and Appalachian culture.

Wayne F. White Outstanding Educator awards will also be presented to a teacher, guidance counselor and administrator who have gone the extra mile to help their students aspire to and prepare for college.

To register for the Thirteenth Annual OACHE/WVACHE Conference or find out more details, visit www.oache.org/wvache_home.htm. Register by September 16 to lock in your regular registration rate! ◀



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