

Mississippi Association International Educators

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- Winter Conference Recap
- F-1 Basic Workshop June 21st
- Region VII Conference Nov. 6 & 7

### MAIE MISSION STATEMENT

Mississippi Association of International Educators is an association of individuals which advances international education exchange and global workforce development and serves its members, their institutions and organizations and other engaged in these activities. MAIE upholds and promotes standards of good practice; provides training, professional development and networking opportunities and advocates for international education and global workforce development.

## A Message from the Chair



Dear Mississippi Association of International Educators,

Time has flown since we were all last together at the state meeting in February. By now, I imagine many of you are gearing down for the summer. Take a moment to visit the MAIE website where our own webmaster and conference photographer, Charter Morris, has posted conference pictures.

There were many highlight at this year's conference, including David Ware and Ana Sippin's whirlwind pass through as they hurried to attend two state conferences (Miss & Fla.) in two days, and a visit from our regional chair Katherine Owen Richardson. For me, one of the highlights (aside from getting a

future parents coffee mug from Ole Miss!) was seeing so many new faces. Of the over forty participants in attendance, sixteen were first-timers. MAIE extends a warm welcome to you all. We also extend a warm welcome to our new executive board members, area representatives Anne Morris and Becky Sims and chair-elect Kathy Sims. They along with Jean Robinson and Barbara Whitt Jackson are hard at work preparing an F-1 Basics Workshop offered in Jackson this summer.

Also hard at work is Margaret Donaldson as MAIE prepares to assemble almost 600 NAFSAns when the regional conference comes to Biloxi in November. In addition to attending the conference, this year we all have the opportunity to help host. Volunteers for a variety of activities are needed, so please lend a hand.

Sincerely,

Phil Banfanti  
MAIE 2005 Chair

## MAIE Offers International Student Basic Training

Whether you have one or one thousand international students, the regulations are the same and the process cumbersome and sometimes overwhelming. MAIE is happy to offer for the second year, basic training for institutions who host international students.

Tuesday, June 21 at Jackson State University's H.T. Sampson Library, Barbara Whitt Jackson, Director of International Student Affairs at Southern Miss and Jean Robinson, International Scholar Specialist at University of Mississippi will present the essential information needed for hosting F-1 status international

students. Geared toward high school or community college advisors the workshop will cover topics such as, SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System), responsibilities of an approved school, preparation of the I-20 document, reporting requirements, public school funding, length of stay, transition to a community college or university, employment, dependents and travel.

Cost to attend is \$95 and does not include lunch. Complete the registration form on the last page of the newsletter or for more information, please contact Dr.

Phil Bonfanti, MAIE President, and Director of International Student Services at Mississippi State at (662)325-8929.

F-1 Basic Training Workshop

Tuesday, June 21  
8:30 – 4:30

H.T. Sampson Library  
Jackson State Univ.

Registration Fee: \$95

SEVIS  
I-20

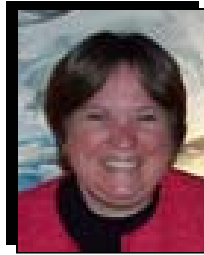
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## The Region is Coming! The Region is Coming!

**Margaret Donaldson reports on plans for the 2005 Region VII Conference**



Six months and counting before our patented southern hospitality is on display. The foundation is set for the 2005 Region VII Conference and it is time to iron out the details. Barbara Jackson will contact volunteers soon to start working on various projects. If you would like to pitch in, volunteers are needed for various tasks from Thursday, November 3 through Tuesday,

November 8 before, during, and after the conference. Contact Barbara Jackson at [Barbara.whittjackson@usm.edu](mailto:Barbara.whittjackson@usm.edu).

We don't want to give away too many of the fun details but it will be more fun than Myrtle Beach! Mark your calendar now for sunsets on the sound, great food, first-class accommodations, and good times with friends November 6 through 8 at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi.



**2005 Conference**

**November 6 - 7**

**Beau Rivage Resort ~Biloxi, Mississippi**

**Welcome!**  
**MAIE**  
**conference**  
**first-timers**

Suzanne Sullivan  
Shannon Buckley  
Sabrina Leng  
Barbara Travis  
Shenitha Pridgen  
Cathy Van Denvender  
Holly Buckner  
Regina George  
Katherine "Alex" Kenner  
Melissa Ravencraft  
Joella Duhon  
Ruth Maron  
Rainey Mills Turner  
Emily Peace  
Amy Morris  
Mickey Stokes

**Thank You!**  
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**Conference**  
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The Mississippi Consortium  
for International  
Development

## MAIE 2005 Winter Conference Highlights

The 2005 MAIE Winter conference was a hit. Over 40 international educators were on hand to hear Keynote Speaker Wayne Stonecypher talk about the community college's role in international education and the importance of international studies programs, take part in round table discussions, receive regulation updates, and win door prizes (way to go Phill!).

Regional Chair Katherine Owen Richardson thanked the members of MAIE, especially Margaret

Donaldson and Barbara Jackson for taking on the job of planning for the conference.

Richardson also shared some personal thoughts on international education, "I got into this business just because there was an opening. I got involved in NAFSA and what I really value from this organization is the support. Thank you for all that you do for you students, for this organization and for international education."



*Region VII NAFSA Chair,  
Katherine Owen Richardson  
Director of International  
Programs at Rhodes College*

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**Nominations Invited for Annual Region VII Awards**

The NAFSA Region VII Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for the regional awards to be presented in November at the NAFSA Region VII Conference.

Nominations for the four awards will be considered: the Internationalization Achievement Award, the John Eaves Community Volunteer Award, the New Professional Award, and the International Excellence Award.

Nominations must be received by September 16, 2005. We encourage you to nominate deserving colleagues in Mississippi.

The eligibility requirements and the nomination process for these awards can be found at the end of the newsletter, and on the Region VII website <http://www.region7.nafsa.org/regionalinfo.htm>.

If you need additional information, please contact Katherine Owen Richardson at [owen@rhodes.edu](mailto:owen@rhodes.edu).



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*MAIE Executive Board- Top left to right Barbara Witt-Jackson and Margaret Donaldson. Bottom left to right Ann Morris, Jean Robinson, Michelle Sekul, Phil Bonfanti, Kathy Sims, Charter Morris, and Stephen Cottrell. Becky Sims (not pictured)*

Mississippi Association of International Educators

## REGISTRATION FORM

F-1 Workshop:  
International Student Basics

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

H.T. Sampson Library  
Jackson State University

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form along with a check (made payable to MAIE) for your workshop fee of \$95\* to:

Dr. Phil Bonfanti  
Director, International Services Office  
Mississippi State University  
Box 9742  
Mississippi State, MS 39762

\*Fee covers all materials. Lunch will be on your own. Receipts will be provided at the conference.

<b>NAFSA REGION VII AWARD INFORMATION</b>		
	<b>Internationalization Achievement Award</b>	<b>John Eaves Community Volunteer Award</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To recognize significant achievement in the area of internationalization of the campus and/or community.</li> <li>2. To promote the causes of international education on a regional level by highlighting meritorious efforts on a local level.</li> <li>3. To identify role models for study and emulation.</li> <li>4. To encourage involvement in NAFSA, its mission and its goals.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To recognize the importance and contributions of unpaid volunteers on the campus and in communities throughout Region VII.</li> <li>2. To promote the causes of international education on a community level.</li> <li>3. To identify role models for emulation.</li> <li>4. To encourage the involvement of community organizations within the region.</li> </ol>
<b>Nominations</b>	<p>Nominations shall be solicited on an annual basis at the regional conference with the deadline for submission 30 days prior to the Region VII Spring Team meeting. Nominations shall require three letters attesting to the institution's or community organization's attainment of the award criteria. Institutions and organizations may self-nominate, but at least two letters of nomination must come from individuals not affiliated with the nominated institution or organization.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nominations shall be solicited on an annual basis with deadline for submission at the Spring Team meeting.</li> <li>2. The award will be given to an individual from the state where the annual regional conference is being held. Nominations will be limited to individuals from the hosting state of the Region VII annual conference.</li> <li>3. Nominations shall require three letters attesting to the individual's attainment of the award criteria. At least two letters of nomination must come from individuals not affiliated with the individual's organization.</li> </ol>
<b>Criteria</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Institutions, individual departments, or cooperating departments within institutions, or community organizations cooperating with educational institutions within Region VII will be eligible for nomination.</li> <li>2. Nominees will be selected on the basis of actual implementation of specific programs and/or measures that focus on enriching the campus body and/or community's educational experience in terms of international educational and cultural exchange. Such implementations will be judged according to factors, which will include level of participation, by the department, campus body, or community, and tangible or demonstrable benefits in accordance with the causes of international education and cultural exchange as identified in the mission and goals of NAFSA: Association of International Educators.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has served in a volunteer capacity in organizing and implementing programs for international students, scholars, or spouses, or study abroad students in the local community.</li> <li>2. Has demonstrated excellence in fostering international exchange in the local community through leadership in a community organization.</li> <li>3. Has supported the work of local educational institutions.</li> </ol>
<b>Selection</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The selection committee shall consist of the Chair, Past Chair, and Chair-Elect. The committee shall confer in writing or by phone and determine the recipient by consensus.</li> <li>2. The selection committee shall reserve the right to conduct interviews with, and gather any necessary information from, potential award recipients to aid in making a final decision.</li> <li>3. Final approval shall be subject to a 2/3 majority vote by the Region VII Team at the Spring Team meeting. In any year that the criteria for eligibility is not met, no award shall be given.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The selection committee shall consist of the Region VII Past Chair, COMSEC representative and the State Representative from the state hosting the conference. The committee shall confer in writing, by phone, or e-mail to determine the recipient by consensus.</li> <li>2. In any year the criteria for eligibility is not met, no award shall be given.</li> </ol>
<b>Award</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The award shall be presented at the annual regional conference to the president (or his or her designated official) of the receiving institution or community organization, or to a department's designated official.</li> <li>2. The award shall consist of a plaque, which will be held by the recipient until the next year's recipient is selected. Funds for the award and related travel expenses will be solicited from corporate, foundation, or other such sources. A representative from the funding donor will be invited to share in the presentation of the award.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The award shall be presented at the annual regional conference.</li> <li>2. The award shall consist of a plaque,</li> <li>3. The recipient will be the guest of the region at the conference, receiving free registration and up to \$450 for lodging and travel.</li> </ol>

	<b>International Excellence Award</b>	<b>New Professional Award</b>
<b>Criteria</b>	A recipient should best exemplify the true spirit of international educational exchange. A nominee should have shown outstanding leadership within his or her institution, community, and/or NAFSA Region VII.	The New Professional Award was established by the NAFSA Region VII team in 1989. It recognizes an individual in the region who has made an outstanding contribution to international education through his or her enthusiasm, potential for leadership, and actual accomplishments in his or her institution or community and Region VII. To be eligible, the individual may have no more than five years experience in the field and must be a member of NAFSA.
<b>Nominations</b>	Nominations require three letters: one brief letter of nomination describing the qualifications of the nominee, and two supporting letters from two other Region VII members. At least one letter should come from a person in a state other than that of the nominee.	Nominations may be made by any Region VII member and should be submitted in writing to the Region VII Past Chair no later than September 15th. Two additional letters of support are required, one of which must be from someone in a state other than the one in which the nominee resides.
<b>Selection Committee</b>	The selection committee shall consist of the Past Chair, Chair and Chair-elect of NAFSA Region VII. The committee shall confer in writing or by phone and determine the recipient by consensus. In any year that the criteria for eligibility are not met or the nomination process is not followed for any nominee, no award shall be given.	The selection committee shall consist of the Past Chair, Chair and Chair-elect of NAFSA Region VII. The committee shall confer in writing, by phone, or e-mail and determine the recipient by consensus. In any year that the criteria for eligibility are not met or the nomination process is not followed for any nominee, no award shall be given.
<b>Publicity</b>	The Past Chair of Region VII shall call for nominations in the summer edition of The Compass, stating the requirements for selection, the deadline for nominations, and the name and address of the chair of the selection committee, to whom nominations are to be sent.	The Chair of Region VII shall call for nominations in the summer edition of the Compass, stating the requirements for selection, the deadline for nominations, and the name and address of the chair of the selection committee, to whom nominations are to be sent.
<b>Award</b>	A plaque or framed certificate shall be presented to the recipient by the previous recipient at the business meeting at the annual regional conference.	A plaque or framed certificate shall be presented to the recipient by the previous recipient at the business meeting at the annual regional conference.