Scholarship Winners for 2007-2008

It seems fitting to report names of the leadership positions which were provided for the first-time presentation at the conventions.

Andrew J. Hunt
Lynchburg College

Audrina Barnes, from Edward Jones, chose the topic Cutting Edge of Capitalism: Serious Leadership in the New Millennium.

The leadership lessons on the theme Mr. Hunt focused spawned the participatory atmosphere in the Agenda for the Knowledge Age. His discussion on divergent "investment" paradox governance throughout the professionals during these distinct periods focused on the back-to-the-future theme, especially as it related to leadership and its evolving service.

Joshi Nagel
State of America

Time: Financial Futures

"Your life is like a road on a business trip." was the first tough Nagel from Bank of America began his conversation with the audience. He chose to "approach the present as evolution. What could you have done in college on working in one career?"

The discussion which followed sustained three primary "journey" concerns: Manage Your Personal Balance Sheet, Manage Your Wealth, and Manage Your Risk. After introducing ideas about these concerns, he summarized and concluded with these challenging thoughts: "Developing growth ceases to be a matter of doing business, money, and work but becoming the best that you can be."

The audience was asked, your first goal still will not be given; you will have to decide what career you want. After your career is chosen for thoughtful evaluation: enjoy the advancement, will establish partnerships personal or online...."
leadership is important! The accuracy of that phrase could not be challenged by anybody who had the opportunity to attend our recent triennial conference in Philadelphia where the theme of the conference was “back to the future” and allowed us to study lessons in leadership.

This theme was seriously addressed by each of our four invited speakers and nine other sessions, which included some of our board members, in smaller, more intimate break-out sessions. Again and again each speaker caused me to realize that we at American colleges and universities are involved at the most basic level in training our students to think of themselves as leaders. Further, this is a unique opportunity to rethink the way we as leaders in our society engage in these interesting times.

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A new model of leadership is called for. It came to me that as a leader in an organization you have more than just a job description, you have an interest in spending your life in the international arena…you have to make some serious decisions before you embark on that. And a cautionary note was added: “Sometimes you are in the future before you realize that it may not be the best thing to do.”

The insight he shared included lessons drawn from strategic business relationships with companies—companies whose history traces back to the year 1665.

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