



## State Representative Report

**Georgia State Report**  
**SEAHO 2005 Mid Year Exec Meeting**  
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### I. State Officers/Goals

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**A fond farewell** to our former GRHO advisor, **Chad Clark**, who has moved on to Purdue University.

#### **Goals**

- Create and maintain a GHO website (Webmaster).
- Provide online GHO newsletter via the GHO website (State Editor).
- On-line registration for state conferences via GHO website (Executive Board).
- Create a drive-in conference for administrative support personnel (Executive Board).
- Increase the number of participants at the annual GHO conference (Executive Board).

### II. State Conference News

#### **Mid Managers 2004**

The annual drive-in workshop for the mid managers of the state of Georgia was held at Columbus State University. Participants shared advice and discussed supervision issues

in a roundtable format. In the afternoon, everyone was treated to a tour of the beautiful new housing at Columbus State.

### **GHO 2004**

#### **Get a CLUE (Caring, Learning, Understanding and Empowering)**

Valdosta State University hosted the annual state conference September 31, 2004 through October 1, 2004. Housing detectives found clues to help them with a variety of mysteries ranging from supervision of student staff, selection of future RHDs, developing theme communities, managing the challenges of new housing and incorporating faculty into student affairs. The keynote sleuth, Tim Coley, a former GHO member visited from South Carolina to share his skills and expertise. The GHO gumshoes also were treated to a murder mystery dinner sponsored by Ambling.

### **GRHOTH 2004**

#### **GRHOTHopoly**

Hall council members converged on the Georgia Southern University campus for the GRHOTH (Georgia Residence Hall Organization Together in Harmony) annual fall leadership conference on October 9, 2004. The conference participants collected games for Statesboro local charities, such as Joseph's Home for Boys and the Boys and Girls Club. Delegates did not leave empty handed from the Monopoly inspired conference; they gained vast amounts of knowledge in the areas of diversity, community development and strategies for building strong RHAs and hall councils.

### **III. Awards and Recognition**

Several people were recognized for their contributions to their university, the state and the profession at the annual GHO conference.

#### Excellence in Housing

Bob Morton - Georgia Institute of Technology

#### Outstanding Professional

Laura Powders - Georgia Institute of Technology

#### Vickie Hawkins Outstanding New Professional

Brett Logan - Valdosta State University

#### Contribution to Campus

Amy Wrye - Kennesaw State University

#### Georgia Gee Whiz

Online Housing applications system development

Mike Carey and Angela Callaway - University of Georgia

#### Graduate Assistant Award of Excellence

Jason Umfress - University of Georgia

#### Peach of a Program

"Summer RA-CA-VCA Staff Training: A Different Approach"

Michelle Carter and Carla Dennis – University of Georgia

#### **IV. SEAHO Involvement**

SEAHO 2004 Award Winners from Georgia  
Grad Issues and Involvement SPE Grant  
Molly Cuicchi – University of Georgia

#### **New Professionals Case Study**

Julie Anne Cunningham – Georgia Southern University  
Ronika Anderson – Georgia Southern University

#### **Top 5 Programs**

“Why are all the black professionals sitting together at the conference?”  
Countess Hughes – Georgia State University

“What a Bright Idea!”

Ashley Smith and Jenny Slear – Valdosta State University

#### **New SEAHO Officers**

SEAHO Treasurer, Bob Morton, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Co Chair Educational Programs, Chandra Myrick, Georgia State University

The state is gearing up for SEAHO 2008. Currently the GHO exec board is taking bids for SEAHO 2008 conference chair position. GHO is also exploring a couple of different options in regards of location for the conference. Savannah and Atlanta are both obvious choices, but other options like St Simons Island and possibly Destin, FL are being considered.

#### **V. New Programs**

GHO has created a new award, Contribution to Campus, to recognize the contributions of a Housing and/or Residence Life staff member who has provided meritorious service to their institution by supporting its goal of serving students and provides service beyond their departmental job responsibilities. The recipient of this award exemplifies commitment to their institution through service outside of their housing job responsibilities. The award will be given out at the annual GHO conference.

In order to increase involvement in GHO and consequently SEAHO, the executive board members are each responsible for a portion of the universities in the state of Georgia. The exec board contacts the school to give updates and personal invites to state conferences. Also, GHO is starting to create a post-conference newsletter that recaps the programs from the conference in order to share information with schools that could not attend.