

WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN TENNESSEE



Quarterly Newsletter for Mentors~Educators~Leaders

Conference Theme: "Navigating Your Career Path: Successful Strategies for Reaching Your Goals"

I am excited about the 2007 Annual Women in Higher Education in Tennessee ("WHET") Conference, which will be held at Tennessee State University's Avon Williams Campus on **Thursday, October 4, 2007** and **Friday, October 5, 2007**. The theme of this year's conference is

"Navigating Your Career Path: Successful Strategies for Reaching Your Goals." I am looking forward to your participation in the 2007 Annual WHET Conference.

The Thursday night reception on October 4, 2007 will be in honor of Ms. Patricia Pierce, Historian and Lifetime Member of WHET and recently retired Senior Director of the Opportunity Development Center at Vanderbilt University. **Keynote speakers** for this year's conference include *Dr. Paula Short*, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the Tennessee Board of Regents, who will speak on Thursday night. *Ms. Agenia Clark*, Regent at the Tennessee Board of Regents and President and CEO of the Girl Scout Council of Cumberland

Valley, is the Friday Luncheon speaker. In addition, on Friday, October 5, 2007, there will be a **Presidential Panel** consisting of four women college presidents within the State of Tennessee,

the 2007 Annual WHET Conference, please do not hesitate to contact me at (615) 963-7494 or via email at tcarter@tnstate.edu.



Avon Williams Campus

a **Plenary Session** presented by an Executive Search Consultant, **Concurrent Sessions** on *Diversity, Networking/ Mentoring, Technology, Development/ Fundraising, and Financial Management/Budgeting*, as well as an **Administrative and Governmental Panel**. Prizes will also be given away at the conference. Register early because you do not want to miss out on this great conference at Tennessee State University! If you have any questions about



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As president of the Women in Higher Education in Tennessee (WHET) organization for the 2006-07 year, thank you for the opportunity to serve at the helm. While we have faced numerous challenges, the Executive Board has continued to work hard to continue moving the organization to greater heights, and for this I am thankful. I want to also take this opportunity to applaud each Board member for their contribution to the Board and for seizing the opportunity to grow personally and professionally. WHET is committed to and continues to encourage and support women from across the state of Tennessee in achieving their goals. If you have not yet become a member and gotten involved, I encourage you to get involved in WHET and seize the opportunity to strengthen your network and support women from across the state in achieving their professional goals. It is with this spirit that all of us will continue to benefit and prosper as members and make our state a stronger and effective place for women to achieve.



Conference plans for this year are highlighted in this newsletter. Pay attention to the strategies that will be presented at the **27th annual conference**. This year's conference promises to provide you with strategies for *"navigating your career path"* and will also provide you with an outstanding showcase of women who have successfully achieved their professional goals. Please visit our website at www.whettn.org and make plans to attend. I want to challenge each member this year to bring at least one other woman to the conference so that you can partner and strategize together your next move. I look forward to seeing each of you at the 2007 conference. Best wishes!

—Janet M. Finch
WHET President

Conference Speakers

Presidential Panelist:

Dr. Shirley Raines
President
University of Memphis
WHET Presidential
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Dr. Mary Lou Apple
President
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Dr. Rebecca Hawkins
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sity

Dr. Betty Sue McGarvey
President
Baptist College of
Health Sciences

Plenary Session Speaker:

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"Diversity"

Dr. Maria Thompson
*"Networking and
Mentoring"*

Dr. Denise Dunbar
"Technology"

Ms. Beverly Robin-
son/ Dr. Rosemary
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*"Development/
Fundraising"*

Ms. Linda Spears
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ment/Budgeting"*

Concurrent Ses- sion II Presenters:

Dr. Rosalyn Pit
"Diversity"

Ms. Cynthia Calhoun/
Ms. Shante Telfer
*"Networking and
Mentoring"*

Ms. Karen Claud
"Technology"

Dr. Sherrie Foster
*"Development/
Fundraising"*



**Ms. Agenia Clark, Keynote
Speaker for the luncheon.**



**Dr. Paula Short,
Keynote Speaker
for the reception.**

Women On The Move

Patricia Pierce has retired from Vanderbilt University after almost 30 years with the Opportunity Development Center. Ms. Pierce is a founding member of WHET and currently serves as WHET Historian.

Shanna Jackson has been recently named Executive Assistant to the President at Volunteer State Community College. Ms. Jackson also serves on the Executive Board of WHET as the Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. Janet Finch has been named Humanitarian of the Year by the Kappa Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. in Nashville, TN. Dr. Finch cur-

rently serves on the Executive Board of WHET as the President.

Peggy Carpenter has been named Director of Center for Student Success at Trevecca University. Ms. Carpenter currently serves on the Executive Board of WHET as the Graduate Student Representative.

Attorney Tracey Carter is 1 of only 11 Fellows selected throughout the Tennessee Board of Regents ("TBR") system as a 2007 Maxine Smith Fellow. The Fellows Program is named after former TBR Regent Dr. Maxine Smith and provides various opportunities for Fellows to ob-

serve and participate in decision-making situations and to experience how policy is made at the institution, senior administrative, and governing board levels. Ms. Carter's administrative mentor through the fellowship is Attorney Richard Jackson, Vice President for Legal Affairs and Strategic Planning at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN. Ms. Carter currently serves as WHET's President-Elect.

Linda Bradley, former president of WHET, moved to Florida earlier this year to pursue a job opportunity as an Assistant Vice President and campus director at the University of Central Florida.

Dr. Jacenda Davidson has been named Director of Human Resources at Fisk University, a premiere liberal arts institution, located in Nashville, TN. Founded in 1866, Fisk has a proven tradition of excellence spanning almost 140 years. Known by many as the home of W.E.B. DuBois and the renowned Jubilee Singers, Fisk is favored by its current students for its academic reputation, small classes, and rich history. Dr. Davidson also serves on the Executive Board of Women in

Higher Education in Tennessee (WHET) as the American Council on Education (ACE) State Coordinator. The ACE Network state coordinators lead the efforts of the ACE Network (formerly the National Identification Program), a national grassroots network of state organizations for women in higher education. State coordinators organize state planning committees that sponsor programs to identify qualified women leaders, develop their leadership in a variety of

ways, advance them into administrative positions in higher education, and assist them with staying power.



WHET NEWS

2007 Economic Summit for Women

WHET will be one of the co-sponsors of the Summit Pre-Conference Reception to meet and greet the conference speakers; former Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder; Marie Wilson founder and President of the White House Project; and Karyl Innis, CEO of the Innis Company. The reception will be held October 21, 2007 at the Airport Marriott from 5-7 p.m. All

WHET members are invited to attend the reception. General information about the conference can be found at

www.tnwomensummit.org.

Be a part of the action!

If you are interested in holding office with WHET, please contact Shanna Jackson, chair of the nominating committee at Shanna.Jackson@volstate.edu.

The Institutional and Regional Representatives Orientation and Reception

will be held Thursday, October 4, 2007 from 3:00 until 5:00p.m.

Meet the 2006-2007 Executive Board



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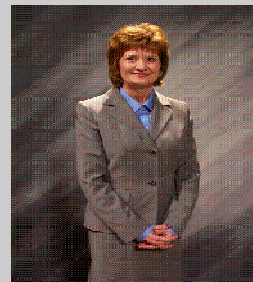
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WHET Mission Statement

The mission of **Women in Higher Education in Tennessee** is to identify, develop and provide leadership opportunities for all women in higher education in Tennessee. We support the advancement of women in achieving their personal and professional potential.

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Background



Since 1980, Women in Higher Education in Tennessee (WHET) has sought to meet the needs of women in the academy. By working collaboratively with the American Council on Education through ACE-NIP, later ACE-The Network, and with the American Association of Community College Women, programs such as the June Anderson Award and the annual conference have supported the core values of leadership, networking, and connection among women in the Tennessee higher education community.

In 2001, WHET and ACE-The Network formally merged to better the needs of all women in Tennessee higher education. Consistent with its mission, WHET is committed to the following goals and initiatives.

Professional development seminars

Partnership with the statewide Women's Leadership Conference for college and university students

A Presidential Advisory Committee

Support for member

participation in national leadership conferences

Institutional memberships

A reception to honor new college and university presidents in Tennessee at the annual conference