



# VISIONS

## ACCA Conference 2010!

Make your plans now to come to the fifth ACCA conference in St. Louis, Missouri, October 6-9, 2010. The Registration Form is posted on our website, <http://www.collegecounseling.org/conferences.html>, as well as the list of programs that will be offered.

The conference theme is “ACCA: The Gateway to Excellence in College Counseling” and it will be held at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront. Our last four conferences have been extremely successful so I encourage you to join us. This is an event you will not want to miss!

Mr. Brett Sokolow, J.D., will be our keynote speaker. Mr. Sokolow is President of the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management. He will also offer a pre-conference session on “The Role of Counselors in Campus Threat Assessment”.

Stay tuned to our website for more information on the conference and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sylvia Shortt, [accaorg@mindspring.com](mailto:accaorg@mindspring.com). Meet me in St. Louis!



### Scholarship for the 2011 ACA Conference Available

Are you an advocate for counseling? That Professional Advocacy and Public Awareness (PAPA) committee of the ACCA will award a scholarship to the 2011 ACA Conference in New Orleans. The scholarship will cover the cost of the conference fee – a \$325 value!!

To obtain more information, please contact Kathy Douthat, PAPA Chair, at

[kbdouthat@pstcc.edu](mailto:kbdouthat@pstcc.edu). Deadline to submit application is December 17, 2010.

#### FROM THE EDITOR

Please use this special pre-conference edition of VISIONS to develop your personal conference itinerary. See page 2 for detailed list of special ACCA events you won't want to miss. Be sure and check out special opportunities to meet colleagues and even win your registration to next year's ACA conference in New Orleans. Look for our next regular edition of VISIONS coming in November. Enjoy and see you in St. Louis!

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## *Conference Activities*

### WEDNESDAY, October 6, 2010

***Graduate Student Reception*** – Location: Gateway East 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM

All graduate students are encouraged to join members of the ACCA Executive Council at the Graduate Student Reception for a great time of networking!

***Conference Reception*** – Location: Gateway Terrace 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

All attendees are invited to attend the ACCA Reception, which historically has proven to be a fun opportunity to relax, visit with old friends and meet lots of new ones! Delicious appetizers and a cash bar ...Don't miss it!!!

### THURSDAY, October 7, 2010

***Exhibit Hall and Door Prize Drawings*** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Friday as well!)

Be sure to visit the Exhibit Hall many times during your Conference experience. Our Vendors have tremendous information to share! Door Prize give-a-ways will take place during each of the scheduled breaks. Need a door-prize ticket? Please be sure to stop by the ACCA booth to pick one up. *The Grand Opening for the Exhibit Hall will take place from 10:45-11:15 on Thursday.*

***Community College/2-Year Counselors Gathering***

12:45PM – 2:00PM

The ACCA Community College Task Force invites Community College/2-Year Counselors to get together for lunch. Lunch will be on your own. The plan is to meet at the hotel lobby at 12:45PM and then decide where to go as a group. *At the lunch there will be a drawing for a free registration to the 2011 ACA Conference in New Orleans.* Questions? Contact Amy Lenhart, ACCA Member-At-Large and Chair, ACCA Community College Task Force [ALenhart@collin.edu](mailto:ALenhart@collin.edu).

***Theme Dinners with your Colleagues***

6:45PM - ? Meet your group in hotel lobby: 6:45 Reservations at area restaurants: 7:00 PM

Sign-up early to eat supper at one of St. Louis' favorite local restaurants where you will have the opportunity to connect with colleagues, share a meal and engage in great conversation around a common theme. Visit the Registration area for a list of pre-selected restaurants and college-counseling themes and choose your favorite! Sign up early, though, as reservations for each group will need to be made no later Thursday morning. All restaurants are within walking distance, but be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes!

### FRIDAY, October 8, 2010

***ACCA Breakfast and Business Meeting***

7:30 AM- 9:00 AM Location: Grand D

Continue connecting and reconnecting with your colleagues, enjoy a delicious breakfast and gather important information and updates about the ACCA from your Executive Council team.

***Riverboat Cruise on the Mississippi River***

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM \*\$45/Person Meet in hotel lobby by 6:45 Boarding at 7:00 Cruise begins at 7:30

Spend an evening with friends and colleagues cruising the mighty Mississippi River on a 19th century replica steamboat. Join us as we sit down to a feast of delicious prime rib, chicken champagne, Alaskan Pollack, or vegetarian manicotti while musicians play riverboat style jazz. The cruise leaves from Riverfront Park, adjacent to the Hyatt Hotel. *\*Pre-registration was required by September 1<sup>st</sup> but there may be some spaces still available! If you are interested in joining us, visit the Registration table to inquire.*



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## **SAVE THE DATE!** **Friday, October 8th, 2pm**



For solo -- or nearly solo -- counselors on campus, you have a "session" scheduled just for you at this year's ACCA conference in St. Louis. I hope you won't be a "no-show!"

The program is "**Flying Solo -- An Opportunity to Share and Grow as a Solo Practitioner**" and will be enriched by your attendance. We will talk about the expected responsibilities of a college counseling center, comparing them to the realities of what one person can do in a day or week or academic year. The rest of the time will be devoted to sharing problems and solutions, as well as creative ideas. **(Candy bars will be provided!)**

Please come prepared to share your good ideas and to create bonds with colleagues from across the country. With 112 members on the Flying Solo Listserv, you are NOT alone. Squeeze some dollars out of your tiny budget to come to the conference and meet your colleagues in person. See you there!

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## **The Committee for International Issues in College Counseling is seeking new members!**

International education is becoming an integral part of the college experience as increasingly more students travel across national borders to obtain educational experience. To assist in the academic success, health, and psychological well-being of this population, counselors must work effectively with mental health issues that affect students who engage in international education opportunities. The Committee for International Issues in College Counseling focuses on developing resources to help college counselors to better serve international and study abroad students, creating opportunities for international/cross-cultural leadership and professional development, and facilitating collaboration among college counselors around the world. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Tomoko Kudo Grabosky, the committee chair, at [tkgrab@ship.edu](mailto:tkgrab@ship.edu) or 717-477-1481.



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## 25 Things to Do in St. Louis

There's so much to see and do in St. Louis, we thought we'd start you out with a few "must-see options."

1. Ride to the top of the [Gateway Arch](#), towering 630-feet over the Mississippi River.
2. Follow the footsteps of explorers Lewis & Clark at various historic attractions.
3. Explore [Forest Park](#)'s 1,300 acres of lakes, walking paths and attractions.
4. Drive Old Route 66 and visit some of the "Mother Road's" most fascinating stops.
5. Enjoy world-class free attractions, including the [Art Museum](#), [Zoo](#), [Science Center](#), [Anheuser-Busch Brewery](#), [Grant's Farm](#), and the [Missouri History Museum](#).
6. Marvel at the [Missouri Botanical Garden](#), one of the world's top public gardens.
7. Free your inner child at the [Magic House](#), [City Museum](#) and other kid-friendly attractions.
8. Visit an ancient Indian civilization at [Cahokia Mounds](#).
9. Cheer for the MLB's [Cardinals](#), NFL's [Rams](#) and NHL's [Blues](#).
10. Count the mosaics at the breathtakingly beautiful [Cathedral Basilica](#) of Saint Louis.
11. Flirt with Lady Luck at one of the area's six casinos.
12. Experience live blues music in one of the dozens of area clubs and taverns.
13. Get your motor running at the [Museum of Transportation](#) or [Gateway International Raceway](#).
14. Visit the heart of St. Louis through our friendly and charming neighborhoods.
15. Take in the art at [Laumeier Sculpture Park](#), the [Contemporary Art Museum](#) and the [Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts](#).
16. Re-discover your heritage at the [Old Courthouse](#), [Black World History Museum](#) and [Faust Historic Village](#).
17. Visit the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales at the [Anheuser-Busch Brewery](#).
18. Satisfy your taste buds at any of our hundreds of one-of-a-kind restaurants.
19. Fill an extra suitcase during a shopping trip through major malls and antique and collectible stores.
20. Attend one of the area's unique fairs or festivals.
21. Explore the final frontier at the [Science Center's](#) Space Sciences Center or the [Challenger Learning Center](#).
22. Get an adrenaline rush on the world-class roller coasters and thrill rides at [Six Flags St. Louis](#).
23. Play Scott Joplin's ragtime tunes at the [composer's historic home](#).
24. Talk to the animals at [Purina Farms](#), the [Wild Canid Survival Center](#), the [World Bird Sanctuary](#) and the [St. Louis Zoo](#).
25. Cruise the mighty Mississippi River on the [Tom Sawyer or Becky Thatcher](#) paddle wheeler.