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## **2006 NATIONAL FORUM FOR SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS**

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The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and The Network Addressing Collegiate Alcohol and Other Drug Issues host this daylong National Forum for campus chief executives and other senior administrators. We welcome presidents, chancellors, trustees, vice presidents, and deans to join in this collegial meeting with peers to consider leadership strategies for promoting safe and healthy learning and living environments.

Today's Forum addresses issues associated with alcohol, other drugs, and violence (AODV). Topics include the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's report on drinking at U.S. colleges, legal issues (risk perception and reduction, liability, and compliance with relevant federal mandates), and senior administrators' perspectives on AODV issues (being proactive vs. reactive, managing AODV-related publicity, and how key stakeholders influence responses), and an update from the U.S. Department of Education.

The Network and the Department salute your leadership in creating and sustaining safe, healthy, and learning-conducive environments at your campuses and in the communities in which your campuses are located. We are grateful to Carla Lapelle, Marshall University, and Diane Berty, Austin Peay State University, who coordinated this year's National Forum.

Next year's National Forum for Senior Administrators will take place in the fall of 2007 at a location yet to be announced. For further information, watch the Higher Education Center's Web site at [www.higheredcenter.org](http://www.higheredcenter.org).

**AGENDA**

- 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks and Introductions**  
Diane Berty, Network Executive Committee and Austin Peay State University  
Paul Kesner, U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools
- 10:15 a.m.-12:00 noon **The NIAAA Report: Four Years Later...Have We Made a Difference?**  
Robert Carothers, University of Rhode Island  
Peter Lake, Stetson University College of Law  
Beverly Ledbetter, Brown University  
Robert Chapman (Facilitator), Drexel University
- 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. Hosted Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **How Senior Administrators Influence AODV Prevention and How AODV Prevention Influences Them**  
James Anderson, University at Albany, SUNY  
Patricia Leonard, University of North Carolina, Wilmington  
Alan Merten, George Mason University  
William Pollard, University of the District of Columbia  
Laurence Mazzeno (Facilitator)
- 2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Evaluation**  
Diane Berty, Network Executive Committee and Austin Peay State University

## 2006 NATIONAL FORUM SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**James A. Anderson** serves as the vice president for Student Success, vice provost for institutional assessment and diversity, and professor of psychology at the University at Albany, SUNY. From 2003-2005, he was vice president and associate provost for institutional assessment and diversity at Texas A&M University, and was a tenured professor in the Department of Psychology. From 1992 to 2003, he served as the vice provost for undergraduate affairs at North Carolina State University. He was selected as an American Council on Education Fellow, a Danforth Fellow, and a National Learning Communities Fellow. In March 2005, he was awarded the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Outstanding Contribution to Higher Education Award, and in November 2004 was honored by the National Association of Universities and Land-Grant Colleges Commission on Human Resources and Social Changes with an Outstanding Service award. In 2004 he co-authored the book *Assessing Student Learning and Development: A Handbook for Practitioners* and co-edited the book *The Unfinished Agenda of Brown v. Board of Education*. In 2006 he will publish the book *Diversity and the Mandate of Institutional Transformation: Inclusiveness and the Global Challenge of Academic Excellence*.

**Diane Berty** is dean of students at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn. With 25 plus years in higher education administration, Dr. Berty is responsible for a host of student development programs and activities for the university's diverse undergraduate and graduate student populations, including divisional risk management and judicial affairs. She also serves on the Executive Committee for The Network and is a member of the U.S. Department of Education's Planning Committee for this year's National Meeting and National Forum.

**Robert L. Carothers** became the 10<sup>th</sup> president of the University of Rhode Island in 1991 and has initiated a series of progressive changes to the university's structure, infrastructure, and curriculum. During his tenure, the university has increased enrollment of the best and brightest students in the state and region, shed its moniker as a "party" school, improved its physical campus environment, increased the diversity among students, faculty and staff, and enhanced its levels of alumni, corporate, and state support. Dr. Carothers established the first President's Commission on the Status of Women in December 1999, and implemented a series of steps intended to advance the progress of women at URI. In 2002 he completed three years of service on the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's Committee on Campus Drinking, which published a research agenda for the nation. He was one of six university presidents to serve on the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Prevention Presidential Leadership Group. President Carothers is active on the Leadership Council of the American Council on Education, Bradley Hospital, Citizens Bank, The National Conference for Community and Justice, Grow Smart Rhode Island, and the Rhode Island Economic Policy Council.

**Robert J. Chapman** is an experienced practitioner, trainer, and program consultant in the area of alcohol and other drug services based at Drexel University in Philadelphia. As a counselor educator, Dr. Chapman has been involved in the undergraduate and graduate education of counselors and human service professionals as an adjunct member of the faculties at Binghamton University in New York; La Salle, Temple, and St. Joseph's Universities in Philadelphia; and Eastern College in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. Dr. Chapman is a past-president of the New York State Council on Alcoholism, past member of the New York Federation of Alcoholism Counselors and present member of the American Counseling Association and American College Counselors Association. His latest publication is *When They Drink: Practitioner Views and Lessons Learned on Preventing High-Risk Collegiate Drinking*.

**Paul Kesner** is director of the State Grants program in the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. In this role, Paul oversees the Department's initiatives to support states in their efforts to create and sustain safe and healthy schools for our nation's students. Prior to working at the Department, he served as dean of student affairs at Potomac State College in West Virginia and also served as a teacher and school principal in Maine.

**Peter F. Lake** is professor of law at the Stetson University College of Law and a nationally known scholar in the field of higher education law. Professor Lake has been teaching at Stetson since 1990. He is the author of many articles, including pieces appearing in the *American Bar Association Journal*, the *Journal of Legal Education*, and the *Albany Law Review*. He teaches torts, insurance, and jurisprudence at Stetson. He is coauthor of *The Rights and Responsibilities of the Modern University: Who Assumes the Risks of College Life?*

**Beverly E. Ledbetter** is the vice president and general counsel for Brown University. She is on the faculty of the Management Development Program at Harvard University, has taught law and higher education at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, and is on the faculty of the HERS Programs at Wellesley and Bryn Mawr. She also has served as associate judge at the Providence Housing Court in Rhode Island. She recently coauthored the article "When the NCAA Comes Calling" and wrote the chapter on legal issues for *College and University Business Administration*, sixth edition, published by the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

**Patricia "Pat" Leonard** serves as the vice chancellor for the Division of Student Affairs at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. She was initially selected as the associate dean of students and then advanced to the role of dean of students. Named vice chancellor in 1996, she is currently in her 10<sup>th</sup> year as the chief student affairs officer for the university. She has been an integral part of managing and planning for the dramatic growth and success experienced by UNCW. Ms. Leonard's passion for education and service is life long, reflected by her involvement with advisory councils and boards at the local, regional, and national level. She has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education in the area of drug and alcohol abuse. She is currently in her second term as a member of the Board of Trustees for the New Hanover Regional Medical Center and serves as a member of the executive committee.

**Laurence W. Mazzeno**, president emeritus of Alvernia College, Penn., has been an aggressive fundraiser securing monies to improve campus facilities and technology, including library resources, a student center, and student residential facilities. From 1968 until 1989 he served as an officer in the United States Army with faculty appointments at the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was chair of the English Department from 1986–89. He held academic leadership positions at Mesa State College, Colorado, and Ursuline College, Ohio, before becoming the fifth president of Alvernia, 1997–2005. Mr. Mazzeno is an immediate past member of The Network's Council of Advisors.

**Alan Merten** became George Mason University's fifth president in July 1996, and it has become the fastest growing university in Virginia and a vital center of cultural, academic, and athletic activity for the entire Northern Virginia-Washington, DC region. Prior to coming to George Mason University, Dr. Merten was the dean of the Johnson Graduate School of Management of Cornell University, dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Florida, and associate dean in the School of Business Administration at the University of Michigan. Throughout his career, he has served on business and government councils and committees, including chair of the National Research Council's Committee on Workforce

Needs in Information Technology, the Board of Directors of the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the Center for Innovative Technology, INOVA Health Systems, and Northern Virginia Technology Council. Dr. Merten was a member of the Virginia Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education. He has been recognized for his contributions to the Northern Virginia technology community and for promoting volunteerism.

**William L. Pollard** became president of the University of the District of Columbia on July 1, 2002. Prior to accepting the position, Dr. Pollard was the dean and founder of the Syracuse University College of Human Services and Health Professions. Appointed as founding dean in 2001, he was responsible for creating a new entity, uniting the College of Nursing, College of Human Development, and the School of Social Work. With a career in higher education that spans more than 25 years, Dr. Pollard began his tenure at Syracuse in 1989, serving as dean of the Syracuse University School of Social Work. Prior to his work at Syracuse, he served as dean and founder of the Grambling State University School of Social Work from 1984-1989. Among his many awards and recognitions, Dr. Pollard most recently received the Social Worker of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers, Central New York Chapter, as well as the Citizen of the Year Award from Temple Yeshurun.

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